

March 6, 2022



# SAINT PATRICK CLUSTER

Assumption & St. Patrick Charlotte Immaculate Conception Petersville St. Patrick Delmar  
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Lost Nation/Toronto SS. Mary & Joseph Sugar Creek

St. Patrick Cluster Mission Statement—To become a synodal Church  
in our Cluster through Communion, Participation and Mission

### Up Coming Events

March 8 — Parish Council meeting at 7:00 pm in Charlotte for Charlotte, Delmar, Petersville and Sugar Creek

March 13—Lenten Retreat for the Cluster at OLHR in Lost Nation 4:00—6:00 pm. Soup supper in the church hall to follow.

### Stations of the Cross Schedule

#### Tuesday

8:00 am Lost Nation  
Stations followed by Mass

#### Wednesday

8:00 am Charlotte  
Stations before Mass

#### Thursday

5:00 pm Toronto  
Stations  
6:00 pm Petersville  
Stations followed by Mass

#### Friday

6:00 pm Sugar Creek  
Stations followed by Mass



Date	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday, 3/5	8:00 am	Delmar	Earl & LaVonne Stevens
	5:00 pm	Lost Nation	Evelyn Costello
Sunday, 3/6	8:00 am	Sugar Creek	Robert Banowetz
	10:00 am	Petersville	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, 3/8	8:00 am	Lost Nation	Alice Lasack
Wednesday, 3/9	8:00 am	Charlotte	Gertie Grandick
Thursday, 3/10	6:00 pm	Petersville	Souls in Purgatory
Friday, 3/11	6:00 pm	Sugar Creek	Robert Banowetz
Saturday, 3/12	8:00 am	Delmar	Patsey Farrell
	5:00 pm	Toronto	Patrice Mangan
Sunday, 3/13	8:00 am	Charlotte	Martin Lemaster
	10:00 am	Delmar	Mary Farrell

### St. Patrick Church

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Office hours—Tuesday/Friday from 9:00 to 1:00

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

**Mass Intentions**— Send your mass intentions for all but OLHR to the office email or by mail. Checks should be made to Mass Stipend. OLHR intentions should be sent to Sue Zeller.

**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 Odoom.

**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 Odoom 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.

58,000 Cups of Coffee Initiative

*"I am created to do something or be something for which no one else is created; I have a place in God's councils, in God's world, which no one else has...God has created me to do him some definite service; he has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my mission." – St. John Henry Newman*

According to the annual diocesan "Mass counts" for 2021, there were just over 19,000 Catholics in our pews across the diocese. This is just over 60% of the 30,000+ people in our pews in 2019, pre-pandemic. If we take the number of people in our pews and multiply it by three (19,000 x 3), we get 58,000. Hence, the "58,000 Cups of Coffee Initiative," the next step in our journey to becoming a more synodal Church, walking together in faith into the future.

The idea behind the initiative is that all of us currently in the pews should strive to have a conversation with three different people: one who is already in our pews, one who used to be in our pews but hasn't been since the pandemic, and one who has either never been a part of a faith community or stopped practicing religion at some point. The question for these conversations is the same as the listening sessions we've already had -- As you think about your experience of the Catholic Church, what fills your heart and what breaks your heart?

These conversations should be informal and not forced, probably best one-on-one. One way to begin is by

explaining a little about the Synod and thanking them for sharing their experience with you. The simple goal of the conversations is to listen with genuine curiosity in order to understand their experience of the Catholic Church better, not in order to respond – no arguing or defending -- just deep and respectful listening. This is not the time for debate. It is a time to just humbly listen, allowing people to speak honestly.

The easiest conversation is probably the one with someone already in our pews. But at some point we need to branch out beyond the walls of the church, listening to those who used to be in our pews but haven't been since the pandemic, and those who have disaffiliated from the Church or who never practiced the faith. This is not the time to convince them to come to Mass, but simply to listen, to understand, and to get to know their experience of the Catholic Church better.

If you have any one of these conversations, please share the results. Go to the diocesan Synod website ([www.davenportdiocese.org/synod-2023](http://www.davenportdiocese.org/synod-2023)). There are a few short questions. If that's uncomfortable, share your conversations with any member of the Evangelization team and he/she can report the results for you. Help the diocese reach the goal of 58,000!

Colleen Burke  
Evangelization Team

<p><u>Charlotte/Sugar Creek Religious Ed</u> Classes will be held on March 2, 9, 23 &amp; 30 Class times are 5:45 to 7:00. Contact Erin Meyermann with any questions <a href="mailto:eberhart19@yahoo.com">eberhart19@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p><u>OLHR Religious Ed</u> Friends of Faith classes are the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Class times are from 5:45 to 7:15. Supper is provided. Contact Trish Hadden with any questions <a href="mailto:walrus_garden@yahoo.com">walrus_garden@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p><u>Delmar/Petersville Religious Ed</u> Confirmation &amp; 4th/5th grade classes will be held on March 2, 16 &amp; 30. Contact Melinda Hackman for more details about Confirmation classes—<a href="mailto:melinda.hackman@gmail.com">melinda.hackman@gmail.com</a> Contact Karla Watters about 4th-5th grade classes—<a href="mailto:skw1200@hotmail.com">skw1200@hotmail.com</a></p>
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**TODAY!!!**

Preston Lions Club Annual Omelet, Sausage & Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 6 from 7:00 am to noon at St. Joseph Church Hall. Adults—\$10, Kids-5-12 -\$5.00, and under 5 free.

Our Listening Sessions are recorded and responses will be sent to the Diocese soon. If you want your voice to be heard and could not attend a session, you may send your response to the Cluster email. The two questions that we are responding to are -What fills your heart and what breaks your heart about the Catholic Church? Please send your responses to -[delmarstpatrickcluster@diodav.org](mailto:delmarstpatrickcluster@diodav.org)

We will be recording responses for the next couple of weeks. Your name will not be recorded with your response. If you prefer to send your answer to us, our address is PO Box 293, Delmar, IA 52037. We appreciate all of your responses!

Iowans for LIFE is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary and has rebranded to Pulse Life Advocates. The new name reinforces that the organization has its finger on the "pulse" of the pro-life movement. Its website, [PulseForLife.org](http://PulseForLife.org), is packed with resources for at-risk young women, students, legislators, clergy, and concerned Catholics everywhere. They are launching a 4-part webinar in Lent called, "The Holy Family Project," spread over 4 Sundays beginning March 6th at 7:00 pm. It's free, but viewers need to register at the website to receive a link to view the series for free.

To learn more about becoming a Synodal Cluster Church go to the link below. It is also found by going to the Diocesan website and clicking on the Synod Church icon. <https://davenportdiocese.org/synod-2023>



## Renewing and Healing Our Relationship with God

*Lent is all about drawing closer to God, letting ourselves be loved by Him and reconciling ourselves to Him. On Sunday, March 13 at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in Lost Nation from 4:00 to 6:00 the Evangelization Team will host a Lenten Retreat for the Cluster. Plan to come and spend some time in prayer and reflection and draw closer to God this Lenten season.*

*The Knights of Columbus will host a soup supper in the church hall after the retreat.*

### Revised COVID Safety Protocols from the Diocese

Based on new CDC guidelines, the diocese has revised its COVID policy. Find the complete policy on the diocese website. Here are some highlights concerning the liturgy.

- The dispensation for the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is lifted.
- The regular ministry of greeters, lectors, servers, and Eucharistic ministers may resume. Home visits may resume.
- The Sign of Peace may be exchanged.
- Holy Communion may be distributed under both forms of bread and wine.

### Monthly Mass Schedule

Month	Saturday 5:00	Sunday 8:00	Sunday 10:00
March	Lost Nation/ Toronto	Sugar Creek/ Charlotte	Petersville/ Delmar
April	Lost Nation/ Toronto	Petersville/ Delmar	Sugar Creek/ Charlotte

The first church in each box has mass on the first weekend of that month and the second church has mass on the second weekend and so on.

### WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

#### Readings for the week of March 6, 2022

**Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13  
**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46  
**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15  
**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32  
**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12  
**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26  
**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48  
**Next Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

#### Observances for the week of March 6, 2022

**Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent  
**Monday:** Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs  
**Tuesday:** St. John of God, Religious  
**Wednesday:** St. Frances of Rome, Religious  
**Thursday:**  
**Friday:**  
**Saturday:**  
**Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

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#### OUR SHEPHERDS -

Pope Francis, Bishop Thomas Zinkula, and Father Francis Odoom

#### THE AGED & INFIRM -

Boone Blanchard, Dee Colli, Malee Crider-Jensen, Donnie DeHeve, Tanner Dell, Melvin Duwa, Bill Edwards, John Frett, Brandi Gloeckner, Brian Hoffmann, Jonathon, Gerald Koos, Gib Marcucci, Joan Reeser, Dean Ruel, Payce Reynolds, Fred Rieser, Connie Roling, Margaret Roling, Theresa Roling & Jonathon, Kayla Fuegen Sellers, Kale Schmidt, Bob Schroeder, Peg Schroeder, Darrell Stortz, "Stump", Teri Swanton, Leo Trenkamp, Marietta Trenkamp, Eldona Turney, Kerry Van Waes, Jose Walker, Eymard Wanzek Jr., John Worrell

#### The Pope's Intention for March

For a Christian response to bioethical challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



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