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### April-June 2022 Mass Times

Balltown.....Saturday 4:00 pm

Luxemburg.....Saturday 6:00 pm

Rickardsville.....Sunday 8:00 am

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### 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.**



### A Blessing for Mother's Day

Father, we give you thanks for the many gifts you have given us; the gift of life, the gift of those who love us.

We thank you today for the gift of our mothers. We give thanks for our mothers who have died and for the unique way they have revealed for us your love. We ask that you bless them and keep them in your care until the time comes for us to join them in your Kingdom.

We ask your blessing upon mothers who are unable to be with us here today. May they know how much we love and care for them. We pray for birth mothers who have loved their children so much they have shared the gift of their child with those who could better care for them and their needs and give them a secure home.

And we pray for adoptive mothers, that they may always know their special role of being a true mother, a revelation of God's love for their children.

We ask your blessing upon mothers who have lost children through stillbirth, crib death, accident and tragedy, war and violence that they may have your continuing strength and courage.

We ask your blessing too, upon those who would very much like to be mothers but who are having trouble having a child.

We ask your blessing upon all mothers and mother-figures in our lives. Give them the strength to live the faithful and loving lives you call them to live. Protect and guide them. Keep them in your care.

We ask this blessing in the name of Jesus, our Lord.

Amen.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION



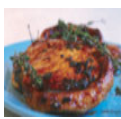
## Happy Mother's Day



**Ordination Masses-** Diaconate ordinations will be at 7 pm at the Cathedral of St. Raphael on May 27, 2022. Priesthood ordination will be at 10 am at the Cathedral of St. Raphael on May 28, 2022. You may watch the live stream of the Masses at [www.dbqarch.org/live-broadcasts](http://www.dbqarch.org/live-broadcasts).

**Blood Drive in Balltown-** The Balltown Lion's Club will be hosting a blood drive in the basement of the St. Francis Church on Monday, May 16, 2022 from 2:30-6:30 pm. Masks and appointments are required. Please contact Ken Kintzle at 563-590-8844 to schedule your appointment. Thank you!

**The St. Francis Cemetery Association is seeking a trustee** to replace long time volunteer Jerry Sahn. If you are able to help us fill this position, please contact the pastorate office at 563-870-4041. Thank you!



**Save the Date: The Ss. Peter & Paul Parish in Sherrill, IA will be hosting a Pork Chop Supper** with all the trimmings at **The Barn** in Sherrill, IA on May 22, 2022. Serving will be from 4-7 pm. More details to come. Be sure to mark your calendar for this event!

**Cemetery Flowers and Mementos-** We are entering into the lawn mowing season and want to remind everyone to be sure and remove any flowers or mementos from the ground surrounding headstones in the cemeteries. Any flowers placed in vases on the sides of headstones or on the top of headstones may remain in place. Thank you in advance for assisting our cemetery lawn mowers.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is a Catholic faith based marriage enrichment program for couples who want to keep their marriage vibrant and alive. Find out how by attending one of these upcoming experiences Sept 9-11th in Dubuque; Nov 18-20th in Holstein. For more information or to register go to [iowa-wwme.org](http://iowa-wwme.org) or call 563-608-3305.

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING APRIL 30-MAY 1, 2022

	Budget	Offertory	Picnic	Other
<b>B</b>	\$610.00	\$158.00	\$250.00	\$50.00
<b>HC</b>	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>L</b>	\$225.00	\$244.40	\$250.00	\$100.00
<b>R</b>	\$325.00	\$39.00	\$150.00	\$20.00
<b>S</b>	\$2,295.00	\$262.00	\$875.00	\$175.00

*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, May 10** (B) Harlan & Julitta Friedman  
8:00 am Louie Decker & Kayla Decker

**Wednesday, May 11** (S) Leroy Kennicker  
8:00 am

**Thursday, May 12** (HC) Mary Beth Willenbring  
8:30 am Joe Theisen & Marvin Theisen  
**School Mass**

**Friday, May 13** (L) Bill Langel  
8:00 am

**Saturday, May 14** (B) Marina Klein  
4:00 pm Alfred & Lucille Bleile

**Saturday, May 14** (L) Merlin Leick  
6:00 pm Earl & LaVonne Brimeyer & the Deceased Members of the Clarence Schultz Family

**Sunday, May 15** (R) Bill Schuckert  
8:00 am Kristi Berendes & George & Bernice Stoffel

**Sunday, May 15** (S) Marie & Walter Kutsch  
10:00 am Pete, Madonna & Ken Jaeger

### MASS READINGS

**May 15, 2022**

*Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27  
Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13  
Revelation 21:1-5a*



**Gospel:**  
*John 13:31a, 34-35*

## A MESSAGE FROM FR. DIEHM

Dear Pastorate Family,

This weekend we observe Mother's Day, May Crowning of Mary, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter sometimes known as "Good Shepherd Sunday," and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. That's a lot for one weekend. But we give thanks to God for the gift of mothers, the women who brought us into this world; and for Mary, our mother in the order of grace, for the way in which she helps Jesus come alive in us; for Jesus, our Good Shepherd; and for the gift of vocations, especially vocations to the priesthood, so we can all continue to be nourished by the Body and Blood of the Lord, experience divine help in the midst of sickness, and know God's mercy after we've fallen into sin. As much as I love all of these things we're celebrating this weekend, I think the need to talk about vocations is most pressing. There's no two ways about it: we need more priests. More priests to be pastors of parishes. More priests to hear confessions. More priests to offer Mass for the souls of the faithful departed. More priests to anoint the sick.

Can I ask all of us to please pray and beg God to send us more priests? And can I ask all of us to support vocations to the priesthood among our family and friends? Priests don't come out of nowhere. They come from specific families. From our pastorate, I'm aware of Fr. Tony Sigwarth, from Balltown, and Fr. Richard Gaul, from Luxemburg, both of whom have passed on to their eternal reward. Who will be the next man from the pastorate to be ordained a priest? Who will be the next to enter religious life? Who will be the next to serve as a missionary disciple of Jesus? On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, please, please, please pray for vocations. May Mary, Help of Christians, help all of us (and this weekend, especially mothers) to live our vocations with generous love for God and others.

God bless, Fr. Diehm

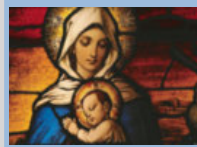


**La Salle Catholic School News-**  
**La Salle Catholic School welcomes families and students** of all faiths to an environment rich in the gospel values of faith, service, love and community and we look forward to continuing to work with you raising your child of God. Registration is currently open 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, 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.

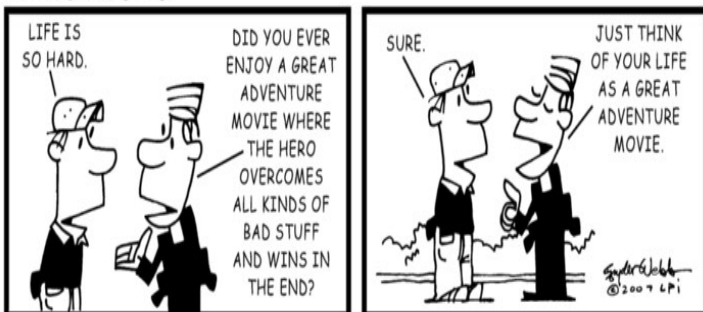
**Thank you to all that have helped us reach the threshold of \$200,000.00. If you are able, please help us work towards the \$500,000.00 campaign goal. We are grateful to all that have made this project a priority. May you be blessed for your generosity!**



**Why do Catholics honor the Blessed Virgin Mary?**

The short answer is, because God honored Mary. Fundamentally, we honor Mary because she was chosen by God to bear in her immaculate womb the only begotten Son of God, Jesus the Christ. We honor Mary because Jesus honored Mary as He perfectly fulfilled the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment: You shall honor your father and your mother. We honor Mary because Jesus loved Mary. He performed His first miracle because she prompted Him to do so (see John 2:1-11). Jesus entrusted Mary to His beloved disciple at the foot of the cross (see John 19:25-27), and just as John took Mary into his home, so every Christian is invited to take Mary into their home, too. Mary was among the disciples present at Pentecost for the coming of the Holy Spirit, and she no doubt helped the disciples open themselves to the Spirit just as the same Spirit had come upon her decades earlier at the Annunciation (see Acts 1:13-14 and Luke 1:35). Mary was undoubtedly an invaluable source of information about the life of Jesus for the first disciples and the early Church. Eventually, she would be recognized as the spiritual mother of all who follow Jesus (see Revelation 12:17). Furthermore, she's an excellent example of treasuring the works of God in her heart (see Luke 2:19 and 2:51). She deserves the highest honor, because God bestowed the highest honor on her in calling her to virginal motherhood of Jesus. She was united to Jesus in all things, especially in His passion, as she shared spiritually in it with the sword of sorrow that pierced her heart (see Luke 2:35). We honor Mary because God honored her first; it is right and just for us to do likewise. So, consider: do you have a devotion to Mary? If not, why not? Personally, I wear the scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel every day, and honor Mary with a nightly prayer after Night Prayer. And beyond that, I often pray the Hail Mary or the Memorare, and ask Mary to watch over those I love. May we all be devoted to Mary, our spiritual mother.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



# 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.....	\$81,144
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed.....	\$18,856
Weekly Needed .....	\$1,923
Weekly Received.....	\$514

## **ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, BALLTOWN**

### **Parish Finances**

Yearly Total Needed .....	\$82,473
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received.....	\$68,514
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed.....	\$13,959
Weekly Needed .....	\$1,586
Weekly Received .....	\$1,018

## **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, LUXEMBURG**

### **Parish Finances**

Yearly Total Needed .....	\$172,442
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received.....	\$78,491
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed.....	\$93,951
Weekly Needed.....	\$3,316
Weekly Received.....	\$819

## **HOLY CROSS CHURCH, HOLY CROSS**

### **Parish Finances**

Yearly Total Needed.....	\$188,881
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received .....	\$109,367
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed .....	\$79,514
Weekly Needed.....	\$3,632
Weekly Received.....	\$225

## **SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH, SHERRILL**

### **Parish Finances**

Yearly Total Needed.....	\$161,435
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received .....	\$98,300
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed .....	\$63,135
Weekly Needed .....	\$3,105
Weekly Received.....	\$3,532

### **Stonehill Communities of Dubuque's Pastoral Care**

is seeking volunteers and/or Eucharistic ministers to assist residents to Mass or lead the rosary before 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Anyone with musical talent is also welcome for daily Mass on Monday, Thursday or Friday. Your time and compassion will touch many lives! For more information call Lori Pottebaum at 563-557-7181

**Blessings to Beckett Richard Billings**, son of Joshua and Abby, who was recently baptized at the Holy Trinity Church. Congratulations to the family!

## ACTIVITIES

### **Faith Formation News-**

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



**World Day of Prayer for Vocations–** Pray for Vocations! As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God’s call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. During this week, please encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.

### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

#### **Reluctant Sheep**

Sheep get an awfully bad rap, linguistically. Some are quick to label people as “sheep” if we think they haven’t sufficiently questioned authority or if they’re too willing to go along with someone else’s plan. We say someone has “the wool over their eyes” if they aren’t willing to see what we think is very obvious. “A wolf in sheep’s clothing” is what we call someone looking to take advantage of those too gullible to identify a real threat.

Taking all this into account and considering how often we are referred to as sheep in Scripture, you’ve really got to wonder if God trying to tell us something about ourselves.

If you look at the phraseology associated with sheep, it’s no wonder that nobody wants to be one. Sheep are innocent. Sheep can’t protect themselves. They’re vulnerable and easily misled.

We want to see ourselves as the opposite of all that. We like to think we’re shrewd, with plenty of common sense. We want to believe that we don’t have to rely on anybody for anything. We would sooner identify with the wolf than with the sheep — at least the wolf can take care of himself.

We do this because we often resist the need to rest in the greatness of God. Like a child walking to school alone for the first time (forgetting his mom is following watchfully in the car), we want to think we can handle it all by ourselves.

The truth is that God is trying to tell us something by comparing us to sheep: You don’t have to do this on your own.

*Every time I look at an obstacle and think that there is no way around it, I am forgetting that I have a shepherd who knows the location of the gate.*

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**“I am praying for you that in you and through your works God be glorified.”**

*-Mother Teresa*

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