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MARCH 6, 2022 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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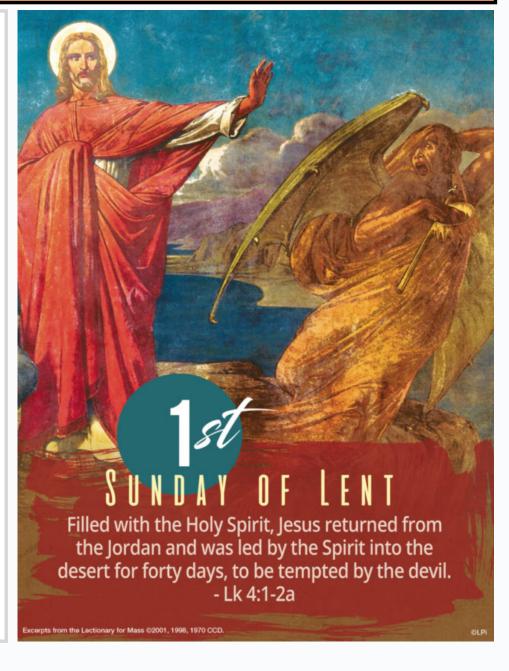
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835 Church St. Holy Cross, IA 52053 Website: lasallecatholicschool.org Principal......Brenda Lansing blansing@lasalle.pvt.k12.ia.us (563) 870-2405

January - March 2022 Mass Times

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

Our Mission: To form intentional disciples of Jesus Christ.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Anointing of the Sick is available at any time upon request or by setting up an appointment. Out of concern for the health and safety of those being anointed, it was decided that it would not be offered in a group setting during our weekend Masses. Please feel free to speak to Fr. Diehm at Mass or call 563-870-4041 to set up an appointment if you wish to be anointed. Thank You!



Save the Date: The St. Francis Parish in Balltown will be hosting a Prime Rib Dinner

on Sunday, April 3, 2022. More details to come! Contact Sherri Sigwarth at 563-590-4777 with questions.

<u>Sherrill Pop Can Bin</u>— Due to the pop can bin not being used properly, it has been removed from it's location outside the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Center. Can bins remain next to the St. Joseph Church in Rickardsville and next to the small white utility building between the school and former rectory in Holy Cross.

FYI- Mass counts will be conducted at each weekend Mass during the month of March.

<u>Fasting:</u> All adults (18 and over) are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their sixtieth year. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed and two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together not to equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juice are allowed. (Ash Wednesday, Good Friday)

<u>Abstinence:</u> Refraining from eating meat is to be observed by all people 14 years of age and older. (Ash Wednesday, Fridays of Lent, Good Friday)



Confirmation Practice will be held on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>March 22</u>, 2022 at 7:30 pm at the Holy Trinity <u>Church</u> in Luxemburg. <u>The Sacrament of Confirmation</u> will be held on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>March</u> 23, 2022 at 7:30 pm at the Holy Trinity Church

in Luxemburg. A reception will follow in the parish center cafeteria. Contact Deb Errthum @ 870-3135 or Jane Clemen @870-4705 with questions or for more information.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING FEBRUARY 26-27, 2022

	Budget	Offertory	Holidays	Other
В	\$115.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
HC	\$2,070.00	\$48.50	\$50.00	\$250.00
L	\$1,220.00	\$103.55	\$0.00	\$706.00
R	\$1,130.00	\$133.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
S	\$860.00	\$9.00	\$100.00	\$150.00

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, March 8 8:00 am	(B)	Rick Klinkhammer
Wednesday, March 9 8:00 am	(S)	Ray & Louise Kutsch Ray & Mary Weber
Thursday, March 10 8:30 am School Mass	(HC)	James A. Maiers
Friday, March 11 8:00 am	(L)	Rev. Mel Hemann
Saturday, March 12 4:00 pm	(L)	Clete & Norma Bildstein Donald Hess & Randy Hess
Saturday, March 12 6:00 pm	(R)	Kristi Berendes Eileen Klein
Sunday, March 13 8:00 am	(S)	For the People of St. John Baptist de La Salle Pastorate
Sunday, March 13 10:00 am	(HC)	John & Marina Klein Joe & Lucille Schmitt & Janet Schmitt-Patten

MASS READINGS

March 13, 2022

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14 Philippians 3:17-4:1 0r 3:20-4:1



Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

<u>Pastorate prayers for John Althoff</u> of the Holy Trinity Parish as he was laid to rest this past week. May he be granted eternal rest and peace in the Lord.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. DIEHM

Dear Pastorate Family,

The first Sunday of Lent is always the account of Jesus' temptation in the desert by Satan. Let's resist the temptation (pun intended?) to dismiss Satan as a metaphorical figure or a literary device. Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition have consistently spoken of the fallen angel known as Satan in real, personal terms. Our faith teaches that we do indeed have a spiritual enemy, directly opposed to our good, and both Scripture and Tradition sees this enemy personified in Satan and the angels who, with him, fell from grace (see Revelation 12:3-4a). Satan is a fallen angel – a demon, or an evil spirit – and his entire purpose is to drag human beings away in his own rebellion against God so that they, too, might become children of hell rather than children of God.

The Lord's temptation in the desert was especially tailored to Him. Notice how Satan attacks His identity – "IF you are the Son of God..." Satan tries to get Jesus to prove His identity. But such proof is unnecessary. God knows who we are, and if we know who we are, then we don't need to prove our identity to anyone else. Satan likewise attacks our identity, tempting us to think that we are NOT children of God. But if we know who we are, and if we know who our Father is, then the enemy's temptations will have little effect. As we enter Lent, expect temptation. It will happen. And have a game plan in mind for how to respond. Like he did with Jesus, Satan will tailor his temptations to you, too. He regularly attacks our weakest point. Maybe that's our hope, or our sense of self-worth, or our way of thinking, or whatever else. Wherever you're weakest is where Satan attacks. So expect temptation there. And respond with the word of God. Pray psalm 23, or 91. Pray the prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel. Like Jesus, we, too, can learn how to resist the devil's insidious temptations with the help of God.

God bless, Fr. Diehm



La Salle Catholic School News-LaSalle is still looking for a part-time maintenance person to help out around the

school, 10-15 hours per week as needed. Pay is \$14/hr. Please contact Brenda Lansing by phone at 563-870-2405 or by email at blansing@lasalle.pvt.k12.ia.us if interested or to find out more details. Thank you!

La Salle Catholic School welcomes families and students of all faiths to an environment rich in the gospel values of faith, service, love and community and we look forward to continuing to work with you raising your child of God. It takes a village! Registration opens on February 14th for the 2022-2023 school year.



Holy Cross Church "Strength In Our Future" Capital Campaign Update-The "Strength In Our Future" Capital Campaign continues. The initial project of resurfacing the handicapped parking lot is completed, the steeple

repair project is the next project to be addressed in the spring, the projects of new electrical work and debt repayment will follow as funds are collected. If you have not yet pledged or contributed to this project, please consider doing so. The future of your church depends on you. Thank you to all those who have already pledged and contributed. Please contact the pastorate office at (563) 870-4041 if you have any questions. To date, February 22, 2022, a total of \$185,497.00 has been pledged. The goal of the campaign is \$500,000.00.

Please join us at the La Salle Catholic School Spring Social! It will be an in person event, scheduled for Thursday, March 24, 2022. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$50 per person and include a steak and chicken dinner from Neumann's Bar & Grill along with music from Mark Zalaznik, an open bar and live auction. The virtual basket auction begins March 12 @ biddingowl.com/lasallecatholicschool.

The Spiritual Warfare of Lent

If you read "spiritual warfare" and get turned off, I get it. Warfare is ugly business. It should be avoided whenever and wherever possible. But this is not traditional warfare involving guns and tanks. This is spiritual warfare. It's different, and unfortunately it's necessary. It's necessary because we have an unjust aggressor – the evil one – who wages war against us. If we don't want to be toppled by this unjust aggressor, then we have to stand our ground. Most of our spiritual "warfare" will be defensive, defending ourselves from his assaults. And only occasionally will it be offensive, especially in regard to loved ones and the evil one's attacks on them. Our weapons in this warfare are likewise spiritual – the grace we receive in the sacraments, holy water, the crucifix, special prayers, the Precious Blood of Jesus, the intercession of the Saints, and so much more. If you want a good, basic introduction to the Catholic idea of spiritual warfare, I'd recommend the book, "The Catholic Warrior" by Robert Abel

(see www.catholicwarriors.com). More important than knowing our enemy in this battle is the task of knowing our ally – and our ally is none other than the Lord God – the most Holy Trinity – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This Lent, try to draw as close to God as you possibly can. Practice the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Try to love God and love your neighbor with your whole heart. Pray for the conversion of others. Fast for peace in the world. Give alms to the poor and the needy through trusted Catholic organizations. Use the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to help shield you from the attacks of the evil one. The more you become a Saint, the better defended you'll be from spiritual attacks. And if with every spiritual attack you turn to God, the enemy has an incentive to tempt you less. Ask God to strengthen those places where you feel weak. And make God your refuge and your strength in this spiritual struggle. With Almighty God on our side, we can experience victory in every spiritual battle!

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 FinancesYearly Total Needed\$100,000(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received\$63,618(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed\$36,382Weekly Needed\$1,923Weekly Received\$1,263

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, BALLTOWN

Parish Finances	
Yearly Total Needed	\$82,473
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received	\$58,871
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed	\$23,602
Weekly Needed	\$1,586
Weekly Received	\$115

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, LUXEMBURG

Parish Finances Yearly Total Needed	
Yearly Total Needed	\$172,442
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received	\$59,062
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed	\$113,380
Weekly Needed.	\$3.316
Weekly Received	\$2,030

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, HOLY CROSS

Parish Finances	
Yearly Total Needed	\$188,881
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received	\$90,784
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed	\$98,097
Weekly Needed	\$3,632
Weekly Received	\$2,419

SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH, SHERRILL

Parish Finances	
Yearly Total Needed	\$161,435
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received	\$75,775
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed Weekly Needed	\$85,660
Weekly Needed	\$3,105
Weekly Received	\$1,119



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www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org/annualappeal.

ACTIVITIES

Faith Formation News-

If you have any questions about the Faith Formation program, please contact Taylor Fortmann at (563) 495-3621.

<u>Holy Spirit CEW Weekend</u>— The 2022 women's weekend will be held March 4-6, Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. The 2022 men's weekend will be held March 11-13, Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. Both weekends will be held at the Shalom Spirituality Center. For information contact Diane Link at 563-590-5686 or Andy Schroeder at 563-581-6461.



St. Clement's Parish in Bankston will host their annual fish fry on Friday, March 11, 2022. This will be a drive thru event, serving from 4-8 pm. Menu-deep fried or baked Icelandic cod, baked potato, coleslaw, dinner roll

and cookie. Individual meal price \$15.00, bucket of (12) 4oz pieces of cod \$35.00. Hope to see you there!



St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Colesburg will host their annual fish fry on Friday,

March 11, 2022 from 4:30-7:30 pm at the parish center. This is a dine in or carry out event.

The cost of a meal is \$15.00 and includes 4 pc cod, parsley potatoes, corn, coleslaw, mac and cheese, dinner roll and cake. Or you may purchase a 12 piece bucket of fish for \$25.00. All are welcome!

St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate in Cascade will host a curbside pick-up fish fry on Friday March 18, 2022 at the Cascade Legion Hall, 301 Jackson St. NE, Cascade, IA. Serving from 4:30-7:30 pm. Fried cod (prepared by Earlville parish men), potato, coleslaw, macaroni & cheese and rolls, all for \$15.00. Please plan to join us!

St. Patrick's, Garryowen is hosting an Irish Breakfast on Sunday, March 20, 2022. Mass at 10:00 am with breakfast served from 7:30 am-12:00 Noon.

2022 Archdiocese of Dubuque Men's Conference
You're invited to the 26th Annual Archdiocese of Dubuque Men's Conference on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at Xavier High School, Cedar Rapids (with live-stream available)! This conference will be held on the Feast of St. Joseph and will highlight the example of St. Joseph as a model for all men. The keynote speaker will be Mark Hartfiel, vice-president of Paradisus Dei, a ministry that produces the "That Man is You!" men's program. The lunch session will be presented by Devin Schadt. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Michael Jackels. For more information visit www.archmensconference.org.



<u>Save the Date: Lenten Mission with Jon</u> <u>Leonetti-</u>There will be a Lenten Mission on Sunday, April 10, 2022 and Monday, April 11, 2022 held at the Holy Cross Church.

Jon Leonetti, a nationally known Catholic speaker, best selling author and radio host will be the presenter. Please plan to join in on this amazing opportunity! More details will be forthcoming.



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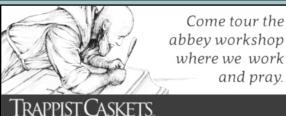




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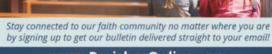


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