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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.**



Prayer for Grace for Our Country

Dear Father united to Jesus in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Sacrifice of Calvary sacramentally made present, celebrated around the world, in the Holy Spirit.

We offer up all we do united to the Mass. We unite in one mind and one heart as members of the mystical body of Christ, with Christ our head in the pure and holy hearts of Jesus and Mary, through the powerful intercession of Mary with all the angels and saints and souls in purgatory, and we beg for the saving grace, for our country, the United States. Please help us. We further pray for unity to always do the will of God in love. We spread the Blood of Jesus on the leaders and people of the United States and cast the devil into hell. We consecrate our country to the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart and all our dioceses, and beg for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. God help us. We pray for our families, the priests, the Church and the world. In the name of Jesus please hear us, we pray. We pray for our president and leaders. We pray that we are united as one nation under God to work together in love as God wants.

Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION



The St. Francis Parish in Balltown will be hosting a Prime Rib Dinner

on Sunday, April 3, 2022. Event begins at noon in the St. Francis Church basement. Cost is \$25.00 per person. The Catholic Financial Life Organization will be doing a matching fund gift of \$500.00 for this event. Contact Sherri Sigwarth at 563-590-4777 with questions and for reservations.



Easter Flower Donations— If you would like to make a donation for Easter flowers at your church, please place your donation in an envelope marked “*Easter Flowers*” along with the name/names of your loved ones. A listing of donors will be placed in each church on Easter weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

Reminder—In preparation for Easter, *reconciliation for all* will be held on Saturday, **March 19** at Rickardsville following the 6 pm Mass and on Sunday, **March 20** following the 10 am Mass in Holy Cross. All are welcome!

Mass Fund Stipends: If you are requesting a Mass for a loved one, please remember to make all checks payable to the *La Salle Mass Fund* and *mail all payments to the pastorate office at 835 Church St. PO Box 398, Holy Cross, IA 52053. Thank you!*

Informational Changes: If you have had a change to your address, phone number, or family status please contact the pastorate office at 563-870-4041 or email dbq104Sec@dbqarch.org with the changes. Thank you for helping to keep our pastorate information up to date!

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 12-13, 2022

	Budget	Offertory	Holidays	Other
B	\$1,927.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
HC	\$2,410.00	\$42.75	\$0.00	\$0.00
L	\$1,730.00	\$102.75	\$0.00	\$100.00
R	\$1,510.00	\$39.00	\$0.00	\$715.00
S	\$2,720.00	\$15.00	\$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, March 22 (B) Vince & Martha
8:00 am Brimeyer
Marina Klein
Jim & Jetta Shuhert

Wednesday, March 23 (S) Joe Tekippe &
8:00 am Jim Tekippe

Thursday, March 24 (HC) Jeanne Schmitt
8:30 am
School Mass

Friday, March 25 (L) Rev. Phil Schmitt
8:00 am

Saturday, March 26 (L) Merle Schwers
4:00 pm Vincent & Bernice
Maiers
Ronald Maiers

Saturday, March 26 (R) Lee Boeckenstedt
6:00 pm Carl & Jane Bellmann
Frank R. & Bernadette
Schmitt

Sunday, March 27 (S) Joe Stoffel
8:00 am Joe Tekippe &
Jim Tekippe

Sunday, March 27 (HC) Marvin & Germaine
10:00 am Gaul
Cyril & Florence
Habel

MASS READINGS

March 27, 2022
Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
2 Corinthians 5:17-21



Gospel:
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

In your goodness Lord, forgive and heal us.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. DIEHM

Dear Pastorate Family,

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus uses two recent news events to illustrate two important points: 1) that the people to whom these bad things happened weren't worse than others, and 2) unless we repent, the same fate may befall us. It's a common affliction among people to think, "That sort of thing won't happen to me." But the people to whom bad things happen likely thought the same thing. I remember being instructed in seminary, when I heard the news about a priest leaving the priesthood, "Don't think it can't happen to you." What's the point? If it can happen to other people, it can (and may) also happen to me. None of us are immune from bad things. And Jesus' deeper point is about the need for repentance. We need repentance, not just because we hope to avoid bad things happening to us, but more importantly, because we know that our repentance is pleasing to God.

Lent is traditionally a time for repentance and turning away from sin. At Ash Wednesday Masses this year, as everyone received ashes on their foreheads, they heard the words, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." The other option to say when distributing ashes is, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." Scripture records that John the Baptist and Jesus both begin their public preaching with a call to repentance (Matthew 3:2 and Matthew 4:17, respectively). The need for repentance is universally recognized as necessary for salvation. Without repentance for the corrupting influence of sin, there is little hope of gaining the eternal happiness of heaven. Lent is a great time for us to consider our own need for repentance. What sins do we consistently fall into that we need to turn away from? How is God calling us to change our lives? May God give each of us the grace in this holy season to repent and reform our lives so that we might become more and more heirs of the kingdom of heaven.

God bless, Fr. Diehm



La Salle Catholic School News-
LaSalle is looking for a custodian for cleaning during the day or evenings along with possible maintenance duties. 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.

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. Please contact the pastorate office at (563) 870-4041 if you have any questions.

To date, March 20, 2022, a total of \$189,747.00 has been pledged. Help us climb over the \$200,000.00 mark with your pledge/donation! Thank you to all those who have already pledged and contributed. 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>.

Moses, the Burning Bush, and the Name of God



Our first reading (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) gives us the call of Moses in His encounter with the burning bush. That must have been quite a sight, to see a bush on fire, but not consumed by the fire. God called to Moses from a mountain known

as Horeb. In biblical theology, mountains are places of encounter with God and revelation, so it's no surprise this encounter happens on a mountain. God called to Moses and told him that He has taken note of His people's slavery and willed to lead them out of slavery and wants to use Moses to achieve that deliverance. Moses asks God His name, and God responds by saying, "I am who am." In Hebrew, this revelation of the name of God is only four letters, YHWH (known as the Tetragrammaton). Out of reverence for the Jewish people and the sacred nature of the divine name, Catholics DO NOT use it either in prayer or in song. Again, in biblical theology, to know someone's name is to have some degree of control or power over them. God gives a name that identifies Him, but is still elusive. In other words, the Jewish people came to know the name of God, and yet still had no power over Him. FYI, Jesus claimed this divine name ("I AM") for Himself in the passion of St. John's Gospel (see John 18:4-8). And when asked about the resurrection, Jesus also pointed back to this passage as a defense that God is not God of the dead, but of the living, being the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob (see Luke 20:27-40, Mark 12:18-27, and Matthew 22:23-33). What's the significance of this passage for us? God knows our plight. Our struggles are not hidden from Him. He clearly doesn't appear to us in a burning bush, but He does come to us in the Eucharist, and invites us to become spiritually "on fire" with love for Him, yet not consumed. May God continue to "ignite" us such that we show forth His holy presence living within us. May we all become like the burning bush.

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	\$100,000
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received.....	\$66,584
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed.....	\$33,416
Weekly Needed	\$1,923
Weekly Received.....	\$2,264

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, BALLTOWN

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed	\$82,473
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received.....	\$62,153
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed.....	\$20,320
Weekly Needed	\$1,586
Weekly Received	\$1,927

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, LUXEMBURG

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed	\$172,442
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received.....	\$61,464
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed.....	\$110,978
Weekly Needed.....	\$3,316
Weekly Received.....	\$1,933

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, HOLY CROSS

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed.....	\$188,881
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received	\$95,873
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed	\$93,008
Weekly Needed.....	\$3,632
Weekly Received.....	\$2,453

SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH, SHERRILL

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed.....	\$161,435
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received	\$79,364
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed	\$82,071
Weekly Needed	\$3,105
Weekly Received.....	\$2,735



Thank You from Catholic Charities—

These past several weeks Catholic Charities has received strong spiritual and financial support for their 2022 Annual Appeal. These gifts work to strengthen families, reduce poverty, and empower communities in Northeast Iowa. Thank

you to all who have given so generously. It is never too late to join this important effort. To learn more about Catholic Charities or to give go to <http://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:

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. 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.

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.



The St. Catherine Parish will be hosting a Chicken Dinner on Sunday, April 10, 2022

from 11 am-3 pm at Happy's Place, 2323 Rockdale Road in Dubuque. Featuring chicken from Kalmes Catering along with sides, salads and dessert bar. Adults: \$15.00, Children (6-12): \$5.00, Children (5 & Under): Free. Carry outs are an additional \$1.00. Hotdogs will also be available. There will be games, a bake sale and raffle items. Take out and drive up available, call 563-543-6082. All other questions, call 563-556-6880.

5RD SUNDAY OF LENT



Is the Parish Mission on Your Calendar Yet?

If not, join us on Sunday, April 10 at 7 pm and Monday, April 11 at 7 pm for our 2 day Catholic mission you will never forget! Catholic speaker, best-selling author and radio host, Jon Leonetti will help us close the gap between the Gospel and our everyday lives.

If you are really humble, if you realize how small you are and how much you need God, then you cannot fail.

-Fulton Sheen

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