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MAY 15, 2022 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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.**



*"I give you a new commandment:
love one another." - Jn 13:34a*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

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.

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!

St. Francis Cemetery Association Trustee- Thank you to Loras Link who has agreed to replace Jerry Sahn as the second St. Francis Cemetery Trustee along with Steve Gansemer. Many thanks to Jerry Sahn for his years of dedicated service!



SS Peter and Paul Parish is hosting a Pork Chop Supper on Sunday May 22 at The Barn in Sherrill, IA. Tickets are \$20. Serving from 4-7pm. You may dine in or carryout. There will also be a silent auction available. Please contact Donna Cota @ 563-581-7356, Punkie Birkel @ 563-451-7961, Angie Steffens @ 563-542-2950 or Karen White @ 563-542-2950 for tickets. Tickets also available after the 10am Mass at Sherrill.



Sympathies and prayers to the family and friends of Jason Pollock, formerly of Holy Cross, may he be granted eternal rest and peace in the arms of Jesus.

Cemetery Flowers and Mementos- As we enter into the lawn mowing season a 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.

Lord Jesus, help us to make our home with you!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING MAY 7-8, 2022

	Budget	Offertory	Picnic	Other
B	\$25.00	\$37.00	\$550.00	\$100.00
HC	\$640.00	\$0.00	\$950.00	\$1,020.00
L	\$25.00	\$80.51	\$150.00	\$300.00
R	\$1,500.00	\$68.25	\$1,150.00	\$240.00
S	\$253.00	\$66.00	\$2,020.00	\$50.00

*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 17 (B) Jim & Jetta Shuhert
8:00 am For Special Intentions

Wednesday, May 18 (S) Clarence Kennicker
8:00 am

Thursday, May 19 (HC) James A. Maiers
8:30 am John & Marina
School Mass Klein

Friday, May 20 (L) Ardella Helle
8:00 am Rev. Loras Otting

Saturday, May 21 (B) DJ Jaeger
4:00 pm Emma & Clarence
Schultz &
Earl Brimeyer

Saturday, May 21 (L) Arlene Steffen
6:00 pm Clete & Norma
Bildstein

Sunday, May 22 (R) Victor Leibfried
8:00 am Earl & Ester Brehm

Sunday, May 22 (S) Joe Tekippe &
10:00 am Jim Tekippe

MASS READINGS

May 22, 2022

Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29

Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23



Gospel:
John 14:23-29

A MESSAGE FROM FR. DIEHM

Dear Pastorate Family,

As Catholics, we believe in the living Word of God, that God's revealed word continually speaks to the hearts and minds of believers, and that it has something to say to every generation. I certainly find that to be true this weekend with the readings set before us for the 5th Sunday of Easter. In the Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples His "new commandment": "...love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." With all the toxicity in the world, the practice of genuine love of others is all the more important. Because, Christians are called to look different from the rest of the world. We are to be distinguished by our practice of love for each other. A Christian should always and everywhere be a person who loves others (especially those who are hard to love). This is what marks a Christian as a disciple of the Lord Jesus. Anyone can be "nice," anyone can be "courteous," but a Christian, especially, should be loving. What does that look like? It looks like the sacrificial love that Jesus Himself demonstrated to His disciples – love willing to die to self.

In the second reading, God says, "Behold, I make all things new." That should be first of all true for us, the People of God. How are we to be made new? With every reception of the sacraments, with every prayer, with every act of self-denial, with every time we pick up our cross (whatever that cross may be) and follow Jesus. No one's saying that living our faith is easy. In fact, it may be the hardest thing we ever try to live. It calls us to die to self. It calls us to let go of our own interests. It calls us to pray, "Thy will be done." As Paul and Barnabas testified to in the first reading, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." Is that something we're willing to embrace - many hardships - in order to enter the kingdom of God? It's only possible with the help of God. If at times it feels like you're going through more than you can handle, ask God to fill you up where you feel weak. May God, who makes all things new, help us to live and to love like Jesus, His Son.

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 and will begin in June, 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!

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE OF THE LASALLE

PASTORATE: One hour/one Priest/one hour of prayer. This will be the 8th year of this apostolate in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. We started in the LaSalle Pastorate the same summer, 8 years ago. We welcome you to join if you would like to pray for our priest for one hour a week in one of our churches or at the Power of Prayer Chapel in Dubuque or any Catholic Church. It is a one hour commitment each week. We have substitutes also if you are unable to make your hour. For more information and questions please call Sue Lukasik at 563-870-5665 or 563-542-1513. You may go to <https://sevensistersapostolate.org> for more information about this powerful prayer group dedicated to strengthening our Church by praying for our priests and bishops.

The New Jerusalem of Revelation

St. John speaks of a New Jerusalem in today's second reading from the book of Revelation. What are we to make of this? The New Jerusalem is undoubtedly the Church perfected, the Church made radiant, the Church in splendor, the Church made ready to meet Christ the Lord. The Church fulfills what God always wanted Israel to be. In fact, the Church is the new Israel, constituted by the Lord, with the Twelve apostles taking the place of the Twelve tribes of Israel. The Church has the real "bread from heaven," the Holy Eucharist, that was foreshadowed by the manna, the "bread from heaven" that the Israelites received during their pilgrimage through the desert after the Exodus. The New Jerusalem is the city all of us should aspire to dwell in after our life in this world is ended. We anticipate and help realize our citizenship in that holy city every time we participate in the Mass. We are taken up into the life of God - the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - by starting with the Sign of the Cross. We're drawn into the life of Jesus when we hear about His life in the Gospel. As we prepare to celebrate the Eucharist, we sing with all the Angels, "Holy, holy, holy..." We are mystically incorporated and brought into communion with the whole Church - on earth, in purgatory, and in heaven - when we receive the living Jesus in Holy Communion. Empowered by the grace of the Eucharist, we're strengthened to go out and share the good news of the Gospel with others in the dismissal, "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." The New Jerusalem is our home. We're not living there now, but we can look forward in hope and anticipation to that great day when the New Jerusalem is fully realized with all citizens fully present and accounted for. We can and should hope to be among the Saints when they go marching into that heavenly abode. This week, consider: how often do I think about the life of heaven? How much do I want heaven for my neighbor? Let's pray that the New Jerusalem may be filled with more and more expectant citizens by our efforts to share the good news of God's love with those we meet.

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.....	\$84,062
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed.....	\$15,938
Weekly Needed	\$1,923
Weekly Received.....	\$2,918

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, BALLTOWN

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed	\$82,473
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received.....	\$69,126
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed.....	\$13,347
Weekly Needed	\$1,586
Weekly Received	\$612

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, LUXEMBURG

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed	\$172,442
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received.....	\$79,047
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed.....	\$93,395
Weekly Needed.....	\$3,316
Weekly Received.....	\$556

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, HOLY CROSS

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed.....	\$188,881
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received	\$111,777
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed	\$77,104
Weekly Needed.....	\$3,632
Weekly Received.....	\$2,410

SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH, SHERRILL

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed.....	\$161,435
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received	\$100,639
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed	\$60,796
Weekly Needed	\$3,105
Weekly Received.....	\$2,339



Dubuque County Right to Life would like to thank all of the generous parishioners who donated to the ROSES FOR LIFE on Mother's Day!

A total of \$450.00 was collected. All donations are used for educational purposes for the community to learn about the dangers of abortion and where to go for help, to respect life at all stages. Thank you to all of those who assisted with this project by passing out roses. ***Remember to thank your mother for the gift of life!***

ACTIVITIES

Faith Formation News-

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

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 or call 563-608-3305.

If you have a notice for the parish bulletin, please have it submitted by phone call to 563-870-4041 or by email to dbq104sec@dbqarch.org by Tuesday at noon. Thank you!

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Loan Repayment Updates: Holy Trinity Parish has paid \$8,200.00 to principal reduction on loan #1962, remaining balance \$3,800.00. The Holy Cross Parish has paid \$17,000.00 to principal reduction on loan #1960, loan #1960 is now paid off. A principal only payment of \$300.00 has been made to loan #1808. Remaining balance is \$39,700.00. Payments will continue until all loan debt has been satisfied to the Archdiocese.

Alternative Tithing Options:

- 1) **IRA Required Minimum Distributions** can be directed to your parish as donation dollars. The amount, in check form, needs to come directly to your church (parish office) and incurs no taxable income for the giver. Contact your tax advisor about this unique giving opportunity.
- 2) **Loads of grain** may also be directed to your parish as donation dollars. This amount, also in check form, needs to come directly to your church (parish office) and incurs no taxable income for the giver. Contact your tax advisor about this unique giving opportunity.

We thank the many people who have used these unique giving opportunities!

Check out the Family Matters newsletter through the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Log into dbqarch.org/family-matters-newsletter and search for the Family Matters newsletter. You will then be prompted to register for the newsletter. Enjoy!



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