

# Cluster Parishes

Feb 21, 2021

Riverside Richmond Wellman

*"To Know God and Make God Known Through Word, Worship, Fellowship, and Service"*



## 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:15

**Mass Intentions  
Feb 24 to Feb 28**

Wed	8:30am	SJ	Roman & Rose Bertling
Thu	8:30am	HT	Glee Pelzer
Fri	8:30am	SM	Carl Schmidt
Sat	5:00pm	SJ	Carol Mullen
Sun	8:00am	HT	Isidore Weber & Rodney Dumont
Sun	10:00am	SM	People of the Cluster

*Please Note: parishioners may request as many Mass Intentions as they would like. However, there only a limited number of Mass Intentions that we can say at our parishes. If we receive more Mass Intention requests than we can say in a year, the Mass Intentions will be sent to the diocese who will distribute them to retired priests so they can offer up the Mass Intention you requested.*

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Almighty God, you created us to share in your divine life. Pour out your spirit on our diocese that we may be a fruitful church. Bless us:

With zealous priests and deacons;  
 With prayerful religious sisters and brothers;  
 With faithful married couples;  
 With loving persons who live for the kingdom of heaven.  
 Grant us discerning hearts,  
 To love you more deeply  
 And to serve as Jesus served,  
 In whose name we pray.  
 Amen.

Mary, model for all vocations, pray for us!

**Emmaus Groups**



Please consider joining a "Discipleship Quad" to participate in an Emmaus Group.

These are four-person prayer groups that are very informal and flexible to ac-

commodate your schedule. Information and videos can be found at clusterparishes.org. Click the "Communications & Resources" tab, and click on "Emmaus Groups".

If Interested Contact:

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**Mass Offerings**

St. Mary's

Weekly Goal	\$ 1,677
Actual	\$ 2,957
YTD Collection	\$ 48,178
YTD Goal	\$ 55,341
Under/Over	- \$ 7,163

Holy Trinity

Weekly Goal	\$ 1,542
Actual	\$ -
YTD Collection	\$ 32,731
YTD Goal	\$ 50,886
Under/Over	- \$ 18,155

St. Joseph's

Weekly Goal	\$ 644
Actual	\$ 540
YTD Collection	\$ 4,252
YTD Goal	\$ 21,252
Under/Over	- \$ 17,000

## Weekly Reflection

*Below is last week's Weekly Reflection*

Have you ever seen someone who is a leper? Do you know what leprosy can do to the body? It first attacks the skin, and then slowly the tissues and nerves deteriorate until your arms and legs become black stumps and eventually fall off. Not a pleasant thing to picture.

The first symptoms of leprosy are pale-colored skin sores. Then, a tingling sensation starts to become more and more noticeable. Next comes muscle weakness and then a gradual loss of feeling in the arms and legs. And then, your limbs start to rot away, fall off, and you die.

The thing about leprosy though, is that it takes about 3 to 5 years for symptoms to *even appear*. Some people do not develop symptoms until 20 years later. The bacteria which causes leprosy is a very slow-growing bacteria, and its long incubation period makes it exceedingly difficult for doctors to determine when and where a person with leprosy got infected.

This is the same way it is with sin, and in a way, we are all lepers. Not lepers in the physical sense, but in the spiritual sense in which sin can take root and destroy us. It can start off with small things like gossip. Gossip can lead to jealousy, which in-turn, leads to resentment. This resentment can build over the years and lead to bitterness and even malicious acts.

That is why it is so vital to strive to take note of the small sins like gossip, envy, and resentment. We have all done and felt these things, and we will probably do and feel these things in the future. If we refuse to acknowledge this and ask for forgiveness, it can consume and destroy our soul.

God sent His only Son to heal us, the whole person, body and soul. We must ask to be healed of our human weaknesses, division, and sinfulness. Pray that we can be raised up beyond bitterness, hatred, and violence which will only alienate others and isolate us in our own misery.

Jesus reaches into the depths of the hearts of people who feel that they are totally alone and isolated because of sin, and have nowhere to turn. Jesus can give you a new way of looking at things, and bring you peace and joy.

*God Bless*

## Catholic Messenger Subscriptions

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Please Note: If you are a new subscriber or renewing a subscription, payment is **due by Feb 28<sup>th</sup>** or your subscription will be cancelled (you can always renew later, though). Thank You

## Confession

If you would like Fr Bill to hear your confession, please call him at (319) 430-6888 to schedule a time to meet. Thank You

## Kalona MOPS Spring Meal

Sun Feb 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Drive through only. Kalona Mennonite Church. Free Will Donation. Menu: Pork loin, green beans, cheesy potatoes, dinner roll, chocolate chip cookie.

## Birthdays, Anniversaries, Prayer Intentions

Please continue to contact us if you have a birthday, anniversary, or prayer intention.

## Wounded by Abortion?

Project Rachel can help. They understand the emotional pain that follows an abortion. Please call the Helpline: 563-333-4107 or 1-888-456-HOPE.

## Imprisonment and Hardship for Christ

On March 5, 2021, at 6:30 P.M, Fairview will be hosting the "Imprisoned For Christ virtual event" from Voice of the Martyrs. You will hear speakers Petr Jasek, Andrew Brunson, and Dan Bauman relate their stories of imprisonment and hardship for the name of Christ. There will also be worship music by Natalie Grant. This event is completely free. Come and be challenged to stay true to Christ no matter the cost.

## Diocesan Protection Protocols

Questions have been asked regarding Iowa Governor Reynold's lifting of mask requirements and gathering limits. The protection protocols in the diocese have not changed. Masks, 6' social distancing between non-household members, hand sanitizing and sanitizing of surfaces continue to be required in well ventilated spaces.

Approved gatherings should be kept to 30 minutes or less if possible. The pandemic continues to be life-threatening for people who have an elevated risk of infection due to age or medical condition. Until most people are vaccinated, the threat will continue. Please continue to do your best to keep safe and to keep others safe.

- Bishop Zinkula

**Protect Yourself**  
**AVOID COVID-19 Vaccine Scams**

As COVID-19 vaccine distribution begins, here are signs of potential scams:

- You are asked to pay out of pocket to get the vaccine.
- You are asked to pay to put your name on a vaccine waiting list or to get early access.
- Advertisements for vaccines through social media platforms, email, telephone calls, online, or from unsolicited/unknown sources.
- Marketers offering to sell or ship doses of the vaccine for payment.

✓ **Protect Yourself. Do not give out your personal information to unknown sources.**

! If you believe you have been the victim of COVID-19 fraud, immediately report it to:

- HHS-OIG Hotline: 1-800-HHS-TIPS | [tips.hhs.gov](https://tips.hhs.gov)
- FBI Hotline: 1-800-CALL-FBI | [ic3.gov](https://ic3.gov)
- CMS/Medicare Hotline: 1-800-MEDICARE

For accurate, up-to-date information about COVID-19, visit:  
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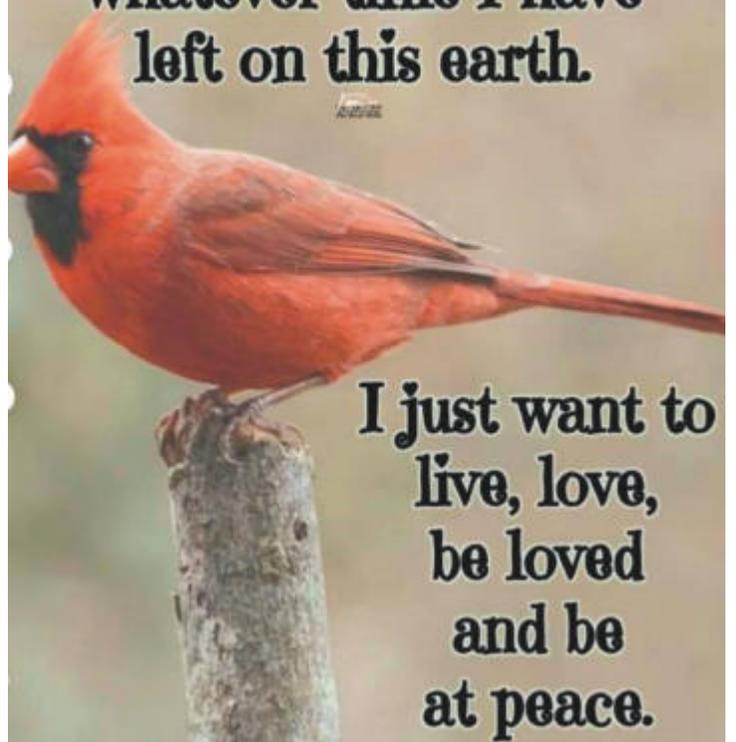


### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Maverick Dean Cole who was Baptized at St. Mary's on Feb 13th! Maverick is the son of Whitney and Kyle Cole!

To find out when you will be able to get a Covid-19 vaccination go to [coronavirus.iowa.gov](https://coronavirus.iowa.gov)

**I don't want to fight,  
pick or be petty with  
whatever time I have  
left on this earth.**



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be loved  
and be  
at peace.**

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