

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time • August 10, 2025

# St. John Paul II Cluster



## St. John the Evangelist

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August 10, 2025  
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Luke 12:32-48

There was a young mother in my parish community who was depressed due to financial strain. She prayed for help. One morning before Mass, she placed on the counter a zip-lock bag filled with jewelry and old coins. Smiling, she explained she had been fixing an old cabinet and found the items hidden deep within the walls of her home. One particular coin could be worth as much as \$900,000. The contents of the bag—previously unknown to them—were now their prized possession. Their plans changed that week. They had to learn how much it was worth.

This week, the Lord tells us, “For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be” (Luke 12:34). Our lives revolve around what we treasure. When we discover the treasure the Father gives us—the kingdom of God—everything changes. We might not know its precise value, but we rearrange our lives around it. The joy of this discovery should never be far from our minds.

Sometimes we go through times when we can’t find this treasure. It seems hidden. Or it appears like dirty old coins and worthless jewelry in a Ziploc bag. But how crazy would my parishioners be if they tossed it away without knowing the cash value? How much crazier are we if we center our hearts on any treasure except that of Jesus and his kingdom? Remember, the Father is pleased to give it to us. That’s why we put our hearts there, even when it is hidden.

— Father John Muir

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## St. Patrick

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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**

August 11, through August 17, 2025

**St. John Parish, Independence**

Tues.	8:00 am	Deceased Family Members of the McCardle Family
Wed.	9:30 am	Fr. James Dubert (at BCHC)
Thurs.	5:30 pm	Don & Ruth Hearn ( <b>Note Time Change</b> )
Sat	4:00 pm	Helene, Amy & Pat Weber
Sun.	10:00 am	Jim & Donna O'Loughlin

**St. Patrick Parish, Winthrop**

Mon.	4:30 pm	Special Intention
Fri.	8:00 am	Richard Short
Sat	5:30 pm	Parishioners of the St. John Paul II Cluster
Sun.	8:00 am	Margie & Leonard Baragary

**Scrip Cash Table Volunteers for August 16/17**

<b>4:00 pm</b>	Mary Grover & Kari Knudtson
<b>10:00 am</b>	Joe & Lisa Kremer

**Altar Linen Schedule:** All August Sharon Bainbridge

**ST. JOHN PARISH, INDEPENDENCE****Saturday, 4:00 pm, August 16, 2025**

<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	B Fr. Beckman	Abby Crawford	Volunteer
	B Dc. Post	n/a	n/a
	B Jean Crawford		

<b>Hospitality Ministers:</b>	Sharon Schares	Jeff Schares
	Volunteer	Volunteer

**Lector:** Greg Gates**Altar Servers:** Amelia & Elodie Knudtson n/a**Music:** Karen Kremer Kathy Kitner**Sunday, 10:00 am, August 17, 2025**

<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	B Fr. Beckman	Zach Boss	Linda Bagby
	B Dc. Post	n/a	n/a
	B Brian White		

<b>Hospitality Ministers:</b>	Mike Schumann	Mark Schumann	Kelli Frisch
	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer

**Lector:** Brenda Corkery**Altar Servers:** Bennett Clark Natalie White n/a**Music:** Bonnie O'Brien Bill Luebbers**Rosary Ministry:** Craig & Rhonda Bussan**ST. PATRICK PARISH, WINTHROP****Saturday, 5:30 pm, August 16, 2025****Eucharistic Ministers :** B Fr. Beckman Carrie Gudenkauf**Eucharistic Ministers :** W n/a**Hospitality Ministers\*:** Don Sperflage Volunteer

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

**Lector:** Dianne Fank**Gift Bearers:** Volunteers**Altar Servers:** Lily Hansen Volunteer**Music:** St. Patrick Choir**Sunday, 8:00 am, August 17, 2025****Eucharistic Ministers :** B Fr. Beckman Kim Naber**Eucharistic Ministers :** W n/a**Hospitality Ministers\*:** Duke Kortenkamp Volunteer

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**Lector:** Ron Crawford**Gift Bearers:** Volunteers**Altar Servers:** Kaleb Naber Volunteer**Music:** St. Patrick Choir**Monday, August 11, 2025****Collection Counters:** Annette Slattery Mary Beth Flexsenhar**Stewardship Quotes**

Today's Gospel urges us to give generously and thus build up treasure in heaven. For "wherever your treasure lies, there your heart will be."

**THE WEEK AHEAD**Monday, August 11, 2025**Nothing listed on schedule/calendar**Tuesday, August 12, 2025**St. Patrick Finance/Pastoral Council:** Cluster Office 5:30 pm**Cluster Finance:** Cluster Office, 6:30 pm**St. John Finance:** Cluster Office, 7:00 pm**St. John Pastoral Council:** Cluster Office 7:00 pmWednesday, August 13, 2025**Mass:** BCHC, 9:30 am (for Fr. James Dubert)Thursday, August 14, 2025**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Cluster Office, 10:00 amFriday, August 15, 2025**Confessions at St. Patrick:** 7:15 - 7:45 am, before MassSaturday, August 16, 2025**Confessions at St. John's:** 3:15 - 3:45 pm, before MassSunday, August 17, 2025**Confessions at St. John:** 9:15 - 9:45 am, before Mass**Cemetery Walkers -** August 1-15 Jim & Mary Lou Shonka

**Next Sunday, August 17, is Food Pantry Sunday.  
Please be generous.**

**Readings for the week of August 10, 2025**

Sunday:	Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40
Monday:	Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday:	Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Saturday:	Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday:	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

**Cluster Finances**

Collection and Budget figures are not available this week.

**EFT Opportunities...**

We have many ways you can contribute to your individual parish. Besides bringing your envelope to church or mailing it to our office, you can consider automatic withdrawal from a checking or savings account. This option is available for both St. John's and St. Patrick's. If you are interested in EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer), please contact the parish office at 319-334-7191.

## ~~Archdiocesan Events~~

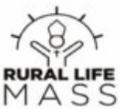
### Rural Life Award Nominations

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.**



### 2025-2027 IMPACT Program for Catholic Adults

Apply Now for the 2025-2027 IMPACT Program! IMPACT is a two-year formation program for Catholic adults, which is coordinated by the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The next offering of the IMPACT program will be held at St. Mary Church in Vinton, starting in September. IMPACT provides the opportunity to grow in your faith by participating in monthly Saturday sessions with dynamic presenters, engaging in discussions, reading spiritual books, and receiving guidance from a spiritual mentor. Through study, prayer, reflection and conversation, participants are challenged to respond more fully to Jesus' call to mission—to IMPACT our world! Learn more at [www.dbqarch.org/impact](http://www.dbqarch.org/impact). **The application deadline is Aug. 15.**



### 2025 Rural Life Mass Thursday, September 18

Archbishop Zinkula will celebrate the annual Archdiocesan Rural Life Mass on Thursday, Sept. 18 at 2737 Oaks Ave. Haverhill, IA. This year's hosts will be the Bob, Dick and Dale Stalzer families of Stalzer Land LLC. Mass will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by a recognition program and a free-will offering lunch. This event will be held rain or shine. Seating is limited, so bring your lawn chairs.

Nominations are also being accepted through Aug. 15 for the St. Isidore and Maria, the Friend of Rural Life, and the Father Norm White Award to be given out that day. For more info on how to nominate someone for these awards, or about the Mass, visit [Dbqarch.org/rural-life](http://Dbqarch.org/rural-life).

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

**MARRIED COUPLES.** Would you like to relive the excitement, romance and passion from your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information call 563-920-9419 or you can sign up at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org). Upcoming dates are September 12-14 and February 13-15, 2026 both in Dubuque, Iowa. Sign up soon as space is limited.

Here is our prayer for the Archdiocese of Dubuque "Journey In Faith" initiative - I ask that you pray it daily through this period of pastoral planning.

*Fr. David*



**Please mark your calendars:  
Masses for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary –**

Thursday, August 14 at 5:30 pm at St. John's, Independence  
Friday, August 15 at 8:00 am at St. Patrick's, Winthrop

## ~~AREA EVENTS~~

### Czech Days

The Holy Trinity Parish of Protivin welcomes all of you to their 47th Annual Czech Days celebration on August 15th, 16th and 17th! For a full listing of events you may visit [christourhopecluster.com](http://christourhopecluster.com)

### Cedar Valley Hospice Release & Remember 2025

Our Release & Remember event brings our community together to honor its loved ones. The 13th annual celebration will take place on Sunday, September 7, 2025 at the Riverloop Amphitheater in downtown Waterloo. Attendees will enjoy lunch, children's activities, and live Music by Never The Less before a short program and release of 1,000 monarch butterflies at 2:30 pm. (Event is 1-3 pm.)

As part of this cherished fundraising event for Cedar Valley Hospice, a butterfly can be dedicated in honor or in memory of someone special for \$30 - and donations of any amount are greatly appreciated. T-shirts (with an all-new design) are also available for \$20. There will also be a raffle for two community members to open a butterfly box at the event. Tickets for this are \$10/each.

For more information visit [cvhospice.org](http://cvhospice.org)

# School News

## Registration for 2025-2026 School Year is OPEN:

Just a reminder to complete student registration for students in PK3-8th grade. This involves logging into your PowerSchool account and completing all the documents under the Forms tab. When completed, you will receive an email from PowerSchool that says that your child's form as been accepted. When you look under Forms, the document will either say "Approved" or "Submitted" with a green checkmark next to it. If you have a new student to St. John School, there is a link on the school website to start the enrollment process. Returning students, please log into your current PowerSchool account to complete the e-registration. All students should have had this completed by July 26th. If you have questions, please contact the St. John School Office at 319-334-7173.

## Middle School Parents' Night:

On August 19, 2025, Middle School Parents are invited to a meeting about middle school. You will hear information regarding your student's school year as well as meet our new 6/7/8th grade Reading/Language Arts/Social Studies teacher and STEM/Technology teacher. This meeting will start at 7pm and will last approximately 1 hour. The meeting will begin in Mrs. Bussan's Room.

## SCRIP

You can reduce your tuition obligation by using SCRIP (gift cards). If you'd like to take advantage of online ordering go to raiseright.com and follow the prompts. **The Enrollment Code is LB59F65E841**

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**Click on** Join a program

**The Enrollment code is LB59F65E841**

**Click on** Get started

Create your account

- Make sure you add St. John Elementary School, Independence IA (There are a lot of St. John schools)

## Social Concerns News!

We welcome you to learn about and explore different opportunities that will allow you to live out your life in works of charity and mercy! Listed below is another opportunity we would like to share about. We hope you can use this to deepen your connection of works to faith.

### Catherine McAuley Center

1220 5th Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

319-363-4993

[www.cmc-cr.org](http://www.cmc-cr.org)

**What they do:** Serve adult learners, refugees and immigrants, and women healing from trauma through educational and supportive services.

- Educational Services: provides free one-on-one tutoring and small group classes for adult learners studying English as a Second Language (ESL), preparing for the U.S. Citizenship exam or High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), or improving basic math, reading, and computer skills. Students meet weekly with a volunteer tutor or Education staff member, in-person or online.

- Refugee & Immigrant Services (RIS) provides new populations with opportunities and support to integrate into the community and adjust to life in the United States. RIS provides refugee resettlement services as an affiliate of the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI), and a wide range of educational and supportive programs that help refugees and immigrants become self-sufficient.

- Women's Services offers a wide range of services to help women out of homelessness to heal from trauma and regain long-term housing, financial, and mental health stability. All services are gender-responsive, trauma-informed, and emphasize the resilience that clients bring to the table. The Women's Services program includes Transitional and Supportive Housing, Aftercare, and a wide range of supportive services for women facing crisis and housing instability.

**How You Can Help** —There are multiple volunteer opportunities both in person and Virtual. You can work with Children, Adult learners, helping with special projects, on-going food/supply organization. Please log on to [volunteer@cmc-cr.org](mailto:volunteer@cmc-cr.org) or call 319-731-0446.



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The perpetual light candles that are by the Tabernacle, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mary and Joseph statues, 4 candles all together, this year are in memory of the Dick Merfeld and Karen McLaughlin



**Remember in prayer:** Eileen Barreca, Cindy Krempegs, Kari Magsamen Eddy, Chris Nelson, Barb Weber, Marlys Fischels, Mary Crawford Compean, Tom Breckler - as well as Hospice Workers and Volunteers

*Welcome to the  
Parishes of the  
St. John Paul II Cluster*

*St. John the Evangelist  
Independence, Iowa  
&  
St. Patrick  
Winthrop Iowa*

*Pastor: Very Rev. David Beckman*

*Deacon: Dc. Tim Post*

*Pastoral Associate:*

Sharon Bainbridge

*Religious Education Coordinators:*

*St. John: Beth Flaucher*

*St. Patrick: Jessica Gibbs*

319-929-2301

*St. John School Principal: Dewey Hupke*

<https://www.stjohneagles.com>

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*Cluster Website:*

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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:**

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*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.



**From the Desk of Fr. Beckman:**

This week, as we continue our reflection on the "Journey In Faith" initiative, we will reflect on these three questions: Will parishes be closing? What will happen to church buildings? How will decisions be made?

**First, Will parishes be closing?** No final decisions have been made. The focus of "Journey In Faith" during 2025-2026 is about organizing groups of parishes into pastorates with a designated number of Masses to be held at specific locations. Due to the goal of having fuller Masses with more vibrant liturgies, not all parishes will be able to have weekend Masses. Not having weekend Masses is not the same as "closing" a parish, as those parish churches may still be used for other liturgical celebrations, such as funerals, weddings and other special occasions. Since all parishes within a pastorate will be working very collaboratively together, there is an expectation that over time all parishes within a pastorate will ultimately "merge" into one parish.

**Secondly, What will happen to church buildings?** No final decisions have been made. As newly formed pastorates begin to merge into single parishes during 2027 and beyond, local leadership at the newly formed parishes will need to continually assess their worship and ministry space needs along with financial ability to support and maintain multiple buildings.

**Thirdly, How will decisions be made?** The archdiocese will propose models for groupings of parishes (called pastorates) and gather parishioner feedback. Final decisions will be made in alignment with:

- Church Law (Canon Law)
- Geography, travel times, and demographics
- Parish vitality and financial viability
- Clergy availability and gifts

Pastors, parish leadership, and parishioners will have an active role in shaping the recommendations. The archbishop will make final decisions after extensive consultation and collaboration.

Next week we will consider: What will a "vibrant and sustainable" parish look like? How will "Journey In Faith" support our priests? What other roles will the priests have beside celebrating Masses?

**In the peace of Christ, Fr. David**

**Prayer Hot Line**

We would like to pray for you, your family, and/or friends in time of need. Prayer requests can be for any problem or hardship - health, faith, finances, schoolwork, an anonymous/confidential reason, etc. You may use your whole name, your first name, or just "a parishioner" and you may explain the problem or you can just ask for a prayer for your special intention. Prayers can be for anyone - not just parishioners. If you would like to add a friend or family member to our daily intentions for the ill and injured, please call our cluster office at (319) 334-7191. Please make sure you have their permission to do so because some people do not want their name publicly mentioned. Confidentiality is important and to be respected. Again, to place your request on the prayer line, please call the parish office at 319-334-7191 or use the form found on the cluster website at <https://stjohnstpat.org>



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