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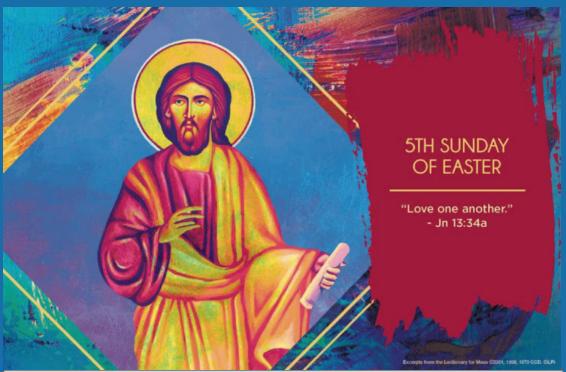
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CHRIST OUR HOPE

MAY 15, 2022



MASS SCHEDULE MAY 16 - 22, 2022

Mon.	5-16-22	No Mass		Easter Weekday		
Tues.	5-17-22	SJN	5:30 pm	Easter Weekday		
				Valeria Herold+, Lavern Imoehl+ and Special Intention		
Wed.	5-18-22	SL	8:30 am	Saint John I, Pope and Martyr		
				Helen Franzen+ and Ruth Franzen+		
Thurs.	5-19-22	HT	8:45 am	Easter Weekday		
				Arlene Kruchek+ and Robert & Dorothy Stika+		
Fri.	5-20-22	OLMC	8:30 am	Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest		
				LaVerne Bouska+ and R & J Anderson Family		
Sat.	5-21-22			Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs		
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WEEKEND MASS - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat.	5-21-22	OLMC	4:00 pm	Betty Bruening+ and L/D CD of A #354
		SL	6:00 pm	Pro Populo
Sun.	5-22-22	SM	8:30 am	Leo, Eleanor & Mark Lynch+ and Betty Busta+
		ABVM	10:30 am	Verda Mikota+ and Teresa Lensing+

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 15, 2022 - 5th Sunday of Easter

"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God." Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It's no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God's wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.

Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, "a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships." What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what's important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it's authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that's why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both.

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 intention, Rick Vsetecka, Lois Langreck, Evelyn Schmitt, Doris Fencl, Darlene Kuennen, anonymous, Norma Kuennen and Lorraine Woodford.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

EXCITING NEWS! Our cluster leadership has determined it is time for our new pictorial church directory. Our dates for photography will be:

Fort Atkinson Community Center Mon–Thurs June 27-30 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Protivin Community Center

Tues–Fri July 12-15 2-8:30pm Saturday July 16 10am–4pm

St. Luke Church Basement

Wed–Fri Aug 3-5 2-8:30pm Saturday Aug 6 10am–4pm

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Basement

Tues–Fri Aug 9-12 2-8:30pm Saturday Aug 13 10am–4pm

Stay tuned for how to sign up.

REFLECTION

Question for Children: How do you make obvious that you love your family and friends?

Question for Youth: The world is full of examples of people who don't love others. What are the results of hate that you see in the world? How would the world be different if we followed Jesus' commandment?

Question for Adults: Jesus' commandment to love another is a challenge. What will you do this week to deepen the love you have for those around you in life?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK						
READINGS FOR THE VVEEK						
Monday, May 16	Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26					
Tuesday, May 17	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a					
Wed, May 18	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8					
Thurs, May 19	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11					
Friday, May 20	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17					
Saturday, May 21	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21					
Sunday, May 22	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:					

ANNOUNCEMENTS - 3

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.

Children's Bulletins will be available in the back of all churches, please pick one up for your kids.

Christ Our Hope will not be hosting **Totus Tuus** this summer, but Good Shepherd Cluster in New Hampton is welcoming our families to join them. The dates are July 18-22 for grades 1-6 and July 17-21 for grades 7-12. More information will be available in the next couple weeks, please keep an eye out for it.

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.



CD of A Lawler will be meeting Monday, May 16 at Assumption of the BVM, Little Turkey, 9:30 am.



RINITY Trinity Catholic School

With the end of the school year fast approaching it is time to send in all the recycling for this school year. Please send in Prairie Farms Our Caps

Your Cause Lids, pop tabs, ink cartridges, and any Box Tops for Education. Box Tops can also be redeemed on the app on your smart phone. Thank you to everyone who takes time to save and send these things in to me.

-Mrs. Stika

Glow Ball Tournament, Friday, June 10, 4-person best shot, shot gun start at 6:00 pm. To sign-up call Jackson Heights, 563-776-9181 by Wednesday, June 1. \$120 per team. For more info call Jerry Vrzak at 563-380-2127. Looking for hole sponsors and door prizes. Money to go directly to the church. Sponsored by Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Parish.

Holy Trinity Parish Life books are available in the main entrance of the church.

Ct. Queenship of Mary 1806 Waucoma, presented scholarships to Tess Franzen, daughter of Jim & Laura Franzen; and Lance Schmitt, son of Mark and Desideria Schmitt; at the Turkey Valley awards night. Regent Carole Burke presented the awards.

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.

Poppies will be available before and after Mass on Sunday, May 29 at St. Luke Church.



Memorial Day Services

Mass will be held at St. John's Cemetery, Fort Atkinson on Monday, May 30 at 9:00 am

St. Lucas Legion and Auxiliary will have a Scripture Service on Monday, May 30 at 8:00 am in St. Luke Church. There will be a salute to deceased Veterans in the cemetery and at the Memorial afterwards. Coffee and rolls will be served in the community center. Members wear your hats.

Lawler's Memorial Day Services are Monday, May 30, at 11:00 am at the Veteran's Memorial. In case of rain, they will be held at the Starlite Ballroom.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

St. Lucas Fun Day—June 25, mark your calendar, lots of events for everyone. Raffle tickets for the Polaris ranger are still available, \$100 each, contact Eric Dietzenbach for raffle tickets. All proceeds from Fun Days and the Raffle go to present & future St. Lucas community projects. **Support the Friends of MercyOne New Hampton** and enjoy delicious craft donuts from Hurts Donuts. Orders are due by May 19, Pre-Order only. Sorry, no late orders can be accepted. Donuts will be available for pick-up on Friday, June 3 (National Donut Day) from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. in New Hampton, Lawler or Fredericksburg. Order online at https://forms.office.com/r/m7zd21PuzQ

Fayette County Food Shelf Shoe Drive – May 1-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 563-379 -2093.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES - 4

MEETINGS

Everyone is welcome to attend all meetings

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

St. Luke Finance Council Meeting: Thursday, June 2, 6:30 pm at the SJN rectory.

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

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Assumption BVM - Gerald Busta 563-238-5031

HOLY TRINITY - Pat Zajicek 563-569-8257

OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL -

May 14 - Pat Lynch 563-776-9841 May 21 - Debi Speltz 563-238-7731

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

ST. LUKE - May 15 - John Kuennen 534–7342 May 21 - 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.

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL 5/21

LECTOR - Jeanne Loftus

ALTAR SERVERS - Emma Brincks

OFFERTORY - Katie Brincks

USHERS – Mark Mueterthies, Duane Wurzer, Don Blazek, Duane Busta

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS – Don Lynch, Jack Lynch COUNTERS - Jane Lynch, Sandy Busta

St. Luke 5/21

LECTOR - Kelly Kuennen
ALTAR SERVERS - Ava Kuennen, Annika Kuennen
OFFERTORY - Kerri Langreck
USHERS – Pete Larson, Gary Martin, Dan Pavlovec
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS – Sheila, Dennis
COUNTERS - Eric Dietzenbach, Merle Reicks
ROSARY - Unit 1
NEXT FUNERAL—Unit 9

St. Mary 5/22

LECTOR - Sally Hensley
ALTAR SERVERS - Nora and Lydia Chicken
OFFERTORY - Marvin & Traci Schmitt
USHERS - David Klimesh & Steve Baumler
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - Maxine Balk,
Cathy Dietzenbach

COUNTERS - Wayne Schmitt
ROSARY - Marvin & Traci Schmitt
NEXT FUNERAL -Circle 3, Chairs- Mark and Nena Winter,
Dean and Diane Wurzer

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 5/22

LECTOR - Nancy Cuvelier
ALTAR SERVERS - Kesley Reicks, Kara Reicks
OFFERTORY - Gary Bruess, Steve Bruess
USHERS - Gary Cuvelier, Justin Hoehn
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - Paula Reicks
COUNTERS - Marla Busta, Jerry Vrzak
ROSARY - Gayle Jirak

*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	\$4,029.25	\$5,612.50	\$11,207.57	\$9,153.82	\$6,325.81	\$6,304.11				
Needed YTD (7/01/21-5/15/22)	\$57,455.77	\$82,623.08	\$125,641.92	\$108,223.85	\$136,098.08	\$52,762.88				
YTD Received	\$82,719.77	\$109,367.96	\$141,037.37	\$124,303.77	\$167,662.19	\$57,458.16				
Variance	\$25,264.00	\$26,744.88	\$15,395.45	\$16,079.92	\$31,564.11	\$4,695.28				

The Synod surveys have been collected, recorded, analyzed, and are being written up for a report to the Vatican and to the people in the Archdiocese. By way of a sneak peek, the laity, religious and clergy who responded were in agreement when it came to which markers of parish vitality are most important. The top five vote-getters include service of others, living stewardship, faith formation programming, Mass every weekend, and a sense of belonging.

Other contenders include parish financial stability, and good preaching (which received much attention by laity and religious, but not clergy... hmm). These results confirm the importance of our 4 ministry priorities: enhance Sunday Mass, strengthen faith formation, teach stewardship, and promote vocation. They also endorse what the Vatican says about what's needed for parish vitality: serve the poor, learn and teach the Gospel, prayer and worship.

It's worth repeating: the purpose of the survey is to identify markers of a vital parish community, not to signal parish

closings. And that there is such strong agreement about those markers indicates primary importance for Catholics, and that we are of one mind about parish vitality, and so can/should own the survey results. And as a consequence of that, we know where we need to up our game as individual parishioners, and as parish communities.

I hope it won't happen, but if any parish closes, it'll essentially be the decision of the parishioners, if they don't rise to the challenge of meeting those parish vitality markers. Some people think their parish is doomed to close because they don't have enough money or people. While numbers aren't key indicators, it is important to have... A large enough amount of money to cover the bills, and a large enough number of people for an appropriate sense of community, and to carry out ministry roles. And others think that if they don't have Mass in their parish on weekdays, or on every weekend, then it's on the chopping block; not so...

As long as parishioners are open to gathering for prayer, even though a priest

isn't present or available. The Mass is of we need Holy Communion; nevertheless, it's not feasible for priests here to say Mass every day in every parish.

We need more priests, so please pray for vocations to priesthood in the Archdiocese, especially praying in **Eucharistic Adoration.** There are often numerous priestly vocations in places where Eucharistic Adoration is practiced. That isn't magic, but is the consequence of... Contemplating Jesus, which fuels the desire to participate in Mass and Communion, which leads us to imitate Jesus in humble and loving service of others, and in wanting to do the will of God. Serra Club, Knights of Columbus, and the ACCW can be enlisted to help promote and organize Eucharistic Adoration for this intention in all our parishes.

Michael O. Jackels Archbishop of Dubuque www.dbqarch.org/together



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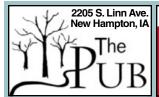


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