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Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Little Turkey

# **CHRIST OUR HOPE**

MAY 8, 2022



### MASS SCHEDULE MAY 9 - 15, 2022

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	Mon.	5-9-22	No Mas	s	Easter Weekday						
	Tues.	5-10-22	SJN	5:30 pm	Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest						
					Herman & 1 Special Inter	Lillian Berns+, Duan ntion	ne Einwalter+ and				
	Wed.	5-11-22	SL	8:30 am	Easter Week	day					
					James Balk-	⊦ and Elizabeth Kru	se+				
es.	Thurs.	5-12-22	HT	8:45 am	Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr						
g					Delmar Sch	mitt+ and Bea Tayle	or+				
CE	Fri.	5-13-22	OLMC	8:30 am	Our Lady of	Fatima					
.9					Clarence & Lensing+	Madonna Mueterth	ies+ and Gerald				
	Sat.	5-14-22			Saint Matthias, Apostle						
	WEEKEND MASS - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER										
	Sat.	5-14-22	OLMC	4:00 pm	Pro Populo						
			SJN	6:00 pm	Irene Cerver	•					
	Sun.	5-15-22	HT	8:30 am	Death Anniv. Jodene Broderick+ and Dorothy Stika+						
OOL			SL	10:30 am	William & Marie Schaufenbuel+ and Sister Joan Hageman+						
al		RECONCILIATION—Any time by appointment									
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#### FOR YOUR FAITH

#### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

#### May 8, 2022 - 4th Sunday of Easter

"Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start." (Pope Francis) We have a difficult time figuring out what is true and best for us. There are many voices talking and so many trying to get our attention. We wrongly convince ourselves that the true voice is the voice of progress, the one that speaks of contemporary wants and desires, enticing us with the latest trends and causes. We are taught, by listening to the voices around us, that truth is found in feelings and thought, and ideals must match current and popular human wants. Because we feel a particular way it must be true. Then, we find a shepherd who empathizes with us and affirms us. We follow that voice even though listening to that voice will render us powerless and lead us to harm. There are many with me in this procession to this pasture. I must be on the right path and listening to the right voice.

We are very confused. What can keep us safe and from harm? Where do we go to find life, love, and happiness? Jesus tells us that he is the way, the truth, and the life. The only way to get to Truth, who is God, is through him. There is no other way. The Church, the gate around God's pasture of life, is charged with the mission of directing us where God desires that we go. In the midst of all of the conflicting voices around us, the voice of truth is often muffled in all of the noise, but it beckons us to a life of virtue and grace. Helping us understand who we are and where we have to be, it discerns the voice of God, providing us with the safety net we need to stay straight on our path to life eternal.

We have to trust the voice of God, the true Shepherd, even when it does not mirror what we want and what others may believe. Faith goes way beyond feeling and involves a radical trust in Someone who can lead us and form us. At day's end, if we do not know to find our way home, we will be truly lost. ©LPi

	REFLECTION			
Cluster Prayer Chain Please pray for Bill Burke, Susie (Arens) Stagg, Dennis Franzen, for those suffering from Covid, Diane Kovarik, Elyse Meyer Eastmen, for special	<ul> <li>Question for Children: Jesus promises to guard us like a shepherd does the sheep. How do you experience his loving care in your life?</li> <li>Question for Youth: Jesus said "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." How does Jesus speak to you? What new path is he asking of you?</li> </ul>			
intention, Rick Vsetecka, Lois Langreck, Evelyn Schmitt, Doris Fencl, Darlene Kuennen, anonymous and Norma Kuennen.				
Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us.	<b>Question for Adults:</b> What is your experience of being a follower of Christ, of being cared for and guarded with him as shepherd?			
<b>EXCITING NEWS!</b> Our cluster leadership has determined it is time for our new pictorial church directory. Our	https://lifelongcatechesis.osv.com/			
dates for photography will be:	Readings for the Week			
Fort Atkinson Community Center Mon–Thurs June 27-30 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Monday, Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10 May 9			
Protivin Community Center	Tuesday, Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30 May 10			
Tues–Fri July 12-15 2-8:30pm Saturday July 16 10am–4pm	Wed,         Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn           May 11         12:44-50			
St. Luke Church Basement Wed–Fri Aug 3-5 2-8:30pm Saturday Aug 6 10am–4pm	Thurs,         Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn           May 12         13:16-20			
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Basement Tues–Fri Aug 9-12 2-8:30pm	Friday, Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6 May 13			
Saturday Aug 13 10am–4pm	Saturday, Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn May 14 15:9-17			
Stay tuned for how to sign up.	Sunday, May 15Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35			

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Everyone Has a Divine Vocation**

"Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit." ~Homily by Pope Saint John Paul II

**Nomination forms** for parish committees can be found in the back of our churches. Please place completed forms in the collection basket, mail them to the office, or call in your nominations to the cluster office.

**Fatima the Movie** will be shown Wed., May 18 at Mt. Carmel church basement 6-8 pm. Based on historical events 3 young shepherds in Fatima, Portugal report visions of the Virgin Mary. Popcorn and refreshments served. All are welcome.



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



**Trinity Catholic School** invites you to attend our Spring Music Program on Wed., May 11th at 7:00 PM. It will be held at the Holy Trinity Church in Protivin. Everyone is welcome.

Assumption Parish is accepting donations for the August 15th parish raffle and silent auction. Please contact Jeannie Weimann at 515-681-1015 or Nancy Cuvelier at 563-380-2615 with questions. Checks should be made out to Assumption Parish with a note for raffle / auction.



**Thank you** for taking up a collection during Lent to help local pantries. Thank you for helping us to feed local families and provide for their most basic

needs to be met. - Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation

So much love! Thank you for your great support for healing. It's slow, but coming. God is good! - Sister Patrica Tekippe

## Are Catholics obligated to attend Mass each Sunday, or receive Communion each Sunday?

The questions about Mass attendance and the reception of Holy Communion are clearly outlined in what are traditionally called the "Precepts" of the Church. These specific teachings are intended to stand alongside the Ten Commandments as fundamental practices for Catholics and are outlined in the Code of Canon Law. The obligations related to Mass attendance and receiving Communion are outlined in the first and third precepts, which we find quoted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (no. 2042):

The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

The third precept ("You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season") guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.

Rather than seeing these as obligations that are simply to be fulfilled out of a sense of duty, Pope Saint John Paul II reminds us of the grace that is made available to us when we gather for Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist: "Sunday is the day which is at the very heart of the Christian life... Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human". (Dies Domini, no. 7)

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#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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.

**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. Resumes accepted until May 14th.

**Mother's Day Evening Concert**—Sunday, May 8 at 7 pm, Decorah Lutheran Church. Featuring Luren Singers and various Decorah area choirs. Freewill offering benefits humanitarian aid for Ukraine and the Decorah food pantry. **American Legion Post 691 Aloysius Schmitt** will meet at 7:00 pm on May 10, at St. Lucas Community Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

**Protivin Legion Auxiliary Unit 605** will be distributing poppies before the 8:30 am Mass on May 15. Poppies will also be available at the business places.

**The Waucoma Legion Auxiliary** will be distributing poppies before the 8:30 am Mass at Waucoma on May 22. All proceeds will be used for local Veterans projects. Thank you in advance for your support of our Veterans.

#### MINISTRY SCHEDULES

**MEETINGS** 

Everyone is welcome to attend all meetings

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

Holy Trinity Finance Council Meeting: Thursday, May 26, 5:30 pm at the Protivin office.

#### **SANCTUARY LAMP**

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL - L/D Tony & Marcella Wurzer Family, L/D Victor & Mary Reicks Family L/D Conrad & Barbara Wurzer Family, L/D John & Mathilda Ameling Family, Pete & Loretta Kleve

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE - Clarence Wiest** 

#### HOME EUCHARIST

ASSUMPTION BVM - Gerald Busta 563-238-5031

HOLY TRINITY - Pat Zajicek 563-569-8257

**OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL -**May 7 - Debi Speltz 563-238-7731 May 14 - Pat Lynch 563-776-9841

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

**ST. LUKE** - May 7 - Trudy Smith 563–419–2888 May 15 - John Kuennen 534–7342

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 5/14

Highschool Seniors LECTOR -ALTAR SERVERS - Gabby & Annebelle Scheidel **Highschool Seniors** OFFERTORY -USHERS - Mark Mueterthies, Duane Wurzer, Don Blazek, USHERS - Rick Hackman, Jeff Hrdlicka, Mark Meirick, Duane Busta EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS – Don Lynch, Jack Lynch COUNTERS - Cathy Steinlage, Barb Havlik

#### ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE 5/14

LECTOR - Craig Hosting ALTAR SERVERS - Dominic Wheeler, Isaiah Wheeler OFFERTORY - Mary Kay Schmitt USHERS - Gene Elsbernd, Mel Hackman, Dave Nienhaus, Andy Schmitt EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS- Craig Hosting, Emily Elsbernd COUNTERS - Patty Einwalter, Jack & Ann Herold ROSARY - Adrian & Marilyn Kuennen

#### HOLY TRINITY 5/15

LECTOR -**TCS Students** ALTAR SERVERS -**OFFERTORY** -Merlin Komarek EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - Jerry Brown, Martin Ahrndt COUNTERS - Miriam Humpal, Donna Dietzenbach ROSARY - Group 1

#### ST. LUKE 5/15

LECTOR - Jenae Kuennen ALTAR SERVERS - Tess Franzen, Calen Franzen **OFFERTORY** - Henry Langreck USHERS – Pete Larson, Gary Martin, Dan Pavlovec EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS – Karla, John COUNTERS - Joe / Jodi Steinlage, Nick Busta ROSARY - Unit 1 NEXT FUNERAL—Unit 9

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	\$5,672.50	\$18,800.57	\$3,418.42	\$6,034.31	\$7,636.11				
Needed YTD (7/01/21-5/08/22)	\$56,206.73	\$80,826.92	\$122,910.58	\$105,871.15	\$133,139.42	\$51,615.87				
YTD Received	\$81,708.52	\$109,012.96	\$137,982.37	\$121,885.07	\$165,122.69	\$57,433.16				
Variance	\$25,501.79	\$28,186.04	\$15,071.79	\$16,013.92	\$31,983.27	\$5,817.29				

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

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 selfsustainability and hope. Together we can all make a difference. Contact Maxine Balk with any questions 563-379-2093.

#### First Communion at St. Lucas on Sunday, May 1





First Communion was received by Blaire Reicks (above) on April 16 at ABVM, and Raela Mueterthies (below) on April 30 at OLMC.



Front Row: Alex Murray, Kinley Dietzenbach, Peyton Reicks, Lincoln Lukes Middle Row: Carver Soppe, Landon Hackman, Lucas Gebel, Mason Nolte Back Row: Josie Stika, Aly Leitzman, Keedyn Reicks, Fr. Radloff





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