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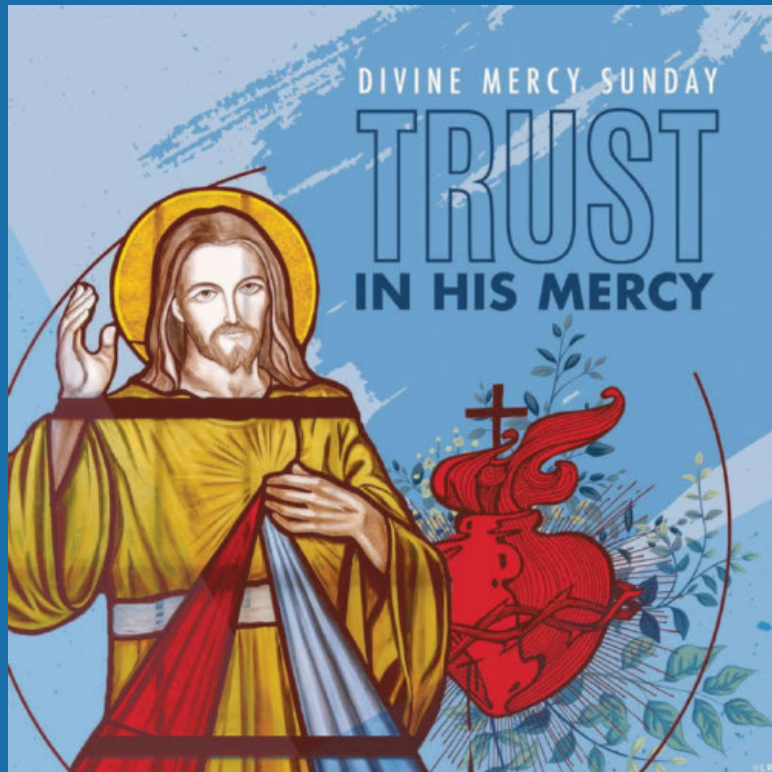
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## MASS SCHEDULE APRIL 25 - MAY 1, 2022

Mon.	4-25-22	No Mass		<i>Saint Mark, Evangelist</i>
Tues.	4-26-22	No Mass		<i>Easter Weekday</i>
Wed.	4-27-22	No Mass		<i>Easter Weekday</i>
Thurs.	4-28-22	HT	8:45 am	<i>Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest</i>  Joan Hennis+ and Grham Gunderson
Fri.	4-29-22	OLMC	8:30 am	<i>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>  Jack & Ruth McKone+ and Jim & Judy Arjes+
Sat.	4-30-22			<i>Saint Pius V, Pope</i>
<b>WEEKEND MASS - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>				
Sat.	4-30-22	OLMC	4:00 pm	Claude Babcock+ and Joe & Alma Schaufenbuel+
		SJN	6:00 pm	Pro Populo
Sun.	5-1-22	HT	8:30 am	Edmund & Edith Stika+ and L/D Ondarashek Family
		SL	10:30 am	Arnold & Hermina Boeding+ and Clem & Barbara Boeding+

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

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE


April 24, 2022 - 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"

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### Cluster Prayer Chain

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

*May the Queen of Peace preserve the world  
from the madness of war.  
- Pope Francis*



Lucas Henry Hemesath,  
son of Nathan and Lauren  
(Ramspott) Hemesath, was  
baptized Sunday, April 17, at St. Luke, St. Lucas.

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



### Rest in Peace

Rosemary Kruse, whose funeral and burial will be Wednesday, May 4, at St. Luke, St. Lucas. Rosemary was a member of St. Mary, Waucoma.

Arlene Kruchek, whose funeral was Saturday, April 23, at Holy Trinity, Protivin and burial at St. Wenceslaus Cemetery, Spillville. Arlene was a member of Holy Trinity.

May they rest in peace and may God's blessings and our prayers be with their families always.

### REFLECTION

**Question for Children:** Jesus appeared to the disciples even though they were afraid and locked in the closed room. How can you show Jesus to another person this week by how you act?

**Question for Youth:** Thomas didn't believe because he hadn't seen Jesus with his own eyes. How hard is it for you to believe in God without being able to see God? How do you see God in the words and actions of others?

**Question for Adults:** Jesus said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Give one example of how you will show your belief in Jesus this week - how you are being sent forth.

<https://lifelongcatechesis.osv.com/>

**Job Opening:** St. Luke's parish has an opening for a part-time 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.

**April 26th we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel**, the patroness of the Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) which was established in 1920. April is also ACCW annual membership month. For more information on membership and the Council of Catholic women please go to our web page:  
<https://dbqarch.org/council-of-catholic-women>

**Religious Education Classes -**

Sunday, April 24, 12:30-2pm, grades K-6; and  
Wednesday, April 27, 6-7:30 pm, grades 7-10.

**What is Divine Mercy?** Watch this incredible true story of St. Faustina and the message of Divine Mercy. If you haven't seen it, come and watch *The Love and Mercy: Faustina Movie*, Wed., April 27, 6-7:30pm, at Mt. Carmel. All are welcome and refreshments will be served.



**The Catholic Daughters** are sponsoring a *life saver drive* for abused women and children at

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, on Saturday April 23; Assumption of the BVM, Little Turkey, Sunday, April 24; and Holy Trinity, Protivin, on May 1.

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

**Caregiver Gathering** Thursday, May 5, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, in the Lawler Church. There is a reward Mother Teresa said, "if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love." When we go out of our way to help someone, we are also serving the Lord who loves us, and he never forgets a good deed done in his name. St. John the Caregiver, pray for us.



**Court Queenship of Mary 1860**, May 9th meeting at 2:00 pm, note the time change.

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.

**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.



**Cluster chorale's** rehearsal for First Communion will be Monday, April 25, at 7:00 pm, St. Luke, St. Lucas. First Communion will be celebrated May 1 at St. Luke.



**Thank you** to the anonymous donors for the additional votive candle stand at St. John Nepoumcene dedicated to the living and deceased members. God bless the donors all those who engage in the beautiful tradition of votive candles.



**Thank you** to Fr. Knipper, the funeral committee, the choir, and everyone that helped or donated food for funeral services for Alan Ott. The kind expressions of sympathy and thoughtfulness are appreciated.  
- The family of Alan Ott

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED TOWARD THE EASTER FLOWERS / DECORATIONS IN OUR CLUSTER**

Flowers were donated in memory of...

**Joyce Uhlenhake and Jane Gilb** by Jim & Barb Jirak; **Urban & Mickie Drilling, Geniece Kriener, and Julie Drilling** by Jerry & Gayle Jirak; **Larry and Cindy Jirak families and the John & Lena Langreck family** by Edna Jirak; **Jakub & Teresia Busta and all the deceased members of their family** by Marla & Gerald Busta; **Lucille Reicks and Cindy Reicks Jerdee** by Gary & Nancy Cuvelier; **Kathy Meirick** by Bill Meirick family; **Eugene & Gertrude Novak, Stan Novak, Lucille Moudry, and Joan Hennis** by June Moudry; **Roger & Alice Praska** by Bob and Betty Brincks; **Dennis Komarek** by Merlin Komarek; **Pisney and Stika family** by Bob & Colleen Stika; **Joe & Helen Fencel** by Don & Carol Barloon and family; by Leonard Fencel; **Robert and Jerry Bader** by the Bader family; **August & Emma Hruska, Wm L & Evelyn Pecinovsky, Mark and Tom Quandahl, Jane Voyek and Jim Hruska** by Margaret Hruska; **Al & Bernadine Dietzenbach families** by Lyle and Donna Dietzenbach; **Bea and Allen Taylor, Fred & Frances Taylor, and John & Lucille Berka** by Alvin Taylor; **Reuben & Matilda Praska and Jeff Lansing** by Ron Praska; **Ed Berka** by Mabel Berka; **Art, Irene, & Susie Bruess and Bill Sullivan** by the Bruess Family; **Bill Berka** by Norma Bullerman; **John & Marce Swestka** by John & Joanie Swestka; **John Busta and Jodene Broderick** by Judy Busta; **Joe and Ann Boeding, Frances, Arlene & Eugene** by Elaine, Mary Jo, Ruth and Karen; **Irvin, Stella, & Dick Huinker** by Bob & Renea Huinker; **Barta & Lynch Families** by Jack & Pat Lynch; **Mark Costigan** by Pat & JoAnn Costigan; **Living and deceased members of the Kuennen & Hageman families** by Randy & Laura Kuennen; **Ruth and Jack McKone** by the McKone Family; **Dan F. Carlin, Leo & Eileen Cooney and James & Marcella Carlin** by Mary Eileen Carlin; **Delbert Kuennen** by Mary Ann Kuennen; **Cuvelier and Bodensteiner deceased members** by Dolores Cuvelier; **Claude Babcock** by Nancy Babcock; **Leonard & Irene Cervenka** by Lorene Cervenka; **Joseph Hackman and Virgil & Irma Thuente** by John & Sharon Thuente; **Jane Smith** by Jack & Ann Herold; **Jim Berns** by the Berns family; **Valeria Herold** by her family; **Ernie Schmitt and Jene & Arlene Smith** by Marvelene Schmitt; **Alan Ott** by Roger Ott & family; **Frank & Viola Meyer** by Joan & John Swestka; **Roman Schmitt** by Therese Schmitt; **Living and deceased members of Manderfield and Winter families** by Virginia Manderfield; by Lee & Kathryn Meyer; **Leo Kriener, Linus Kriener, Frank Kriener, Peter Jr., Peter Sr. & Mary Kriener** by David Blocker; **Alvin, Paul, Lois and Ron Smith** by Doris Smith; **Arnold & Irma Luzum** by Kevin & Linda Luzum; **Leo Kriener, Cyril Kriener, and Linus & Francis Kriener** by their family; **Leonard, Roberta & Joseph Brannon** by Charles Brannon, Jane Barton, and Bea & Duane Bodensteiner.

**MEETINGS**

Everyone is welcome to attend all meetings

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

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

**St. Mary Finance Council Meeting:** Thursday, May 12, 6:30 pm at the SJN rectory.

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

**HOLY TRINITY** - Reuben & Matilda Praska and Jeff Lansing

**OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL** - Lauren Kuehner

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE** - Valeria Herold

**HOME EUCHARIST**

**ASSUMPTION BVM** - Gerald Busta 563- 238- 5031

**HOLY TRINITY** - Pat Zajicek 563- 569- 8257

**OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL** -

Apr. 23 - Debi Speltz 563- 238- 7731

Apr. 30 - Pat Lynch 563- 776- 9841

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE** - Jeannie Boyer 563- 534- 7908

**ST. LUKE** - Apr. 23 - Dennis Rausch 534- 2265

May 1 - Susan Franzen 778- 2797

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

**OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL 4/30**

LECTOR - Steve Lynch  
 ALTAR SERVERS - Emma Brincks  
 OFFERTORY - John & Charlotte Brincks  
 USHERS - Dale King, Don Lynch, Gary & Janel Kuennen  
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - Linda Kuehner, Janel Kuennen  
 COUNTERS - Pat Lynch, Dolores Cuvelier

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE 4/30**

LECTOR - Leon Kipp  
 ALTAR SERVERS - Madeline Rausch, Mackenzie Albertson  
 OFFERTORY - Joe & Katie Schmitt  
 USHERS - Francis Best, Roger Ott, Ben Schmitt, Leon Shatek  
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - Leon Kipp, Ron Franzen  
 COUNTERS - Patty Einwalter, Bernie & Leon Kipp  
 ROSARY - Nancy Hageman

**HOLY TRINITY 5/1**

LECTOR - Martin Ahrndt  
 ALTAR SERVERS - Arabella Ahrndt, Xavier Ahrndt  
 OFFERTORY - Kevin & Cheryl Mracek  
 USHERS - Rick Hackman, Jeff Hrdlicka, Mark Meirick, Merlin Komarek  
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - Sheila Rassman, Carrie Rassman  
 COUNTERS - Zita Bruess, Pat Zajicek  
 ROSARY - Group 1

**ST. LUKE 5/1**

LECTOR - Paul Dietzenbach  
 ALTAR SERVERS - Kendall Kuennen, Dylan Reicks  
 OFFERTORY - Wendy Kuennen Family  
 USHERS - Pete Larson, Gary Martin, Dan Pavlovec  
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - Veronica, Susan  
 COUNTERS - Eric Rausch, Scott Kuennen  
 ROSARY - Unit 1  
 NEXT FUNERAL - Unit 9

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

**Budget Report**

Parish	ABVM	Holy Trinity	OLMC	St. John	St. Luke	St. Mary
Yearly Collection Needed	\$64,950.00	\$93,400.00	\$142,030.00	\$122,340.00	\$153,850.00	\$59,645.00
Needed Monthly	\$5,412.50	\$7,783.33	\$11,835.83	\$10,195.00	\$12,820.83	\$4,970.41
Received Last 30 days	\$10,089.51	\$5,946.00	\$22,161.02	\$7,890.39	\$19,933.04	\$6,382.61
Needed YTD (7/01/21-4/24/22)	\$53,708.65	\$77,234.62	\$117,447.88	\$101,165.77	\$127,222.12	\$49,321.83
YTD Received	\$80,274.52	\$104,318.46	\$134,508.27	\$118,866.33	\$162,534.28	\$53,599.66
Variance	\$26,565.87	\$27,083.84	\$17,060.39	\$17,700.56	\$35,312.16	\$4,277.83

**March for Life** on Saturday, April 30, at the St. Benedict's Prayer Garden in Decorah. Mass will be held at 10 am, and sign making, rosary making, and vendors will begin at 10:30 am. Zach Gignac will provide live music till 12:00 pm when speakers will start. Speakers include pro life advocates, student organizers, and Father Robert Gross. At 1:00 pm, the march will begin through downtown, passing by the Winneshiek County Courthouse and Water Street.

**14th Annual St. Wenceslaus Gala** - Saturday, April 30, at the Inwood Ballroom in Spillville. Social hour 5:30 pm, prime rib dinner (or chicken alternative) served at 7:00 pm, Rock It Man Entertainment performing at 8:30 pm. PG entertainment, games, silent auctions and door prizes. Tickets (in advance only) \$45, sold after Masses at St. Wenceslaus, at Citizens Savings Bank, Farr Side and Howard's Tire & Repair in Spillville and Engen Express in Ridgeway.

**Decorah Chorale presents "On Our Way"** a spring concert Sunday, May 1 at 3 pm at Decorah Lutheran Church. Repertoire contains themes of acknowledging beauty around us, renewal, and recognizing strength in community and connection. The adult choral has members from Decorah and six surrounding Iowa and Minnesota communities.

**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.

**The Guttenberg German Band** will provide a free polka music concert Saturday, May 7, at the PIVO Event Center in Calmar from 2-4pm. Dancing is encouraged.

**Author Linda Betsinger McCann** will speak about her book, "Prohibition in Eastern Iowa" at the Lawler Public Library on Wed., May 11 @ 6:30 p.m. Books will be available for purchase.

**NEICAC Head Start Program** - registration for 3 & 4 year old preschool happening now for those who qualify. For more information go to [www.neicac.org](http://www.neicac.org) or call 563-382-8436.

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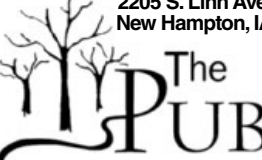
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