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January - March 2021 Mass Times

Balltown…..……...Saturday		4:00 pm
Luxemburg....…..…..Saturday		6:00 pm
Rickardsville....……..Sunday		8:00 am
Sherrill…...…...……Sunday		10:00 am

April - June 2021 Mass Times

Holy Cross.....…..Saturday	4:00 pm
Sherrill….....Saturday	6:00 pm
Balltown…..…...……Sunday	8:00 am
Rickardsville..……..Sunday	10:00 am

Our Mission: To form intentional disciples of Jesus Christ.

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

The Holy Trinity Parish in Luxemburg will be hosting their "Drive-Thru" Sweetheart Supper on February 13, 2021. The menu includes a smoked pork chop with all the fixings. Price is $50.00 per person. More details will be forthcoming. If interested, please contact Nancy Lucas at 563-542-0219 or Linda Bockenstedt at 563-542-8317.

St. Francis Prime Rib Dinner: At this time it has been decided that the St. Francis Prime Rib Dinner, normally held in February, will be postponed.

Ss. Peter & Paul Prime Rib Dinner: The Ss. Peter & Paul Parish has decided to postpone their February prime rib dinner at this time.

The St. Joseph Parish finance meeting will be held on Thursday, January 28 at 6:30 pm.

World Day of Prayer for the Consecrated Life: Tuesday, February 2 is designated by the Catholic Church as the World Day of Prayer for the Consecrated Life. The Sierra Club of Dubuque asks that Catholics remember those men and women who have committed themselves to the consecrated life, to pray for them and to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Gospel Review: There is a certain urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples– Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus *immediately*, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me– at *this* moment, in *these* circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

Session #2– Sunday, January 31, 2021- Rickardsville
8 am Mass followed by class from 9-11am.
Topic: Seven Sacraments, Sacrament of Confirmation, Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING JANUARY 16–17

	Budget	Offertory	Holy Days	Other
B	$1,542.00	$25.00	$0.00	$0.00
HC	$2,100.00	$0.00	$0.00	$100.00
L	$380.00	$34.10	$0.00	$0.00
R	$2,804.00	$28.15	$200.00	$295.00
S	$3,169.00	$12.00	$0.00	$0.00

Funds listed as "Other" category may not be listed under the general fund budget numbers for each parish.
ie: Charitable collections or money collected for a particular cause.
Thank you for your support!

LITURGY SCHEDULE

PLEASE NOTE ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES. IN THE EVENT THAT MASS IS CANCELLED, THE MASS INTENTION WILL BE RESCHEDULED.

Tuesday, January 26 8:00 am	**(B)**	**NO MASS**
Wednesday, Jan. 27 8:00 am	(S)	Rev. Lloyd Reuter
Thursday, January 28 8:00 am	(L)	Amy Steffen-Clay & Mary Ann Feltes
Friday, January 29 8:30 am	(HC)	James A. Maiers Joe & Armella Schroeder
Saturday, January 30 4:00 pm	(B)	Eileen Klein
Saturday, January 30 6:00 pm	(L)	Merle Schwers Stanley Steffen
Sunday, January 31 8:00 am	(R)	Rev. Carl Manternach
Sunday, January 31 10:00 am	(S)	For the People of St. John Baptist de La Salle Pastorate

MASS READINGS
January 31, 2021
Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9
1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel:
Mark 1:21-28

Join us for virtual Mass each weekend by visiting www.lasallepastorate.com. Scroll down to the heading "Weekly Mass". Click on the TV screen.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. DIEHM

Dear pastorate family,

This weekend's readings give us Jonah and Jesus – both sent by God to proclaim a message of repentance. Jonah proclaimed to the people of Nineveh, "*Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed*," but then the people believed God and repented and the city was spared. Jesus began His public ministry proclaiming, "*This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel*." That message is still necessary today. However, it's not only for the sake of avoiding something negative, but for the sake of gaining something positive. By repentance, we open ourselves to receive the kingdom of heaven in its fullness. But if we don't repent, we can't believe in the Gospel. And if we don't believe in the Gospel, then what do we believe in? Human potential? Social progress? Democracy? The political process? Whatever we might believe in that's NOT the Gospel won't open us to the possibility of gaining heaven through faith in Jesus, the Savior.

Contrary to popular thought, politics is NOT the "ultimate concern" of life. The ultimate concern of life is the salvation of our soul and the souls of others. Likewise, you can't live any sort of life you like and expect to go to heaven. Because then it doesn't matter how you live. "*Do what you like, you'll be fine, it's all OK*." Nothing could be further from the truth of the Gospel. The Gospel proclaims the goodness of God's love for us, but also our need for a savior because we can't save ourselves. Secular politics is all about setting up a secular savior. But the world doesn't need another savior. It needs the ONE savior sent by God, the Lord Jesus. And it's Him we're called to believe in. How do WE need to repent of our sinful ways? Do WE believe in the Gospel of salvation through faith in Jesus, or a secular "gospel" of salvation through faith in a secular savior? Jesus said it best – "*This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel*."

God bless, Fr. Diehm

La Salle Catholic School Updates:

2021-22 School Enrollment: Our recruiting and enrollment begins this month with an open house on January 27 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for preschool through grade 6. If you would like to schedule a virtual or private appointment, please contact the school office, 563-870-2405. La Salle offers DHS-certified before and after school care. Information is posted on the school website and was mailed to pastorate families with school-age children.

100th Day of School: La Salle Catholic School's hundredth day of school is coming up this week. Barring any snow days, our 100th day will be on Thursday, January 28. We are grateful to teachers, staff, students, and families for the extra effort to be in school in person this year.

Catholic Schools Week: National Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 31 and runs through February 5. For service projects students are making cards for retired priests and preparing fruit baskets for the monks at New Melleray. We will hang a poster at each pastorate church, and we hope to have student speakers following Mass. We have some special activities planned for students at school during the week. We are grateful to our pastorate community for your continued prayers and support.

Amazon Smile: La Salle Catholic School is now listed as a beneficiary of the Amazon Smile program. Use the link to select La Salle as your nonprofit and anytime you purchase on Amazon, they will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to our school. Anyone can use this link and it doesn't matter how you pay for the items—you don't have to use scrip (although Amazon scrip is available). Amazon donates to over a million different nonprofits. Each donation may be small, but it adds up over time. https://smile.amazon.com/ch/42-0940399 Please be sure to turn on Amazon Smile in your Amazon Shopping App on your cell phone or other device.

Hope in God vs. hope in others

As of this past Wednesday, we have a new President. It's been a contentious time in the United States of America. Perhaps we've not felt very united. American politics is by its very nature extremely divisive. Democrats can't stand Republicans. Republicans can't stand Democrats. And what ends up happening? None of us can stand each other. And this is and always will be the state of the world so long as hope is placed in human beings rather than in God. As I mentioned above, the temptation is to make politics the ultimate concern of life. It's not, and can't be. Politics is temporal, this-worldly, but heaven is eternal, other-worldly. And none of us will live in this world forever. All of us will one day experience death, and our immortal soul will survive the death of our mortal body. And at that point, we're no longer living in this world. But what we will have done in this world will matter deeply when we stand before the One who made us and gave us life. Will God judge us as one who sought to make peace, and thus declare us blessed? Or will God judge us as one who sought to breed division? Our ultimate concern must be the salvation of our soul and the souls of others. That doesn't mean that we're supposed to be indifferent to the present circumstances of social life. But it does mean that our hope should be in God, and our focus should be heaven, and then we pray for God's will to be done here on earth, as it is in heaven. If our hope is in God and we look to Jesus as the Savior sent to us by God, we can hope to transcend the division growing all around us. But if our hope is only in other people, we're destined to go through life miserable because our hope will never be fully realized. No human being can ever fulfill the supernatural hope we all have for the future. Only God can fulfill our hope.

Our hope is in God, the ruler of heaven and earth.

TITHING

Electronic Funds Transfer is an easy and convenient way to complete your monthly tithing. If you would like to participate in EFT tithing, the forms are available on the website, in the back of all churches or by calling the pastorate office at 563-870-4041.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, RICKARDSVILLE

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed	$101,300
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received	$59,469
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed	$41,831
Weekly Needed	$1,948
Weekly Received	$3,327

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, BALLTOWN

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed	$82,473
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received	$39,783
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed	$42,690
Weekly Needed	$1,586
Weekly Received	$1,567

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, LUXEMBURG

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed	$172,442
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received	$69,927
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed	$102,515
Weekly Needed….	$3,316
Weekly Received	$414

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, HOLY CROSS

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed	$188,881
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received	$85,235
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed	$103,646
Weekly Needed	$3,632
Weekly Received	$2,200

SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH, SHERRILL

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed	$161,435
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received	$75,443
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed	$85,992
Weekly Needed	$3,105
Weekly Received	$3,181

Catholic Charities Counselors are accepting new clients from any location in the Archdiocese of Dubuque via telehealth. The telehealth process allows our counselors to meet with clients remotely via computer or other devices. Counseling provides individuals, couples, and families the ability to work out their challenges before they become a crisis, helping to maintain emotional health and strengthen relationships. Contact us at 563-588-0558 to be connected to one of our licensed professionals. Click HERE for more information about telehealth counseling.

ACTIVITIES

Faith Formation: Congratulations to our 2nd graders as they experienced their first reconciliation these last couple weeks in preparation for their first communion. They have been working hard in class learning about penance and practicing the Act of Contrition prayer. Wednesday night's 5th and 6th grade class has been busy learning all about the rosary, their next lesson will be making their very own rosary. Sunday's 9th grade class has been brainstorming a service project from one of the 7 corporal Works of Mercy. The class will be planning and starting their project to help make a difference in our community. Looking ahead, our next Sunday class will be January 24th and our next Wednesday class will be February 3rd.

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Loan Repayment Updates: Holy Trinity Parish has paid $5,000.00 to principal reduction on loan #1962, remaining balance $7,000.00. The Holy Cross Parish has paid $8,354.49 to principal reduction on loan #1976, remaining balance $1,645.51. Payments will continue until all loan debt has been satisfied to the Archdiocese.

The 2021 Archdiocese of Dubuque Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 13, 2021** and will feature keynote speaker Patrick Madrid, host of "The Patrick Madrid Show" on Relevant Radio. The day also includes breakout sessions, Mass with Archbishop Jackels, and more. Due to COVID-19, participants can register to join either virtually (via a live-stream) or in-person at Xavier Catholic High School, Cedar Rapids (where CDC guidelines will be followed).
For more details and registration, visit: www.ArchMensConference.org.

Totus Tuus Missionaries Needed-
Do you know any college age men and women from your parishes who would be a great role model to younger Catholics? The Archdiocese is looking for college-aged disciples of Jesus to serve on teams with other men and women like them during the summer of 2021. Totus Tuus missionaries serve parishes across the Archdiocese throughout the summer leading songs, teaching, performing skits, and sharing witness talks with the children and youth of the Archdiocese. This is a paid position with training and most expenses provided during the summer. Please encourage anyone who would be excellent at this to apply. The application information can be found at www.dbqarch.org/TotusTuus. Contact Joanne Pohland (j.pohland@dbqarch.org) with any questions.

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