

March 20, 2022



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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 27— OLHR Bake Sale at
the Wheatland Community Hall
Breakfast from 7:00am until
gone.

April 3—Confirmation Retreat at
Charlotte at 2:30 pm
Communal Penance at
Charlotte from 4:00 to 6:00 pm

April 6—Confirmation at
Charlotte at 6:30 pm

Men's Retreat

Sunday, March 27

2:00-4:00 pm

OLHR, Lost Nation

Sign up sheets available
in each parish.

Registration is not
required!

Men from all parishes are
welcome!

REPENT



“But I tell you, if you do not
repent, you will all perish
as they did!”

LUKE 13:3

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Date	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday, 3/19	8:00 am	Delmar	Earl & LaVonne Stevens
	5:00 pm	Lost Nation	Paul Lasack
Sunday, 3/20	8:00 am	Sugar Creek	Vince Kelly
	10:00 am	Petersville	Mrs. Paul Spain
Tuesday, 3/22	8:00 am	Lost Nation	Dennis Burke
Wednesday, 3/23	8:00 am	Charlotte	Jim Dexter
Thursday, 3/24	6:00 pm	Petersville	Darlene Burke
Friday, 3/25	6:00 pm	Sugar Creek	Charles Hogan
Saturday, 3/26	8:00 am	Delmar	Deceased Members of the Goodall Family
	5:00 pm	Toronto	Stephen Kedley
Sunday, 3/27	8:00 am	Charlotte	Robert & Agnes Eberhart
	10:00 am	Delmar	Joe Rulley

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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 Bap-
tism 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 re-
ceive Holy Eucharist at home by contacting the office to ar-
range 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.

Lent—A Time for Prayer

The life of Christ is intended to give us examples we can follow and from which we can learn. Take for instance his prayer life. Even though he was God incarnate, Jesus didn't draw on his divine powers when it came to facing life's challenges. Instead, when he was exhausted or burdened or in need of spiritual refreshment, he would "withdraw to deserted places to pray." (Luke 5:16)

Prayer is one of the most powerful weapons God has given us, but knowing how to pray is not always easy, even Jesus's disciples were confused. Though they were familiar with the prayers of the Torah, they came to Jesus and said, "Lord, teach us to pray." His response was The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13), a beautiful prayer every Catholic knows; however, as elegant as the words are, we should think of it not just as another ritualistic prayer, but as an example of *how* to pray.

Identify to Whom You Are Speaking

Think of prayer as a conversation, and every conversation should begin by addressing the person to whom you are speaking by name. Jesus begins with "Our Father in heaven." Having a distinct sense of to whom we are speaking helps us formulate what we want to say and how we want to say it, whether it is God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Mary, or another specific saint.

Thank Him

God loves to see we have grateful hearts. Praise should always be part of our conversation with Him. We need to take the time to praise Him for all He has done for us.

By doing so, our faith to believe for even greater answers to our prayers will grow stronger and more confident.

Ask for God's Will

In the Garden of Gethsemane, only hours before his crucifixion, Jesus would pray, "not my will, but yours be done." The one thing we can know with absolute certainty is that God has a plan for us, and it is good.

Say What You Need

We often hesitate to bother God with the little things we need, thinking He shouldn't be bothered, and sometimes when we're confronted with big problems, we try everything we can to solve the problem before we think to pray. We should never hesitate to ask God for what we need. He will answer us.

Ask for Forgiveness

If we want our prayers to be heard, our hearts need to be right with God and with one another. If we feel our prayers are not being heard, we should take some time to check our hearts. Sin is a part of life, and God knows that. He knows our hearts, and he knows when we are trying.

This Lenten season let's all resolve to deepen our prayer life and be transformed by it.

Colleen Burke
Evangelization Team

<p><u>Charlotte/Sugar Creek Religious Ed</u> Classes will be held on March 23 & 30 Class times are 5:45 to 7:00. Contact Erin Meyermann with any questions eberhart19@yahoo.com</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 walrus_garden@yahoo.com</p>	<p><u>Delmar/Petersville Religious Ed</u> Confirmation & 4th/5th grade classes will be held on March 30. Contact Melinda Hackman for more details about Confirmation classes—melinda.hackman@gmail.com Contact Karla Watters about 4th-5th grade classes—skw1200@hotmail.com</p>
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Bishop Zinkula invites the parishes and the people of the Diocese to take up a non-mandatory second collection this Sunday, March 20, to respond to the growing humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. 2.9 million people are in need of urgent assistance. There is great risk of additional suffering both within Ukraine and for those who are fleeing to neighboring countries. CRS and partner Caritas agencies need immediate support to meet both ongoing needs as the situation intensifies. Thank you for your consideration of this special request to support, CRS-Ukraine. For more information, visit <https://www.crs.org/>

OLHR: Susan Drury will turn 80 on March 25. She has done, and continues to do, so much for the Lost Nation community. Let's surprise her with birthday cards on her special day! Her address is PO Box 417, Lost Nation, IA 52254.

Project 15:12 Love One Another, a Quad Cities non-profit organization, is hosting Christian Music artist Matt Maher as a fundraiser. The concert will be held Tuesday, April 5, 7 PM at The Adler Theatre in Davenport. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at the Adler's Box Office, through Ticketmaster or at www.project1512.com. Ticket sales directly benefit this great organization! Grab your friends and get your tickets today.

Happy Birthday, Father Francis!
By Rita Banowitz

On March 19, 1978 in Africa
In a little town called Ghana
A sweet little baby was born
A lot better event than a field of corn

The little village
Everyone is close
No running water in sight
The baby cried with all his might

A while later that sweet little boy
Sometimes naughty as could be
But God said "I think he will
Be good for me."

We all love you.
Happy Birthday

This is an excerpt of the poem Rita wrote for Father Francis as a gift for his birthday! May he be blessed with many more birthdays!

The Evangelization Team would like to thank everyone who came to the Lenten Retreat. A special thank you to Fr. Francis and the "Cluster Choir" who made the event special! Also, a thank you goes to the Knights of Columbus who provided the soup supper and the opportunity for fellowship!



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

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.

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.

WEEKLY READING AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of March 20, 2022

- Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
- Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Observances for the week of March 20, 2022

- Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent
- Wednesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
- Friday: The Annunciation of the Lord
- Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

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Stations of the Cross Schedule

- Tuesday
7:30 am before Mass in
Lost Nation
- Wednesday
7:30 am before Mass in
Charlotte
- Thursday
5:00 pm in Toronto
rosary at 4:30
6:00 pm before Mass in
Petersville
- Friday
6:00 pm before Mass in
Sugar Creek

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