

**LA SALLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

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**Pastorate Mass Schedule**

Balltown 4:00 Saturday  
 Luxemburg 6:00 Saturday  
 Rickardsville 8:00 Sunday  
 Sherrill 10:00 Sunday

Readings for this weekend: Genesis 9:8-15  
 1 Peter 3:18-22  
 Mark 1:12-15

*“This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”*

Conferences: Parent-teacher-student conferences are coming up on March 2 and 4. If you haven’t returned your sign-up sheet for conference times, please do so. If you would also like to sign up for a time for help with the STO application or to scan documents to be sent to your email, please make a note on your conference sheet.

No School February 26: There is no school on Friday, February 26 for teacher in-service. The teachers will be working with Rachel Blough on the Nurtured Heart approach, planning upcoming activities, and preparing for conferences.

Cookies/Bars/Volunteers Needed: La Salle school families are asked to donate two dozen cookies or bars for the soup sale fundraiser. The cookies or bars can be dropped off at school on Friday, March 5 or Saturday, March 6. They will be packaged in baggies for the meal. We will also be asking for volunteers that weekend, March 6 and 7. Please watch for a volunteer sign-up link. If you wish to donate towards the raffle or soup/sandwich ingredients, please contact Miss Bries.

Phone System: The school’s phone system (which was about 25 years old) became inoperable, likely during a power surge when the electricity blinked several times last month. A new phone system was installed on Wednesday. We used funds from an anonymous donation for facilities to pay for the replacement phones. Features of the new system include an auto-attendant if we are not able to answer the call and voicemail for staff members. The auto-attendant instructions list the button to press to reach each person. The extensions are as follows:

Person	Extension	Person	Extension
Barb Miller	100	Deanne Rueber	105
Susan Hucker	101	Jessica Bries	106
Beverly Ambrosy	102	Mary Kay Webb	107
Addie Koerperich	103	Karen Haines Bolsinger	108
Debbie Errthum	104	Michael Peetz	109

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March Mass Dates: March 5, Mass, 8:30 a.m. planned by second grade; March 12, no school; March 19, Mass, 8:30 a.m. planned by first grade; March 26, Mass, 8:30 a.m. planned by kindergarten

March Early Out/No School Dates: There is a two-hour early out on Wednesday, March 10 and then no school on March 11 and 12.

Pastorate Website: The website for the La Salle Pastorate is <https://www.lasallepastorate.com>  
The weekend Mass is posted on this site along with much, much more. To find the weekend Mass, scroll down to the bottom of the homepage. Just below the video of Mass are links to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. There are many great resources at the website to help families, especially during this time of COVID.

Blood Drive: Please schedule an appointment to donate blood at La Salle Catholic School on Friday, March 5. The blood drive will be held from 2:30 to 6:30 in the school cafeteria. Appointments are needed. Please contact Lisa Wille at 563-581-5749 or go online, [https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/89747](https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/89747) to schedule an appointment. Please give the gift of life and donate blood. Please contact Lisa Wille with questions.

STO: It is time now to apply for STO scholarships for K-12 for the 2021-22 school year. The deadline for application is April 15. There will not be a second round of applications, so it is very important that all applications for scholarships be submitted to FACTS by April 15. An outside company manages the process; school employees don't have access to applicants' tax information. The company, FACTS, handles applications on-line. The link to the application is found on the school website, go to the tab for admissions and then click on tuition assistance. 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, 2021.

First Communion Parent Meeting: A meeting for parents of second grade students at school and in faith formation will be held at 7:00 pm at Rickardsville on Wednesday, February 24. The agenda includes information about the Blessed First Communion curriculum, planning for First Communion in May, and information and guidance for parents as their child's most important teacher about this sacrament.

2021-22 School Enrollment: Enrollment forms for the 2021-22 school year were sent home with students a couple of weeks ago. Please return your family's form to help us with planning for next year. If you've misplaced the form, there is an electronic form available on the school website under the Admissions tab. As you talk with family and friends, please encourage them to contact school for more information and let them know that DHS-certified before and after school care is now available.

Preschool Open House: La Salle Catholic School will host an open house for preschool recruitment on Sunday, March 21 from 10:00 to 12:00. Please join us to learn more about the preschool program. RSVPs are appreciated, please contact the school at 563-870-2405.

Soup Supper (and Lunch): The Catholic Order of Foresters is holding a drive-through soup meal matching funds event on Sunday, March 7. The event will benefit La Salle Catholic School for PE equipment and technology. Meals are available in Sherrill at the parish center from 11:00 to 1:30 and in Holy Cross at the school gym from 4:30-7:30. Choice of soups include chicken noodle, chili, and potato and ham. Each meal is \$10 and includes a cup of soup, ham sandwich, bags of chips and crackers, and a dessert. Call 563-231-0468 for orders of soup only. There will be a raffle during the event. Tickets cost \$1 or 6 for \$5.

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Family Matters Newsletter: The Office of Marriage and Family Life at the Archdiocese of Dubuque offers the Family Matters newsletter as a resource for prayer in the family. This monthly newsletter highlights saints, prayers, activities, books, and movies that your family might enjoy. Here are links to the February and March newsletters: <https://mailchi.mp/0d30b72da99d/family-matters-newsletter-february2021-edition-6455372>, <https://mailchi.mp/5201bf95029/family-matters-newsletter-march2021-edition-6455376>

Divine Mercy Chaplet: La Salle students in kindergarten through sixth grade will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet each Thursday afternoon during Lent. We'll go over to church at about 3:10. A copy of the chaplet is attached, if you aren't familiar with the prayers. The chaplet is prayed using a rosary to count the prayers. A recording of the Divine Mercy Chaplet is available on the pastorate website, scroll down to the bottom of the page.

Pop tabs incentive: Thank you all for your help in donating 180 pounds (!) of pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald House of Iowa City. We've started our seventh box and are still collecting.

Can and Bottle Redemption: La Salle Catholic School will continue to collect cans and bottles for redemption through the rest of the school year. Cans and bottles can be dropped off at Holy Cross, Rickardsville, or Sherrill. If you have a large number of cans and bottles, we may be able to arrange pick up, please call the school office. We will plan a schedule for sorting and bagging in the coming months.

SWITCH Update: Students continue tracking their steps with a pedometer. During Lent they will be “journeying with St. Paul.” The taste test this week was shrimp.

Snow Clothes: We should be able to be outside for recess next week and play in the snow. Please be sure to send all the snow clothes starting Monday: boots, snow pants, hats, gloves/mittens, and an extra pair of socks.

Scrip: The Scrip order form has been updated. We have had several business changes. We have added Dunkin' Donuts, Freddy's and Pizza Ranch to keep on hand. An updated Scrip order form is attached.

Holy Cross Ball Sign Up: It's time to sign up for baseball, softball, and T-ball. The deadline to sign up is March 1<sup>st</sup>. A flyer and registration forms are attached. The fees are: \$35 for baseball or softball, and \$25 for T-ball. Forms and payments can be mailed to Holy Cross Athletic Club, P O Box 356, Holy Cross, IA 52053, or you may also drop off forms and payments at City Hall. For any questions contact please call Melissa Domeyer at 563 590 4686 or email Melissa at [Moedomeyer@gmail.com](mailto:Moedomeyer@gmail.com).

Bulletin Message from Father Diehm: We will be sharing Father's bulletin message each week. The bulletin is available online at [www.lasallepastorate.com](http://www.lasallepastorate.com) and a video of the weekend Mass is also posted. Father's message will be a weekly attachment to the newsletter.