

# St Joseph the Worker Cluster

## The Catholic Parishes of

Immaculate Conception  
Sumner

Holy Name  
West Union

St Francis of Assisi  
Fayette

St Peter  
Clermont



MAY 24, 2020 – ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### SATURDAY/SUNDAY MASSES

#### Saturday:

4:00 p.m. .... St. Peter, Clermont

6:00 p.m. .... St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette

#### Sunday:

8:00 a.m. .... Immaculate Conception, Sumner

10:00 a.m. .... Holy Name, West Union

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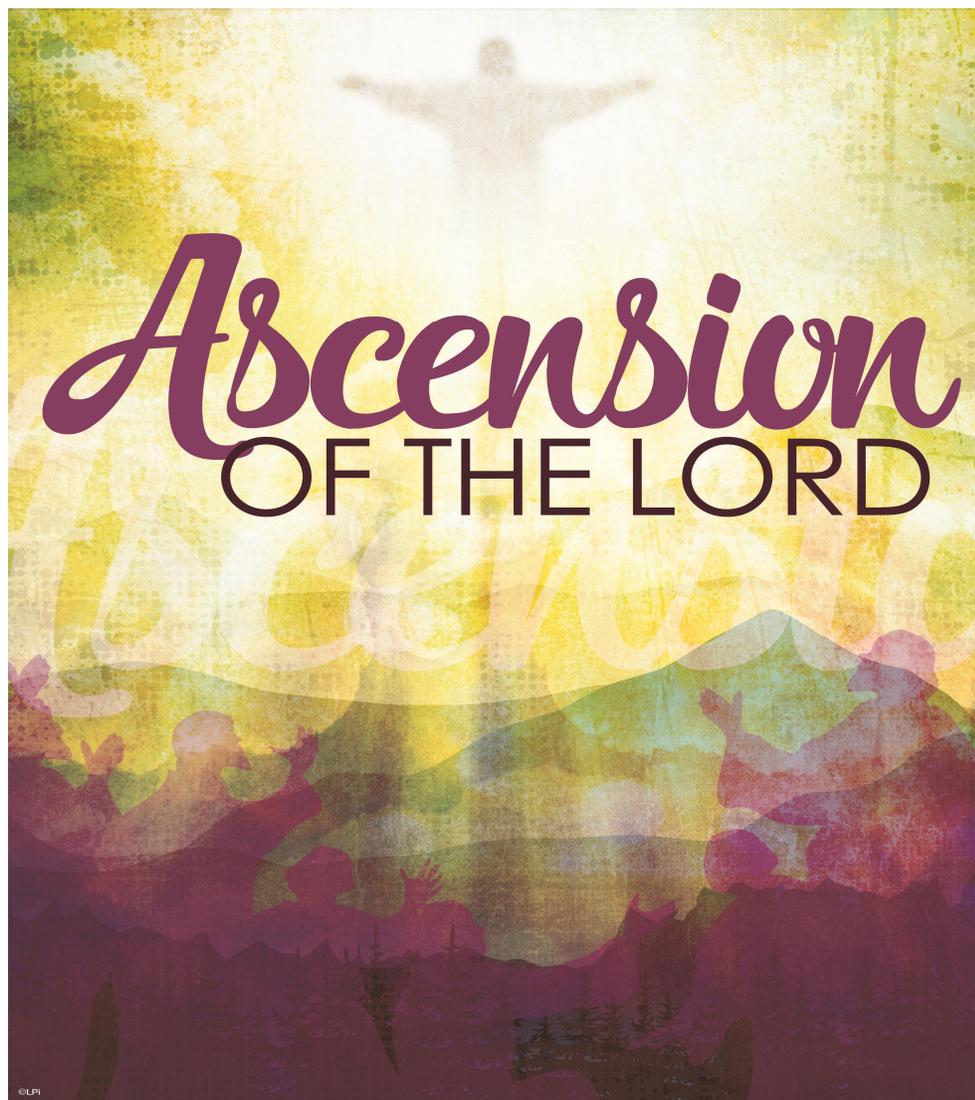
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### Deadline for bulletin information:

**12:00 p.m. on Tuesday**



### MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of St. Joseph the Worker Cluster, give of ourselves by sharing time, talent and treasure to enhance the Catholic faith.

### VISION STATEMENT

We the people of St. Joseph the Worker Cluster, endeavor to come together as one family of God to serve as a Catholic faith community in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.



ALL Church Activities are suspended until further notice per Archbishop Jackels.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETINGS Scheduled for May to be announced.

May 25 - Memorial Day, Church Offices - CLOSED

NOTICE: All meeting minutes of SJTWC are available at the church entrances for you to pick up and read to stay informed about our Cluster. These include cluster councils & committees, parish councils and guilds & societies. Check out what is happening in our Cluster by reading the minutes.

They are also available on the cluster website.



### Prayer Requests

Please remember in your prayers those from our Cluster who are sick and requesting prayer:

**From Immaculate Conception:**

*Juliana Blaylock, Jim Duffy, Joyce Frank, Michelle Heidemann, Barb Hyman, Noreen Miller, Pauline Rader, Joyce Teeling, Brooke Toussaint*

**From St. Francis of Assisi:**

*Veryl Burghardt, Addie Hollinrake, Dorothy Lau, Helen Scheidel, Pat Whelan*

**From Holy Name:**

*Doris Bouska, Kenny Bouska, Taylor Bouska, Mary Dunt Buenzow, Steve & Linda Dunt, Florian Franzen, Hayden Grimm, Bea Heffemen, Marion Heying, Jill Krambeer, Gerald Kramer, Eileen Lahey, Arlene Langreck, Roger Michael, Marilyn Miller, Roberta Mittelsted, Raelonna Patrick, Edmund Schmitt, Betty Scott, Leona Steinlage, Paul Strudthoff, Barb Van Horn*

**From St. Peter:**

*Richard Barnes, Elizabeth Goddard, Laverne Imoehl, Albert Matt, Donna Miller, Inez Oakland, Jonathan Oakland, Ken Wagner*

### REST IN PEACE

Judy Brandt (Sumner), passed away Saturday, May 9th. Graveside services were held Friday, May 15, 2020 at Garden of Memories in Waterloo.

May God bring peace and comfort to her family and friends.

## Parish Support

PLEASE !!!

continue to use your budget envelopes on a regular basis as you are able. You may mail them, drop them off at your Parish Office or place in the parish mailboxes.

THANK YOU!!!

HOLY NAME CHURCH  
128 N Walnut St  
West Union, IA 52175

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH  
404 W 1st St  
Sumner, IA 50674

ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI CHURCH  
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ST. PETER CHURCH  
PO Box 25  
Clermont, IA 52135



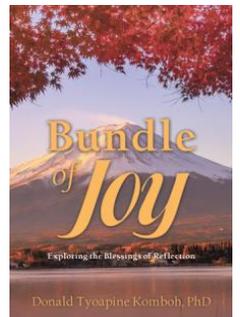
Now Available!!  
Donating to your parish is only clicks away!  
See the Cluster website:

[www.stjosephtheworkercluster.com](http://www.stjosephtheworkercluster.com)

### Still Available!

Fr. Komboh's book - **Bundle of Joy**, a collection of reflections compiled over his years of priesthood. Cost is \$12.

To purchase a copy, contact your parish secretary or Father Komboh.



### Pope's Intention for May:

#### Evangelization For Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire church.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### May 24, 2020 - The Ascension of the Lord

A pair of ducks found their way to the same little corner of the property year after year. Sheltered by a little grove of trees, they quickly made their preparations to build a nest, lay eggs, and welcome in a new family. Then one year, only one of the ducks came to that little corner. She went about the business of building a nest, but this time, she was clearly unsettled. She would wander around, sometimes seemingly without purpose, almost hoping perhaps that her mate might come along. But, she remained alone. There were many times when we could hear her "crying", mourning her loneliness and lack of purpose, sitting on a batch of eggs that would never hatch. One day, she quietly left that little corner never to return again.

Many human beings approach life this way. We silently grieve our loneliness, lack of direction, and sense of purpose. Maybe life once had meaning for us, but nothing seems to claim us and settle our restlessness any longer. We wander around looking and hoping for someone or something to come our way. We may even sob at times, wailing as we sit with the misery of our pain. Will happiness ever come our way again? Or will we simply leave where we are never to return again? Many are lost, wandering souls who are not quite sure where to settle or where to make a home.

We are meant to be in Christ. This glorious feast of the Ascension shows us, with clear vision, who Jesus really is! Understanding ourselves in Christ really changes things up and reorients us to our greater purpose, mission, and meaning. We are part of the cosmic wonder of creation and part of a bigger plan and mystery, destined to be much more than what we now know ourselves to be. Could Jesus' friends know who he would become? If we can find the Christ present within and see the Christ bursting forth in all creation and beyond, then we can come to know our truth and understand where our home and life is meant to be.

Advancing upon the blessing of each new day with the certain knowledge that you are an unconditionally loved child of God gives you the axis and the safe harbor to cope with whatever comes your way. The gift of joy will be yours, and you can discover your true meaning and purpose. Look within, look without, look above, and look below. You are not alone. Trust that God will lead you where you need to be and transform you into who you really are.

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### County Food Shelves - May

#### Pizza & Mexican

Suggested Items: Pizza crust mix, pizza sauce, black olives, canned mushrooms, parmesan cheese, taco shells, refried beans, taco seasoning, salsa, taco sauce, etc.

### Fayette Co. Food Shelf - *SHOE DRIVE*

April 1 to May 31, 2020

good used or new shoes wanted.

Donations can be dropped off at the FCFS Thrift Store OR the church entrances of HN, SFA, SP.



**NEED FOOD? - LET US HELP! - Northeast Iowa Community Action Corp. is offering free home deliveries from area food pantries. Contact them to schedule your delivery at 641-394-2007. Stay Home, Stay Healthy. We Are In This Together!**

### HOLY NAME COOKBOOKS

Need a Bridal Shower Gift?

Only \$20

Contact Pam if you need one!



### Franciscan Common Venture - 2020 Opportunities

Give a gift of service this year! Share your time and talents with others--for a day, a week (or longer). Your heart will never be the same! Join Franciscan Sisters and others in community, service and prayer.

If interested, contact Sr. Michelle Balek, OSF: [balekm@osfdbq.org](mailto:balekm@osfdbq.org) or #563-583-9786.

Visit our website for a listing of opportunities and a downloadable brochure and application materials: [www.osfdbq.org/commonventure](http://www.osfdbq.org/commonventure)

### Home in Heaven

A pastor and a taxi driver both died and went to heaven. St. Peter was at the pearly gates waiting for them.

"Come with me," said St. Peter to the taxi driver.

The taxi driver did as he was told and followed St. Peter to a mansion. It had everything you could imagine, from a bowling alley to an Olympic-sized swimming pool.

"Wow, thank you," said the taxi driver.

Next, St. Peter led the pastor to a rugged old shack with a bunk bed and a little old television set.

"Wait, I think you are a little mixed up," said the pastor.

"Shouldn't I be the one who gets the mansion? After all, I was a pastor, went to church every day, and preached God's word."

"Yes, that's true," said St. Peter. "But during your sermons, people slept. When the taxi driver drove, everyone prayed."

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## MASS INTENTIONS & SCRIPTURE

### 5/25/20 - Monday

+ For the People

Acts 19:1-8, Ps 68:2-7, John 16:29-33

### 5/26/20 - Tuesday

+Inez Schmitt

Acts 20:17-27, Ps 68:10-11, 20-21, John 17:1-11

### 5/27/20 - Wednesday

+ John Fedeler

Acts 20:28-38, Ps 68:29-36, John 17:11-19

### 5/28/20 - Thursday

+ Mike Finnegan

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11, Ps 16:1-11, John 17:20-26

### 5/29/20 - Friday

+ Diane Fay

Acts 25:13-21, Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20, John 21:15-19

### 5/30/20 - Saturday

+ Mike Voshell

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31, Ps 11:4-7, John 21:20-25

### 5/31/20 - Sunday

+ Betty Spies

Acts 2:1-11, Ps 104:1, 24-34, 1Cor 12:3-7, 12, 13, John 20:19-23



Links to Livestreaming Sunday Mass from  
The Archdiocese of Dubuque can be found at:

<https://dbqarch.org/live-broadcasts>

Link to Daily Mass with Bishop Barrons of  
Word on Fire can be found on the Cluster Website:  
[www.stjosephtheworkercluster.com](http://www.stjosephtheworkercluster.com)



Tired of singing the  
Happy Birthday Song?  
**WASH & PRAY**

The Our Father -  
a 20 second prayer.  
Multi-tasking with  
purpose!



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

If interested in celebrating the  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
one on one with Father Komboh please call your  
parish office and make  
an appointment.

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**Let's stay in touch....**

**To join a parish e-mail group, send an  
email to Cindy, Pam, or Kathy.  
Email addresses are located on the front  
of every bulletin.**

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**FACEBOOK SITES:** check out the following  
Facebook sites to know information from  
your Parish.

Holy Name West Union  
St Francis of Assisi  
St Peter Catholic Church  
Immaculate Conception Church

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### CHURCH OFFICES

Will be open

Holy Name/SP - 9:00 to 12:00

Immaculate Conception/SFA - 9:00 to 12:00

**ALL OFFICES CLOSED ON  
WEDNESDAY**

The Weekly Bulletin will be available at each church  
in the Cluster and can also be found online at:

[www.stjosephtheworkercluster.com](http://www.stjosephtheworkercluster.com)

And at:

<https://parishesonline.com>

Type in "St. Joseph the Worker Cluster" as the parish.  
You can also sign up to have the bulletin  
automatically e-mailed to you each week.

### ATTENTION:

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The churches of HN, IC, SP  
will be open daily for  
short visits & private prayer time.  
HN - 9:00am to 1:00pm Monday - Sunday  
9:00am to 6:00pm Wednesday  
IC - 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday - Sunday  
SP - 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday - Sunday  
Please follow the current guidelines for gathering