

September 12, 2021



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Sugar Creek
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Delmar

Welcome
Bishop Zinkula!
Sunday, September 12
at 10:00am is the
installation Mass of
Fr. Francis Odom
as the pastor of our
new cluster!

Please note change
in daily mass on
Wednesday and
Thursday on the
schedule below. This
will be a permanent
change!



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Date	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday, 9/11	8:00 am 5:00 pm	DEL Toronto	Luella Schneden Leon McGarry
Sunday, 9/12	8:00 am 10:00 am	CH DEL	Marty Lemaster Jan Farrell
Tuesday, 9/14	8:00 am	DEL	Patrick Henry Cavanagh
Wednesday, 9/15	8:00 am	CH	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, 9/16	8:00am 5:00 pm	SC LN	Marilou Roling Esther Benischek
Friday, 9/17	8:00 am	PET	For Vocations
Saturday, 9/18	10:00 am 5:00 pm	SC LN	50th Wedding Anni- versary Trenkamp Betty Marcucci
Sunday, 9/19	8:00 am 10:00am	SC PET	Walter & Rita Banowetz Rae & Lois McClimon

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Bulletin Deadline is Tuesday at Noon. Please send items to the office email.

Baptism—Parents wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism need to attend Baptismal Class in the month prior to scheduling the Baptism. Please call Father Francis Odom.

Marriage—Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony must complete an approved course of training.

Confessions—One half hour before all scheduled Holy Masses or call Father Francis Odom for appointment

Ministry of Care—Parishioners unable to attend mass can receive Holy Eucharist at home by contacting the office to arrange a convenient time for a visit.

Homebound—Please send names to the office email or call to help us make a list of all our homebound parishioners.

For the Least of My Brothers and Sisters

In our lives we are all given crosses to bear, and when the cross comes in life, we have the choice to either accept or reject it. After all, God gave us free will. The crosses we are given often involve sacrifice, suspending our own self-interests for the sake of serving others. For most of us, sacrificing for the sake of our loved ones is something we don't have to think twice about. We would do *anything* for those we love. But what about those we don't know, strangers? Are we willing to sacrifice for them?

Sacrifice is about setting aside our needs out of love for each other, as Christ offered his life for us. Every person is made in the image and likeness of God and infinitely loved by Him. Because of that, we are called to treat every person with love and respect, to do everything we can for the common good even if it means we must lay aside our own wants and needs. This call to deny ourselves is central to Jesus's teaching.

Few of us today can remember a time when our country was asked to make collective sacrifices for the greater good. The last time was over 75 years ago during World War II, when Americans were forced to make individual concessions to contribute to the war effort. For most Americans at that time, personal sacrifice came in the form of rations, imposed on things like food, cars, tires, and nylon. Not everybody was happy about these personal sacrifices, but most realized these things were probably necessary for the war effort and were willing to go along.

Now we're involved in another kind of war, and this time the enemy is a virus, unseen and unrelenting. For the common good we too have sacrificed. We closed our churches, we couldn't receive the Holy Eucharist or go to Confession, we social-distanced and quarantined, and we didn't gather with family and friends. Just when we thought we defeated it, it reared its ugly head in another form, a variant. And now we're being asked to sacrifice again...for the common good. This time the restrictions are less severe and hopefully, imposed for a short time until the spread of the virus is again under control. It may not be what we want, but it's what we've been asked to do to keep people safe.

As a nation we have always taken pride in our individual freedoms, which is great. After all, it's what America is all about. But as Catholics we must remember we serve God, not man. And it is inevitable at some point we will all stand before God and be judged on how we cared for the least of our brothers and sisters, and for now that's the sick and the vulnerable. Before that day comes, we must pray to God for His guidance and grace to help us know how to best do that. But we must also be prepared to hear what He might tell us, as He does in today's gospel, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Mark 8:34)

Colleen Burke
Evangelization Team

Religious Education

Assumption - Sugar Creek—The Religious Education program is in need of an eighth grade teacher. Classes would begin in October. The time commitment is small but the rewards are great! Please contact Erin Meyermann at eberhart19@yahoo.com or 563-357-7276 if interested.

OLHR Friends of Faith classes are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month starting on September 15th at the Lost Nation church. Children of all faith backgrounds ages 3 to middle school are welcome. To register or to volunteer as a mentor call or text Trish Hadden (563-886-7368) or Kristin Bowman (563-357-6500).

St. Patrick/SS Mary & Joseph—The Religious Education program is in need of a teacher. Please contact the church office in Delmar if you would be willing to help.

St. Joseph Parish, Preston will be hosting their Fall Festival on Sunday, September 26th from 11AM to 2PM. There will be a Kalmes' Chicken & Ham dinner with all the fixings; also raffles, basket auction, bingo, bake sale, children's games, ice cream, and car show.

The Sisters of St. Francis, Clinton, are hiring for the positions of Housekeeper (full-time) and Cook/Food Service Worker (supplemental) at The Canticle, and Communications Assistant (full-time) at the Administrative Offices. Full job descriptions are available at www.clinton franciscans.com with instructions for applying. For more information, call 563-242-7611.

St. Joseph's Church, Bellevue will hold their monthly euchre card party on Sunday, Sept. 19th. It is recommended but not mandatory that people wear masks. Lunch will be served at 6:00 p.m. with cards to follow at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$3 and includes lunch & prizes. All are welcome!

Next weekend, September 18-19, there will be a voluntary special collection for relief efforts for Afghan refugees, Haitian earthquake and Hurricane Ida victims. At the request of Most Reverend José H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, donations on that weekend will go to the Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund and will be used to support the USCCB for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church as well as the efforts of Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church. Donations collected on that day can be made payable to the Diocese of Davenport, supporting the Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund.

Note Mass Change-No 8:00 am mass in Delmar on Sat., 9/18

On Saturday, September 18, the morning mass will be celebrated in Sugar Creek at 10:00 am to Celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Darrell and Lois Trenkamp. Congratulations!

Readings for the week of September 12, 2021

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Observances for the week of September 12, 2021

Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
Monday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wednesday: Our Lady of Sorrows
Thursday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Friday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: BVM
Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Rest in the presence of God simply because God is God and you are you. This is all that is necessary. Out of this relationship will come inspiration, understanding, courage, constancy, truth, and virtues of all kind. We will find ourselves knowing the true meaning of things and developing a depth of insight that is not found following purely human venues. It is God who inspires and opens human hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, we understand all of our relationships with a richer appreciation and come to know who Jesus, who speaks of God's kingdom, really is. The trust that is fostered from resting with the Divine One allows us to see that God's ways are not our ways. There is something bigger going on in this picture of life. It is something mystical and magical that seeks to surprise us at every turn. It is not for us to cling to this world and its limitations. Our adventure is to dream bigger and brighter, realizing that it is even in suffering that the radiant light of the dawn will come. God's ways allow for our paths to be rocky, challenging, difficult, and even crippling at times. Purely human eyes cannot understand the 'why' of such experiences. The eyes and mind of God, however, reveal and detail a journey that ends in glorious resurrection joy. When we lose our axis and become too human in our thinking, Jesus rebukes us and gently reminds us how to see.

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Pope Francis, Bishop Thomas Zinkula, and Father Francis Odoom

THE AGED & INFIRM -

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If you would like for our cluster to pray for someone or if one of the people on this list no longer needs our prayers, please contact the office!

The Pope's Intention for September

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



Adoration Friday, October 2 at
SS Mary & Joseph in Sugar Creek at
6:00 pm.



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