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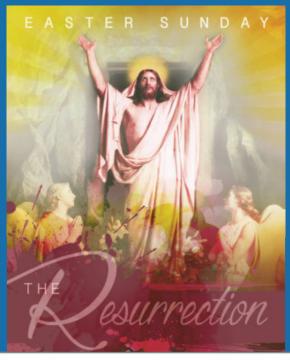
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CHRIST OUR HOPE

APRIL 17, 2022



MASS SCHEDULE APRIL 18-24, 2022

Mon.	4-18-22	No Mas	SS	Monday within the Octave of Easter	
Tues.	4-19-22	No Mas	SS	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	
Wed.	4-20-22	SL	8:30 am	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	
				Carol & Francis Kuennen+ and Loras Reicks	
Thurs.	4-21-22	HT	8:45 am	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	
				Mike Gunderson and Carley Beck	
Fri.	4-22-22	OLMC	8:30 am	Friday within the Octave of Easter	
				Rose Njus+ and Bonita Boggess+	
Sat.	4-23-22			Saturday within the Octave of Easter	
		SL	2:00 pm	Dillon Baumler and Leah Reierson Marriage	
WEEKEND MASS - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER					

NOTE: Mass schedule changes this weekend.

Sat. 4-23-22 OLMC 4:00 pm Bob Cuvelier+, Killian & Elaine Bodensteiner+ & Fr. Joe Hauer+

SL 6:00 pm Art Schmitt+ and Linus Kuennen+

Sun. 4-24-22 SM 8:30 am L/D CD of A Queen Courtship of Mary 1806, Dan Belina+

ABVM 10:30 am Pro Populo

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 FOR YOUR FAITH - 2

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

On behalf of the entire staff of Christ Our Hope Cluster, I wish to extend to all parishioners and their families a Happy Easter! May the Easter Liturgy help us understand and appreciate more deeply the Paschal Mystery – the times of dying and rising to new life in Christ.

As I've mentioned before, Holy Week is my favorite time of year in the Church. The mystery, the prayer, and the darkness leading into the joy and celebration of Easter reflects events in our own lives. No pain, no sorrow, not even death itself, need defeat us: all is made new in the risen Christ.

May the Resurrection we celebrate today lead us to holiness and lives committed to living our Baptismal covenant. When we grow in holiness and live the new life of the Resurrection, we become what St Augustine referred to as an "Easter People", a people transformed into disciples who give witness to the love of Christ. My prayer for you this Easter is that you live as people deeply touched by the Resurrection and proclaim: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Happy Easter,

Fr. Radloff

Cluster Prayer Chain
Please pray for Bill Burke, Travis Geisler, Susie
(Arens) Stagg, Dennis Franzen, Bree Balk, for
those suffering from Covid, Diane Kovarik, Elyse Meyer
Eastmen, for special intention, Rick Vsetecka, Lois
Langreck, Evelyn Schmitt, anonymous, Doris Fencl,
Darlene Kuennen and Rosemary Kruse.

Mary Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Owen Alden Panos and Ryleigh Kay Panos, children of Derek and Kelsey (Korth) Panos,

were baptized Saturday, April 9, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Lawler.

Ethan Jonathan Henn, son of Jonathan and Alyson (Ries) Henn, was baptized Saturday, April 9, at St. Luke, St. Lucas.

Clara Ardes King, daughter of James and Amanda (Mueterthies) King, was baptized Sunday, April 10, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Lawler.

May God's joy and blessings always be with them and their families.

Rest in Peace
Alan Ott, whose funeral was Tuesday, April 12, at St. John Nepomucene, Fort Atkinson and burial in Spillville. His brother, Roger Ott, is a member of St. John Nepomucene.

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

REFLECTION

Question for Children: What is good and new in your life?

Question for Youth: Resurrection reminds us that what looks bad can lead to something good. What has resurrected, or gone from bad to good, in your life over the past year?

Question for Adults: In what way have you risen from "deadness" in your life?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK						
Monday, April 18	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15					
Tuesday, April 19	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18					
Wed, April 20	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35					
Thurs, April 21	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35 -48					
Friday, April 22	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14					
Saturday, April 23	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15					
Sunday, April 24	Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31					

Easter is the most important feast of the Christian year - so important that the Church sets aside a seven-week season to rejoice in Christ's victory over sin and death.

We pray, change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS - 3

The time before lent is filled with prayer and mystery! Our thanks goes out to those who have helped create Lenten statue veils: Alice Elsbernd, Marilyn Kuennen, Virginia Kuhn, Jackie Lensing, and Connie McKone for St. John Nepomucene and Mary Kruse for Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Thanks for the donations and work which enhance our liturgy!

Religious Education Classes - Sun, April 24, 12:30-2pm, grades K-6; and Wed, April 27, 6-7:30 pm, grades 7-10.

FREE children's booklet "Jesus is Risen" for all young families this Easter! Thanks for bringing your children to Mass! Jesus loves you and so do we! God Bless all families for your dedication and faith.

Job Opening: St. Luke's parish has an opening for a parttime custodian. Responsibilities include the cleaning and maintenance of the interior of the church, management of utility equipment (HVAC filters, water testing, etc), and set-up for special events. The hours are flexible. Please contact the office to speak to Fr. Radloff if you are interested.

The Catholic Daughters are sponsoring a *life saver drive* for abused women and children at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, on Saturday April 16; Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Little Turkey, on Sunday, April 24; and Holy Trinity, Protivin, on May 1.

Does anyone know the whereabouts of the banner for the Catholic Daughters of America, Lawler? If so, please call Pat Zajicek, 563-569-8257 or Edna Jirak, 641-330-5957. Thank you.

Now accepting Czech Days Raffle donations: Prizes valued at \$50.00 or more, or cash donation of any value. All donations will be printed on the raffle tickets. Thank you for your continued support. Please send check to Holy Trinity Czech Days P.O. Box 205 Protivin or drop off donations at the cluster office by May 6th.

ABVM Parish Life meeting before Mass April 24, 9:30 am in the church basement.

The books *Life is Messy* by Matthew Kelly and *The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen* are available in the back of churches. Please take a copy, enjoy, and share with a friend. Thank you to the anonymous donor for providing these books.

Blessings of the Risen Christ to all at this Easter time! Cluster chorale's first rehearsal for First Communion will be Thursday, April 21, at 7:00 pm, St. John, Fort Atkinson. The second rehearsal will be Monday, April 25, at 7:00 pm, St. Luke, St. Lucas. First Communion will be celebrated May 1 at St. Luke.

Blessing of Seeds

All our work should begin and end with a prayer. With the hard work of planting season upon us, a good way to begin that important time with prayer is the blessing of seed. The custom of blessings goes back for centuries. Whether it's God blessing the completion of each days work as he created the plants and animals in Genesis or Noah receiving God's blessing as he emerged from the Ark, a time of new life calls for a blessing!

If you would like to participate in this prayer for the upcoming crop, please call the office to arrange a time for Fr. Radloff to come bless your seed before planting begins. 563-569-8259

PLEASE REGISTER WITH YOUR PARISH

If you are over 18, and no longer living with your parents, please register with the cluster office to be a member of your parish. You can register by calling our office or on our website at www.christourhopecluster.com

Parents—if your children are over 18 and still live in our communities, encourage them to join their parish if they have not.

If you have any questions, just call our office at 563-569-8259 or email dbq166sec@dbqarch.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a catholic faith based marriage enrichment program for couples who want to keep their marriage vibrant and alive. Upcoming experiences April 23-24, Epworth; Sept 9-11, Dubuque; Nov 18-20, Holstein. For more information or to register go to <u>iowa-wwme.org</u> or call 563-608-3305.

Franciscan Common Venture (FCV) service program, sponsored by the Dubuque Franciscan sisters. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Worker House in WATERLOO, IA is in need of a FCV team of 4-5 persons. Tentative dates are June 5-11 (Arrival late Sunday afternoon; departure Saturday morning) and would encompass their 40th anniversary celebration on June 8th. Service needs are varied and may include: the community meal, deep cleaning, painting, organizing the library, gardening, as well as service in the broader Waterloo community. Cost: \$75/person. Due date to apply: May 2nd. Those interested in volunteering with FCV, can contact Sr. Shell via email (balekm@osfdbq.org) or phone 563-583-9786 for more information and/or application materials.

An Archdiocesan Synod Survey Update: Thank you to all those who participated. Your honest and constructive input will help map the plan as we work to ensure strong parish vitality in the years to come. We are now working to analyze the wealth of information. A report to the archdiocesan family will be sent to all households later this spring. Please continue to pray for all involved in this undertaking that the Holy Spirit will direct their work.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MEETINGS

Everyone is welcome to attend all meetings

St. John Nepomucene Finance Council Meeting: Thurs, April 21, 6:30 pm at the SJN rectory.

Faith Formation Meeting: Tuesday, May 3, 7:00 pm at the Fr. Moran Center, Lawler.

Assumption of the BVM Finance Council Meeting: Thurs, May 5, 6:30 pm at the SJN rectory.

SANCTUARY LAMP

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL - Lauren Kuehner

St. John Nepomucene - Valeria Herold

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL 4/23

LECTOR - Steve Lynch

ALTAR SERVERS - Gabby & Annebelle Scheidel

OFFERTORY - Emily Brincks

USHERS – Dale King, Don Lynch, Gary & Janel Kuennen EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS – Linda Kuehner,

Janel Kuennen

COUNTERS - Jane Lynch, Sandy Busta

St. Luke 4/23

LECTOR - Clair Dietzenbach

ALTAR SERVERS - Chloe Schmitt, Alayna Kuennen

OFFERTORY - Dan Langreck

USHERS - Henry Langreck, Kerri Langreck, Kevin Luzum ALTAR SERVERS - Karsyn Reicks, Hugo Busta

COUNTERS - Eric Dietzenbach, Merle Reicks

Rosary - Unit 9

NEXT FUNERAL—Unit 9

HOME EUCHARIST

ASSUMPTION BVM - Gerald Busta 563-238-5031

HOLY TRINITY - Pat Zajicek 563-569-8257

OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL -

Apr. 17 - Pat Lynch 563-776-9841

Apr. 23 - Debi Speltz 563-238-7731

St. John Nepomucene - Jeannie Boyer 563-534-7908

St. Luke - Apr. 17 - John Kuennen 534–7342

Apr. 23 - Dennis Rausch 534-2265

St. MARY - If you are an Eucharistic Minister, and able to take Communion to a couple of your fellow parishioners please call Father Radloff.

St. Mary 4/24

LECTOR - Maxine Balk

ALTAR SERVERS - Maria Klimesh, Kanin Drilling

OFFERTORY - Rose Mary Knox, Darlene Robbins USHERS - Dennis Dietzenbach, Wayne Schmitt

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS – Jim Mihm, Carole Burke

COUNTERS - Joyce Kuennen, Faye Winter

ROSARY - Rose Mary Knox, Darlene Robbins

NEXT FUNERAL -Circle 3, Chairs- Mark and Nena Winter,

Dean and Diane Wurzer

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 4/24

LECTOR - Tim Reicks

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - Sheila Reicks, Dennis Rausch Offertory - Gary & Connie Barloon

USHERS - Jerry Vrzak, Mike Reicks

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - Tammy Vrzak

COUNTERS - Tammy Vrzak, Shirley Sabelka

*If Deacon Jim assists only one extraordinary minister is needed.

Budget Report Parish ABVM Holy Trinity **OLMC** St. John St. Luke St. Mary \$64.950.00 \$93,400.00 \$142,030.00 \$122,340.00 \$153,850.00 \$59,645.00 Yearly Collection Needed \$5,412.50 \$7,783.33 \$11,835.83 \$10,195.00 \$12,820.83 \$4,970.41 Needed Monthly \$3,732.00 \$3,968.00 \$15,665.55 \$7,673.01 \$17,690.14 \$3,075.00 Received Last 30 days Needed YTD (7/01/21-4/17/22) \$52,459.62 \$75,438.46 \$114,716.54 \$98,813.08 \$124,263.46 \$48,174.81 \$73,917.01 \$101,090.46 \$126,835.80 \$115,149.95 \$159,113.38 \$50,292.05 YTD Received \$21,457.39 \$12,119.26 \$16,336.87 \$34,849.92 \$2,117.24 Variance \$25,652.00

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Salad Luncheon, Thursday, April 21 from 11am—1pm at St. Benedict Parish Hall, \$10. Carry outs available, Sponsored by Catholic Daughters Regina Mundi #1737

South Winn Golf & Country Club Drive Through Chicken Dinner - Sunday, May 1, 11am-1pm. Mike Reicks 3-piece chicken, potatoes, baked beans, dinner roll. Tickets \$14.00, available at South Winn Country Club, Citizens Savings Bank-Spillville, Fidelity Bank-Calmar, Farmers Union Coop-Ossian, Wiltgen Financial or from SWCC members.

Healthy Living with Diabetes—virtual workshop by Gundersen Health System, on Mondays, May 6—June 20, from Noon to 2:30 pm. Contact 608-775-6870 or visit gundersenhealth.org/living-well for more information.

When Jim Woodford died, he spent eleven hours in Heaven. Join Jim Woodford on this unforgettable journey into the afterlife. Whether you need hope for tomorrow or strength for today, this story is your invitation to a time of hope and reflection. Please join us at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 7th at the Hugeback Johnson Funeral Home in New Hampton. There is limited seating so please call 641-394-4334 with your reservation. Everyone is welcome.

April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

There are many stones in our paths that keep us from truly living and being free. Some of these boulders have been there for a very long time. They have been there so long that they have even settled into the soil of our lives with other weeds, vines, and compacted soil keeping them firmly in place. We find them hard to move and trying to do so can be exhausting. What are these suffocating albatrosses that keep us so tethered and immobile? They are many things.

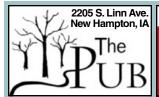
They are past childhood wounds and hurts that stem from disappointment, rejection, or abuse. People may have told us we were unwanted, that the world is frightening, that there are only some acceptable feelings you can have and others you cannot. We may have tried to love someone or struggled to figure out how and were met with rejection. Maybe we trusted someone completely and were betrayed. We come to life collecting barnacles that begin to attach to other barnacles and before you know it, we have a mass of solid matter blocking our vision and keeping us from moving. We live in fear. We are afraid of losing what we have, afraid that the future will be empty, afraid that we won't succeed and even more afraid that we will not be loved. There is so much fear. Didn't Jesus tell us not to worry and to not be afraid? Either we believe in the message of Easter, or we don't!

Go confidently into the night. Walking with God you will find the light and strength you need. Often without even knowing, God will move those boulders and stumbling blocks that bind us and, with putting one foot in front of the other and looking forward, we will move. The resurrection of Christ is really all about receiving the gifts of trust and faith and doing new things. The rocks that bind us keep us spinning the same wheels and doing the same things. When was the last time you threw caution to the wind and actually did something totally out of character and different? This is where we find God, in the spontaneous, the adventurous, the fun, and the creative choices we make! God is not boring and stuck. God is exciting and engaging. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Find a way to trust that this is true and live.

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