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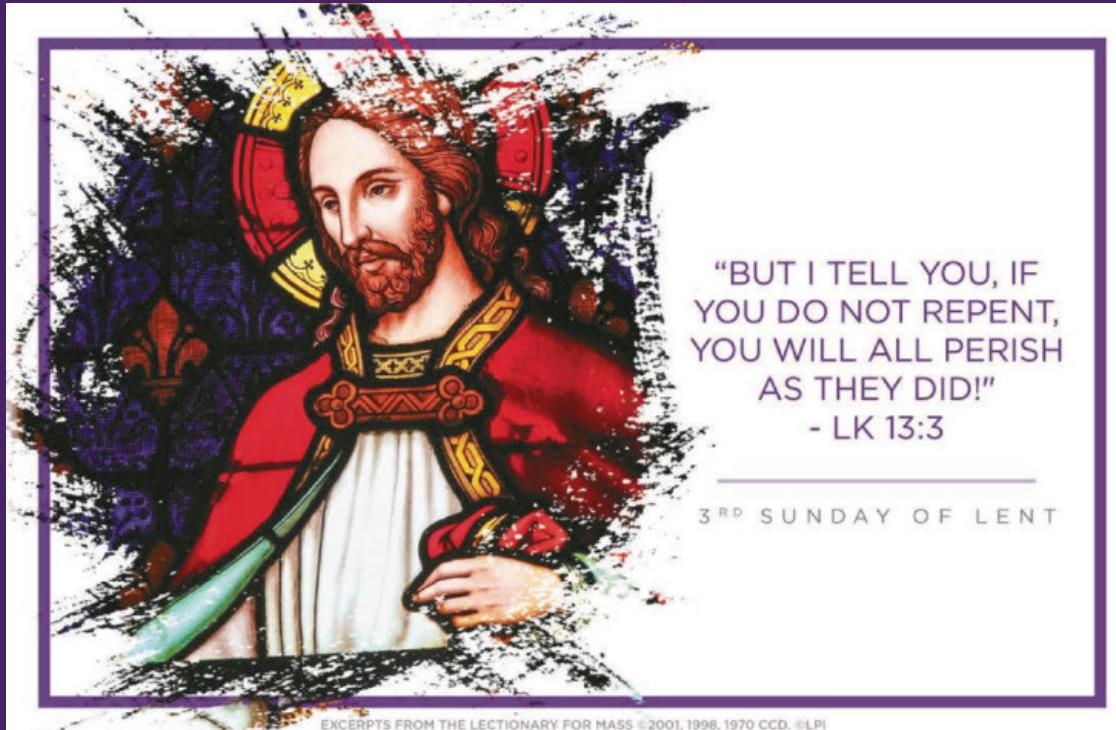
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**"BUT I TELL YOU, IF
YOU DO NOT REPENT,
YOU WILL ALL PERISH
AS THEY DID!"**
- LK 13:3

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS SCHEDULE MARCH 24-30, 2025

Mon.	3-24-25	No Mass		<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
Tues.	3-25-25	SJN 5:30 pm		<i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i> Roman Schmitt+ and In Thanksgiving
Wed.	3-26-25	SL 8:30 am		<i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dale Bodensteiner+ and Paul & Lorette Kleve+
Thurs.	3-27-25	HT 8:45 am		<i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dennis Gidley+ and Kim O'Brien+
Fri.	3-28-25	OLMC 8:30 am		<i>Lenten Weekday</i> Rev. Carl Schmitt+ and Leo Phillips & Vickie Demro+
WEEKEND MASS—FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT				
Sat.	3-29-25	OLMC 4:00 pm	Pro Populo	
		SJN 6:00 pm	Alex Schmitt+ and Ray & Judy Steffen+	
Sun.	3-30-25	HT 8:30 am	Mary Bader+ and Chuck Wiest+	
		SL 10:30 am	Henry Langreck+ and Frieda Mihm+	

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
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March 23, 2025—3rd Sunday of Lent

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, **"For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me"** (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

Lenten challenge: Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

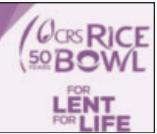


Cluster Prayer Chain

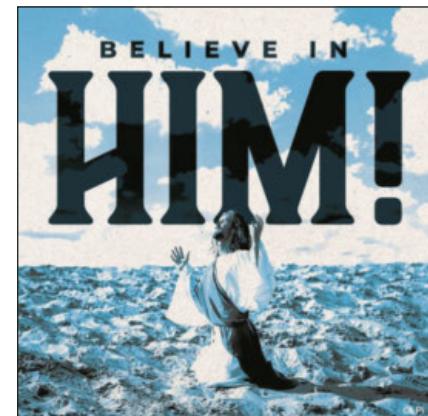
Please pray for John Reicks, Melita Bodensteiner, Connie Lukes, Lorraine Woodford, Del Schmitt, for cancer patients, and for all special intentions.



The Man of the Shroud Touring Exhibit will be at St. Luke Church from Mar. 21-23. The exhibit, located in the church basement, includes a full length replica of the Shroud of Turin, a large crucified corpus showing the wounds of Christ corresponding to the passion narrative and wounds shown on the shroud, as well as information detailing the history and science of the shroud. Donations for upkeep of the displays are appreciated. Thank you to Al Schmitt and the Knights of Columbus 8676 for sponsoring this display.



CRS Rice Bowl is celebrating its 50th anniversary. The program is a Lenten tradition for millions of Catholics in the U.S. uniting us internationally in solidarity with those struggling with food insecurity. Your donation to CRS Rice Bowl helps provide lifesaving support to more than 200 million people in more than 120 countries. Plus, your support also helps your local diocese! Twenty-five percent of every donation stays in your community to fight hunger and poverty, while 75% supports Catholic Relief Services programming worldwide. Cardboard collection boxes can be found at church entrances. Please take one as a reminder, or if you wish you can earmark your contribution in the offertory collection. Thank you! God blesses all generosity.



Rest in Peace

Anne Lukes, whose funeral and burial were Friday, Mar. 21, at Holy Trinity.

Steve Busta, whose funeral and burial were Saturday, Mar. 22, at Assumption of the BVM. His wife, Sue, and daughter, Sarah (Kelby) Reicks, are members of the cluster.

Gary Mracek, of Holmen, WI, whose funeral will be Friday, Mar. 28, at St. Patrick Church in Onalaska, WI. His brothers, Kevin (Cheryl) and Kenny, are members of the cluster.

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

The STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Beginning at 7:00 pm, there will be an opportunity to venerate a relic of the True Cross and Father Radloff will lead the Stations of the Cross. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will follow.

March 28
April 4
April 11

Assumption of the BVM
Holy Trinity
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Religious Education Classes:

Sunday, Mar 30, 12:30-2 pm, Preschool-6th Grade
 Wednesday, Apr. 2, Grades 7-11



Catholic Daughters Court #1806 Life Saver Drive
 for abused women and children on Sunday, Mar. 23 at St. Mary, and Sunday, Mar. 30 at St. Luke.



The Protivin Knights of Columbus will host their annual Auction on Sunday, Mar. 23, at the Community Center starting at 10:30 am (doors open at 8 am). There will be many new and slightly used donated items up for sale. All funds raised go to support local charities, including money raised at the food stand. To donate items, come to the Community Center on Saturday, Mar. 22, from 4:30-6:30 pm or on Sunday morning or reach out to a Protivin Knight.

St. Luke Parish Life Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Mar. 26 at 6 pm at Sips & Savors.



"God does not try us beyond our strength. When He sends difficulty, He adds the means of overcoming it." -Saint Leonie Aviat

Our Caregiver Group will meet Friday, Mar. 28, at 1:30 pm, in the Mt. Carmel Church, Lawler. Everyone is welcome to attend for prayers, sharing, and caring.

Please plan to attend a free-will **Soup & Sandwich Supper** on Saturday, Mar. 29, in the Mt. Carmel Gold Room immediately after the 4:00 pm Mass. Group 3 will be serving, hosted by your Parish Society.

TRINITY TIDBITS

On Tuesday, March 25, we will have a 5210 Assembly about healthy living at 10 am. Wednesday, Mar. 26, we have a 12:50 dismissal. Mass on Thursday, Mar. 27, will be led by the 1st/2nd graders. Reconciliation for the students will follow. Sunday, Mar. 30, is our All School Mass at 8:30 at Holy Trinity, followed by Kindergarten Come and See Day. The Omelet Breakfast/Best of the Best will take place from 8:30-12:30 at the Protivin Community Center.

Trinity sight words of the week are: when, he, went, will

TCS Boosters create-your-own **Omelet Breakfast** on Sunday, Mar. 30, at the Protivin Comm. Center from 8:30 am-12:30 pm. The center will be decorated with the annual "Best of the Best Student Art & Writing Show." TCS students will also be ministering at an All School Mass at 8:30 am at Holy Trinity.



Trinity Catholic School Kindergarten Come and See Day will be held on Sunday, Mar. 30, after the 8:30 Mass in Protivin (around 9:30 am). There will be a tour and Q&A Session, as well as a craft for the kids. Sign up by emailing dbqe47sec@dbqarch.org or calling 563-569-8556.

Religious Education Opinion Survey:

We are considering changes to the religious education schedule. Parents, please provide your input so we can best help you educate your children in the faith.

The survey is found here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NHL6VS9>



or by scanning the QR code. Thank you!

Assumption Parish is in need of money counters. If you would be willing to help out, contact Jolene at joejorose@yahoo.com.

Is God Calling You? The Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration are hosting a Discernment Day called AGLOW on Saturday, Apr. 5. Visit St. Rose Convent in La Crosse, WI and learn how to hear God's call for your life. Call 608-782-5610 or email vocations@fspa.org to learn more, or visit FSPA.org to register before March 28th.



Hour of Prayer during Lent: Join us on the Fridays in Lent from 2:15-3:15 pm at OLMC Church. We will pray the Rosary of the 7 Sorrows, a litany, silent prayer, and ending with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3. Join us in adoring our Eucharistic Lord.

2025 Archdiocese of Dubuque Men's Conference: Saturday, Mar. 29, St. Pius X Church in Cedar Rapids.

Iowa Catholic Youth Conference (ICYC): Sunday, Mar. 30, from 10 am-4 pm at St. Ludmila Parish in Cedar Rapids. Grades 6-8 and parents are welcome! Cost to attend: \$60. To register, visit dbqarch.org/icyc.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Luren Singers Concert will be held on Sunday, Mar. 23, 3 pm at the Cresco Theatre and Opera House (115 2nd Ave W). Free will offering to benefit Luren Singers and Cresco Opera House scene shop project.

Waucoma Vendors Show, Saturday, Mar. 29, 9-2, Waucoma Event Center. Kolaches and home baked cookies by Latecomers Relay for Life Team along with raffle chances on queen size Hawkeye and Cyclone quilts. Come join us and see what the many vendors and crafters have for sale. Delicious lunch by St. John's and St. Peter's Lutheran Youth Group and supports all participating in the vendor show.

Trails Unlimited Snowmobile Club Breakfast Fundraiser, Sunday, Mar. 30, 9-noon, Festina Comm. Center. Pancakes, sausage patties, fruit. \$12, adults, \$8 kids 6-10, under 5 free.

St. Jude Mission, Mass, and Veneration of the Arm Relic of St. Jude, Mar. 31-Apr. 2, Holy Family Parish, New Hampton. Presented by Fr. Mike Ford, OP of the Dominican Shrine of St. Jude, Chicago.

Immaculate Conception Drive Thru Swiss Steak Dinner, Sunday, Apr. 6, 11 am-1 pm at IC in N. Washington. \$16 per meal. Swiss steak, potatoes & gravy, corn, coleslaw, and pie.

Immaculate Conception (Fairbank) Fish Fry, Friday, Apr. 11, 4:30-7 pm at the Parish Center. Menu: Cod, baked potato, baked beans, coleslaw, roll, dessert. Tickets: Adults, \$15; 6-10, \$7; under 5, free.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: April 25-27 in Epworth or Sept. 12-14 in Dubuque. Sign up at wwme.org

MEETINGS —

Everyone is welcome to attend all meetings

Faith Formation Commission Meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 25, 7:00 pm at the Fr. Moran Center in Lawler

Cluster Council Meeting: Thursday, Mar. 27, 7:00 pm in the OLMC Church basement

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Finance Council Meeting: Thursday, Apr. 3, 7:00 pm in the SJN rectory

SANCTUARY LAMP

HOLY TRINITY - Joe & Irene Strnad & Family

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL - Lavern Tilkes

HOME EUCHARIST

ASSUMPTION BVM - Gerald Busta 563-238-5031

HOLY TRINITY - Pat Zajicek 563-569-8257

OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL -

Mar. 22/29 - Pat Lynch 563-776-9841

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE - Jeannie Boyer 563-419-5760

ST. LUKE - Mar. 23 - John Kuennen 563-534-7342

Mar. 30 - Susan Franzen 563-778-2797

ST. MARY - Mike Hensley 563-776-4165

Easter Flowers

Donations are being accepted in all parishes. If you are making a donation, please note for what parish & if they are in memory of a loved one, their name and yours. Donations can be labeled and placed in the weekend collection. We will publish the list of donations after Easter.

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL 3/29 4:00 PM

LECTOR - Steve Lynch

ALTAR SERVERS - Annebelle Scheidel

OFFERTORY - Linda Schaufenbuel

USHERS - Harold Busta, Sam Kout, Mary & Melvin Kruse

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS – Linda Kuehner,
Janel Kuennen

COUNTERS - Pat Lynch, Karen Huber

NEXT EVENT HOST - Group 3

HOLY TRINITY 3/30 8:30 AM

LECTOR - TCS Students

ALTAR SERVERS - TCS Students

OFFERTORY - TCS Students

USHERS - Bernie Pecinovsky, Dale Balik,
Vic Lukes, Ron Novak

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER - TCS

COUNTERS - Miriam Humpal, Donna Dietzenbach

ROSARY - Group 3

ST. LUKE 3/30 10:30 AM

LECTOR - Kelly Kuennen

ALTAR SERVERS - Annika Kuennen, Greta Kuennen

OFFERTORY - Paul & Chris Bodensteiner

USHERS - Dennis Rausch, Eric Rausch, Wayne Schmitt
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS – Clair Dietzenbach,
Susan Franzen

COUNTERS - Nick Busta, Joe/Jody Steinlage

ROSARY - Unit 8

NEXT FUNERAL/EVENT—Funeral Committee

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE 3/29 6:00 PM

LECTOR - Craig Hosting

ALTAR SERVERS - Madeline Rausch, Jared Schmitt

OFFERTORY - Carl & Terry Schmitt

USHERS – Mel Hackman, Jim McKone,
Leon Shatek, Marv Smith

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS – Danna Kriener,
Jim Kriener

COUNTERS - Danna & Jim Kriener

ROSARY - Joe & Katie Schmitt

*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	\$83,134.00	\$110,070.00	\$158,413.00	\$127,011.00	\$164,750.00	\$65,950.00
Needed Monthly	\$6,927.83	\$9,172.50	\$13,201.08	\$10,584.25	\$14,266.25	\$5,495.83
Received Last 30 days	\$6,393.00	\$4,150.00	\$11,952.97	\$5,458.79	\$3,881.34	\$3,000.00
Needed YTD (7/01/24-3/23/25)	\$60,751.77	\$80,435.77	\$115,763.35	\$92,815.73	\$120,394.23	\$48,194.23
YTD Received	\$75,451.54	\$86,589.39	\$142,189.64	\$102,758.33	\$122,368.91	\$55,149.00
Variance	\$14,699.77	\$6,153.62	\$26,426.29	\$9,942.60	\$1,974.68	\$6,954.77



Congratulations
to all who were
confirmed last
Sunday at St. Luke!
May you continue to
journey as disciples of
Jesus Christ and live out
the joy of the Gospel.



Front Row: Fr. Radloff, Karstyn Lukes, Jenna Thronson, Jocelyn Harrison, Ty Moudry, Parker Reicks, Maici Weber, Archbishop Zinkula

Middle Row: Annika Bodensteiner, Haylee Hanson, Maria Klimesh, Deanna Balk, Hunter Kruse, Grant Balk

Back Row: Wyatt Maklenburg, Logan Busta, Drew Kray, Ryan Lukes, Trae Keel



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