CHRIST OUR HOPE
JANUARY 19, 2020, 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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TESTIFY
“Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.”
JOHN 1:14

MASS SCHEDULE JANUARY 20-26, 2020

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WEEKEND MASS

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ADORATION –
Tues 4:15-5:15 pm; Wed 7:15-8:15 am; Thurs 9:30-10:30 am; Fri 7:15-8:15 am
RECONCILIATION—Any time by appointment, or
Saturday, 3:15-3:45 pm and Sunday, 7:45—8:15 am before the Mass

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Little Turkey
 Holy Trinity Protivin
 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Lawler
 St. John Nepomucene Fort Atkinson
 St. Luke St. Lucas
 St. Mary Waucoma
Friends,

As we enter into Ordinary Time we are invited to reflect on growth (which is in part why Ordinary Time has green as a color). This growth can be personal and it can also be communal, so I’d like to take this time to present the first public step of some of the growth we are engaging in as a Cluster to grow in sharing our faith.

Beginning in early February we will have our first evangelization small group start, headed by myself and Teri Rosendahl. Teri has been hard at work in her new role as Director of Evangelization reaching out to parishioners and building connections and getting things organized and prepared for this group. Evangelization, as with any planting of seeds, starts small- we are beginning with a small group of parishioners and will plan to grow over time and as the Holy Spirit leads us to.

This group will be a 14 week experience of going deeper in prayer and Scripture and learning how to witness to one’s relationship with Jesus to others. The whole community is vitally involved and I would invite everyone to pray for the fruitfulness of this small group as we seek to continue to share the freeing news of Jesus’ Gospel in the Christ our Hope Cluster.

God bless you!

In Christ our hope,
Fr. Aaron

**Homily Highlights**

- Jesus’ baptism was not to make Him holy, but to make the waters holy for us in our baptism; the Feast of Christ’s Baptism is an invitation to reflect on what our own baptism means.

- The world is becoming hopeless and despairing, having forgotten that we are made to live in the freedom and joy of being adopted sons and daughters of God through our baptism.

- We are called to reflect on how the good news of being adopted by God effects our lives (or to let it effect them more deeply) and how we can then take that good news to a world in despair.

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**Holy Hour of Consolation**

**January 26, 3PM at St. Luke**

This is for everyone- those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, family breakdown, those who are caring for sick or ailing loved ones, first responders, those feeling lonely, those who just need to experience the rest that God offers. The holy hour will consist of a reflection, Fr. Aaron will lead a rosary, and a few minutes of silent prayer before Christ’s loving gaze. Please, accept this invitation and make time for your sake, or the sake of someone you love. Give Jesus the space to work and I promise He will.

**Pray For...**

**Cluster Prayer Chain**

Please pray for Peter Kriener, Dennis Franzen, Edmund (Sam) Samec, Evelyn Hruska, Doris Bouska, and Deano Kuennen.

*Pray for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.*

**Baptism**

Breckon Dean Hackman, son of Tyler and Kayla Hackman, was baptized on Sunday, January 12, at St. Luke, St. Lucas.

May God’s joy and blessings always be with him and his family.

**Reflection**

**Question for Children:** If someone were to ask you, “who is Jesus?” how would you answer?

**Question for Youth:** How are you able to see through all the busyness, the distractions, and the din of today’s world to really see Christ as he makes himself present today? Where do you see him or experience his presence?

**Question for Adults:** In the gospel today, John tells us who Jesus is for him. If someone were to ask you, how would you answer this question: Who Jesus is for you?

[https://lifelongcatechesis.osv.com](https://lifelongcatechesis.osv.com)

**Readings for the Week**

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The next Journey with Christ sessions will be Sun, Feb. 2, 12:30-2:00 pm, and Wednesday, Feb. 5, 6:00-7:30 pm. Confirmation Classes will be Wed, Jan 22 & Jan 29, 6:00-7:30 pm. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be Sun, Jan 19, 9:30. Contact the Faith Formation office with any questions.

Christ Our Hope Chorale will meet on Tuesday, January 21, at St. John's, Fort Atkinson at 7:00 pm. Beginning rehearsal for Spring church celebrations. All are welcome!

So many of us are caregivers, full time or part-time, for a family member or a friend. If you feel you are alone, please join our informal fellowship gathering for support on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 10:00-11:00 am, in the Mount Carmel Church Meeting Room.

Be a life saver. Donate blood on Monday, Feb. 3, between 2-5:30 pm at the Protivin Community Center. Hosted by Holy Trinity Parish Life. For an appointment go online at www.lifeservebloodcenter.org or call Laurie Ahrdt at 563-569-8315. Thank you.

OLMC Soup Supper - Saturday, Feb. 8, after Mass. Free-will supper, all are welcome.

The family of Robert Bader wishes to thank everyone for making the funeral Mass so special. Special thanks to Fr. Aaron and Deacon Jim. Thanks to The Mint for having the dinner, all the ladies that helped, and those who brought food to the house. Also, thank you to the Fire Dept. for their Last Call ceremony.

January is Pro-life month. Since 1973 when abortion was allowed in America (Rov v. Wade) over 60 million unborn babies not including chemical abortions have occurred in America. Mother Teresa said a nation that kills it's children is a nation without hope. Respect all life as it is a sacred gift from God. Christ Our Hope in every season of LIFE pray for us!

2020 Budget Envelopes - There has been an unforeseen delay with the budget envelopes we ordered for our parishes. The company is hoping to have the 2020 envelopes to us sometime in January. In the mean time please mark any donation with your name, parish, and date on the envelope.

Trinity appreciates the many donations made to the 2019-2020 Annual Fund Drive. Your dedication to a quality Catholic education for our children is evident. Donations are still being accepted for this year's campaign, so there is still time to help us reach our goal! Donation cards can be found in all six-area churches. God's blessings upon your families this new year!

Cluster Council Schedule
Adoration will be at OLMC starting at 6:30 pm followed by the meeting at 7pm in the church basement.

February 27 May 28

Finance Council Meeting Schedule
Meetings will be held at SJN Rectory at 6:30 pm.

Jan 16 SMW Apr 16 SMW
Jan 23 OLMC Apr 23 OLMC
Jan 30 SL Apr 30 SL
Feb 6 ABVM May 7 ABVM
Feb 13 SJN May 14 SJN

Meetings held in Protivin at 5:30 pm:
Feb 20 HTP May 21 HTP

Faith Formation Meeting Schedule
Meetings will be held at the Fr. Moran Center in Lawler at 6:30.

Jan 28 Feb 25 Mar 24
Apr 28 May 26 June 23

Christmas Flower / Decoration Donations -
Assumption of the BVM – In memory of Colleen and Sluggo Busta by Tim & Debbie Speltz; In memory of the deceased members of the Kuennen & Hageman families by Randy & Laura Kuennen; In memory of Roger Reicks by Diane Reicks; In memory of Martin Gossling by Margaret Gossling and family; In memory of the Riha and Jirak families by Jim & Barb Jirak; In memory of Ralph & Theresa Moellers by Kevin & Stacy Mollers; In memory of Ben & Lorraine Busta by Steve & Sue Busta; In memory of Evelyn & Ben Pechota by Jeannie & Jim Bohr.

St. John – In memory of Judy Ott by Roger Ott; In memory of Leroy Schneberger and Martin & Stella Riha by Marcie Schneberger; In memory of Jim Berns by Inez Berns; In memory of Roman Schmitt by Therese Schmitt; In memory of Leonard & Irene Cervenka by Lorene Cervenka; In memory of Richard & Charlene Schmitt by Dave & Diane Ungerer and Julian & Dana Leitzman; In memory of Godlove Busta by Anita Busta; In memory of Jane Smith by Jack & Ann Herold; In memory of living and deceased Hugo & Mildred Hackman & Family by Jeannie Pechota; In memory of Clarence Wiest by Vera Weist; In memory of Richard & Charlene Schmitt by Mary, Isaac, Erika & Graham Schmitt; In memory of Ernie Schmitt and Jene & Arlene Smith by Marvelene Schmitt.

St. Mary – In memory of Leonard, Roberta, & Joe Brannon by Charles Brannon, Bea & Duane Bodenstein.
**STEWARDSHIP AND MISISTRY SCHEDULES**

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**SANCTUARY LAMP**

**OUR LADY OF Mt CARMEL 1/25**

LECTOR - Leslie Cuvelier

ALTAR SERVERS - Lucas & Gabby Scheidel

OFFERTORY - Allan & Betty Franzen

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - Don Lynch, Jack Lynch, Pat Lynch, Joyce Mueterthies, Keely Mueterthies

USHERS – Mark Mueterthies, Duane Wurzer, Claude Babcock, Don Blazek

COUNTERS - Barb Havlik, Shirley Murray

**HOLY TRINITY 1/26**

LECTOR - Pat Zajicek

ALTAR SERVERS - Kinsey Reicks, Karsyn Reicks

OFFERTORY - Mark & Lora Shoes Family

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - Randy Swestka, Betty Hadacek, Miriam Humpal, Jess Hansmeier, *Martin Ahrndt

USHERS – Ron Praska, Sheldon Praska, Steve Praska, Dale Rassman

SACRISTAN – Alan & Kay Shindelar

ROSARY - Group 3

COUNTERS - Zita Bruess, Pat Zajicek

**ST. LUKE 1/26**

LECTOR - Linda Jencks

ALTAR SERVERS - Brennen Drilling, Ella Drilling

CROSS BEARER - Rory Kuennen

OFFERTORY - Nick Steinlage

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - Susan, Linda, Karla, Dennis, Barb, Scott, Sheila, Wilma

USHERS – Dave Goerend, Tyler Hackman, Kurt Huinker

ROSARY - Unit 9

COUNTERS - Eric Dietzenbach, Ben Kuennen

**HOME EUCHARIST**

**OUR LADY OF Mt CARMEL** - Jan 18 - Pat Sheridan 238-2402

Jan 25 - Pat Lynch 776-9841

**ST. LUKE** - Jan 19 - John Kuennen 534-7342

Jan 26 - Dennis Rausch 534-2265

**NEXT EVENT / FUNERAL**

**ST. LUKE** - Unit 4

**ST. MARY**—Circle 3 (Chairpersons - Mike & Sally Hensly, Dave & Marcia Wenthold

**OUR LADY OF Mt CARMEL**—Group 10

**MEETINGS**

**St. John Parish Life Meeting**, Wednesday, Jan. 22, 6:00 at the community center. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Finance Council Meeting**: Thurs, Jan. 23, 6:30 at the Fort Atkinson Rectory. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Faith Formation Meeting**: Tues, Jan. 28, 6:30 at the Fr. Moran Center in Lawler. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**St. Luke Finance Council Meeting**: Thurs, Jan. 30, 6:30 at the Fort Atkinson Rectory. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Society Meeting**: Wed, Feb. 5, 7:00 pm, everyone is welcome to attend. Parish Society Minutes from December are by the church doors.

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**St. Luke Parishioners** - Parish Life dues are due - $5 for family / $3 for single person. Can be placed in offertory basket, mark “dues” on envelope.

**Need help with your heating bill?** The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program can help qualifying low income Iowa homeowners and renters. You will need to provide proof of Income, Social Security numbers for all household members, recent heat bill and electric bill. Contact the Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation in your area:

- Cresco 563-547-4413;
- Decorah 563-382-8436 ext. 150;
- New Hampton 641-394-2007;
- West Union 563-422-3354
St. Benedict Parish in Decorah will be hosting a series of Lectures. The 1st lecture will be Wednesday, Jan. 22, 7:00-8:00 pm in the St. Benedict Parish Hall. Luther Professor and St. Benedict Parishioner, Loren Toussaint will be presenting - FORGIVING AND LIVING: Finding Health and Happiness in a Forgiving Life. Please join us for an enlightening evening!

Cowboy Poetry & Western Music - Friday, Jan 24 & Saturday, Jan 25. Swiss steak dinner at 6:00, show at 7:15. All proceeds benefit all Chickasaw County Libraries. Advance tickets only, $25, available at local banks (New Hampton, Lawler, Ionia, Fredericksburg, Nashua, Frederika). For additional information contact cara.dreckman@yahoo.com

Parker’s Benefit - Sunday, Jan 26, 2-8 pm at the Waucoma Event Center. Social, Meal, Silent Auction, and Raffle, The Live Auction will be 6-8 pm. Parker has an extremely rare chromosomal abnormality, all donations will go toward Parker’s medical expenses. For more information check out the event on Facebook, “Parker’s Superheroes”.

St. Teresa of Calcutta Soup Supper - Thursday, Jan. 30, 4:30 - 7:30 pm, in the gym at the Ossian site. Carry outs available in the back of St. Francis De Sales Church. Adults $9 in advance, $11 at the door; K thru 8th grade $5 in advance, $6 at the door. Deliveries to Calmar, Spillville, Castalia, Festina and Fort Atkinson available, call or text Sara at 563-419-0867.

Lions Pancake, French Toast & Sausage Breakfast - Sunday, Feb 2, 8 am - 12:30 pm, Turkey Valley School Cafeteria, $8 in advance, $9 at the door, kids 6-12 $4, 5 & under free. Carry-Outs Available, Sponsored by the Lawler Lions Club. Tickets available at Insurance Associates of Lawler and Lawler Bank Iowa or any Lawler Lions Club Member.

Accepting Applications for the Permanent Diaconate - The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is recruiting married or single men between the ages of 32 and 58 for our next deacon formation class. Everyone is invited to attend one of the following information meetings on the Permanent Diaconate: St. Benedict, Decorah, Feb. 11, 2020, 6:30-8:00pm. For more info, contact Deacon John Stierman, 800-876-3546 ext 252 or DBQCPD@dbqarch.org

2020 Archdiocese of Dubuque Men’s Conference
Don’t miss the 2020 Men’s Conference on Saturday, March 14, at Xavier Catholic High School, Cedar Rapids. The keynote speaker will be Patrick Madrid, host of “The Patrick Madrid Show” on Relevant Radio. The day will also include breakout sessions and Mass with Archbishop Jackels. More details and registration may be found at www.CatholicMenOnline.com.

Evening for the Divorced, Separated, & Those Who Love Them
Whether you’re divorced or separated, want to help someone you love, or are interested in working to help divorced families, join Catholic author and evangelist, Rose Sweet, for “An Evening for the Divorced and Separated and Those who Love Them” on Friday, March 27, from 6:30-8:30 PM at St. Pius X Church in Cedar Rapids. Learn more and RSVP for this FREE event at www.DBQArch.org/Divorce.