

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time • July 13, 2025

# St. John Paul II Cluster



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**Luke 10:25-37**

I used to be a bad neighbor. I'd get wrapped up in my life and ignore those around me. Then I found sage advice from Benjamin Franklin to this effect: to be a better neighbor, ask someone to do a favor for you. It's counterintuitive, isn't it? Tell strangers that I need their help? Yuck. I'll risk looking needy. Worse, I'll be indebted to them. But I tried it, and it works like a charm. Recently I asked my neighbor Alan for a hacksaw, and Inga for an egg. They kindly obliged, and our friendship is growing.

This week we hear a scribe of the law cynically ask Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29). Like him, we prefer to keep the list of our "neighbors" as short as possible. It requires less interruption and inconvenience. But when Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, he exposes the lonely, cold-heartedness tendency of the scribe's (and our) heart. My "neighbor" is anyone I encounter who manifests a concrete need. There isn't time to require any other credential because human need opens us to the happy reciprocity which is love.

Jesus' words challenge us this week to ask a neighbor for help in some small way. How marvelous that God himself shows us how. He moves into our world and asks us to love Him with small deeds of love. Maybe that's where Ben Franklin got the idea.

— Father John Muir

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## **WEEKEND MASSES:**

*St. John the Evangelist*  
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.    Sunday: 10:00 a.m.  
*St. Patrick*  
Saturday: 5:30 p.m.    Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

## **RECONCILIATION:**

*St. John the Evangelist*  
Sunday: :915 - 9:45 a.m.  
*St. Patrick*  
Friday: 7:15 - 7:45 a.m.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

July 14, through July 20, 2025

**St. John Parish, Independence**

Tues.	8:00 am	Wendling & Ferreter Families
Wed.	9:30 am	Sandy Bahl (at Prairie Hills)
Thurs.	8:00 am	No Mass being held
Sat	4:00 pm	Parishioners of the St. John Paul II Cluster
Sun.	10:00 am	Dick Merfeld

**St. Patrick Parish, Winthrop**

Mon.	4:30 pm	Doreen Moroney
Fri.	8:00 am	Rod Sperflage
Sat	5:30 pm	Melvin Matteson
Sun.	8:00 am	Families of the Kinney Reunion

**Scrup Cash Table Volunteers for July 19/20****4:00 pm** Mary Grover & Kari Knudtson**10:00 am** Amee & JR Freidhof**Altar Linen Schedule:** All July Betty Miller**ST. JOHN PARISH, INDEPENDENCE****Saturday, 4:00 pm, July 19, 2025**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** B Fr. Beckman Mike Finnegan Volunteer  
B Dc. Post n/a n/a

**Hospitality Ministers:** Sharon Schares Jeff Schares  
Volunteer Volunteer

**Lector:** Kevin Pink  
**Altar Servers:** Volunteer Volunteer n/a

**Music:** Shelly Reck Julie Weber

**Sunday, 10:00 am, July 20, 2025**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** B Fr. Beckman Mark Merfeld Donna Nabholz  
B Dc. Post n/a n/a

**Hospitality Ministers:** Kyle Zieser Zach Boss Robert Butters  
Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer

**Lector:** Brenda Corkery  
**Altar Servers:** Volunteer Volunteer n/a

**Music:** Bonnie O'Brien Bill Luebbers

**Rosary Ministry:** Karen Connell & Pat Weber

**ST. PATRICK PARISH, WINTHROP****Saturday, 5:30 pm, July 19, 2025**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** B Fr. Beckman Eldon Baragary

**Eucharistic Ministers:** W n/a

**Hospitality Ministers\*:** Eldon Baragary Volunteer

\*Ushers - Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to Mass to greet people as they walk into church

**Lector:** Dianne Fank

**Gift Bearers:** Eldon & Kate Baragary

**Altar Servers:** Lilly Hansen Volunteer

**Music:** St. Patrick Choir

**Sunday, 8:00 am, July 20, 2025**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** B Fr. Beckman Mark Gaffney

**Eucharistic Ministers:** W n/a

**Hospitality Ministers\*:** Mark Gaffney Volunteer

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**Lector:** Janet Hackett

**Gift Bearers:** Volunteers

**Altar Servers:** Caitlyn Dierks Volunteer

**Music:** St. Patrick Choir

**Monday, July 14, 2025**

**Collection Counters:** Lois Loughren Joanie Brace

**Stewardship Quotes**

The good Samaritan was also a good steward, giving his time and his treasure to meet his neighbor's need. At the end of this familiar story, Jesus urges his hearers - and us - to go and do the same!

**THE WEEK AHEAD**Monday, July 14, 2025**Nothing listed on schedule/calendar**Tuesday, July 15, 2025**Nothing listed on schedule/calendar**Wednesday, July 16, 2025**Mass:** Prairie Hills, 9:30 am (for Sandy Bahl)Thursday, July 17, 2025**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Cluster Office, 10:00 amFriday, July 18, 2025**Confessions at St. Patrick:** 7:15 - 7:45 am, before MassSaturday, July 19, 2025**Confessions at St. John's:** 3:15 - 3:45 pm, before MassSunday, July 20, 2025**Confessions at St. John:** 9:15 - 9:45 am, before Mass**Cemetery Walkers -** July 1-15 Dolan Family**Readings for the week of July 13, 2025**

Sunday:	Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37
Monday:	Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday:	Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday:	Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

**Cluster Finances**

St. John For Sunday, July 6, 2025

Budget Envelopes	\$7,786.00
Offertory	\$324.00
EFT donations for the month are:	\$5,760.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Expenses	\$11,814.00

**Last week we were short \$3,704.00 to meet our operational expenses!**

This section includes all debt that the church owes to date.

Monies borrowed from DBQ for building projects:	\$0
Monies borrowed from Embrace Our Future/Debt Elimination:	\$0

St. Patrick For Sunday, July 6, 2025

Budget Envelopes	\$1,622.00
Offertory (Haiti)	\$292.00
EFT donations for the month are:	\$880.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Expenses	\$3,376.00

## ~~Archdiocesan Events~~

### Rural Life Award Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the inaugural Father Norm White Award, recognizing significant contributions to rural life. This special Archdiocesan award, along with two deanery-wide awards, will be presented following the Rural Life Mass, Thursday, September 18 in Haverhill, Iowa. Father Norm served as the Director of the Archdiocesan Rural Life Center from 1984 to 1994 during the farm debt crisis. He did much to organize priests, laity, and religious in a common effort to serve the rural Church. If you know someone who you feel may be eligible for this important recognition, nominate them at [dbqarch.org/rural-life](http://dbqarch.org/rural-life) or contact Deacon Brian Zeman at [b.zeman@dbqarch.org](mailto:b.zeman@dbqarch.org). Nominations are due by August 15, 2025.

### 2025 Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Annual Meeting - Save the Date!

All women are invited to attend the 2025 ACCW Annual Meeting! Plan now to join us on Saturday, September 27, 2025 at St. Benedict Parish in Decorah. This year's theme is "Pilgrims of Christian Hope," and the keynote speaker will be Mary Pedersen, the ACCW Spirituality Commission Chair and past Director of Adult Formation for the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

Archbishop Thomas Zinkula will be the main celebrant for the Mass and will also have a short presentation. The day will include Morning Refreshments, Exhibits, Silent Auction, and Lunch and Door Prizes! In addition, the Our Lady of Good Counsel Award and the Golden Rose Award will be presented. Nominations for these awards are open until September 10, 2025. Come and connect with other women from across the Archdiocese!

Additional information and registration for the ACCW Annual Meeting can be found at: <https://dbqarch.org/accw-events>. Contact Joanne Pohland at [dbqaccw@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbqaccw@dbqarch.org) with any questions. If you would like more information about ACCW in general, please contact ACCW President Billie Burhite at [dbqaccwpresident@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbqaccwpresident@dbqarch.org).

### 2025 Rural Life Mass is Coming to the Marshalltown Deanery - Save the Date!

Archbishop Zinkula's second Rural Life Mass is coming to Haverhill on Thursday, Sept. 18th. The families of Robert, Richard, and Dale Stalzer look forward to hosting this celebration of rural life on their farm located at 2737 Oaks Avenue, Haverhill, IA 50120. Circle the date and plan to attend this Thursday morning Mass, followed by recognition and a luncheon. Look for more information and updates at [dbqarch.org/rural-life](http://dbqarch.org/rural-life)

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

**MARRIED COUPLES.** Give your marriage a well-deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! Our next weekend is September 12-14 in Dubuque.

For more information call Denise and Greg at (563)920-9419 or visit [wwme.org](http://wwme.org).



**Next Sunday, July 20,  
is Food Pantry Sunday.  
Please be generous.**



**There will be no daily Mass held on Thursday, July 17** due to an all-priest gathering to focus on leadership and prayerful discernment of the Journey in Faith Pastoral Planning initiative.

We ask all parishioners to pray the rosary or offer another prayer on Thursday, July 17 for the success of Journey in Faith.



We need your help!! It takes a tribe to make this awesome week happen for the kids in our community! Make sure to sign up as soon as possible if you can!

#### Decorating Dates:

- \*July 17th @ 3pm-5pm
- \*July 18th @ 9am-12pm

#### Volunteer Training:

- \*July 16th @ 6pm-7pm

#### Early Registration opportunity:

- \*July 17th @ 5pm-7pm



# School News

## Chess Club:

St. John School is looking for a Chess Club Sponsor who would volunteer for the 2025-2026 School Year. This is a club that meets once per week in the St. John Library from 3:15pm-4pm. Chess Club has met in the past once per week on Wednesday. If interested in volunteering to support this club, please contact Mr. Hupke via email or phone.

## Student Mental Health:

St. John School was sent information about a organization who specializes in serving students with mental health concerns. If you are interested in this, or know someone who may have a child needing some mental health support please go to:  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wsPDax9iYu3D5Nt\\_68v4JV-MUNCFQxbjV/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wsPDax9iYu3D5Nt_68v4JV-MUNCFQxbjV/view)

## Summer Reading Program:

We want to clarify a couple of things for our Summer Reading Program:

- #1- This is an optional incentive program. It is not required for every student to complete. And, students are not going to be penalized for not participating.
- #2- Students can complete books independently, read with an adult, or have the book read to them. When they take the Accelerated Reader test, they will have to say if they read the book independently, or with assistance.
- #3- If there isn't an AR test for the book, please have the students in grades 1-2, write a 3-5 sentence summary of the book. In grades 3-5, students write 2 paragraphs summarizing the book. In grades 6-8, directions are on the sheet that was sent home.
- #4- The grades encouraged to participate are incoming 1st-8th grade for the 2025-2026 school year. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me via email, or call the school at 319-334-7173.

The reading program was changed to be more incentive based rather than punitive for students.

## SJS on Facebook!

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## From the Desk of Fr. Beckman:

Please read this letter from the ACCW President Billie Burhite regarding the Archdiocese's "Journey In Faith" initiative:

Dear Sisters in Christ,

As women of faith, united in service and prayer, I come to you today with a plea for strength, compassion, and unity. Our Archdiocese is entering a time of change, one that may stir uncertainty, discomfort, or even sorrow. Yet, it is also a time that calls forth the very best of us as Catholic women: our resilience, our prayerfulness, and our commitment to support those who lead us.

I urge you: let us aid our Archbishop not only with our voices and actions but above all with our prayers. He carries a heavy cross in discerning what is best for our diocese, our parishes, and our people. Change is never easy, and though we may not fully understand or agree with every step, we are called to respond not with criticism, but with charity and grace.

Let us lift up our priests and deacons as well. They too are navigating these transitions, often while ministering to confused and hurting hearts. Our prayerful support matters more than we know.

As we face these changes, may we each commit to being open to new alternatives, focusing on solutions rather than complaints, and contributing fresh, thoughtful ideas for discussion and discernment. This is how we lead not just in word, but in spirit and action.

If your heart feels burdened, turn to the Blessed Mother. Pray to Mary, Mother of Good Counsel, who has long been a source of wisdom and peace in times of uncertainty. Let us ask her to intercede for our Church, for our Archbishop, and for each one of us as we move forward together.

Together, let us be women who build up, not tear down. Women who pray before we protest. Women who offer our time, our talents, and our intercession for the good of the Church.

Prayer to Our Lady, Mother of Good Counsel

O Holy Virgin,

You are the vessel of wisdom and the mother of true understanding.

In this time of challenge and change, guide our thoughts, our words, and our hearts.

Help us to remain faithful to your Son's Church, supportive of her shepherds, and open to the movements of the Holy Spirit.

Mother of Good Counsel, teach us to listen, to trust, and to follow with courage.

We place our Archdiocese in your loving hands.  
Amen.

With you in prayer and hope,

**Billie Burhite**

**President, Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women**

**Remember in prayer:** Eileen Barreca, Cindy Kremppes, Kari Magsamen Eddy, Chris Nelson, Barb Weber, Marlys Fischels, Mary Crawford Compean, Tom Breckler, Loyola Kleitsch (mother of Gail Goedken) - as well as Doctors and Nurses



*Welcome to the  
Parishes of the  
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*Independence, Iowa  
&*

*St. Patrick*

*Winthrop Iowa*

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*Sharon Bainbridge*

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*WEEKDAY MASSES:*

*See Mass Schedule Page 1*

*WEEKEND MASSES:*

*St. John the Evangelist - 97.1 FM*

*Saturday: 4:00 pm*

*Sunday: 10:00 am*

*St. Patrick - 97.3 FM*

*Saturday: 5:30 pm*

*Sunday: 8:00 am*

*RECONCILIATION:*

*St. John the Evangelist*

*Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 pm*

*Sunday: 9:15 - 9:45 am*

*St. Patrick*

*Friday: 7:15 - 7:45 am*

*BAPTISM:*

*Arranged after Pre-Baptism Classes.*

*Contact the cluster office.*

*MARRIAGE:*

*Please contact Fr. Beckman to arrange marriage preparations twelve to nine months in advance of the wedding date.*

**St. John Prepares for Next School Year!**

If you happen to be out and about this summer and find some great sales on school supplies and would like to donate them to St. John's School, here is the wish list for you to use. You may drop off items at the Cluster Office between 8 am - 3 pm Monday through Friday. Thank you for your support!

**Preschool (3 yr old)**

Ziploc bags- all sizes  
Velcro (dots)  
Wal-Mart Gift Cards  
Dollar Tree Gift Cards  
Paper plates / Plastic Spoons  
Styrofoam Bowls  
Baby wipes (for messy faces)  
Clorox Wipes  
Batteries  
Laminating Sheets

**Preschool (4 yr old)**

Ziploc bags- all sizes  
Wal-Mart Gift Cards  
Dollar Tree Gift Cards  
Amazon Gift Cards  
AA & AAA Batteries  
Play-doh  
Paint (washable or water color)  
Laminating Sheets  
8.5 x 11 White Card Stock

**Kindergarten**

Pre-packaged snacks for students  
Wal-Mart Gift Cards  
Dollar Tree Gift Cards  
Amazon Gift Cards  
Paper Towels  
Sharpies (any color)  
Legos  
Magic Erasers  
Batteries (AA / AAA)  
3MM Hooks  
Velcro (dots)  
Barnes & Noble Gift Cards

**First Grade**

Amazon Gift Cards  
Ziploc bags- all sizes  
Napkins  
Laminating Sheets  
8.5 x 11 White Card Stock  
Large erasers  
Tissues  
Band-aids  
Snacks for students

**Second Grade**

Laminating Sheets  
8.5 x 11 Color Card Stock  
Band-aids  
Cough Drops  
Case of water  
Tissues  
Disinfectant wipes  
Pencil top erasers  
Ziploc bags- all sizes  
Paper plates / towels  
Napkins  
Snacks for students

**Third Grade**

Batteries (AA / AAA)  
Paper towels / napkins  
Laminating Sheets  
Umbrellas  
White Paper Plates  
Windex  
Plastic spoons / cups  
Sharpies  
Pencils  
Band-aids  
White Card Stock  
Wal-Mart Gift Cards  
409 Spray / generic

**Fourth Grade**

Expo Dry erase markers  
Lysol Disinfectant wipes  
White Card Stock  
Ziploc bags- all sizes  
Batteries (AA / AAA)  
Band-aids  
Colorful Sharpie pens- wide & fine tip  
Black sharpie markers-Ultra fine  
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Laminating Sheets  
Wal-Mart Gift Cards

The wish list, school supply list and more is available at [www.stjohneagles.com](http://www.stjohneagles.com)



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