



Monday, March 16
No Mass - pray for Vocations

Tuesday, March 17 SH
 8:30am † Paul & Margaret Mayer

Wednesday, March 18 VIS
 8:30am † Leo Runde

Thursday, March 19 SH
 8:30am † Bill, Mary Ann & Tim O'Neill

Friday, March 20 VIS
 8:30am † Alfred Hemann

Saturday, March 21 SH
 5:15pm † Bernard, Regina, Robert & John May

Sunday, March 22
 8:30am For the People VIS
 10:30am † Ray & Liz Kisner SH

Masses will be live streamed.
 Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday @ SH



STEWARDSHIP REPORT
February 28 & March 1, 2026

SACRED HEART, OSAGE

Adult Budget \$2,836.00
 Offertory \$368.00
 Candles \$17.00
 Initial Offering \$10.00
 Easter \$20.00
Total..... \$3,251.00

VISITATION, STACYVILLE

Adult Budget \$1,890.00
 Offertory \$266.00
 Candles \$50.00
Total..... \$2,206.00

March 15, 2026

Holy Week Mass Schedule:

April 2, Holy Thursday 6:30pm @ Sacred Heart	April 4, Holy Saturday 8:00pm @ Visitation
April 3, Good Friday SERVICE 3:00pm @ Sacred Heart	April 5, Easter Sunday 8:30am @ Visitation 10:30am @ Sacred Heart

**Communal Reconciliation Service, Sunday, March 15,
 at 4:00 pm at Sacred Heart.**

There will be 3 priests available to assist in hearing confessions and absolving of sins at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, March 15 @ 4:00 pm.

2nd Collection in March // Hope Family Resource Center // Catholic Social Teaching

“Hope Family Resource Center needs two new ultrasound machines to effectively serve women in Charles City and West Union. The current ultrasound in use at our Charles City location is a 2018 Samsung HS40, and while functional, it does not provide the updated imaging needed to show life as accurately and early as possible. We also have a portable Mindray X5; however, it is not currently in use due to consistently low-quality images that limit its effectiveness.

Since urine pregnancy tests can detect a positive pregnancy as early as 3.5 weeks, using current software is ever more important. Upgrading to newer ultrasound technology will allow us to provide earlier and more accurate imagining, better utilize our staff, and offer a higher standard of care to the women we serve. While we currently provide about 50 ultrasounds annually in Charles City and anticipate similar needs in West Union, we believe without hesitation that this investment is worth it—because life is priceless, and even one life saved has immeasurable value. Thank you for your consideration.” Lisa Jensen, Hope Family Resource Center, Charles City and West Union

“Hope Family Resource Center is in need of two ultrasound machines at a total cost of \$80,000.

The Knights of Columbus Councils; Sacred Heart, Osage, and Visitation, Stacyville, are helping sponsor this project along with other councils in the area. Once the sponsors reach a goal of \$40,000, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council will match the \$40,000 for the total cost of \$80,000. Hope Family Resource Center is in dire need for the replacement of the existing ultrasound machines.” Leo Chisholm, Knights of Columbus District Deputy

2nd Collection Donations

If you miss the 2nd Collection on the 1st weekend of the month, but still want to donate you can use a white envelope and mark it “2nd collection” and put it in the offertory basket.



St. Isidore invites you to pray with us for: Todd Adams, Michael Mayer (SH) and Naomi (Isaac) Steffen

Stations of the Cross During Lent

Stations at Visitation Church: 8:00am on Wednesdays & Fridays, prior to Masses. (Instead of the Rosary.)

Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart Church will be every Friday at 5:00pm. They will be live-streamed.

Rice Bowl & Devotionals

Rice Bowls & Devotionals are available on the tables in the gathering area. Join our parish community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl.

Help is needed during the Lenten Lunches that are being held at the United Methodist Church.

We need men from Sacred Heart or Visitation to help the men from UMC. The timeframe is from 11:30am-1:00pm. There will be time between setting up/serving and clean up to eat and listen to the speaker. If you want to help, just show up.



Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate money towards Easter flowers to decorate our churches during the Easter season, envelopes are available at the entrances of both Sacred Heart and Visitation.

Please check the box marking it 'SH' for Sacred Heart or 'VIS' for Visitation. Please include the name of your loved one. You can either place the envelope in the collection basket or drop it off at the St. Isidore Catholic Center. To have your loved one's name listed on the bulletin insert, return your envelope by Monday, March 30.

Metanoia Series during Lent

Everyone in our St. Isidore Cluster is invited to this series which will be held **each Sunday through March 22**. Fr. Dery and team will lead the series. We will meet in the Sacred Heart Church from **2:00-3:30 pm**. Even if you are unable to attend all of them, please attend as many as you can.

METANOIA means conversion, but it is much more than that. It means to change, to repent, to turn, to think differently. Metanoia is an ongoing process. As Christians we are to live a life of metanoia.

The purpose of this series is to assist the viewer in this ongoing metanoia. Jesus invites everyone to a deeper more profound conversion – a metanoia – that moves us from something to someone, as metanoia ultimately turns us to Jesus.

Most people understand the word “conversion” to mean the act of converting from one religion to another, or a significant and powerful event, a conversion experience, that causes a person to grow deeper in their faith. **But conversion is for everyone at all times.**

BULLETIN ADVERTISER

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Readings for the Week of March 15, 2026

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/
Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/ Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/

First Reading: Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

David is anointed as king of Israel.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.

Gospel: John 9:1-41

The man who was blind went off and washed himself and came back able to see.

Stewardship Quote

The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle.

Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?



Friday Morning Bible Sharing
9:00am Sacred Heart Meeting Room.

Televised Mass on Sunday Mornings

A Weekend Mass from Winona, MN is televised on CBS on Sunday mornings at 7:30am.

Catholic Charities Counseling
Catholic Charities counseling is available via telehealth. Please call 563-588-0558

Journey in Faith: Mass Counts

The Archdiocese of Dubuque continues its *Journey in Faith*—a process of renewal and planning to strengthen Catholic life across northeast Iowa. Rooted in love for the people and parishes of the Archdiocese, this initiative responds to real challenges: fewer priests, declining mass attendance, shifting populations, and a changing culture. Yet it is grounded in hope, seeking to move from maintenance to mission and to deepen our relationship with Christ in the Eucharist.

The final pastorate plan will be announced later this spring. The announcement will include which parishes will be working together as a pastorate, which priests will serve in that pastorate, where weekend Masses will be located, and how many weekend Masses will be celebrated at each church. An interim Mass schedule will be created by the outgoing and incoming pastors and will be used from July 15, 2026 through January 15, 2027.

Beginning this month, all parishes will be doing Mass counts each week. Mass counts will be used to help in the creation of the interim Mass schedule, to evaluate how the interim Mass schedule is working, and to assist in making changes to the Mass schedule after January 15, 2027, if needed. The Mass counts will not impact the final pastorate plan and they will continue to be performed weekly after the final Mass schedules are implemented in 2027.

Journey in Faith: Councils, Commissions, and Committees

The Archdiocese of Dubuque continues its *Journey in Faith*—a process of renewal and planning to strengthen Catholic life across northeast Iowa. As part of the preparation for pastorate life in July 2026, our parish staff has been meeting weekly to participate in a "prep series" presented by the archdiocese. Each week the prep series focuses on a specific topic. A recent topic was councils, commissions, and committees.

In addition to parish pastoral councils and parish finance councils, there will be pastorate-level commissions in each of these areas. The pastorate pastoral commission and pastorate finance commission will have representation from all parishes within a pastorate.

Parish-level councils will remain focused on items directly related to each parish. Pastorate-level commissions will focus on working together as a pastorate, including the creation and championing of the pastorate implementation plan to be developed this fall. Current parish pastoral council and parish finance council members will learn more at their upcoming meetings.

Thank You --- Visitation Scalloped Turkey Meal

Thank you from Visitation Catholic Church to all who were a part of our Scalloped Turkey drive thru meal!

We appreciate anyone who helped by donating, working, coming to eat, or contributed in any other way. A huge thank you to Kevin (Wheels) & Lynn Theobald and Galen & Audrey Barker for their donations towards the turkeys!

Thank you --- Elevator Banquet

A big thank you to all who set-up, cleaned, cooked, cut, served, waiter/waitressed, organized, and attended the Osage Co-op Elevator banquet! This is a great fundraiser for our church and was a great success again!!! "Each one should use whatever gift he/she has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

BINGO & PIZZA Fundraiser Thank You

THANK YOU to everyone who came out to join us for Bingo & Pizza this past Saturday night. We had lots of fun! The kids and I appreciate your support!

Bridges Mentoring Program Benefit – March 28 – Kris Karr Live at Limestone Brewers

There will be live music by Kris Karr at Limestone Brewers on Saturday, March 28 from 6 – 9pm.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the brewery for \$25 per person.

Ticket proceeds will benefit the Mitchell County Bridges Mentoring Program. More information at www.bridgesmentoring.com

Catholic Charities

Providing Help & Creating Hope: Did you know that Catholic Charities is the largest provider of social services in the United States, second only to the federal government? There are approximately 160 Catholic Charities agencies across the United States, all working independently to reduce poverty and help the most poor and vulnerable among us. Your local Catholic Charities agency offers life-changing ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque, including Mental Health Counseling, Affordable Housing, Immigration Legal Services, Jail & Prison Reentry Services, Case Management, and Crisis Pregnancy Counseling. Learn more about these services at www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org.

Pray for Vocations

"I am the light of the world." (John 9:5)

Christ's light shines through those who answer His call. In marriage, couples reflect that light by the way they love, forgive, and serve one another. Their faith-filled witness creates a home filled with love and grace, drawing others closer to Christ. How does your marriage reveal God's love to those around you?

Shoe Drive NOW – May 12, 2026

St. Isidore Youth Ministry is conducting a shoe drive fundraiser from NOW to May 12th to raise funds for CHWC mission trip. They will earn funds based on the total weight of the pairs of gently worn, used and new shoes collected, as Funds2Orgs will issue a check for the collected shoes. Those dollars will benefit our mission trips. Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used and new shoes at the entrance of Sacred Heart Church or Visitation Church.

All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of micro-enterprise (small business) partners. Funds2Orgs works with micro-entrepreneurs in helping them create, maintain and grow small businesses in developing countries where economic opportunity and jobs are limited. By donating gently worn, used and new shoes to the St. Isidore Youth Ministry Shoe Drive, the shoes will be given a second chance and make a difference in people's lives around the world.

Usher CPR Training

Ushers— Please attend CPR/FIRST AID/AED/STOP BLEED training. This will be offered at Sacred Heart at no charge. Please sign up in the sacristy. Further details TBD.

Upcoming Events

March 14 - Blood Pressure Screening at Sacred Heart

We will have blood pressure screening in the Sacred Heart Church meeting room after Saturday Mass on March 14.

March 15 — Communal Reconciliation @ SH

There will be Communal Reconciliation on Sunday, March 15, at Sacred Heart Church at 4pm.

March 17 — Sacred Heart Guild Lunch

There will be a Guild Lunch on Tuesday, March 17, from 11:00am-12:30pm in the Sacred Heart Church Hall. Serving Reuben or Rachel sandwiches, cheesy potatoes and scotcharoo. The cost is \$10. Take Out, Delivery, and Dine-In. For Delivery, call the office at 641-732-4342 by Noon on Monday, March 16. Bring your family and friends. Everyone is welcome.

March 18 – Bingo at Sacred Heart

Come play Bingo at Sacred Heart Church from 10:30-11:30am on Wednesday, March 18, in the Sacred Heart Hall. \$.25 per card - 50% payout. Following Bingo will be a light lunch at a cost of \$5. Public is welcome! Come for coffee, Bingo, lunch & fun.

March 19 — Community Lenten Luncheons at First United Methodist Church

Community Lenten Luncheons will be held at United Methodist Church every Thursday during Lent through March 26. Meal at 11:45am with a speaker following. Meal will be free-will offering. March 19 speaker will be Fr. Peter from Sacred Heart.

March 19 — SH Pastoral Council & Finance Meeting

There will be a Sacred Heart Pastoral Council & Finance meeting on Thursday, March 19, at 6:30pm in Conroy Hall.

Finance Members: Gary Hemann (Chair), Jon Chisholm (VC), Carrie Mayer (Secretary) & Audrey Christensen.

Pastoral Council Members: Frank Kisley (Chair), Patty Kisley (VC), Sara Ramker (Secretary), Ruth DeGroff, Judy Mayer & Sam Taets.

March 20 — Osage KC Fish Fry

Osage KC Fish Fry will be held every Friday thru Good Friday (April 3), at Conroy Hall. Serving from 5:00pm-7:00pm and cost is \$15 for adults, \$5 for 6 - 12 year olds & free for 5 and under. Dine-in or carry out. All are welcome!

March 22 — Pie Auction Fundraiser for the Stacyville Kids Care and Coffee & Rolls

There will be a Pie Auction fundraiser for the Stacyville Kids Care on Sunday, March 22, in the Visitation Church Hall after Mass. There will also be coffee and rolls.

March 28 — Men's Conference

The 30th Annual Archdiocese of Dubuque Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, March 28 at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids. Learn more and register at www.ArchMensConference.org.

March 29 — Stacyville KC Breakfast

Stacyville KC breakfast in the Visitation Hall on Sunday, March 29, from 8:00 -11:00am. Free will offering. All are welcome!

Proceeds will go to the Hope Family Resource Center.

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