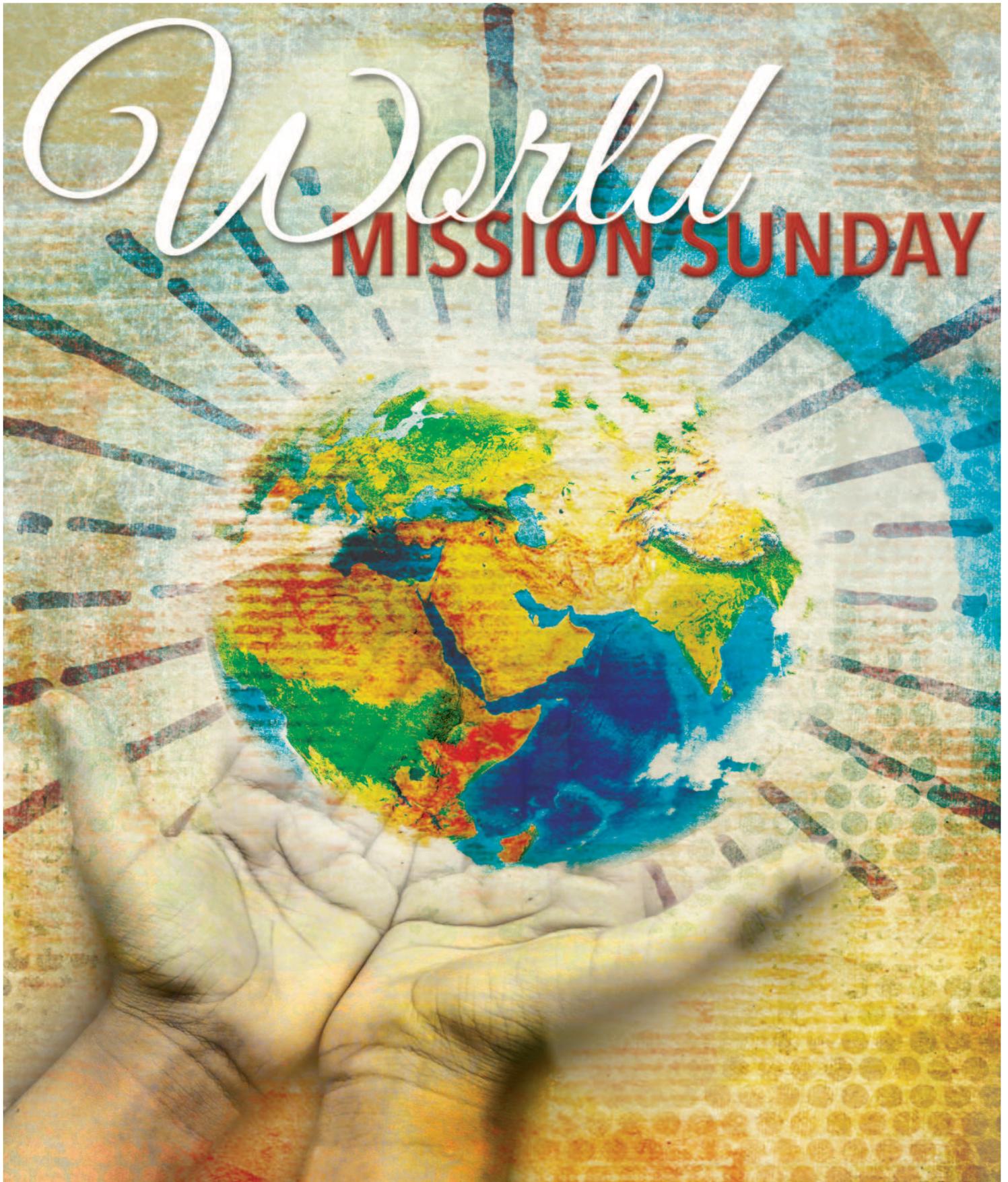


World Mission Sunday • October 19, 2026

St. John Paul II Cluster



MASS INTENTIONS

October 20, through October 26, 2025

St. John Parish, Independence

Mon 8:30 am Fr. Ray Herman
 Tues. 8:00 am Fr. Paul Peters
 Wed. 9:30 am Sister Bertha Kruse (at West Village)
 Thurs. 8:30 am Rick & Shirley Wendling
 Sat 5:30 pm Gladys Hughes
 Sun. 10:00 am John Tedesco

St. Patrick Parish, Winthrop

Mon. 4:30 pm Doreen Moroney
 Fri. 8:00 am Ted Wieland
 Sat 4:00 pm Parishioners of the St. John Paul II Cluster
 Sun. 8:00 am John C. & Margaret Hogan & Linda Moore

Stewardship Quotes

Today's theme is perseverance - Moses keeping his hands upraised throughout the battle, Paul urging Timothy to stay with the task of preaching and teaching, and the widow appealing to the corrupt judge. To be faithful stewards of God's gifts, we too must persevere in the roles to which we are called.

ST. JOHN PARISH, INDEPENDENCE

Saturday, 5:30 pm, October 25, 2025

Eucharistic Ministers: B Fr. Beckman Jean Crawford Volunteer
 B Dc. Post n/a n/a
 B Abby Crawford
Hospitality Ministers: John Evers John Schultz
 Volunteer Volunteer
Lector: Jodi Grover
Altar Servers: Evelyn Priebe Bryson Nicols n/a
Music: Karen Kremer Bill Lubbers

Sunday, 10:00 am, October 26, 2025

Eucharistic Ministers: B Fr. Beckman Ron Hearn Kathy Hoeger
 B Dc. Post n/a n/a
 B Starla Himebaugh
Hospitality Ministers: Mike Schumann Mark Schumann Molly Greenley
 Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer
Lector: Diane Williams
Altar Servers: Elizabeth Hilliard Avery Jensen n/a
Music: Bonnie O'Brien Jubilee Choir
Rosary Ministry: Diane Williams & Corrine Love

ST. PATRICK PARISH, WINTHROP

Saturday, 4:00 pm, October 25, 2025

Eucharistic Ministers : B Fr. Beckman Don Sperfslage
Eucharistic Ministers : W n/a
Hospitality Ministers*: Don Sperfslage 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: Addie Flexsenhar Volunteer
Music: St. Patrick Choir

Sunday, 8:00 am, October 26, 2025

Eucharistic Ministers : B Fr. Beckman Sam Cocking
Eucharistic Ministers : W n/a
Hospitality Ministers*: Duke Kortenkamp Volunteer
 *Ushers - Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to Mass to greet people as they walk into church
Lector: Janet Hackett
Gift Bearers: Daniel Cocking Family
Altar Servers: Kaleb Naber Volunteer
Music: St. Patrick Choir

Monday, October 20, 2025

Collection Counters: Lois Loughren Joanice Brace

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, October 20, 2025

Fr. Ray Herman Mass - 8:30 am Everyone is invited to attend!

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

St. John Finance/Pastoral Council: Cluster office, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

Mass: West Village, 9:30 am (for Sister Bertha Kruse)
St. John Religious Education: Grades 1-6, 3:30 pm
 Grades 7-10, 6:30 pm

St. Patrick Religious Education: Grades 1-9, 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 23, 2025

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Cluster Office, 10:00 am

Friday, October 24, 2025

Confessions at St. Patrick: 7:15 - 7:45 am, before Mass
SJS Early Dismissal: 1:00 pm for Professional Development

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Confessions at St. Patrick's: 3:15 - 3:45 pm, before Mass

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Confessions at St. John: 9:15 - 9:45 am, before Mass
Trunk or Treat: Following Mass

Scrip Cash Table Volunteers for October 25/26

5:30 pm Joan Wieland & Brenda Davis
10:00 am Joe & Lisa Kremer

Altar Linen Schedule: All October Sherry Plein

Readings for the week of October 19, 2025

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8
 Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21
 Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9
 Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Cluster Finances

St. John For Sunday, October 12, 2025
 Budget Envelopes \$6,110.00
 Offertory \$245.42
 EFT donations for the month are: \$5,760.00
 Needed Weekly to Meet Expenses \$11,814.00

Last week we were short \$5,458.58 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, October 12, 2025
 Budget Envelopes \$1,143.00
 Offertory \$203.00
 EFT donations for the month are: \$880.00
 Needed Weekly to Meet Expenses \$3,376.00

~~Archdiocesan Events~~

Our Call to Share – World Mission Sunday

This weekend is *World Mission Sunday*, during which we're reminded that we are a part of a global Church, and called to support those less fortunate than ourselves beyond our borders. By now, you should have received your mailing for the Fall Our Call to Share collection. In this 4-in-1 collection, donations are collected for international ministries, meaning the focus of their work is outside of our national borders.

Supporting the Church abroad, in addition to supporting our local church, is what makes the Catholic Church universal. If you don't support the global Church elsewhere, the Our Call to Share collection presents you with an opportunity to do so conveniently. This week we're highlighting the remaining two collections making up the Fall Our Call to Share collection.

Collection for the Church in Latin America - Catholics can answer Christ's call to love our neighbor by performing corporal works of mercy, which include feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and visiting the imprisoned. For over 50 years, the US bishops' program to aid the Church in Latin America has helped to carry out the Church's pastoral mission of mercy among those in spiritual and/or material need by helping enable these works of mercy, and more, across Latin America and the Caribbean.

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa - The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa supports evangelization efforts, catechesis programs, sacramental preparation for families, or supporting seminaries and religious communities. It also supports local efforts to train pastors, administrators, and financial staff in budgeting, management, and procedures to improve transparency and accountability. By participating in this collection, you show your support for the growing African Church, its commitment to good stewardship of resources and goal of delivering the Gospel to all on the African continent.

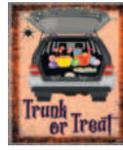


Couples Date Night Event

Married and engaged couples are invited to a Couples Date Night Event, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Dubuque, on Friday, November 14th from 6:00-8:00 PM at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids. Join us to enrich your relationship through an evening that will include dinner, a talk by internationally recognized marriage speakers Ryan and Mary-Rose Verret, and time for conversation with each other and other couples. Learn more and register at www.dbqarch.org/couples-event.



Remember in prayer: Eileen Barreca, Cindy Kremppes, Kari Magsamen Eddy, Barb Weber, Marlys Fischels, Mary Crawford Compean, Tom Breckler, Jim Welsh, Eileen Welsh, Lakyn Pomaville - as well as Caregivers



Trunk or Treat

The St. John's Social Concerns Committee will be hosting a trunk or treat on Sunday, October 26th after the 10:00 Mass (weather permitting) in the church parking lot just north of Church (where employees/visitors park). Children are allowed to wear their Halloween costumes (no devils, death or the such) to church. After Mass families are invited to go out to the parking lot where parish organizations will have treats to pass out to the children. In case of inclement weather, Trunk or Treat will be held in the church hall.

~~AREA EVENTS~~

Immaculate Conception Fall Dinner - Fairbank

Sunday, October 19 serving from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Roast Beef, Ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls & beverages, ice cream, and dessert.

Adults: \$10, Ages 5-11: \$5, 4 and under Free. Carry-outs are available. A bake sale will also be taking place with pies, cookies, breads, jams & jellies, salsa, and canned goods.

Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each and will be sold before and during the event. Top prize \$500 and (5) \$100 prizes. Drawing will be held at 2:00 pm. Need not be present to win.

Turkey Dinner -

Immaculate Conception, Masonville

Sunday, October 19, 2025 from 11:00 - 1:30 pm

Homemade turkey dinner with all the fixings! (No Drinks)

Carry-out only for \$15. Questions, please call 563-920-7141

Immaculate Conception - Gilbertville

HARVESTFEST - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

BREAKFAST at St. Mary Center, All you can eat, 8:00 a.m. - noon. Menu includes: Ham, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Cinnamon/Caramel Rolls, Coffee, Milk, and Juice. Price: Adults, \$12; Children 4-10, \$6, Under 4, free

ACTIVITIES at St. Mary Center between 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. include Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Craft Sale, Used Book & Puzzle Sale, and Children's Games. Raffle drawing at 12:30 p.m.

The Silent Auction is always a big draw and features a \$700 Gift Certificate Bundle, a half of a half Angus beef, and much more!

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Raymond will be holding a **Frosted, Pecan, and Caramel Roll Fundraiser** on Saturday, November 8th.

Order your delicious fresh-baked, frosted, pecan, and caramel rolls by October 31st at \$3.00 each or 6 rolls for \$15.00. You may pre-order on the parish web-site: <https://www.icsjchurch.com/events> or call Linda Kayser -319-830-2746 or Mary McMahon - 319-939-6279.

Orders may be picked up at St. Mary Center Immaculate Conception School, 405 16th Ave., Gilbertville, on Saturday, November 8th from 3:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

2025 St. John PTO Bazaar & Luncheon

Please join us for the St. John PTO Bazaar after Mass on Sunday, November 9th from 11:00am-2:00pm in the St. John Multipurpose Room & upper gym. For our new families, The St. John Bazaar is a great fundraiser for St. John teachers and school. This is a fun family-friendly event for all to enjoy.

We hope you can join us, support our wonderful St. John PTO and enjoy some good food, fun, and fellowship! ALL are welcome!

School News

Father Ray Herman Memorial

At the remembrance Mass of the 50th anniversary of Father Ray Herman's martyrdom, we will be taking a collection in honor of the work he did for the poor in Bolivia. All donations collected will go to the special need of the Food Pantry for meat packages. Anything your student can bring will be much appreciated! We thank you in advance for commemorating Father Ray with us. May he rest in peace and may his memory be a blessing as we continue to serve the poor in his name. Anything can be pennies, dimes, dollars -- whatever. This is not expected, but encouraged. It will be a nice way for the kids to be involved in the collection AND in giving to the community in remembrance of Father Ray. Thank you!

PTO INFORMATION:

The St. John School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is a very active part of our school. The PTO help provide a wide variety of support for our school. Please click on the link for information about our St. John School PTO, learn about the TREMENDOUS things they do for our school, staff, students, and some more opportunities to get involved. If you are not a member of the PTO, please consider joining to help us help your student.

Needed: Chess Club Supervisor:

St. John School is looking for a Chess Club Sponsor who would volunteer for the 2025-2026 School Year. This club meets once per week in the St. John Library from 3:15pm-4pm. If interested in volunteering to support this club, please contact Mr. Hupke via email hupked@sjs.pvt.k12.ia.us or phone 319-334-7173



From the Desk of Fr. Beckman:

What the supreme Court imposed in 1973 cannot be settled law because a law that denies life and human dignity is simply not a sustainable law. The hundreds of thousands who annually march for life, and the thousands of Catholic pastors and other Christian pastors who preach against it prove otherwise.

Pro-choice advocates claim that pro-lifers don't care about women. Nothing could be further from the truth. Pro-life efforts have done more for women by providing practical support for pregnant women and their families. Pro-life groups have provided ultrasound machines to pregnancy centers around the country in order for women to see for themselves the human life growing within them.

According to one of the world's foremost experts on poverty, Mother Teresa, in her speech to Harvard graduates nearly 40 years ago back in 1982, explained that the poorest of the poor weren't in the slums of India. Calling abortion "one of the greatest poverties," the humble saint added: "A nation, people, family, that allows that, that accepts that, they are the poorest of the poor." She went on: "Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any form of violence to get what they want."

We confront this greatest of poverties because our country has legally embraced "a structural sin," namely a legal system that denies the humanity of the unborn, and allows their innocent lives to be destroyed.

There are many threats to life in this country. All are to be resisted, but none comes close qualitatively, or quantitatively to the devastation of abortion – the legal system that has resulted in the intentional deaths of over 63 million human beings.

The U. S. Supreme Court's decision in Roe v. Wade didn't end the debate and it didn't settle the law. Instead, it left a country deeply troubled and uncomfortable with the decision, and it galvanized a movement in favor of the civil rights of those who cannot speak for themselves.

The U.S. Supreme Court seized for itself the role that the Declaration of Independence leaves to God – that all are created equal, and endowed by our creator with certain unalienable rights – including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. And it usurped that role with disastrous consequences.

How can any moral person deny truth so egregiously? In Galatians 2:11-14 St. Paul rebuked St. Peter and criticized him in front of everyone because Peter acted against his conscience and religious convictions.

When confronting the greatest poverty in the world, the number one cause of death in our country, the greatest destroyer of peace, the cornerstone of violence, and the denial of human rights to an entire class of people, and which has resulted in death on such a massive scale, simply because the most dangerous place to be has become the womb of a mother. Pro-lifers will not stop making their voices heard. They will not stop bringing the truth and dignity of every human being, from conception to natural death, to light.

Fr. David



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WEEKDAY MASSES:

See Mass Schedule Page 1

WEEKEND MASSES:

St. John the Evangelist - 97.1 FM

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

St. Patrick - 97.3 FM

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION:

St. John the Evangelist

Sunday: 9:15 - 9:45 am

St. Patrick

Friday: 7:15 - 7:45 am

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 pm

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.



Journey in Faith

Local Parish Journey in Faith Sessions #2 & #3

The Archdiocese of Dubuque continues its Journey in Faith, an invitation to renewal and growth for parish life. Based on survey responses from more than 22,000 parishioners and additional parish data, proposed parishes models have been prepared to encourage prayer, listening, and dialogue. You can view these proposed models at dbqjourneyinfaith.org.

This September, parishioners were invited to attend one of 34 Regional Journey in Faith Information Sessions. The next step will be our local parish meetings. These sessions will provide opportunities for listening and input. Please plan to attend.

Additional resources and online feedback opportunities are available at dbqjourneyinfaith.org.

When and where are the meetings?

St. John's Parish will be hosting local meetings on Sunday, October 19th, after the 10:00 am Mass and on Sunday, November 9th, after the 10:00 am Mass.

St. Patrick's Parish will be hosting a local meeting on Tuesday, November 4, at 7:00 pm. in the church.

What is the difference between meeting #2 and meeting #3?

Parish Session #2 offers parishioners the chance to reflect on and engage in discussion on the strengths and challenges of each model, sharing their own experiences and insights while also listening to the perspectives of others.

Parish Session #3 invites parishioners to look ahead and reflect on "where do we feel called to belong in a pastorate", creating space to consider the proposed models, share new ideas and models, and discern together the future of our parish communities.

How can I prepare for these meetings?

- ✓ Spend time in prayer, especially invoking the Holy Spirit for guidance and wisdom.
- ✓ Review the FAQs, maps, and other resources found at dbqjourneyinfaith.org.
- ✓ Consider what your thoughtful verbal feedback will be at the meetings concerning the proposed parishes models and other ideas/suggestions you want to share.
- ✓ Submit feedback and questions via the feedback form on the website through November 21st or take written letters to your parish office to be uploaded for you.

Why should I attend?

Journey in Faith is about setting forth a course to have vibrant and sustainable parishes focused on evangelization for the next 25+ years. This is your opportunity to be engaged and offer valuable feedback and information which will be considered prior to decisions being made by Archbishop Zinkula in the Spring of 2026.

J.I.F. Feedback

The best way to make sure your voice is included in the Journey in Faith process is by attending your local parish's session 2 and 3, where all input will be officially recorded and parishioners can engage in discussion and hear the feedback of others.

The online feedback form is available until November 21st. Family members and neighbors are encouraged to assist parishioners who do not have access to a computer or mobile device so their feedback can be shared if they are unable to attend a session 2 and/or 3. Those who prefer not to use technology may also mail written feedback to Pastoral Planning, 1229 Mount Loretta Avenue, Dubuque, IA 52003.



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