**Christ Our Hope**

**February 2, 2020, The Presentation of the Lord**

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**The Presentation of the Lord**

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,  
“Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise  
of many in Israel.” - Lk 2:34a

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**Mass Schedule February 3-9, 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

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**Parish Contact Information**

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thryprotivin@dbqarch.org |
| Our Lady of Mount Carmel Lawler | Phone (563) 569-8556  
lawler@dbqarch.org |
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ftatk@dbqarch.org |
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| St. Mary Waucoma  | Phone (563) 569-8556  
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Friends,

This week, I’d like to continue what I began a couple of weeks ago and just draw attention to our different staff members. It has been a blessing being pastor of this cluster and getting to work with them and so they deserve to have the spotlight turned on them a little bit (even though they might be a bit shy about it!).

By this point everyone knows Grace Arens as she has given herself to work in the parishes in a variety of roles for a good number of years. Her role now, “Pastoral Associate,” is ultimately defined by the pastor but typically means that she is an extension of the pastor’s own ability to care for the sick, the grieving and those who are otherwise in need. She serves as my eyes and ears in many ways, helping me know where to direct my time and attention to serve those most in need.

One example of her work is the recently Holy Hour of Consolation, which grew out of her expressing her concern for the number of people carrying serious grief. We sat down and together were able to discern that as a way of meeting a need that I would have otherwise not been aware of—so continue to pray for Grace, and thank her, in the work that she does for the all of us in the Cluster.

Next week will be a chance to talk about the first person most of us meet in coming in to the office or calling in!

God bless!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Aaron

Notes:

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

For wisdom and humility as we enter another election season.

Rest in Peace
Alvin Langeck, whose funeral and burial services were Thursday, January 30, at St. Luke, St. Lucas. His sons, Dennis, Kevin and Terry are members of St. Luke.

May he rest in peace and may God’s blessings and our prayers be with his family always.

Reflection

Question for Children: What do you want to tell others about Jesus?

Question for Youth: Simeon said that Jesus would be a “light to all nations.” When, where or how do you see the light of Jesus?

Question for Adults: Mary and Joseph took their faith seriously enough to make a return to the Lord of the most precious thing in their lives, their son, whom they presented to God in the Temple. How do you return to God that which is most precious to you?

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Readings for the Week

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<td>1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16</td>
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PLANNING AHEAD
Ash Wednesday Mass Times, February 26

8:45 am    Holy Trinity
Noon       St. John
6:00 pm    Our Lady of Mount Carmel
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

1st Communion Class Wed, Feb 12, 5:30-6:30 pm

Confirmation Class Wed, Feb 12, 6:00-7:30 pm

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Sun, Feb 2, 9:30.

Contact the Faith Formation office with any questions.

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 Ahrndt at 563-569-8315. Thank you.

Christ Our Hope Chorale rehearsal will be Tuesday evening, February 4, at St. John, Fort Atkinson, 7:00 pm. Preparing for spring 2020 sacraments and the Easter Triduum. All are welcome!

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.

Catholic Daughters Ct. Queenship of Mary will meet Monday, February 10, at 1:00 pm at the Waucoma Senior Center. Circle of Love Educational Projects, and bring your favorite apron for afternoon work. Hosts - Mary Kay Ameling, Bernice Dietzenbach, and Barb Schaufenbuel.

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.

Assumption Card Party - Sunday, February 16 at 1:30, Assumption of the BVM, Little Turkey. Your choice of Euchre or 500. Cost is $5 and includes lunch. Everyone is welcome.

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.

World Marriage Day

Sunday, Feb 9, 2:00 pm Mass at Basilica of St. Francis Xavier, Dyersville.

Whether newly married or married 70 years, all are welcome to celebrate love, faith, and their commitment to the sacrament of holy matrimony.

World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family and salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life.

Reception with refreshments will follow in the church hall.

The family of Barbara Kubesh Jacobs, would like to thank you for all your prayers said for her, the many kind words spoken to us and the cards sent after Barb’s passing. Your thoughtfulness will always be with us.

St. John’s Spring kolache bake will be on Saturday, March 28. Sales to the public will start at 3:00pm. We will be limiting worker sales, so we have kolaches to sell at 3. Looking for donations of lard and butter for the kolache bake. Please contact Kay Schmitt or Sue Einwalter.

St. John’s Spring dinner is Sunday, April 5th. Please mark your calendars. Kay and Sue will be working on the work schedules, so if you have any requests, please let us know ASAP. All circle leaders will be calling for donations for the Spring Dinner raffle.

St. Ann's circle is assigned for community center cleanup on Wednesday, February 12, late afternoon. Circle members are to help with this project. Any other parish members are invited to help as well. Many hands make quick work.

Trinity Catholic School along with the Archdiocese of Dubuque and many other area catholic schools are participating in a four year program called Catholic School Management. The first year we are concentrating on Foundational Documents, Strategic Planning, Enrollment and Marketing, and Leadership. The first document that has been approved is our Mission Statement. The teachers have introduced it to our students all week. Please take the time to read through it. Thank you for supporting our catholic school!

Trinity Catholic School

…forming Faith, Family, and Futures.

Mission Statement

Trinity Catholic School is an Elementary Educational Ministry of Christ Our Hope Cluster serving the communities of Protivin, St. Lucas, Fort Atkinson, Lawler, Waucoma and Little Turkey. We are a welcoming family of all faiths, with a dedicated faculty and staff that take a personal and collaborative approach to each child’s learning. Trinity forms faith, family and futures by:

-strengthening students’ relationship with Jesus Christ and his church

-nurturing students through a partnership with our families and communities and

-inspiring students to develop to their full academic potential

all in pursuit of forming future saints.
**STEWARDSHIP AND MISISTRY SCHEDULES**

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE JAN. 26, 2020**

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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.

**2020 Budget Envelopes** - Are now available in all parishes. Please pick up your envelopes in the back of church.

**SANCTURAY LAMP**

**OUR LADY OF Mt CARMEL 2/8**

LECTOR - John Reicks  
ALTAR SERVERS - Calvin, Annika & Ellaney Bodensteiner  
OFFETORY - Curtis & Anita Franzen  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - Mark Mueterthies, Pete Reicks, Pat Sheridan, Debi Speltz, Steve Stammeyer  
COUNTERS - Anita McGowan, Dolores Cuvelier

**HOLY TRINITY 2/9**

LECTOR - Donna Dietzenbach  
ALTAR SERVERS - Emma Brincks, Bella Stika  
OFFETORY - Sean & April Singewald Family  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - Rita Kovarik, Geri Tlusty, Wendy Meirick, Ruth Praska, *Sheila Rassman  
USHERS – Kathy Ryan, Dale Ryan, Art Sвестka, Gary Sвестka  
SACRISTAN – Zita Bruess  
ROSARY - Group 4  
COUNTERS - Betty Hadacek, Vic Fencl

**ST. LUKE 2/9**

LECTOR - Jenae Kuennen  
ALTAR SERVERS - Tess Franzen, Calen Franzen  
CROSS BEARER - Alayna Kuennen  
OFFETORY - Eric Vsetecka  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - Susan, Veronica, Clair, Germaine, Linda, Karla, Dennis, Barb  
USHERS – Scott Jencks, Wayne Schmitt, Daniel Kruse  
ROSARY - Unit 1  
COUNTERS - Loren Franzen, Josh Nolte

**HOME EUCHARIST**

OUR LADY OF Mt CARMEL - Feb 1—Deb Speltz 238-7731  
Feb 8—Pat Sheridan 238-2402  
ST. LUKE - Feb 2 - Barb Reicks 778-2349  
Feb 9—Veronica Boyer 563-379-2727

**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**

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.

St. John Finance Council Meeting: Thurs, Feb. 13, 6:30 at the Fort Atkinson Rectory. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Meeting Cancelled**—

Assumption of the BVM Finance Council Meeting: Thurs, Feb. 6, **is cancelled**. The next Finance Council Meeting for Assumption is scheduled on May 7.

**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
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.


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 meeting at 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

Monthly Caregiver support group—hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hampton (located at 223 S. Water Avenue), facilitated by NEI3A. February 12, at 2 pm in the Fireside Room. New members are always welcome. Please contact Kelly Kuennen at 563-277-6024 for more information.

Notre Dame February Dinner - Thurs, Feb 13, 4:30-7:00 pm, Serving Swiss Steak meal, Adults $10, 6-12 $5, 5 & Under Free. Carry Outs available, held at Notre Dame Parish in Cresco.

The 2nd lecture hosted by St Benedict Parish, Decorah, Wed, February 19, 7:00-8:00 pm the Church’s chapel. St. Benedict Parishioner, Justin Gulleksen will be presenting. The topic will be: Vatican 2: What it was and what it accomplished.

Masopust 2020- Czech Heritage Partnership invites you to Masopust on February 22, at the Protivin Community Center. Barefoot Becky, Ivanhoe Dutchmen, and Czech Dancers as entertainment! Pork Roast Meal will finish the day. 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 Coat of Arms is Neplachowy where the Jirak's family originated from.

St. Wenceslaus Winter Gala - Saturday, Feb. 29, at Chihak Hall, Spillville. 5:30 Social & Silent Auction, 7:00 Dinner, 8:00 Comedian Jeff Shaw, Live Auction, Door Prize. Tickets $40 before Feb 15, available at Spillville Citizens Bank & Farr Side.

Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Course – Faith Community Nursing is a recognized specialty practice that combines professional nursing and health ministry, with emphasis on health and healing within a faith community. Mercy Medical Center, Cedar Rapids is offering this course March 31, April 2, 14, 16 4:30-8:30, April 4 & 18 8-4:30; 35 contact hours, with emphasis on health and healing within a faith community.