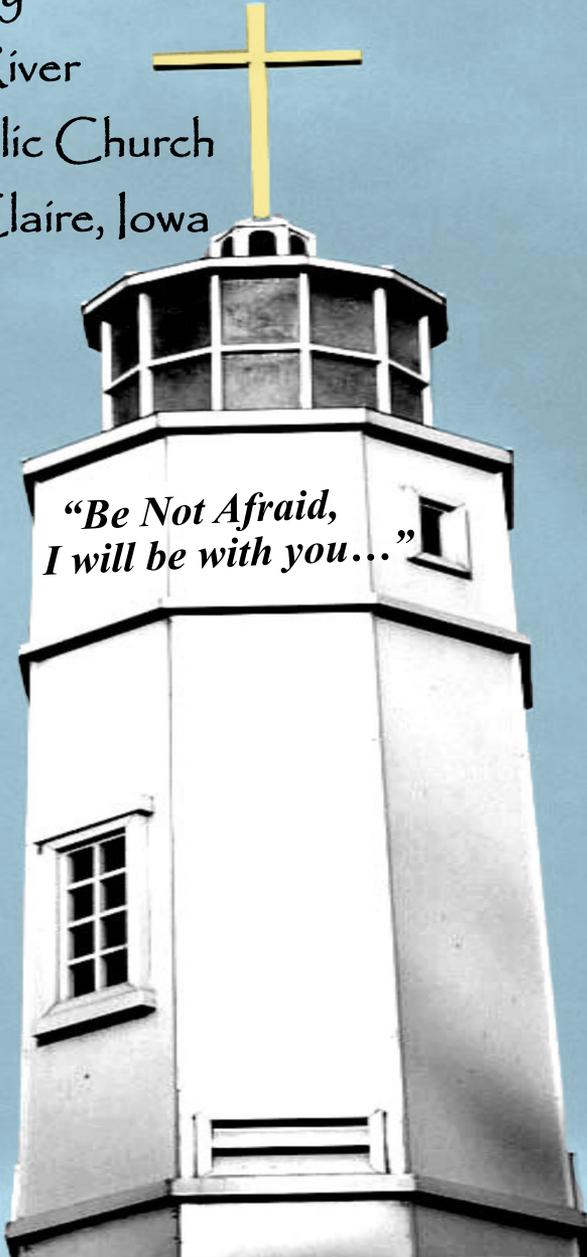


The Lighthouse

Our Lady
of the River
Catholic Church
Le Claire, Iowa

*“Be Not Afraid,
I will be with you...”*



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Deacon....Matthew Levy 319-428-1530

Mass Times

OUR LADY OF THE RIVER—LeClaire

28200-226th Street Place

Weekday Masses 8:00 a.m.—Wednesday and Friday
Saturday 5:30 p.m. — Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Immediately following the Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass
 or anytime by appointment

Open Bible Study

Church Hall—every Tuesday—9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
 Unless COVID-19 requires attendance through ZOOM

CHURCH OF THE VISITATION—Camanche

1028 Middle Road

Saturday 4:00 p.m.—Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 p.m.—or by appointment

Mission Statement

Our Lady of the River Catholic Church is a vibrant, welcoming community of Catholics seeking to know and imitate Jesus through the celebration of the Sacraments, education and service.

Pastors Corner



Dear Parishioners,

COVID-19 PANDEMIC Update to Protocols – August 11, 2021

The current surge in COVID-19 infections, driven by the Delta variant of SARS-CoV-2 as well as by the still significant portion of the population who are not vaccinated, is worsening. Iowa is considered a “high” transmission state, and all our counties are experiencing “high” or “substantial” transmission regularly.

This pandemic is not over, especially for those who are not vaccinated. In particular, we need to be concerned about children under the age of 12, who are not yet eligible for the vaccine. Please keep in mind the steps necessary to help prevent the spread of this virus: vaccination, masking, social distancing, handwashing, minimizing time together, and good ventilation.

Given our current situation, and taking into consideration CDC guidelines, the following additional safety measures are being put in place. They should be implemented as much as is feasible for this weekend and by no later than next weekend.

1. We urge that masks be worn by everyone (over the age of 2) at any indoor gathering or public space, including the liturgy. We especially urge priests, deacons, and other ministers to set a good example in this regard.
 - a. At the liturgy, masks must be worn by those distributing communion.
 - b. If any gathering consists only of those vaccinated, masks may be omitted.
2. Parishes should return to social distancing measures, in a manner that works best for their community.

3. Congregational singing is temporarily suspended. A single, masked and vaccinated cantor may be used.
 - a. If the liturgy is celebrated outdoors, masked members of the assembly may also sing.

We have received a number of questions regarding parish festivals and the like. At this point, there is no need to cancel them. Instead, we ask that you be intentional about reducing risk as much as possible. For example:

1. “Carry-out” food is safer than “eating-in.”
2. If eating in, outdoor seating (if a tent, don’t lower the side flaps!) is better than indoor seating.
3. If indoor seating is used, wearing masks while not eating and keeping tables apart would be recommended. Good ventilation, and spending as little time as possible indoors, are important.

We hope that these changes will be short-lived. The pandemic seems to be exhibiting an up-and-down pattern, so it is hoped that this surge will peak soon and start to decline. However, it may be that large events and the return to school may prolong this wave. We just have to wait and see. But, as soon as it is possible, we will relax these precautions.

Sincerely,

Rev. Apo T. Mpanda, Pastor



Power of Prayer—OLOR Prayer Chain

We would like to remind parishioners of our e-mail prayer chain. If you have a prayer concern, or would like to be added to our prayer chain, please e-mail.....

Teresa Anderson

jite2@mchsi.com - or - call 563-340-9470

OLOR News

Baptisms:

6-20-21—Welles Maris Burken,
son of Marcus and April Burken

7/11/21—Kade Delbert Blunk,
son of Austin and Kisha Blunk



Marriages:

Zachary Miller & Ashten Sherman



New Members:

Garrett & Erin Burchett and family
Kenneth & Mary Engle and Candace Crook
Zachary Miller & Ashten Sherman
Carolyn Kopps
Kevin & Lauryn Hogan and family
James Walsh & Vanessa Flanagan and family
Steve & Mary Tyrrel



Celebrate Mass in Your Car!

Our Lady of the River Church, just like other churches in this pandemic, is searching for ways to allow people to express their faith within appropriate health and safety guidelines.

We have maintained every other pew on both sides of the church so parishioners can continue to social distance. You are always welcome to attend Mass in the church.

Additionally, we have a low-power FM radio transmitter so you are able to listen to the OLOR Mass from the comfort of your car in the church parking lot. You don't have to wear a mask until Holy Communion is brought to your vehicle by Fr. Apo, Dc. Matt or a Eucharistic Minister. Please put your mask on to receive Communion in your hands and then you can remove it to consume the Precious Body. Tune your car radio to **FM channel 103.3**. You should be able to hear the broadcast from most of the parking lot. If you have a problem, please move to a parking spot closer to the church entrance. The transmitter will be turned on about 15 minutes before Mass and turned off after Mass.

If you do use the radio broadcast service, please contact the church office and let us know how it works for you!

RE[✎]IGIOUS⁺ EDUCATION[✝]

Religious Education
2021 - 2022 School year

***Registration for Pre-School students through
9th grade***

Classes begin September 12
Registration Forms and Religious Education Schedules
are both available on the OLOR website at
www.ourladyoftheriver.com

Registration Fees
\$30.00-1 child

\$50.00-2 children

\$70.00-3 or more children

***Volunteers are needed. Special discounts are
available for volunteers who serve as catechists
or catechist assistants. No child will be turned
away due to inability to pay.***

*For more information contact Roberta Pegorick
at leclairlordre@diodav.org*

*Our Lady of the River offers Religious Education classes are
on
Sunday morning. Class begins at 9 a.m. and ending at
10:15 a.m.
Classes run September through April.*



Calling all “Knitters”



There’s a new project for OLOR “knitters” – baby washcloths for our friends in Haiti. Although the trips to Haiti have been temporarily suspended, donations are still being accepted by Pam Hughes for “Haiti Layette”. Pam is also considering adding a local organization who has use for these items. If you would like a copy of the baby washcloth pattern, contact Nancy Murray (563-289-3131) or e-mail to nancyjim1@live.com.



Join OLOR for a Blessing of Animals. Bring your pets to be blessed on October 3 at 1:00 p.m.

\$5.00 Dues are still being accepted by the Altar and Rosary Society.

Be a part of this long running organization that provides a yearly High School Scholarship to an OLOR student; purchases needed items for the altar; sponsors a child in need through UNBOUND; offers donations to local school nurses; provides lunches for OLOR funerals; and other small needs that may arise.

NOTICE... The Altar and Rosary has decided to disband it’s book library. Books are being offered free to anyone interested. Available DVD’s, CD’s and books can be found on tables in the church hall for the next several weeks. Feel free to take home whatever you like.



Our Lady of the River HEALTH CABINET NEWS

Health Cabinet Members: Rita McRoberts, Brian Dugan, Barb Arland-Fye, Kathy Cox, Josh Lawlor, McKara Thiede, Terese Harrison, Chris Walsh, Jim Walsh, Lisa Levy, Jennifer Hildebrand, and Fr. Apo *If you would like to join the Health Cabinet, please contact any of the members.

Mission Statement: *To enrich those we serve, with the healing blessings of faith; to be present and promote the wellness of body, mind and spirit.*

Thank you to everyone who donated blood for our OLOR Blood Drive and also to everyone who participated in the Summer Walking Challenge. We came in 2nd place and missed 1st place by only 300 steps!! The **GOLDEN SNEAKER** went to Sacred Heart Cathedral this year.

Thoughts from your Parish Nurse: The days since my Mother's death on July 9 have been exhausting; planning and preparing for her funeral, writing the thank you notes to dear friends and relatives, and now cleaning out her home and closing her estate with 3 siblings who live in 2 other states. In addition, I have a job, volunteer work, a family, friends and neighbors to tend to. It seems odd that the world goes on in spite of my grief and exhaustion.

At a recent OLOR Grief Group, I found myself on the other side of the table, being supported by the participants rather than the other way around. As your parish nurse, I know there are different sorts of rest: physical, emotional, mental, social and spiritual. We can all feel exhausted and may recognize our need for rest, but do we know the sort of rest that we need? How good are we at recognizing the areas in which we are drained, where we need to be refreshed, restored and re-energized?

Physical exhaustion is perhaps the area that we are most familiar with, and it may be that we have only ever thought about rest in terms of our physical needs. During the last 18 months of living with a pandemic, we have all been doing a lot of extra emotional, mental and spiritual work and are probably more drained in these areas than we would be normally, even if our jobs are physically taxing.

If you're feeling exhausted, noticing the areas in which you are weary is a good place to start. Is your exhaustion physical? Or is it actually emotional, mental, social or spiritual? Or is your tiredness a result of a combination of these types of exhaustion? Discovering what sort of rest you need is key. However, it is one thing to know what sort of rest you need and quite another to actually find that rest. Today, perhaps more than ever, rest is contested. There are many factors that can keep us from resting, even when we know what we need.

But, Jesus has given us an invitation to come to rest (Matthew 11:28). Rest was even listed among the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:8) -- yet when was the last time we asked for forgiveness for not resting? People in every walk of life are exhausted, but we have a God who gives permission to rest, who invites *anyone* who is weary to come to rest, myself included. I have come to rest through exhaustion.

Jennifer Hildebrand

Hospital Visits: Visitation in Genesis and UnityPoint Health Hospitals is open at this point but there is reason to believe that restrictions will be put in place soon. Please make sure you request that Our Lady of the River church office is notified of your admission to the hospital and upon transfer to any facility if you wish to be visited and/or to be placed on the Communion list. If you wish for the parish nurse to make a visit, please call the church office (563)289-5736 or Jennifer Hildebrand (563)370-4412.

Do you need... some help navigating the health system, have questions about your medicine, symptoms or diagnosis, need information on advance directives or simply need a listening ear? Call Jennifer Hildebrand, Parish Nurse (563) 370-4412 or Rita McRoberts, Health Minister (563)370-2958. If you are discharged or transferred to another facility, please call the church office at (563)289-5736 and let us know. Otherwise, our church will not be notified and confidentiality laws make it difficult for us to find you. Thank you.

Submitted by Jennifer Hildebrand, Parish Nurse
kjhildebrand@windstream.net (563) 370-4412

The Altar & Rosary Society will hold its annual Christmas Luncheon at noon on Thursday, December 9th. It had tentatively been scheduled for December 8th, but we changed the date due to the Holy Day of Obligation. All ladies in the parish are invited. Please mark your calendars for December 9th. Additional information will be available at a later date.

Molly Jungk & Carolyn Graham
Christmas Luncheon Co-Chairs



Cafe on Vine:

The Liturgy Commission and Choir prepared and served 85 meals at Cafe on Vine on August 7. The Family Life and Church Life Commissions are responsible for the Cafe on Vine meal scheduled for October 2.

The Social Action Commission will be collecting for **Thanksgiving gift cards** for local families who can use help providing for the holiday. Collection dates will be the weekends of November 6/7 and November 13/14. We will also plan to give **Christmas gift cards and Angel Tree gifts** to these families this year. Please watch for more information on this.



Prayer Shawls are Available...



Prayer shawls and quilts are available for those in need. Prayer shawl/quilt recipients do not have to be a member of OLOR. Brochures are available in the vestibule if you would like more information. To request a prayer shawl, or create them, please contact Roberta Pegorick, Madelyn Phares or Jennifer Hildebrand.



OLOR Arts and Crafts Raffle

The Arts and Crafts Raffle sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society is back! It is scheduled for the weekends of **October 9/10 and 16/17**.

Have you been creating art or honing your craft during these Covid times? Would you like to share your talent with the congregation for a good cause? Consider donating a craft or art work for the Altar and Rosary's raffle. As every year, this is the Altar and Rosary's only fundraiser, which helps us offer the OLOR High School Scholarship.

If you have something you would like to share, please contact:
Joanne Rumpza—563-289-3521 - Rumpzaedjo@gmail.com
Nancy Murray—563-289-3131- nancyjim1@live.com
Teresa Anderson—563-340-9470 - jite2@mchsi.com

All donations need to be in our hands by September 31.

Thank you for your donations...
 your wonderful contribution makes this a great success!



*Join us for the Ice Cream Social
 on September 25 following the
 5:30 p.m. Mass*

Altar & Rosary

Every OLOR lady is invited and encouraged to attend and join
 (\$5 membership dues)

*As with everything in our lives these days, dates and activities
 are due to change due to the Corona Virus...*

October 9-10 - 16-17—Arts and Crafts Raffle in Church Hall.

November 10—Official Business Meeting at noon, church hall, Teresa Anderson, leader.

December 9—Christmas Luncheon
 (details to be announced at a later time).

St. Pierre/ServeHAITI

As you may know, the President of Haiti, Jovenel Moise, was assassinated on July 7. As you can also imagine, this has thrown the country, already dealing with out of control inflation, protests against the government, lack of elections and gang violence into further turmoil. Moise was dogged by allegations of corruption and had allowed gang factions to move about the city of Port of Prince with impunity, because they helped him tamp down government protests through violence and intimidation. The story behind who is responsible for the murder continues to become more and more convoluted, making one wonder if we'll ever truly know who is responsible.

There are so many questions yet to be answered. There are so many more questions arising each day as new information is revealed. We don't have any answers. But amidst this growing uncertainty and concern in Haiti, one thing is for sure: our health center doors remain open. Our dedicated staff remain present to treat every patient seeking treatment. We continue to work together to create a healthier future.

I was feeling melancholy as I began to pen the first half of this entry last night, thinking about how it felt as if progress was at a standstill. And then.... Divine Intervention.

I had a scheduled call this morning with three members of the Education Committee, 2 retired educators and one force of nature young woman, Abby Peeters, who is helping drive our data collection from the Community Health Workers. It was the first call we have scheduled in 3 months. We ran through the agenda, including the discussion of what we were hoping to accomplish for the teachers and students in Gran Bois, and how to go about achieving those goals. We now have a three year strategic plan firmly in place and with the help of the surveys Abby is



Abby Peeters, far left



School

organizing with the CHW's, we'll have time in a long time, I feel hopeful about Haiti. It was such a surprising and elating feeling! It made me think about the people in Grand-Bois - and all of Haiti, for that matter - and how elusive hope must feel to them right now. When I correspond with staff, they express concern, especially for those family members who may live in Port au Prince. But they also express pride in being able to be a part of the solution, in what feels like an untenable situation for their country. To be able to continue to provide quality care and show concern for their patients, their fellow countrymen - I think that helps them fight off their own despair. Sometimes, we all feel the need to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. Your prayers, support and concern for the people in Haiti makes you all a part of that "something bigger". Please continue to pray for Haiti. It's going to be a long, difficult road, but I have hope that this may be the beginning of true governmental change there.

Please stay safe and healthy,

Liz McDermott

"I hear and forget, I see and remember, I do and understand"
~Confucius

Haiti Layettes



We still are unable to plan any trips to Haiti, but that doesn't mean we can slack off on the layette program. It was decided to share our bounty with the Christ Child Society of the Quad Cities when they had their clothing drive in June. So, we need to replenish our supplies of onesies, hats, socks, receiving blankets and pinless diapers. There is a tub in the closet of the church hall for donations. If you are interested in making the pinless diapers, there is fabric and patterns at Expressions In Thread in Leclaire. Your help would be appreciated again in the mission.

Pam Hughes

Calendar of Events

THE FOLLOWING DATES AND ACTIVITIES ARE POSSIBLE TO CHANGE DUE TO COVID—19.

Check prior to attending

September



- 1—5:00 p.m. - Building & Grounds Meeting
- 3—First Friday Fellowship after 8:00 a.m. weekday Mass
- 6—Labor Day
- 8—9:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting
- 12—9:00-10:15 a.m. Religious Education
- 16—5:30 p.m. - Finance Council Meeting
—7:00 p.m. - Parish Council Meeting
- 19—9:00-10:15 a.m. Religious Education
- 25—Ice Cream Social after 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 31—Deadline for Art and Craft items for OLOR raffle

October

- 1—First Friday Fellowship after 8:00 a.m. weekday Mass
- 2—Café on Vine - Family Life and Church Life/Hospitality
- 3—9:00-10:15 a.m. Religious Education
—1:00 p.m. - Blessing of Animals
- 6—5:00 p.m. - Building & Grounds Meeting
- 9/10—Raffle Tickets sold for A&R Arts and Crafts Raffle
- 10—9:00-10:15 a.m. Religious Education
- 13—9:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting
- 16/17—Raffle Tickets sold for A&R Arts and Crafts Raffle
- 17—9:00-10:15 a.m. Religious Education
- 21—5:30 p.m. - Finance Council Meeting
—7:00 p.m. - Parish Council Meeting
- 24—9:00-10:15 a.m. Religious Education
- 31—9:00 a.m. - Men of the River Fellowship Breakfast

November

- 3—5:00 p.m. - Building & Grounds Meeting
 5—Frist Friday Fellowship after 8:00 a.m. weekday Mass
 —6:30 p.m. - Memorial Mass
 7—9:00-10:15 a.m. Religious Education
 10—9:00 - Staff Meeting
 —12:00 p.m. - A&R Business Meeting in the Church Hall
 14—9:00-10:15 a.m. Religious Education
 18—5:30 p.m. - Finance Council Meeting
 —7:00 p.m. - Parish Council Meeting
 21—9:00-10:15 a.m. Religious Education
 25—Thanksgiving
 28—9:00 a.m. - Men of the River Donut Fellowship

November 3, 6:30 p.m.



Celebration of Life
 Memorial Mass



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Prayer Request—contact Teresa Anderson - 563-340-9470 or jite2@mchsi.com

OLOR Sacramental Program or Faith Formation Opportunities—contact Roberta Pegorick - 563-289-5736

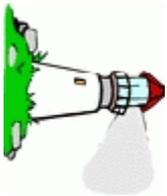
Music Ministry—contact Ladonna Czachowski

Haiti Lavette Project (*Tub)—contact Pam Hughes

Nursing Home Birthday Gifts (*Tub)—contact MaryAnna Parris

Lighthouse Contributions—Joanne Rumpza - deadline for all articles for Winter Lighthouse edition is **November 10, 2021** ... Contact Joanne at Rumpzaedjo@gmail.com, 563-289-3521, or through the office.

(*Tubs... Donation tubs are located in the coat closet of the Church Hall)



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