**Christ Our Hope**

**February 23, 2020, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Mass Schedule February 24 - March 1, 2020**

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<td>OLMC</td>
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<td>Fri.</td>
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<td>OLMC</td>
<td>Alan Steinlage, Joseph T. Murray and Frank E. Griffin</td>
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<td>Sat.</td>
<td>2-29-20</td>
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<td>For all the cluster parishioners</td>
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<td>Sun.</td>
<td>3-1-20</td>
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<td>Adolph &amp; Gertrude &amp; Julian Kuhn and Madonna Wilson</td>
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<td>3-1-20</td>
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<td>ABVM</td>
<td>Rose Ann Timp and Majella Koudelka</td>
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**Weekend Mass**

**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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Friends,

This week we continue our “tour of the staff” with Terra Kuennen, the Cluster’s bookkeeper. No one likes talking about or dealing with money and we’ve all probably heard the verse from St. James’ Letter that “the love of money is the root of all evils.” But it is undeniable that money is necessary in today’s world and managing that money so that it can be set at the service of the Church’s mission and the poor is deeply important.

Terra serves that role in our cluster, keeping track of the finances for the parishes and for the cemeteries (fifteen corporations in all!). No doubt that job would be difficult for any pastor, but especially for a pastor with no strong financial background.

As a staff we joked that because her work is so behind the scenes we should include a picture with her article to make sure people know who she is. She politely declined. So if you ever stop in to the office be sure to take time to thank Terra along with the rest of the staff for the work she does to make sure we can take part in the Church’s mission.

In Christ our Hope,
Fr. Aaron

**Homily Highlights**

- We should pay special attention as we consider the moral law to three things: who is speaking, why they are speaking that way, and how we get where we’re being led.
- We should remember that it is God Himself speaking to us, so we can’t set aside His, or the Church’s words so easily.
- God speaks challenging words to us only because He offers great things to us, namely the path to true happiness, worth whatever we have to cut away in our lives to make them reflect the Gospel priorities.

**Readings for the Week**

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<td>Wednesday</td>
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<td>Sunday</td>
<td>Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11</td>
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**PLANNING AHEAD**

**Triduum, April 9, 10 and 11**
Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday services will be held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel this year.
**Easter, April 12**
7:00 am, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 am, St. John Nepomucene
9:00 am, Holy Trinity
10:00 am, St. Mary
11:00 am, St. Luke

**Fasting and Abstinence During Lent - For ages 18 until age 59**
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.
**Fasting and Abstinence** mean no meat and one full meal plus two smaller ones that together does not equal a full meal. **Abstinence** means no meat during Fridays.

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**Cluster Prayer Chain**
Please pray for Peter Kriener, Dennis Franzen, Evelyn Hruska, Doris Bouska, Linda Fisher, and Lonnie Reicks.
Please pray for Catholic Sisters and women who are discerning a vocation to religious life.

**Rest in Peace**
Helen Fencl, whose funeral and burial were Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Holy Trinity. Her son, Ken, and daughter, Carol Barloon, are members of Holy Trinity. May she rest in peace and may God’s blessings and our prayers be with her family always.
The next Journey with Christ sessions will be Sun., Feb. 23, 12:30-2:00 pm, and Ash Wednesday - Feb. 26. All families, especially our 7 - 11th graders are encouraged to attend Mass that night, 6:00 pm Mass at OLMC will count as class, so students should try to check in with their teachers at church.

1st Communion Class Wed. Mar 11, 5:30-6:30 pm
Confirmation Class Wed. Mar 4, 6:00-7:30 pm
Contact the Faith Formation office with any questions.

Upcoming dates—
Confirmation Mass - Sat, March 28, 4:00 pm at St. Mary
1st Communion Mass - Sat, April 18, 4:00 pm at OLMC
Baccalaureate Mass - Sun, May 10, 8:30 am at St. Mary

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.

If you are a caregiver 24/7 or a few hours a week, you are special. If you feel the need, please join our fellowship on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 10-11:00 am for prayers, sharing & caring.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Hospitality and Free-will Soup Supper - Sat, March 7, following the 4:00 pm Mass. All are welcome.

CD of A Ct. Queenship of Mary #1806 will meet on Monday, March 9, 1:00 pm at the Waucoma Senior Center. Agenda - Lent, scholarships, and elections. Hosts - Ruth Balk, Ruth Emery and Linda Leibold.

A sincere thank you from the family of Edmund “Sam” Samec for prayers, words of comfort, cards, flowers, memorials and food. To Father Aaron and Deacon Jim, your spiritual help and support during Sam’s last days was greatly appreciated. To the funeral luncheon committee, our heartfelt thanks for a job well done.

Undaunted: A Men’s Night at St. Benedict’s

- When: Tuesday, Feb. 25, 6:15-7:30 pm in the chapel at St. Benedict's.
- What: a retreat like setting.
- Quiet, simple, reflective, and prayerful.
- Content: We start with a brief reflection before the Blessed Sacrament and then you pick and choose what you want to participate in: a catechetical talk, Reconciliation, spiritual reading, or quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. No icebreakers, no sharing.

Trinity Catholic Schools Kindergarten Registration for students starting school this fall -the 2020-2021 school year is open. Those wishing to register their kindergartener for the next school year should call the school by Feb. 28. Kindergarten (Roundup) Come and See Day will be held on Wednesday, March 11, from 8:20 AM until 12:15 PM. For more information or to register, please call the school at 569-8556.

Why choose Trinity Catholic School?
...forming Faith, Family, and Futures
- TK through 6th Grade
- Welcoming to all families
- Tuition Assistance Available
- Dedicated faculty/staff
- Small class sizes
- Strong School/Family Communication
- Strengthen students faith journey
- Inspire students to their full academic potential

Registration is open for Kindergarten
Find out what Trinity Catholic School can do for your child’s future!
Call to register or more info 563-569-8556
www.trinitycs.pvt.k12.ia.us Protivin

Thanks to Brad Moudry (and Ty) for wiring the school for our recently installed smoke detectors here at the school. We appreciate your donation of time and materials to assist with the completion of this project!! - Everyone at Trinity Catholic School

St. John’s - We are working on schedules for the Sat, March 28, Kolache Bake (St. Ann & Barbara’s) and the Sun, April 5, Spring dinner (St. Catherine & Dorothy’s). If you have requests, please let Kay or Sue know ASAP.

Looking for donations of butter and lard for the kolache bake. Let Kay Schmitt or Becky Smith know.

The family of Viola Pitzenberger, who will be celebrating her 95th birthday on March 1, is hosting a card shower. Cards and memories may be sent to Viola at: Mercy One Senior Care, Room 605, 1111 3rd St., SW, Dyersville, IA 52040.

Lent Parish Mission—
Feb 24-27

At St. Francis de Sales & St. Aloysius
with Steve Angrisano

Night of Praise and Worship at St. Francis de Sales, Ossian

Mon, Feb. 24—7:00 pm
Mission Part 1
St. Aloysius, Calmar

Tues, Feb. 25—7:00 pm
Mission Part 2
St. Aloysius, Calmar

Wed, Feb 26—7:30 pm
Mission Part 3
St. Aloysius, Calmar
**Stewardship and Ministry Schedules**

### Stewardship of Treasure Feb. 16, 2020

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### 2020 Budget Envelopes -

If you did not receive budget envelopes and need some, or if you received budget envelopes and feel you don’t need them, please let the cluster office know.

### Our Lady Mt. Carmel, Lawler

OLMC Parish Society Dues of $10/family and $5/single household can be placed in the offertory basket. Everyone is a member of this Society, which purchases the host, wine and other essential items for Mass and the sacraments. They also supply the Gold Room Kitchen supplies. Thank you to those who have already paid. God bless.

**Partner with Catholic Charities** - Did you know that 90% of every donation to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque goes toward direct service of individuals in need? Your gift will make an impact. To learn more about the ways your gift can change lives in the Archdiocese go to [https://youtu.be/Y8tteUHkqFk](https://youtu.be/Y8tteUHkqFk). Please partner with Catholic Charities and make your contribution to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal today. Learn more at [http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org).

### Sancturay Lamp

**St. Mary 2/29**

- **LECTOR** - Maxine Balk
- **CANDLE BEARER** - Nora Chicken, Marie Klimesh
- **ALTAR SERVERS** - Oliver Schmitt, Adriana Tiedt
- **OFFERTORY** - Norbert & Darlene Gossling
- **USHERS** - David Klimesh, Dennis Dietzenbach
- **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS** - Lorna Bouska, Cathy Dietzenbach, Maxine Balk, Jim Mihm
- **SACRISTAN** - Maxine Balk
- **ROSARY** - Ken & Linda Hemesath, Mike & Sally Hensley

**St. John Nepomucene 3/1**

- **LECTOR** - Craig Hosting
- **ALTAR SERVERS** - Brody Hackman, Lillian Rausch
- **OFFERTORY** - Ivan & Jackie Lensing
- **USHERS** - Francis Best, Mel Hackman, Marv Smith, Sam Schmitt
- **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS** - Craig Hosting, Bonnie Hackman, Jeannie Boyer, Ron Franzen, Jim Kriener, Danna Kriener
- **SACRISTAN** - Vi Krivacek
- **ROSARY** - Phyllis Einwalter
- **COUNTERS** - Patty Einwalter, Jim and Danna Kriener

### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 3/1

- **LECTOR** - Tim Reicks
- **ALTAR SERVERS** - Burke Busta, Isabella Gruenberg
- **OFFERTORY** - Mary Kay Gruenberg Family
- **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS** - *Jackie Novotny, *Gayle Jrak, Norma Wagner, Paula Reicks, Carl Reicks
- **USHERS** - Gary Cuvelier, Gerald Busta
- **SACRISTAN** - Jackie Novotny
- **COUNTERS** - Norma Wagner, Joann Busta

### Home Eucharist

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel** - Feb 22 - Deb Speltz 238-7731

Feb 29 - Pat Sheridan 238-2402

**St. Luke** - Feb 23 - John Kuenen 534-7342

March 1 - Dennis Rausch 534-2265

### Next Event / Funeral

**St. Luke** - Unit 6

**St. Mary**—Circle 3 (Chairpersons - Mike & Sally Hensley, Dave & Marcia Wenthold)

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**—Group 11

### Meetings

**Faith Formation Meeting**: Tues, Feb. 25, 6:30 at the Fr. Moran Center in Lawler. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Cluster Council Meeting**: Thurs, Feb. 27, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Adoration at 6:30 pm, followed by meeting at 7:00 pm in the church basement.

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Society Meeting**: Wed, March 4, at 7:00 pm. Everyone welcome to attend.
Winter Breakfast Sunday, February 23 at St. Teresa of Calcutta School, Ossian. Serving 8:30-11:30 a.m. Scrambled Eggs with Toppings, Cubed Potatoes, Sliced Ham, and more. Adults $9; Children 6-11 $5; little people eat free.

Come Play Euchre for a Good Cause! Sundays, February 23, March 1, March 8, March 15, Card Parties start at 1:30 pm at the St. Lucas Comm Center. Cost is $5 per person, lunch included. All proceeds benefits the St. Lucas Little League Program.

Waucoma First Responders 22nd Annual Nut Fry, Tues, Feb 25 starts at 5:30, at Riverside Bar & Grill, Free will donation. Immaculate Conception Fish Fry Friday, Feb 28, 5:30-8:00 pm, at the Summer Legion Hall. Adults $11, Kids 6-12 $6.

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.

Waucoma Volunteer Fire Fighters Pancake, Eggs & Sausage Breakfast held at Waucoma Event Center March 1, serving 9 am - Noon. Adults $7 in advance $7.50 at door. Children 6-12 $4.00. 5 and under free.

1st Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Annual Breakfast & Raffle - Sunday, March 1, 8:30 am-12:30 pm, at St. Wenceslaus Chihak Hall, Spillville. $8 in advance, $8.50 at the door, Kids 4-11 $4, 3 & under are free. Eggs, Sausage, Toast, & Cinn Rolls

The Waucoma Jolly Old Timers will meet on Mon. March 2, at 1 pm in the community center.

Cresco Head Start Registration - Tues, March 3, 4-6 pm, 1135 Canterbury (Kessel Kids Building). Free full day preschool for 3 & 4 year olds, extended day services for those who qualify. For more info contact 563-547-4413 or visit www.neicac.org

Fish Fry at Our Lady of Seven Dolors Parish, Festina - Fri, March 6, 4:00-8:00, all you can eat. Tickets $12 in advance / $13 at door, 6-12 $6, Under 5 Free. Tickets available at State Bank (Ossian & Calmar), Drilling’s All season Sports, The Zipper.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - Friday, March 13 4:30-8:00 pm at the Holy Name Parish Center, West Union. Advance tickets $10, at the door $11, Kids $5, preschool & under free. Adult carry outs available. Proceeds to Aid Vocations Fund.

Sixth annual Waucoma Fundraiser will be held Saturday March 14 from 9 am-2 pm at the Waucoma Event Center. Relay for Life will be selling kolaches to benefit the American Cancer Society. Other vendors and crafters wanted. Contact Deb Chihak by calling 641-229-6109 or message her on Facebook.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a catholic faith based marriage enrichment program and has been providing couples with better communication skills and tools for over 50 years. Start a new chapter in your marriage by attending one of these upcoming weekends. Feb 29 - Mar 1 @ Epworth (non-residential); April 24-26th @ Ankeny; May 29-31st @ Dubuque; Nov 6-8th @ Coralville. For more information or to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305.