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APRIL 3, 2022 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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

July - September 2022 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.**



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Holy Week Schedule

April 9 and 10 (Saturday and Sunday): Palm Sunday Masses

April 10 (Sunday): Jon Leonetti Mission at 7 pm in Holy Cross Church

April 11 (Monday): Jon Leonetti Mission at 7 pm in Holy Cross Church

April 14 (Thursday): Holy Thursday Mass at 7:30 pm at Balltown Church

April 15 (Friday): Good Friday Service at 3 pm at Balltown Church

April 16 (Saturday): Easter Vigil at 8:15 pm at Balltown Church

April 17 (Sunday): Easter Masses: 8 am at Rickardsville Church and

Holy Cross Church, 10 am at Sherrill Church and Luxemburg Church

*As we prepare for Easter, please plan to join us for as many of the events
and celebrations during holy week that you are able.*

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. **Please submit your donations by Monday, April 4.** A listing of donors will be placed in each church on Easter weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

Music practices for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil will be on Tuesday, April 12 at 7 pm at the St. Francis Church in Balltown. All pastorate singers are welcome for all services. Questions? Contact Christine at 563-853-4685.

Holy Week Roles Update: 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): 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 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 2 lectors and 2 servers.

Easter Sunday (April 17): 8:00 AM R and HC, 10:00 S: We need a commentator, lector, and 2 servers for each mass. At Holy Cross, we only need two servers.

Thursday, April 7 is the feast day of our patron saint St. John Baptist de La Salle. He is a saint of the Catholic Church and the patron saint for teachers of youth. **“Hold prayer in high esteem. It is the foundation of all the virtues, and the source of all grace needed to sanctify ourselves.”—St. John Baptist de La Salle**

SACRIFICIAL GIVING MARCH 26-27, 2022

	Budget	Offertory	Holidays	Other
B	\$292.41	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$365.00
HC	\$1,495.00	\$124.75	\$0.00	\$0.00
L	\$1,215.00	\$76.65	\$150.00	\$500.00
R	\$1,120.00	\$47.00	\$0.00	\$55.00
S	\$675.00	\$58.00	\$75.00	\$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, April 5 (B) Peter Breitbach
8:00 am

Wednesday, April 6 (S) Jerry Ellerbach
7:15 pm
Faith Formation Mass

Thursday, April 7 (HC) James A. Maiers
8:30 am
School Mass
Joe & Marvin Theisen

Friday, April 8 (L) John & Anna
8:00 am
Trierweiler

Saturday, April 9 (B) Dick Rolwes & Greg
4:00 pm
Rolwes
Dave Schultz, Jim Klein
& Deceased Members of
the Schultz Family

Saturday, April 9 (L) Mary Beth
6:00 pm
Willenbring
Jerry Ellerbach

Sunday, April 10 (R) Donnie & Rosie
8:00 am
Ploessl
Jim & Jetta Shuhert

Sunday, April 10 (S) Jim Dupont
10:00 am
Bonnie Brimeyer &
Clifford Brimeyer

MASS READINGS

April 10, 2022

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Philippians 2:6-11



Gospel:

Luke 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

Pastorate prayers and deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Delbert “Dellie” Brecht of the Holy Cross Parish.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. DIEHM

Dear Pastorate Family,

This weekend's Gospel about the woman caught in adultery from the Gospel of John is quite profound. Of course, it's sinful that the woman committed adultery. But it's also sinful that the people – the scribes and Pharisees – who caught her in the act wanted to use her as a means by which to ensnare Jesus. Jesus, in His usual masterful wisdom, offers the perfect response that both convicts the scribes and Pharisees and shows mercy to the woman – *“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”* All of the scribes and Pharisees had to acknowledge themselves as sinners, and so Jesus' masterful response left them unable to carry out their evil intentions, whether toward Jesus or toward the woman. All that was left was to show the woman the mercy of God.

Friends, how often have we been ready to metaphorically pick up and stones and hurl them at someone? Perhaps because of a person's politics that we don't like, or because of some injustice that was committed against us, or just because we thought it was the right course of action? If we're honest with ourselves, we'd have to admit that we've been ready to place ourselves among the scribes and Pharisees all too often. But throwing stones at people doesn't (and can't) solve the world's problems. What solves the world's problems is mercy. What solves the world's problems is overcoming violence through forgiveness. This is the “high road” which Jesus in the Gospel calls us to take – to turn the other cheek, to go the extra mile, to love our enemies, to pray for those who mistreat us. The strict nature of the law has been fulfilled in the leniency of grace. And as we have received mercy from God, so we are called to show mercy to others. This is the way of the kingdom of God. How have you experienced the mercy of God? How does recognizing your own sinfulness help you show mercy to others? Let's always lay down our stones!

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.**



The Catholic Order of Foresters will be hosting a pizza party on April 24 at the La Salle School starting at noon. There will be a basketball shootout following lunch for ages 4-21. Easter bunny will make a special appearance! Please call for reservations by April 15 to Jerry at 563-590-6931 or Patty at 563-870-2145.



St. Joseph parish members, please remember to turn in your Rosary Society cleaning dues if you are not planning to assist with the annual church cleaning. You may drop them in the collection basket or mail them. Please note on the envelope *“Rosary Society Cleaning Dues”*. Thank you!

“I consider everything as a loss...”

St. Paul is excellent at describing the “mental shift” that needs to happen among those who want to live a sincerely faithful life. When St. Paul gave up his way of life as a Pharisee to embrace faith in Jesus, he needed to change how he looked at the world. He said in this weekend's second reading to the Philippians, *“I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him...”* What kind of “good” is knowing Christ? As St. Paul says, it's a supreme good. It's the highest good, better than all other “goods” – better than life, happiness in this world, a successful career, etc. In his conversion, St. Paul was taken hold of by the Lord. He came to know the Lord in a powerful way, and his faith in Jesus seized his heart and he was forever changed. He came to recognize Jesus as the Messiah, the Savior, the One sent from God. As a consequence of that, he gave up his old way of life in order to become a disciple of the risen Jesus and an apostle. The reading closes with this sentiment: *“Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.”* Do you suppose St. Paul's life was just exceptional? That this sort of change of mind and heart was just meant for him and not for others? Is it meant for us, too? Indeed, I think it is. God wants to change all of our lives for the better. His work is one of transformation. He turns sinners into Saints. He turns fishermen into disciples. He turns a persecutor of Christians into a champion of the faith. Friends, God wants to accomplish a great work in our lives like the great work He accomplished in the life of St. Paul. He wasn't exceptional, just an exemplar, just an example of what transformation can look like. May God continue to transform our hearts and minds.

Solitude can be very rewarding and full of blessing because in the silence of the inner being one finds God.

-Fulton Sheen

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.....	\$70,738
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed.....	\$29,262
Weekly Needed	\$1,923
Weekly Received.....	\$1,222

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, BALLTOWN

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed	\$82,473
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received.....	\$63,295
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed.....	\$19,178
Weekly Needed	\$1,586
Weekly Received	\$757

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, LUXEMBURG

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed	\$172,442
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received.....	\$66,433
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed.....	\$106,009
Weekly Needed.....	\$3,316
Weekly Received.....	\$1,942

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, HOLY CROSS

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed.....	\$188,881
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received	\$98,405
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed	\$90,476
Weekly Needed.....	\$3,632
Weekly Received.....	\$1,620

SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH, SHERRILL

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed.....	\$161,435
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received	\$83,625
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed	\$77,810
Weekly Needed	\$3,105
Weekly Received.....	\$808

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: **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. 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!



Surrounded by Love Conference- Ever wonder what's happening inside the hurting post abortive women in your life and how you might help her? Come find out at the Surrounded by Love conference at Dubuque County Right to Life (2205 Carter Rd, Dubuque, IA 52001) on Saturday April 9 from 9am to 3pm. Kathy Slinger will guide us through the day as she shares her personal story of being post-abortive, as well as her experience with helping people in a similar situation. A light breakfast will be included at check-in (8:30 am) and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by Monday April 4, 2022 by calling our office at 563-556-5960.

IC Parish in N Buena Vista will be hosting a breakfast on Sunday, April 10 from 8-Noon. Menu includes eggs, sausage, ham, hash browns, applesauce, toast, cinnamon rolls, milk, juice and coffee. Adults: \$11, Kids 6-12: \$6 and preschool free.

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. Adults: \$15.00, Children (6-12): \$5.00, Children (5 & Under): Free. Take out and drive up available, call 563-543-6082. All other questions, call 563-556-6880.



The Time Has Come For Our Parish Mission! Are You Ready?!

Next week on April 10 and 11 we will be hosting Catholic speaker and best selling author, Jon Leonetti, for a two evening parish mission you will never forget! Each evening Jon will be presenting beginning at 7 pm on distinct topics within our Catholic faith, Who is God and why does that matter?, Jon will outline the lives of some of the most fascinating and holy people to ever walk the planet and Jon will help us live an authentic relationship with Jesus in the messiness of everyday life. Make sure to invite your family and friends to this exciting event! **This event will be held both evenings at the Holy Cross Church in Holy Cross, IA.**

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