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MARCH 10, 2019 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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January- March 2019 Mass Times

Rickardsville.....Saturday 4:00 pm Balltown..... Saturday 6:00 pm Holy Cross.....Sunday 8:00 am Luxemburg.....Sunday 10:00 am April - June 2019 Mass Times

Sherrill.....Saturday 4:00 pm Holy Cross..... Saturday 6:00 pm 8:00 am Luxemburg.....Sunday Balltown.....Sunday 10:00 am

Our Mission: To form intentional disciples of Jesus Christ.



The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." - Lk 4:6a. 7-8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Question of the Week

Gifts of the Holy Spirit: How will you try to grow in knowledge this week?

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

La Salle Pastorate:

The Ss. Peter & Paul Rosary Society is seeking officers to replace the current long standing officers. If you would like to give of your time and talent, please contact Sharon Ambrosy at 563-542-4158 for more details.

Ss. Peter & Paul Parish in Sherrill is still seeking someone to shovel snow in front of the church. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Donna Cota @ 563-581-7356.

There will be Lenten Alms Giving donation containers in the back of all pastorate churches during the Lenten season. The money collected will go to the Feeding God's Children rice meal program. Thank you from those less fortunate.

<u>Update on the Scrip Program:</u> With the closing of the DB&T banking office in Holy Cross, Scrip will now become available at the Main St. Market from 7am-7pm, Monday through Saturday. Scrip will continue to be available at the Fidelity Bank in Luxemburg. Please support Scrip, it costs you nothing and helps our school. Thank you!

Loan Repayment Updates: Holy Trinity Parish has paid \$400 to principal reduction on loan #1962, remaining balance \$11,600. The Holy Cross Parish has paid \$600 to principal reduction on loan #1976, remaining balance \$9,400. It is the goal of the finance committees from both of these parishes to pay monthly payments until all loan balances have been repaid to the Archdiocese.



Pastorate prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of Nicholas "Blackie" Schmitt of Sherrill and Carol Schieltz of Luxemburg. May they rest always in the arms of Jesus.



The 2018-2019 Confirmation Program
Session # 8– Sunday, March 17, 2019
at Holy Cross

8 am Mass followed by class from 9-10:45 am Topic: Rite of Confirmation and Review

2019 La Salle Pastorate Mission Trip: Mission trips are life changers for members, the community and the church. After spending a week in service, you will leave

transformed from the love, strength and resilience you see in those you meet. Why attend??? Expand your perspective and compassion for others, grow spiritually and mentally, challenge yourself and make life long friends. To discover more details about this opportunity for the summer of 2019, please contact Jake Cota @ 563-580-9407 or Brian Nilles @ 563-581-1885.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING MARCH 2-3

	Budget	Offertory	Holy Days	Other
В	\$555.00	\$74.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
HC	\$2.580.00	\$87.00	\$50.00	\$250.00
${f L}$	\$550.00	\$102.26	\$0.00	\$265.12
R	\$850.00	\$98.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
S	\$1,440.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$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.

TEL.	CHEDCE	LD.
Tuesday, March 12 8:00 am	В)	Mark Czarnecki
Wednesday, March 13 8:00 am	(S)	Bonnie Brimeyer Merlin Johnson
Thursday, March 14 8:00 am	(L)	Joe Meyers Amy Steffen-Clay
Friday, March 15 8:30 am	(HC)	Germaine Gaul Joe & Marvin Theisen
Saturday, March 16 4:00 pm	(R)	Connie Krause Robert & Dorothy Schrobilgen & their deceased children James, Jolene & JoAnn
Saturday, March 16 6:00 pm	(B)	Gene Lahey Dolores Wolf Donald Wolf
Sunday, March 17 8:00 am	(HC)	Donald Hannan
Sunday, March 17 10:00 am	(L)	For the People of St. John Baptist de La Salle Pastorate

MASS READINGS March 17, 2019

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14

Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1



Gospel: Luke: 9:28b-36

Lenten Activities for the Week of March 11-17:

March 13- Stations following 8am Mass @ Sherrill, Faith Formation Students Reconciliation from 7-8pm, public welcome, March 14- Stations following 8am Mass @ Luxemburg, March 16- Bible Study @ Rickardsville from 9-10am, Stations led by La Salle 3/4 grade students at 3:30pm @ Rickardsville, Confession after 6pm Mass @ Balltown, March 17- Confession after 10am Mass @ Luxemburg.

Lent-Prayer; Fasting; Almsgiving

A MESSAGE FROM FR. DIEHM

Dear pastorate family,

A dark and evil figure rears his ugly head on this first Sunday of Lent – none other than the Devil Himself. After Jesus' baptism, He was led by the Spirit out into the desert. Jesus was praying and fasting during His time in the desert, and during that time, He experienced temptation from the Devil, the evil one, also known as Satan. It was the Devil who first deceived Adam and Eve to act against God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that, "391) Behind the disobedient choice of our first parents lurks a seductive voice, opposed to God, which makes them fall into death out of envy. Scripture and the Church's Tradition see in this being a fallen angel, called "Satan" or the "devil". The Church teaches that Satan was at first a good angel, made by God: "The devil and the other demons were indeed created naturally good by God, but they became evil by their own doing."

The Devil is NOT a myth or an allegory. He is a real, personal, spiritual being who has been active throughout the history of the world and continues that activity in our own time. His diabolical agenda is to get people to turn away from God. He solicits them toward eternal death by enticing them to use their free will to act against God. He can't force anyone to do anything that they don't freely choose, but once he has a person's consent, his purpose is their eternal ruin. Just as Jesus was tempted by the evil one, you, too, should anticipate being tempted. Our best defense against temptation is the scriptures, as Jesus Himself used the scriptures to counter the Devil's every temptation. This Lent, arm yourself with the scriptures, and with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. So armed, may we not be led astray by the evil one but journey with Jesus and come with Him into the eternal life God wants for all His children.

God bless, Fr. Diehm

La Salle Catholic School Updates

Spring Social: La Salle Catholic School's Spring Social will be held on Saturday, March 30 at 6:00 pm. Make plans now to attend and if you have any

items to donate to the silent or live auction, please call Barb at school - 870-2405. We are looking for donations of 5x7 picture frames to use in a project for table decorations. The frames can be used and any color. Frames can be dropped off at the school office.

STO Applications: The Archdiocese of Dubuque uses the company FACTS to handle applications for tuition assistance online. The link to the application is found on the school website. You can use a smartphone to apply including taking photos of and submitting the supporting documentation needed. The application fee is \$31 per family (not per student). Families who apply for STO will receive a \$25 gift of scrip from the school to help offset the application fee. If you would like help accessing the application or need a computer/internet connection or have questions, please call Barb or Susan at school, 563-870-2405. The deadline for applications is April 15, 2019.

La Salle Catholic School is working to build opportunities for local tuition assistance. As procedures are established for the granting of local assistance, the STO application through FACTS will be an important step. Even if you feel you wouldn't qualify for STO, to be considered for local assistance, you must complete the STO application. Please complete the STO application as soon as possible.

<u>Preschool:</u> Thank you to all who participated in the early literacy carnival on Saturday. There is still time to register for preschool at La Salle. There are six spaces available for four-year-old preschool for the 2019-20 school year. Students must be four years old by September 15, 2019, to enroll in four-year-old preschool. Students must be three years old by September 15, 2019, to enroll in three-year-old preschool.

Stations of the Cross: Grades 3/4 will lead the Stations of the Cross at 3:30 at Rickardsville on Saturday, March 16. Students in kindergarten through grade 2 will present the Stations at 9:30 at Luxemburg on Sunday, March 24. Grades 5/6 will the Stations of the Cross at 5:30 at Holy Cross on Saturday, April 6.



<u>PRAYER – One of the "pillars" of our Lenten observance</u>

We continue to go through the fourth part of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) on prayer. What follows is the sixth and

seventh paragraphs from the Catechism on prayer – "2563) The heart is the dwelling-place where I am, where I live; according to the Semitic or Biblical expression, the heart is the place "to which I withdraw." The heart is our hidden center, beyond the grasp of our reason and of others; only the Spirit of God can fathom the human heart and know it fully. The heart is the place of decision, deeper than our psychic drives. It is the place of truth, where we choose life or death. It is the place of encounter, because as image of God we live in relation: it is the place of covenant. 2564) Christian prayer is a covenant relationship between God and man in Christ. It is the action of God and of man, springing forth from both the Holy Spirit and ourselves, wholly directed to the Father, in union with the human will of the Son of God made man." This quote follows the quote from last week which spoke about the heart as being the source of prayer. This Lent is a good opportunity for us to examine our hearts – are they receptive to God? And to whose voice are we listening? The voice of God, or the voice of the evil one? How we answer that question is essential for a healthy spiritual life. The voice of God never contradicts Himself – how God speaks to us in prayer will never contradict what God has told us in His sacred Word. But the evil one lies and will even twist scripture to suit his purpose. This Lent, let's train ourselves to listen to the voice of God and to reject the voice of the evil one. In so doing, may we faithfully follow God toward the new life of the resurrection, toward the joy of Easter.

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	\$111,000	
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received	\$70,942	
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed	\$40,058	
Weekly Needed	\$2,135	
Weekly Received	\$948	

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, BALLTOWN		
Parish Finances Yearly Total Needed		
Yearly Total Needed	\$79,147	
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received	\$52,974	
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed	\$26,173	
Weekly Needed	\$1,522	
Weekly Received	\$629	

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, LUXEMBURG		
Parish Finances		
Yearly Total Needed	\$240,125	
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received	\$109,827	
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed		
Weekly Needed	\$4,618	
Weekly Received	\$917	

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, HOLY CROSS		
Parish Finances		
Yearly Total Needed		
(Fiscal YTD) Total Budget Received	\$92,134	
(Fiscal YTD) Budget Needed	\$100,882	
Weekly Needed	\$3,712	
Weekly Needed	\$2,967	
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Catholic Charities Asks You to Help- Did you know that Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque holds no government contracts for funding, as compared to

similar agencies across the U.S., which rely on budgets comprised of two-thirds public funding. This makes your contribution to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal all the more critical! Learn more at: http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org

ACTIVITIES

Steve Ray, Catholic convert, apologist, speaker, pilgrimage guide, author of numerous books and Catholic DVD series will present a two night mission at The Church of the Nativity 1225 Alta Vista St Dubuque IA. There will be two talks. One Monday March 25 and the other Tuesday March 26. All are welcome to this free event from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Topics include talks on the Eucharist and the Blessed Mother Mary.

Faith Formation Opportunity for Lay Formation and IMPACT Alumni: Experience God's grace and explore its impact on your daily life during our next IMPACT/LF Alumni Retreat, "Grace: On the Journey to God." The retreat will be held at the New Malleray Abbey, just outside of Dubuque. We are excited for the opportunity to pray with and learn from the monks this Lenten season. Join us Saturday, March 30, 10 am to Sunday, March 31, noon. For more information or to register, contact Theresa Alt at 319-447-1132 of by email at alt.theresa@yahoo.com.

Immacualte Conception Parish Prime Rib Dinner to be held on Sunday, March 24 at the parish hall. Social begins at 5:30pm with dinner served at 6:30pm. Reservations are required. Please call Pam or Amy at 563-870-4605 or text Mary at 563-513-7889.

Dan Schutte will be providing an evening of music and reflection at Sinsinawa Mound Center on Friday, March 29 at 7 p.m. With a legacy of 50 years, the music of Dan Schutte has played an integral role in shaping the liturgical life of the English-speaking Church. Dan's songs have lifted the hearts of generations of faith into deeper prayer and worship of God. His new collection, Love & Grace, featuring his beautiful melodies and compelling lyrics, continues that legacy. Some of Dan's best-known songs include; City of God, Here I Am, Lord, Though the Mountains May Fall, Sing a New Song and many others. This concert is free and open to the public. Please join the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters in welcoming Dan to the tri-state area.

Upcoming Fish Fries:

St. Clement's Parish Fish Fry, Bankston, IA, Friday, March 15th from 4-8 pm. Serving deep fried and baked Icelandic Cod fish, hash browns or baked potato, applesauce, corn, coleslaw, dinner rolls, dessert bar, coffee and milk. Adults: \$13, 5-10: \$6, preschoolers: Free. Carry outs available for \$13.

St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate in Cascade will host their annual fish fry on Friday, March 15 at the Cascade Legion. Serving from 4:30-8 pm. Fish prepared by the Earlville Parish Men. Menu: fried cod, baked potato, French fries, coleslaw, macaroni & cheese, rolls and dessert bar. Everyone is welcome!

St. John the Baptist Parish Fish Fry, Peosta, IA, Friday, March 22nd from 4:30-8 pm at Shannon Hall. Serving fried or baked cod, grilled cheese, hash browns, baked potato, coleslaw, applesauce, corn, rolls dessert & beverages. Adults: \$12, 5-12: \$6 and 4 and under: free. Carry outs also available.

Trivia Night: A trivia fun night will be held at the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Center on April 5 at 7pm. Cost for the event is \$10 per person. There will be drinks and snacks available for purchase. The event will benefit the youth of the pastorate to help support their trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference this year. Please be supportive. Contact Brian Nilles at 563-581-1885 with questions. Thank you!





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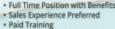




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