

Cluster Parishes

Riverside, Richmond, and Wellman

Mar 10th, 2019



1st Sunday OF LENT

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. - Lk 4:1-2a

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Mass Intentions

Mar 11th - Mar 17th

Wed 8:30am (SJ) Sandra Wilson
Thu 11:00 am (PV) Lu Harland
Fri 8:00 am (SM) NO MASS
Sat 5:00 pm (SJ) Maxine Houseal
Sun 8:00 am (HT) People of the Cluster
Sun 10:00 am (SM) Martin Brophy

SJ=St. Joseph's, HT=Holy Trinity, SM=St. Mary's, PV=Pleasantview

Faith Formation

Holy Trinity

- Mar 13 Communal
Penance*

- Mar 20 Class

- Mar 27 Class

St. Joseph's

- Mar 13 Communal
Penance*

- Mar 20 Class

- Mar 27 Class

St. Mary's

- Mar 13 Class

- Mar 20 Class

- Mar 27 Class

*6:30pm at Holy Trinity

Confirmation Class

Mar 6

Ash Wed

Mar 10

After 10:00am Mass
At St. Mary's

Mar 30 - Mini Retreat

2:00pm to 6:00pm
At St. Joseph's

Apr 7

After 8:00am Mass
At Holy Trinity



Collection for Mar 2nd & 3rd*

	Envelopes	Offertory
Holy Trinity	\$1254.00	\$109.10
St. Joseph's	\$277.00	\$71.50
St. Mary's	\$905.00	\$656.01

*Electronic Donations are added in beginning and end of the month

Automatic Monthly Church Donations

Electronic giving is convenient for you, and provides a consistent cash flow for our church. If interested contact:

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(after 5:00pm)

St. Joseph's

Karen Sojka
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319-653-4274

We Welcome Newcomers!

If interested in joining the parish or becoming a Catholic contact Deacon Derick at derickcranston@gmail.com

Mar 16/17	Sat (SJ)	Sun (HT)	Sun (SM)
Lector	Collete McClellan	Cody Marek	Faith Formation
EMHC	Karen Sojka Shirley A Bohr	Ed Mattes Kayla Duwa	Mary Ruth Peggy Bush Volunteer
Servers	Aaron Slaubaugh Emma Slaubaugh Avery Slaubaugh	Amber Swart Blake Swart	Faith Formation
Greeters	Pam Bender	Don & Sandy Thompson	Faith Formation
Ushers	Mark Fisher Jeremy Peck	Ryan Harland Family	Faith Formation
Gifts	Mark Fisher Family	Ryan Harland Family	Faith Formation
Rosary	Mary Ann Miller-Greiner	Gary Marner Family	Faith Formation

Fr. Bill's Weekly Reflection

When are you most tempted by the devil and most vulnerable to being tricked by his deceit and lies? Is it when you become angry or jealous? Maybe it is when you realize you are in a position of power and can have almost complete control of those around you? Perhaps when you can get away with something and no one will find out?

These are all occasions that we are likely to be tempted by the devil. But the time in our life when we are most tempted to sin may not be when you think. The times we are most likely to sin and be led astray by the devil is... when we become complacent. It is when we become complacent and feel we are in complete control of our life, that the devil finds his opening.

In order to rid ourselves of the pride and arrogance of this complacency, we must remind ourselves that we are always in need of God's mercy and protection. So, what are some good reminders that will shake you out of your complacency?

The first step is to take stock of your sins and confess them to a priest, who will absolve them through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will have this opportunity Wednesday during a Communal Penance service scheduled for 6:30pm at Holy Trinity. Priests will be available between 6:30pm and 7:30pm, and you can come anytime during that hour.

Another way is by going to Stations of the Cross. We will have Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays at St. Joseph's 6:30pm and St. Mary's at 7:00pm. We will also have Stations of the Cross on Fridays 6:30pm at Holy Trinity. And as always, giving up something for Lent and honoring the days of fasting and abstinence are also good reminders.

We need to constantly rely on God's strength and hold onto His hand to keep from sinning. We need ask Him for forgiveness and rely on His Love and Mercy...for His Love and Mercy are always stronger than any of our failures or shortcomings!

May God Bless You Always!
- Fr Bill

Fr Bill on Vacation

Fr Bill will be on vacation from Mar 14th to Mar 19th. There will be NO Mass on Fri Mar 15th. Please keep Fr Bill in your prayers during his time away.

Upcoming Sacraments

Kyle Schneider and Katrina Weber will be united in Holy Matrimony March 9th, 2019 at St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church in Riverside, Iowa.

Upcoming Sacraments

Lennox Jennings Herzberger will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on March 31st at St. Mary's. Lennox is the child of Michael and Jennifer Herzberger.

Upcoming Sacraments

Lainey Jo Vazquez will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on April 7th at St. Mary's. Lainey is the child of Henry and Amy Vazquez

Take Away Hunger

The Cluster Confirmation Class will be packaging around 3,500 meals for children and elderly living in Haiti on Sunday, March 10 at 1 p.m. at St. Mary's, thanks to the generosity of cluster parishioners.

Leave a Legacy

What legacy will you leave? How do you want to be remembered? Leaving a bequest to your parish can make a huge and lasting impact. Consider a gift that will benefit those within your Church community. For more information contact the office at 319-648-2331 or email rvsec@iowatelecom.net

Joy of the Gospel Book Groups

Below is a list of group leaders you may contact if you would like to join a Joy of the Gospel group

- Pam Ockenfels
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General Calendar for March

- Mar 9th Schneider/Weber Wedding
- Mar 9th Altar & Rosary Meeting
- Mar 10th Confirmation Project: Take Away Hunger
- Mar 13th Adoration
- Mar 13th Communal Penance
- Mar 13th Stations of the Cross (SM)
- Mar 14th Anointing of the Sick Mass at Pleasantview
- Mar 15th Stations of the Cross (HT)
- Mar 17th KC Breakfast
- Mar 17th St. Mary's Youth Mass
- Mar 20th Adoration and Confessions
- Mar 20th Stations of the Cross (SJ)
- Mar 20th Stations of the Cross (SM)
- Mar 22nd Stations of the Cross (HT)
- Mar 30th Confirmation Retreat
- Mar 31st Lennox Herzberger Baptism

General Calendar for April (thru Apr-7)

- Apr 3rd Stations of the Cross (SM)
- Apr 3rd Stations of the Cross (SJ)
- Apr 4th KC Meeting
- Apr 5th Stations of the Cross (HT)
- Apr 7th St. Mary's Youth Mass
- Apr 7th Lainey Jo Vazquez Baptism

Fast Days and Abstinence During Lent

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting. Fasting means one full meal and two lesser meals are allowed. Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from eating any meat. This applies to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.

Thank You

I would like to extend a Thank You to Fr Bill and Den Derick, the people on the St. Mary's prayer chain, and the 8th grade faith Formation class for the lovely Valentine's Day Card.

Many thanks also to everyone for all the kindness shown to me and my family during my recent surgery, hospitalization, recovery, and all of your prayers.

- Janelle Marek



Encounter Norma

This week we encounter Norma from Guatemala. In Guatemala raising a baby can be hard, especially when a long-standing drought has caused harvests to shrink.

At Mass our young people told us about Norma's story, and challenged us to give 25 cents to the Rice Bowl collection for every can or box of food in your home. You can read more about Norma's story by going to www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope

Life and Dignity of the Human Person

Catholic social teaching stresses the importance of the life and dignity of every human person, Jesus reminds us that we are all made in the image of God. This means that every human being has a special value and a purpose. We need to care for each other so we can be the people God calls us to be.



Upcoming Events

Communal Penance

Mar 13th 6:30pm at Holy Trinity

Anointing of the Sick Mass

Mar 14th 11:00am at Pleasantview

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays During Lent

6:30pm at St. Joseph's*

7:00pm at St. Mary's

*No Stations of the Cross Mar 13th at St. Joseph's

Fridays During Lent

6:30pm at Holy Trinity

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