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MARCH 13, 2022 | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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January - March 2022 Mass Times

Luxemburg.....Saturday 4:00 pm

Rickardsville.....Saturday 6:00 pm

Sherrill.....Sunday 8:00 am

Holy Cross.....Sunday 10:00 am

April - June 2022 Mass Times

Balltown.....Saturday 4:00 pm

Luxemburg.....Saturday 6:00 pm

Rickardsville.....Sunday 8:00 am

Sherrill.....Sunday 10:00 am

**Our Mission: To form intentional
disciples of Jesus Christ.**



2nd Sunday OF LENT

While he was praying his face changed in appearance
and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

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March 16, 2022 Prayer Service for Ukraine

The current war in Ukraine is cause for great concern for the whole world. Pope Francis has encouraged us to pray for peace. Archbishop Jackels will preside at a live-streamed Archdiocesan prayer service at St. Raphael Cathedral on Wednesday, March 16 beginning at 6:30 pm and concluding at 7:30 pm. Join us for part or all of the prayer service. A collection to assist the refugees of Ukraine will be announced. Let us pray for peace! To participate virtually, visit www.dbqarch.org/live-broadcasts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

The Holy Trinity Church would like to thank the Fidelity Bank for their generous donation to the church for the upcoming window restoration project. If you would like to make a personal donation to this project please contact the pastorate office at 563-870-4041. Thank you!

The Holy Trinity Sweetheart Supper Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in any way in their annual supper that was held on February 12, 2022. Profit from the event was \$11,186.55.

There will be a Rickardsville COF meeting held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 6 pm.

Loan Repayment Updates: Holy Trinity Parish has paid \$7,800.00 to principal reduction on loan #1962, remaining balance \$4,200.00. The Holy Cross Parish has paid \$2,700.00 to principal reduction on loan #1960, remaining balance \$17,300.00. Payments will continue until all loan debt has been satisfied to the Archdiocese.



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.

Reminder-In preparation for Easter, reconciliation for all will be held on Saturday, March 12 at Rickardsville following the 6 pm Mass and on Sunday, March 13 following the 10 am Mass in Holy Cross. All are welcome!

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



Confirmation Practice will be held on **Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 7:30 pm at the Holy Trinity Church** in Luxemburg. **The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be held on **Wednesday, March 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 MARCH 5-6, 2022

	Budget	Offertory	Holidays	Other
B	\$555.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
HC	\$1,975.00	\$60.60	\$0.00	\$600.00
L	\$370.00	\$99.25	\$0.00	\$0.00
R	\$615.00	\$67.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
S	\$735.00	\$19.00	\$0.00	\$100.00

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 15 (B) Leroy Kennicker
8:00 am

Wednesday, March 16 (S) Melvin & Audrey Oberfoell
8:00 am

Thursday, March 17 (HC) Charles & Celestine Maiers
8:30 am Donald & Marie Hannan
School Mass

Friday, March 18 (L) Ernie & Dorothy Ellerbach
8:00 am

Saturday, March 19 (L) Rev. Richard Gaul
4:00 pm Cletus & Rita Feldmann

Saturday, March 19 (R) Bernice Stoffel
6:00 pm Glen Stoffel, Lucille Stoffel-Brimeyer, Robert Brimeyer, Connie Krause & Joe Stoffel

Sunday, March 20 (S) Cecil Knuth
8:00 am Joe Stoffel & Connie Krause

Sunday, March 20 (HC) Jerry Ellerbach
10:00 am DJ Jaeger

MASS READINGS

March 20, 2022

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12



Gospel:
Luke 13:1-9

A MESSAGE FROM FR. DIEHM

Dear Pastorate Family,

St. Paul declares in the second reading this weekend, "...our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with His glorified body by the power that enables Him also to bring all things into subjection to himself." The promise of a changed body that conforms with Jesus' glorified body is the essence of the Catholic belief in the resurrection of the dead. During this life, our bodies become old and fragile and they don't work as well as they should. And eventually, death comes for each of us. But at the right moment, when God so determines, those who died in a state of friendship with God will be called forth to new life in the resurrection, and their body will become like the risen body of Jesus.

The Gospel account of the Lord's transfiguration on mount Tabor foreshadows the glory of the resurrection. As the account relates, "...two men were conversing with Him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem." The law and the prophets bear witness to Jesus. Before He would take on the glory of the resurrection, Jesus would accomplish an "exodus" – a deliverance from the power of sin and death through a sacrificial lamb. Jesus would become the sacrificial lamb, like the first exodus out of Egypt, and His blood would deliver all people from their slavery to sin and death. And during this luminous event of the Transfiguration, the voice of God the Father was heard, "This is my chosen Son; listen to Him." The disciples are meant to be confirmed in their faith, prepared for all that would still transpire in the events of the Lord's passion and death. They are meant to understand that the "scandal" of the cross leads ultimately to victory over death. We, too, can be encouraged that death and the cross, though terrible, is not the end of the story.

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 is currently open 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 10 at 8 am at <https://www.biddingowl.com/Auction/home.cfm?auctionID=25655>.

The Promise Made to Abraham

Consider the first reading this weekend. The first lines from the reading say, "The Lord God took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the Lord, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness." We take it for granted, but it wasn't actually nighttime, when the stars are visible, when God made the promise to Abram. Later on in the reading, we get the detail that the sun had set and it was dark. But when God made the promise to Abram, it was daylight, and the stars couldn't be seen. And yet Abram believed God, and that faith was credited to Abram as righteousness. It sometimes happens that God makes promises, and the context in which we receive them makes putting our faith in God difficult. Do we still believe in the promises of God, even when we can't see how they might be fulfilled? Do we believe only when it's convenient? Do we have faith only when doing so makes sense? Can we still have faith, even in the midst of hardship and pain and suffering and when it seems that God is not paying attention to our prayers? Friends, that is when faith is the most meaningful. It's easy to believe when the object of our faith is visible and understood. But what of those times when we can't see and when we don't understand? That's the test of faith. Abram (Abraham) was a friend of God, because He believed that God could be trusted, that God could be believed, even when it didn't "make sense." We, too, are called to be friends of God, especially when believing in God is hard. God has proven Himself time and time again to be faithful. He is unchanging. He has been faithful to His word in the past, and He will be faithful to His word now. All we have to do is put our faith in God, and we will prove ourselves to be true spiritual descendants of Abram; and it will likewise be credited to us as righteousness.

"We are precious to him. That man dying in the street—precious to him. That millionaire—precious to him. That sinner—precious to him. Because he loves us."

-Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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.

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Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed	\$100,000
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received.....	\$64,320
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed.....	\$35,680
Weekly Needed	\$1,923
Weekly Received.....	\$702

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, BALLTOWN

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed	\$82,473
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received.....	\$60,226
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed.....	\$22,247
Weekly Needed	\$1,586
Weekly Received	\$1,355

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, LUXEMBURG

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed	\$172,442
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received.....	\$59,531
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed.....	\$112,911
Weekly Needed.....	\$3,316
Weekly Received.....	\$469

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, HOLY CROSS

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed.....	\$188,881
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received	\$93,420
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed	\$95,461
Weekly Needed.....	\$3,632
Weekly Received.....	\$2,636

SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH, SHERRILL

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed.....	\$161,435
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received	\$76,629
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed	\$84,806
Weekly Needed	\$3,105
Weekly Received.....	\$854



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Did you know that Catholic Charities is the largest provider of social services in the U.S., second only to the government?

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the most poor and vulnerable among us. This makes your contribution to the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque Annual Appeal all the more critical! Learn more at...

www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org.

ACTIVITIES

Faith Formation News-

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



2022 Living Last Supper-

A group of local Christian men will enact the Lord's Last Supper at the following times and locations:

Sunday, March 13 @ St. Peter Lutheran Church in Dubuque at 2:30 pm, Saturday, March 26 @ Peace United Church of Christ in Monticello at 5:30 pm, Sunday, April 3 @ Hope Church in Dubuque, at 3 pm, Friday, April 8 @ Galena Bible Church in Galena at 6:30 pm and Friday, April 15 @ Journey Church in Dubuque at 6:30 pm. A beautiful way to prepare for the Lord's resurrection on Easter Sunday.



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.

GRANNY BASKETBALL TOURNEY!!! Come see some fun granny basketball at the LaSalle Catholic School gym on Saturday, March 19, 2022. The first game begins at 9:30 am, the last game will be played at 1:30 pm. There will be a lunch served and a bake sale offered during the tournament. 100% of the proceeds from the food and bake sale will go to LaSalle Catholic School. Come out for a fun day to support your local granny basketball teams and LaSalle Catholic School. You won't want to miss this fun event! If you would like to donate any baked goods for this event, please contact Angie Katrichis at 563-258-1865. Thank you!

St. Joseph Parish in Farley will host a drive thru fish fry dinner on Friday, March 25, 2022.

Serving from 4:30-7:30 pm. Menu: cod, baked potato, coleslaw, dinner roll and cookie. Cost is \$15.00 per meal. There will tickets available for sale that night for the Easter raffle. Cost is \$10.00 per ticket. The raffle drawing will take place on Monday, April 18, 2022. Winners will be notified after the drawing.



Mark your calendars for our Surge of the Heart Parish Mission.

Nationally known Catholic speaker and best selling author, Jon Leonetti, will be here leading the way! Jon travels extensively helping Catholics understand the greatest story ever told-the story of Jesus Christ and his Catholic Church. Bring your family and friends. The two night mission will be held at 7 pm on Sunday, April 10, 2022 and 7 pm on Monday, April 11, 2022.

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