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MAY 22, 2022 | SIXTH 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.



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Peace I leave with you.”
- Jn 14:27a

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. Benjamin P. Valentine will enter the priesthood May 28. Casey J. Flack and Jeffrey I. Frieden will become transitional deacons May 27.



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.



Pastorate prayers and deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Debra "Debbie" Jaeger of the St. Francis Parish. May God grant her eternal rest and peace.



Congratulations and blessings to Mark and Deb (Lynch) McDonough who were recently married in the pastorate.

Blessings to the newly baptized— Hannah Kay Spice, daughter of Joseph and Kimberly and **Blair Teresa Ambrosy**, daughter of Jason and Rachel.



SACRIFICIAL GIVING MAY 14-15, 2022

	Budget	Offertory	Picnic	Other
B	\$1,197.00	\$57.77	\$1,550.00	\$225.00
HC	\$1,730.00	\$0.00	\$1,850.00	\$100.00
L	\$1,480.00	\$36.00	\$2,100.00	\$1,310.18
R	\$2,174.00	\$176.47	\$650.00	\$500.00
S	\$2,645.00	\$53.00	\$1,175.00	\$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, May 24 (B) Shirley Brimeyer
8:00 am Louie Decker & Kayla Decker

Wednesday, May 25 (S) Roslyn Ehrlich
8:00 am

Thursday, May 26 (HC) Eleanor Sporer
8:30 am Leon Clemen
School Mass

Friday, May 27 (L) Julie Habel
8:00 am Jerry Ellerbach

Saturday, May 28 (B) Kenneth & Sally Klein
4:00 pm Dick Rolwes & Greg Rolwes

Saturday, May 28 (L) Cletus & Rita Feldman
6:00 pm Donald Hess & Randy Hess

Sunday, May 29 (R) Randy Bahl
8:00 am

Sunday, May 29 (S) For the People of the
10:00 am St. John Baptist
de La Salle
Pastorate

MASS READINGS

May 29, 2022

Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60

Psalms 97:1-2, 6-7,9

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20



Gospel:

John 17:20-26

A MESSAGE FROM FR. DIEHM

Dear Pastorate Family,

This weekend Jesus speaks about the coming of “*the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name...*” Jesus says further that the Holy Spirit “...will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.” We can’t underestimate the value and the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church. Nonetheless, the Holy Spirit is often the forgotten Person of the Holy Trinity. We’re familiar with the Father and the Son, but the Holy Spirit often seems less well known. What can we say about the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is God. As such, He is a divine Person – we refer to the Holy Spirit as “He” rather than “it” or any other impersonal form of address. The Holy Spirit is understood as proceeding from both the Father and the Son, and He acts in union with the Son in carrying out the Father’s will. The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is the final element of the full revelation of God as Trinity.

During this time, we should spiritually prepare ourselves for the coming of the Holy Spirit with the celebration of Pentecost. After we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord next weekend on the 29th (transferred from Thursday the 26th), we’ll celebrate Pentecost on June 5th. These days leading up to Pentecost are a good time for us to pray for greater openness to the Spirit’s activity in our lives. For example, do we follow the inspirations of the Spirit when we feel inspired to pray or act? Do we allow ourselves to be convicted by the Holy Spirit when we’ve fallen into sin? Do we ask the Holy Spirit to help us remember the teachings of Jesus? Do we pray for the strength to fight against temptation, the strength which comes from the Spirit? The Holy Spirit is eager to come to our help. Likewise, let’s be eager to allow the Holy Spirit to make His dwelling in our mind and heart; He is our Advocate, God’s constant presence with us.

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 Peace which Jesus gives His Disciples

In today’s Gospel, Jesus says, “*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.*” This 14th chapter of St. John’s Gospel, along with John 15 and 16, are part of Jesus’ Last Supper discourses, also known as His Farewell discourses (because He would soon be parted from His disciples in His passion and death). The peace which Jesus gives His disciples is meant to strengthen their hearts for what’s to come. They would be distressed by the news of His passion and death; and His peace would be needed in order to help them hold on to faith and hope in light of the “scandal” of the Cross. But what is this peace which Jesus gave His disciples? It’s not simply the absence of trial or turmoil – after all, there would be plenty of that for them to experience in Jesus’ passion and death. Rather, Jesus’ peace is ultimately the presence of God. If they choose to live within that gift of peace, they can trust that God is in control. But if they choose to exit that peace through worry, their faith would begin to waver and they would begin to question whether God was actually in control. Peace is also a fruit of the Holy Spirit (see Galatians 5:22-23), so it’s no wonder Jesus speaks about His peace after talking about the coming of the Holy Spirit. God wants peace for us. Jesus gives us His gift of supernatural peace in order to strengthen us and help us remember that God is with us. Will we choose to live within the peace which He gave to His disciples, or will we choose worry instead? The choice is pretty clear: choose to live within Jesus’ gift of peace; choose to live with faith in God’s providential care; worry won’t do us any good. May we receive the peace of Jesus; may that peace dwell within our hearts and minds; and may we trust that God is always in control of every situation.

May the peace of Jesus be with you.

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.....	\$87,562
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed.....	\$12,438
Weekly Needed	\$1,923
Weekly Received.....	\$3,500

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, BALLTOWN

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed	\$82,473
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received.....	\$72,131
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed.....	\$10,342
Weekly Needed	\$1,586
Weekly Received	\$3,005

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, LUXEMBURG

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed	\$172,442
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received.....	\$83,973
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed.....	\$88,469
Weekly Needed.....	\$3,316
Weekly Received.....	\$4,926

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, HOLY CROSS

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed.....	\$188,881
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received.....	\$115,357
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed	\$73,524
Weekly Needed.....	\$3,632
Weekly Received.....	\$3,580

SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH, SHERRILL

Parish Finances

Yearly Total Needed.....	\$161,435
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received.....	\$104,512
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed	\$56,923
Weekly Needed	\$3,105
Weekly Received.....	\$3,873



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.

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!

Responding to God

Question:

I can't explain it. I feel a nudge from God to something out of the ordinary. How do I respond?

Answer:

You're in good company! Abraham was asked to leave all he knew and loved for a strange land, with only abstract divine assurance that such a sacrifice would be worth it. Plenty of prophets protested against God's call, whether it was claiming they were too young (Jeremiah) or running away entirely, only to end up in a whale's belly (Jonah). St. Joseph was asked to do something very strange. He was asked to believe — on the word of an angelic appearance in a dream — that his betrothed was pregnant not from another man, but by a miraculous intervention of God. Then he was called to marry her.

Author Flannery O'Connor once wrote, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you odd." Sometimes God's invitation might seem strange or challenging. It might require sacrifices we never expected to make. Our life might look different than we had always imagined. But as we all know, life throws its own curveballs, regardless of whether or not we're listening for God's will. Better, one would think, to be open to the promptings of God and to follow along the strange trails that they lead. We have the assurance that, eventually, we will find green pastures.



There is a light in this world, a healing spirit more powerful than any darkness we may encounter. We sometimes lose sight of this force when there is suffering. The pain we witness can be overwhelming. Then suddenly, the Spirit will emerge through the lives of ordinary people who hear a call and answer with extraordinary love.

-Mother Teresa

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