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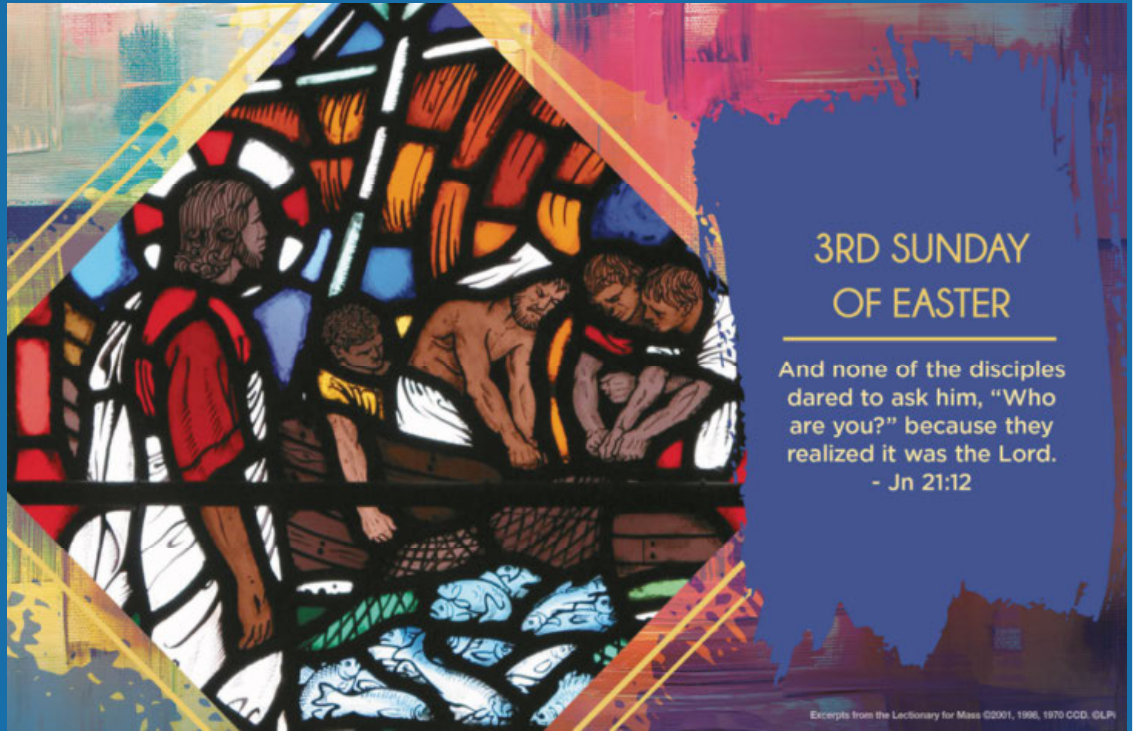
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## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

And none of the disciples  
 dared to ask him, "Who  
 are you?" because they  
 realized it was the Lord.  
 - Jn 21:12

## MASS SCHEDULE MAY 2 - 8, 2022

Mon.	5-2-22	No Mass		<i>Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>
Tues.	5-3-22	SJN	5:30 pm	<i>Saints Philip and James, Apostles</i> Herbert & Christine Rausch+, Anna & Anton Koudelka+ and James & Majella Koudelka+
Wed.	5-4-22	No Mass		<i>Easter Weekday</i>
Thurs.	5-5-22	HT	8:45 am	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Arnie & Betty Wiest+ and Mary Fritz+
Fri.	5-6-22	OLMC	8:30 am	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Elaine Costigan+ and Lucille Reicks+
<b>WEEKEND MASS - FORTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>				
Sat.	5-7-22	OLMC	4:00 pm	Edgar, Betty, Gary, Terry & Brenda Wurzer+
		SL	6:00 pm	Clem & Barbara Wurzer+, L/D Frank & Lizzy Kuennen Family and Arnold & Irma Luzum+
Sun.	5-8-22	SM	8:30 am	Pro Populo
		ABVM	10:30 am	Verda Mikota+ and Larry & Cindy Jirak+

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  
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St. Mary  
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## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE


May 1, 2022  
3rd Sunday of Easter

Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this?

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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, anonymous and Norma Kuennen.

*Let us pray to St. Joseph the Worker,  
may he inspire us all more each day to do the work  
God lays before our path.*

**REFLECTION**

**Question for Children:** Jesus asks Peter three times if Peter loves Jesus. What one thing can you do this week to show Jesus your love?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus asked Peter three times to "feed my sheep." Who are you being called to help in your life right now?

**Question for Adults:** Christ continues to feed us as his disciples, even after his death and resurrection. How does the Eucharist feed your faith?

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Congratulations to Dillon and Leah (Reierson) Baumler, who were married at St. Luke, St. Lucas, Saturday, April 23. May God's blessings be with them.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday, May 2	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday, May 3	1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
Wed, May 4	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thurs, May 5	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday, May 6	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday, May 7	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
Sunday, May 8	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

**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.



**The Catholic Daughters** are sponsoring a *life saver drive* for abused women and children at Holy Trinity, Protivin, on May 1.

**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.

**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.



Thank you to Christ Our Hope Cluster for your generous donation to help feed those in need in our local community and surrounding areas! Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

—The Chickasaw County Food Pantry



I would like to say thank you for prayers, get well wishes, and all the support of the Christ Our Hope and St Mary's community. At this time, I am in hospice at home and can have visitors, call first. I feel so blest to live in this community. - Darlene Kuennen.

**Msgr. Cletus Hawes's has something to celebrate!**

Monsignor will be 95, and a priest 70 years this May 1. Congratulate him with a card and send to 2423 Wexford Hollow Dr. Lansing, IA 52151



We pray for those who will be receiving First Holy Communion this Sunday, May 1 at St. Luke.

O Jesus, You have loved us with such exceedingly great love as to give us the ineffable gift of the Holy Eucharist, inflame us with a burning zeal to promote Your glory by praying for our youth to prepare worthily to approach Your holy table for the first time. Protect, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, these young souls from the assaults of evil, strengthen their faith, increase their love and endow them with all the virtues that will make them worthy to receive You. Amen.

Saint John the Baptist, forerunner of the Messiah, prepare the way for Jesus in the heart of our youth, Saint Tarcisius, keep safe the children who are making their first Communion.

**Do we need to fast for one hour before Mass, or one hour before communion?**

The practice of fasting before receiving the Eucharist is a centuries-old act of devotion that was once very different than it is today. In the 1917 Code of Canon Law, for example, anyone who wanted to receive the Eucharist had to fast from midnight until the time of communion (even water and medications were forbidden). Over the following decades, the rules for the eucharistic fast were relaxed, first by Pope Pius XII and, later, by Pope Saint Paul VI.

The current Code of Canon Law (1983) states very clearly: "A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine" (Canon 919, §1). And, in the case of those who are ill and the elderly, the rules are even more accommodating, "The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour" (Canon 919, §3).

So, if we strictly follow the "letter of the law," the fast is calculated from the time of Holy Communion and not the start of Mass. However, when we remember why we fast — it is a reminder of the deeper hungers of the spirit that our physical thirst or hunger symbolize — we see that the issue is much bigger than simply fulfilling what is called for by Church Law and tradition. Joining fasting to our prayers and reflection before Mass is an opportunity to really center ourselves and to prepare our minds, hearts, and bodies to welcome the One we receive in the Eucharist.

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**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.

**HOME EUCHARIST**

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

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

**OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL** -

Apr. 30 - Pat Lynch 563- 776- 9841

May 7 - Debi Speltz 563- 238- 7731

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

**ST. LUKE** - May 1 - Susan Franzen 778- 2797

May 7 - Trudy Smith 563- 419- 2888

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

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**ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE** - Clarence Wiest

**OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL 5/7**

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COUNTERS - Geraldine Busta, Jeanne Loftus

**ST. LUKE 5/7**

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OFFERTORY - David Langreck

USHERS – Pete Larson, Gary Martin, Dan Pavlovec

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS – Clair, Trudy

COUNTERS - Josh Nolte, Adam Schmitt

ROSARY - Unit 1

NEXT FUNERAL—Unit 9

**ST. MARY 5/8**

LECTOR - Becky Klimesh

ALTAR SERVERS - Trista & Sadie Harrison

OFFERTORY - Wilma Balk & Rose Mary Knox

USHERS – David Klimesh & Steve Baumler

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS – Carole Burke & Jim Mihm

COUNTERS - Ken Hemesath, Therese Scallon

ROSARY - Maxine Balk

NEXT FUNERAL -Circle 3, Chairs- Mark and Nena Winter, Dean and Diane Wurzer

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 5/8**

LECTOR - Carl Reicks

ALTAR SERVERS - Trae Keel, Elly Reicks

OFFERTORY - John & Marilyn Bergeson

USHERS - Gary Cuvelier, Justin Hoehn

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - Jackie Novotny

COUNTERS - Joann Busta, Jackie Novotny

\*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	\$10,273.51	\$5,626.00	\$23,671.87	\$9,132.13	\$19,102.44	\$7,536.11
Needed YTD (7/01/21-5/01/22)	\$54,957.69	\$79,030.77	\$120,179.23	\$103,518.46	\$130,180.77	\$50,468.85
YTD Received	\$81,708.52	\$104,318.46	\$137,912.37	\$121,885.07	\$164,681.68	\$57,333.16
Variance	\$26,750.83	\$25,287.69	\$17,733.14	\$18,366.61	\$34,500.91	\$6,864.31



**Decorah Chorale presents "On Our Way"** Sunday, May 1 at 3 p.m. at Decorah Lutheran Church. Repertoire contains themes of acknowledging beauty around us, renewal, and recognizing strength in community and connection. The Decorah adult chorale 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.

**Northeast Iowa Pro-Lifers meeting** Tuesday, May 3, 10:15 am at St. Benedict Parish, Decorah, in the Parish Hall.

**Healthy Living with Diabetes**—virtual workshop by Gundersen Health System, on Mondays, May 9—June 20, from Noon to 2:30 pm. Contact 608-775-6870 or visit [gundersenhealth.org/living-well](http://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.

**Ossian Citywide Garage Sales** - Friday and Saturday, May 6-7. Pick up your flyer at Casey's, in Ossian on Hwy 52.

**St. Joseph the Worker Cluster**, (Clermont, West Union, Fayette, and Sumner) has a job opening for a Cluster Faith Formation Director to oversee and coordinate the parish Faith Formation programs. A full job description is available at [www.stjosephtheworkercluster.com](http://www.stjosephtheworkercluster.com). Resumes accepted until May 14th.

**Fayette County Food Shelf Shoe Drive – May 1 to June 30** Collecting new or gently worn shoes, boots, sandals or flip flops. Please place your donation(s) in a plastic bag and drop off in the back of St. Mary's Church, Waucoma or St. Luke's, St. Lucas. The Food Shelf will receive money for every pound of footwear it receives. The shoes collected benefit micro-enterprises in developing nations, helping families and communities in extreme poverty find self-sustainability and hope. Together we can all make a difference. Contact Maxine Balk with any questions at 563-379-2093.

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