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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.



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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Blessings to all those who received their Confirmation this past week. May the guidance and light of the Holy Spirit be with them each and every day!

Congratulations to-

Kayden Errthum, Ellie Hermiston, Noble Hoeger, Liam Kelly, Madeline Klein, Ty Lahey, Jude Neumann, James Roberts, Molly Sahn, Cohen Schultz, Luke Sigwarth, Maximus Sigwarth and Molly Willenbring. *A special thank you to Jane Clemen, Debbie Errthum and their support staff who prepared these students for this very special sacrament!*

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, April 2** at Rickardsville following the 6 pm Mass and on **Sunday, April 3** following the 10 am Mass in Holy Cross. *Fr. Diehm is also offering the Stations of the Cross following the 8 am weekday Masses on Wednesdays at Sherrill Church and on Fridays at the Luxemburg Church.* All are welcome to both events!

Holy Week Roles: We need volunteers for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. If you can fill any of the following roles, please call Cindy Roberts @ 870-4428 by Sunday, April 3rd.

Palm Sunday (April 9/10): 4:00 B, 8:00 R, 10:00 S: We need a lector and commentator for each mass.

Holy Thursday (April 14): 7:30 PM B: We need a lector, commentator, and 2 servers. We also need a volunteer who is elderly or has recently recovered from a serious illness to carry the oil for anointing of the sick and we need a volunteer who is expecting or recently had a baby to carry the sacred chrism oil.

Good Friday (April 15): 3:00 PM B: We need a lector, commentator, and 2 servers.

Holy Saturday (April 16): 8:15 PM: We need 3 lectors, 2 servers, and a person to start the fire that night.

Easter Sunday (April 17): 8:00 AM R and HC, 10:00 S: We need a commentator, lector, and 2 servers for each Mass.



Smile, Jesus Loves You!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING MARCH 19-20, 2022

	Budget	Offertory	Holidays	Other
B	\$335.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
HC	\$765.00	\$53.00	\$50.00	\$44.00
L	\$2,830.00	\$196.60	\$0.00	\$0.00
R	\$2,844.00	\$62.51	\$25.00	\$26655.00
S	\$3,438.81	\$14.00	\$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 29 (B) **NO MASS**
8:00 am

Wednesday, March 30 (S) Herman Birkel & Karen Birkel
8:00 am

Thursday, March 31 (HC) Clarence J. Klein Family
8:30 am Whitey, Dee, Rose, Tom & Lynne
School Mass

Friday, April 1 (L) Julius & Verna Mae Steffen
8:00 am

Saturday, April 2 (L) Lester Bleile & Elizabeth Daly
4:00 pm Cyril Habel Harlan Pothoff

Saturday, April 2 (R) Merlin Leick Mark Ehrlich
6:00 pm

Sunday, April 3 (S) Rose Wolf
8:00 am

Sunday, April 3 (HC) Don Nauman Glen Stoffel & Lucille Brimeyer
10:00 am

MASS READINGS

April 3, 2022

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

Philippians 3:8-14



Gospel:
John 8:1-11

“May God give me the courage now, this moment, to persevere in doing your will.”

-Mother Teresa

A MESSAGE FROM FR. DIEHM

Dear Pastorate Family,

I'm beyond delighted to hear the Parable of the Prodigal Son proclaimed in this weekend's Gospel. It's a masterpiece of teaching on God's relationship with humanity in so many ways. First, some context: "*Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus...*" Jesus was drawing a crowd, and they were largely social outcasts, but in Jesus, they found a sense of welcome. And next, "*...but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.'*" There are critics everywhere, and Jesus had His critics, too. And it's to these critics, then, that Jesus addressed the parable of the prodigal son. The parable begins, "*A man had two sons...*" The "man" represents God, and the two sons represent, conversely, the tax collectors and sinners (represented by the younger son) and the Pharisees and scribes (represented by the older son).

The younger son wanted to be free of his father's influence, and so asked for his share of the inheritance and left his father's house. Eventually, when he hit rock bottom, he came to his senses and returned. That was happening with the tax collectors and sinners. They were returning to God. But the Pharisees and scribes objected. They behaved like the older son in the parable who thought of his father as his master and didn't see himself as a son. Both sons need to understand the fatherly nature of God and God's desire to see all people as His beloved children. Both sons stand in need of conversion. The same is true of us. Few of us really grasp how TRULY GOOD God is. We think of God as a ruler or judge, but probably not enough as a loving Father. This parable is meant to help change our perspective about God. The Pharisees and scribes should rejoice when God's "lost" children return. The Pharisees and scribes likewise need to see themselves as God's beloved children and not just servants. We all need to do the same with God – God welcomes each of us to come home; we are each beloved by Him.

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.



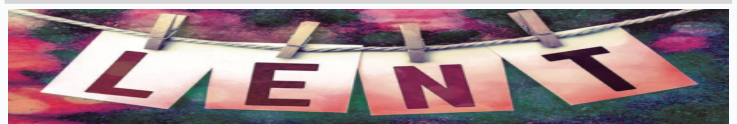
Blessings to Cara Ann Langel, daughter of Dillon and Jessica, and to **Tripp Andrew Kluesner**, son of Todd Kluesner and Amanda Klein, **who were both baptized this weekend within the pastorate.**

Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday.

-Fulton Sheen

Be Reconciled to God!

St. Paul has a wonderful message in this weekend's second reading (2 Corinthians 5:17-21). Speaking about how God reconciled the world to Himself through the death of Jesus, His Son, St. Paul passionately exhorts the Christians living in Corinth, Greece: "*We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*" Sometimes it happens that at the end of a person's life, they feel the need to "get right with God." It's unfortunate that it sometimes takes the prospect of imminent death for a person to address their relationship with God. Don't get me wrong, it's good that it happens, but it's just unfortunate that it happened only near the end of life. The better approach would be to "get right with God" whenever it happens that our relationship with God is either damaged (because of venial sin) or destroyed (because of mortal sin). St. Paul's exhortation is that God has achieved the possibility of reconciliation, but it's still possible for people to reject this reconciliation. I genuinely fear for the salvation of anyone who wants to go to heaven but who does nothing practically to foster their relationship with God. They don't pray. They don't come to Mass. They don't care about the poor. They don't read their Bible. How can we have a relationship with God if we don't do the things which help build that relationship? The SCARIEST WORDS IN THE BIBLE are the words, "*I never knew you, depart from me, you evildoers,*" (see Matthew 7:21-23). It's not enough to call upon the Lord. We have to live what we believe. And when we don't live what we believe, it's then, especially, that we need to be reconciled to God. I know reconciliation isn't fun, but it's good for your soul. Examine your conscience. In what ways have your thoughts, words, actions, or lack of action damaged or destroyed your relationship with God? How have you been wounded by your own sinfulness? How do you need God's healing grace in reconciliation? This Lent, focus on getting right with God. Don't put it off.



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.....	\$69,516
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed.....	\$30,484
Weekly Needed	\$1,923
Weekly Received.....	\$2,932

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, BALLTOWN

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed	\$82,473
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received.....	\$62,538
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed.....	\$19,935
Weekly Needed	\$1,586
Weekly Received	\$385

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, LUXEMBURG

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed	\$172,442
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received.....	\$64,491
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed.....	\$107,951
Weekly Needed.....	\$3,316
Weekly Received.....	\$3,027

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, HOLY CROSS

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed.....	\$188,881
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received	\$96,785
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed	\$92,096
Weekly Needed.....	\$3,632
Weekly Received.....	\$912

SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH, SHERRILL

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed.....	\$161,435
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received	\$82,817
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed	\$78,618
Weekly Needed	\$3,105
Weekly Received.....	\$3,453

The Catholic Order of Foresters in partnership with the La Salle Catholic School are planning to return to their “Feeding God’s Children” program of packaging meals for “Take Away Hunger” that was suspended for two years due to COVID-19. The event will be held on May 6, 2022 at the La Salle School. One of the needs to make this project successful is money to purchase the food supplies we need for packaging. Donations can be made by placing your checks or cash in the weekend collection basket, mailing your contribution to the pastorate office or to La Salle Catholic School. Please make checks payable to Take Away Hunger-Dubuque. Please make donations by April 22, 2022 so supplies may be ordered. Thank you so much!

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.

Restored Parish Mission Event at Nativity Parish in Dubuque-

This event will be held on Friday, March 25 at 7 pm. The night's topic will be *From Addict to Evangelist: John's Powerful Story*. Saturday March 26 at 9 am with the topic being *Identify Restored Understanding: Who You Are, Whose You Are and Why Are You Here?* Saturday at 10:30 am with the topic of: *The Most Important Thing, A Personal Relationship with Jesus*. John Edwards will be the mission's presenter.

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Mission- This event will be held on April 3, 4 and 5 from 6:30-7:45 pm at the St. Joseph the Worker Church at 2001 St. Joseph St. in Dubuque. The presenter for the mission "A Triduum for Physical, Emotional and Spiritual Healing" will be Deacon Bill Biver. All three of these events will be live streamed. For questions and more information please call the parish office at 563-588-1433. All are welcome!



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.



Our Heavily Anticipated Surge of the Heart Parish Mission is Just a Couple Weeks Away!

We encourage everyone of the parishes to join us for a life changing experience with nationally known Catholic speaker, best-selling author and radio host, Jon Leonetti on Sunday, April 10 at 7 pm and Monday, April 11 at 7 pm. Jon will give us both practical and effective ways to live, know and grow in our Catholic faith. Sharing powerful stories of the martyrs and saints Jon will inspire and challenge us in our call to holiness. Jon has been featured on the nations top Catholic websites, blogs and radio shows and we're excited to host him here. Please plan to attend this two night mission!

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