Christ Our Hope

January 26, 2020, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Hour of Consolation

January 26, 3:00pm 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.

Mass Schedule January 27-February 2, 2020

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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
Friends,

In the weeks to come I am going to use this space to recognize and thank the wonderful staff that we have to serve our mission, and to explain a little bit of what they do day-to-day that often goes unrecognized!

Today, however, I want to recognize that this previous week carries a day that should be tragic to all of us: the anniversary of Roe V. Wade. It’s easy to get bogged down in politics, especially in an election year, but the assertion of the Gospel is that abortion is not a political issue, it’s a foundational reality of human rights: a human being has the right to be born, to flourish in life, and to come to know God.

As Catholics our responsibility is to protect the weak and defenseless wherever we find them, as Jesus humbled Himself and became poor and weak for our sake; He reminded us that what we do to the least among us, we do to Him.

Here is where things do become political as we can live with the lie that we have to choose between protecting Christ in the unborn or protecting Christ in the poor- and this only serves to divide and weaken all of us who defend the Gospel. The Church calls the right to life the foundational right, as every other right comes from being alive. Have we allowed God, as He speaks through Scripture and the Church, to become King of our priorities? This is something for us to consider as we seek Him in the poor and vulnerable among us.

God bless you!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Aaron

**Homily Highlights**

- Jesus being called “the Lamb of God” invites us to see Him as the fulfillment of the Passover Lamb, redeeming us (setting us free) from Sin and Death.

- We must choose, daily, to accept that redemption through our thoughts, words and deeds and when we fall short and sin, we have the Lamb we can go to (especially in reconciliation) who takes away our sins.

- We are also given the dignity of being offered as sacrifice with the Lamb every time we come to Mass- so we should bring the whole of our lives, especially the previous week and envision offering it to the Father through Jesus, Who offers Himself as the Lamb.

**Notes:**
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: Wed, Jan. 29, 6:00-7:30 pm.


Contact the Faith Formation office with any questions.

Caregivers gathering had been rescheduled to Wed, Jan. 29, 10:00-11:00 am, in the Mt. Carmel Church Meeting Room. Join us for fellowship.

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 Ahmdt at 563-569-8315. Thank you.

OLMC Soup Supper: Saturday, Feb. 8, after Mass. Free-will supper, serving Turkey Vegetable soup, Tomato Soup, and Cheesy Corn Macaroni Casserole. All are welcome.

The family of Urbie Kriener would like to thank everyone for making his Funeral Mass so special. Special thanks to Fr. Aaron for the beautiful Mass and Homily. Thanks to everyone who participated in the Mass, and attended. Thanks to the team for all their help at the lunch, thanks to everyone who brought food to the funeral and to the house, and helped push snow. It was deeply appreciated by our family. —Trish Kriener and family.

Christmas Flower / Decoration Donations:

- Holy Trinity: In memory of Alvin Svestka by Lee, Quinn, & Riley Meirick; In memory of Roger & Alice Praska by family; In memory of Bill Berka by Marie Moudry and Norma Bullerman; In memory of Ed Berka by Mabel Berka; In memory of Jerry Bader, James & Mary Svoboda, and Louis & Adella Bader by Bonnie Bader; In memory of Ray & Evelyn Kostohryz by David Kostohryz; In memory of Ann Marie Carpenter and Ralph Pecinovsky by Ronald & Valerie Pecinovsky; In memory of Gene & Gert Novak, Joan Hennis, and Lucille Moudry by June Moudry; In memory of August & Emma Hruska, Wm L & Evelyn Pecinovsky, Mark & Tom Quandahl, and Jim Hruska by Margaret Hruska; In memory of John & Marcie Svestka, Jim & Mary Mashek, and Rita Lukes by Gary & Roberta Swestka; In memory of Edmund, David, & Andy Stika by Edith Stika; In memory of Joe, Irene, & Arnie Strnad by Lyle & Donna Dietzenbach; In memory of Rueben & Matilda Praska by Ron Praska; In memory of Jodene Broderick & John Busta by Judy Busta; In memory of the zajicek & Hickey families by Jim & Pat Zajicek; In memory of Art, Irene, & Susie Buress & William Sullivan by Kathy & Dale Ryan; In memory of living and deceased Gerald, Bill & Alice Pechota family by Jeanne Pechota; In memory of Gene Kovarik by Rita Kovarik.

- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: In memory of Alfred Mueterthies, James Hurd, Marie Hurd, and Tom Hurd by Mark & Peg Mueterthies; In memory of Mark Costigan by Pat & JoAnn Costigan; In memory of Jim Havlak, Cathy Gebel, Diane Arens and Jim Sabelka by Barb Havlak; In memory of Berta and Lynch families by Jack & Pat Lynch; In memory of Delbert Kuennen by Mary Ann Kuennen; In memory of Ed Straw by Karen Straw and family; In memory of Dan Carlin, Leo & Eileen Cooney, and James & Marcella Carlin by Mary Eileen Carlin; In memory of Red & Marie Speltz by Tim & Debbie Speltz; In memory of Edgar, Gary, Terry, & Brenda Wurzer by Betty Wurzer; In memory of Irvin & Dick Huinker by Bob & Renea Huinker; In memory of Arnold & Elsie Franzen and in memory of the loved ones, and Joe & Alma Schaufenbuel, by Ken & Linda Schaufenbuel; In memory of LaVerne Bouska by Alberta Bouska; In memory of Bob Cuvelier & deceased members of the Cuvelier & Bodensteiner families, by Dolores Cuvelier; In memory of Natalie Kuhn & Chris Donn by John & Leslie Cuvelier; In memory of the Arens & Holthaus families by Don & Grace Arens; In memory of Rob Loftus by Jeanne & Drew Loftus.

- St. Luke: In memory of Cletus & Agnes Meyer, Helen Meyer, and Marlene Bina by Lee & Kathy Meyer; In memory of Ron, Paul, Lois & Alvin Smith by Doris Smith and Family; In memory of Art & Agnes Schmitt by Robert & Wilma Meyer and Chuck & Marie Riha; In memory of George Hackman by Mary Ann Hackman; In memory of Leo, Linus & Frank Kriener by Dave and Anne Blocker; In memory of Victor & Margaret Franzen and JoAnn Franzen Heins by Richard & Susan Franzen; In memory of Arnold and Irma Luzum by Kevin & Linda Luzum; In memory of Pat Kuennen, Emett & Agnes Brady, and Nick & Francis Kuennen by Willie Kuennen; In memory of Don Rausch by Darlys Rausch; In memory of Annette Kay Kriener and Pete Kriener Jr. by Kerri & Deb Langreck family; In memory of Easten & Leta Landsgaard, Al & Anne Steinlage, and Alan Steinlage by Joe & Jodi Steinlage; In memory of Milo & Edna Shores and Herman & Clotiel Kuennen by Dan & Kathy Kuennen; In memory of deceased family members of Arnold & Irma Luzum; In memory of the Clarences & Geneva Kuennen family; In memory of Madonna Flick; In memory of Alvin and Don Hackman by Bernice Hackman; In memory of the Reicks and Wurzer families by Harry & Barb Reicks; In memory of Devere Manderfield by Virginia Manderfield; donations by Jim & Denise Rausch and by Old Mill Floral.

Catholic Schools Week: Each year the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) sets the last week in January as a celebration of Catholic Schools. We are blessed to be able to provide a Catholic education for our children. The theme of this year's Catholic Schools Week is: Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. Everyone is invited to attend our All School Mass held at Holy Trinity Church in Protivin on Thursday, January 30, at 8:45 AM.

February 16 - Trinity Catholic School Boosters will be hosting a create your own omelet breakfast in the Fort Atkinson Community Center. Serving will be from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Trinity Catholic School students will be ministering at an All School Mass that morning also at St. John’s. We look forward to celebrating Mass and seeing everyone for breakfast or brunch.

Knights of Columbus Sunday Brunch, Feb 23, 9 am - 1 pm in the St. Luke’s Church basement. All you can eat scrambled eggs, link sausage, cheesy potatoes, bars, rolls, yogurt, juice, milk and coffee. Adults $8, Kids 6-12 $5, 5 and under –free. Carry outs available.

Thank you for the gifts to the St. Mary's Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund at Little Turkey and to the Trinity Catholic School in memory of Harlan Mikota from his family. May God rest Harlan and continue to bless his family.
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

Sanctuary Lamp
ST. MARY 2/1
Rosary - Ken & Linda Hemesath, Mike & Sally Hensley
ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE 2/2
Lector -
Offertory -
Altar Servers - Isaiah Wheeler, Addyson Einwalter
Extraordinary Ministers - Dave Hemesath, Jim Kriener, Danna Kriener, Carl Schmitt, John Thuente, Emily Elsbernd
Sacristan – Alice Elsbernd
Rosary - Gene & Ann Elsbernd
Counters - Julie Hemesath, Jim and /or Danna Kriener

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2/2
Lector - Nancy Cuvelier
Altar Servers - Kinsey Reicks, Mariyah Thronson
Offertory - Nerissa Chipera, Margaret Gossling
Extraordinary Ministers - *Jerry Vrzak, *Tammy Vrzak, Renee Thronson, Jackie Novotny, Norma Wagner
Ushers – Jennie Reicks, Mike Reicks
Sacristan – Jerry Vrzak
Counters - Connie Landa, Tammy Vrzak

Home Eucharist
Our Lady of Mt Carmel - Jan 25 - Pat Lynch 776-9841
Feb 1—Deb Speltz 238-7731
St. Luke - Jan 26 - Dennis Rausch 534-2265
Feb 2 - Barb Reicks 778-2349

Next Event / Funeral
St. Luke –Unit 5
St. Mary—Circle 3 (Chairpersons - Mike & Sally Hensley, Dave & Marcia Wenthold
Our Lady of Mt Carmel—Group 10

Meetings
Faith Formation Meeting: Tues, Jan. 28, 6:30 at the Fr. Moran Center in Lawler. 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.
Assumption of the BVM Finance Council Meeting: Thurs, Feb. 6, 6:30 at the Fort Atkinson Rectory. Everyone is welcome to attend.

2019 Year End Giving Statements will be available at the back of church this weekend in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Holy Trinity, and St. Luke.

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.
FOR ALL PARishes ~ COMMUNITY EVENTS

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. Benedict Dad’s Belgian Waffles - Sunday, Jan 26, 8 am– 12 pm, St. Benedict, Decorah. Tickets $10, 5 & Under Free.

Fraud Fighters Seminar sponsored by Fort Atkinson Public library and Citizens Savings Bank to be held on Monday, January 27, from 6 - 7:00 pm in the Fort Atkinson Community Center. Open to all.

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.

Waucoma Jolly Oldtimers will meet on Monday, Feb. 3, at 1PM in the community center.

World Marriage Day - Sunday, Feb 9, 2:00 pm Mass at Basilica of St. Francis Xavier, Dyersville. All are welcome to celebrate their commitment to the sacrament of holy matrimony. Reception with refreshments will follow in the church hall.

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 the informational meetings at St. Benedict, Decorah, Feb. 11, 2020, 6:30-8:00 pm. For more info, contact Deacon John Stierman, 800-876-3546 ext 252 or DBQCPD@dbqarch.org

Valentine Breakfast—Sunday, Feb 9, 8:30am - noon at Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Festina. Sausage Links, Eggs, Hash Browns, Fruit, Cinnamon Rolls & Toast. Adults $9, Kids 6-11 $5, Kids 5 & Under Free. Carry outs available.


St. Wenceslaus Winter Gala open at noon. This year’s Coat of Arms is Neplachov where the Jirak’s family originated from. Tickets are available for $35 each at The Fast Mart or contact Audrey Novak at 563.380.3015 or Ken Zajicek at 563.379.4100. Doors open at noon. This year’s Coat of Arms is Neplachov where the Jirak’s family originated from.


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