

The Dedication to the Lateran Basilica • November 9, 2025

St. John Paul II Cluster



THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

His disciples recalled the words of Scripture,
Zeal for your house will consume me. - Jn 2:17

MASS INTENTIONS

November 10, through November 16, 2025

St. John Parish, Independence

Tues.	8:00 am	Clifford & Wilma Priebe
Wed.	9:30 am	Deceased Members of the Verstraete Family (at BCHC)
Thurs.	8:30 am	Ken Magsamen
Sat	5:30 pm	Helene, Amy & Pat Weber
Sun.	10:00 am	Inez Kremer

St. Patrick Parish, Winthrop

Mon.	4:30 pm	Special Intention
Fri.	8:00 am	Fr. Dennis Conway
Sat	4:00 pm	Deceased Members of the Vernon & Joan Gudenkauf Family
Sun.	8:00 am	Parishioners of the St. John Paul II Cluster

Scrip Cash Table Volunteers for November 15/16

5:30 pm	Brenda Davis & Sharon Schares
10:00 am	Rod & Donna Nabholz

Altar Linen Schedule: All November Mary Lou Shonka

ST. JOHN PARISH, INDEPENDENCE**Saturday, 5:30 pm, November 15, 2025**

Eucharistic Ministers:	B: Fr. Beckman	John Arend
Hospitality Ministers:	C: Dc. Post	Brenda Davis
Lector:	Sharon Schares	Jeff Schares
Altar Servers:	Volunteer	Volunteer
Music:	Connie Weber	
	Brooklyn & Myles Carson	n/a
	Karen Kremer	Kathy Kitner

Sunday, 10:00 am, November 16, 2025

Eucharistic Ministers:	B: Fr. Beckman	Susan Johnson	
Hospitality Ministers:	C: Dc. Post	Kathy Post	
Lector:	Molly Greenley	Pat Mahoney	Mary Wells
Altar Servers:	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Music:	Donna Nabholz		
	Lucy Flanders	Avery Jensen	n/a
	Bonnie O'Brien	Jubilee Choir	

Rosary Ministry: Craig & Rhonda Bussan & St. John's Middle School

ST. PATRICK PARISH, WINTHROP**Saturday, 4:00 pm, November 15, 2025**

Eucharistic Ministers:	B Fr. Beckman	Don Sperfslage
Hospitality Ministers*:	W n/a	
	Don Sperfslage	Volunteer
	*Ushers - Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to Mass to greet people as they walk into church	
Lector:	Becky Peyton	
Gift Bearers:	Volunteers	
Altar Servers:	Leo Flexsenhar	Volunteer
Music:	St. Patrick Choir	

Sunday, 8:00 am, November 16, 2025

Eucharistic Ministers:	B: Fr. Beckman	Greg/Michelle Schmitt
Hospitality Ministers*:	C: n/a	
	Duke Kortenkamp	Volunteer
	*Ushers - Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to Mass to greet people as they walk into church	
Lector:	Greg Schmitt	
Gift Bearers:	Duke & Kara Kortenkamp Family	
Altar Servers:	Weston Smith	Volunteer
Music:	St. Patrick Choir	

Monday, November 10, 2025

Collection Counters: Sharon Moroney Susie Stafford

THE WEEK AHEADMonday, November 10, 2025

Nothing listed on schedule/calendar

Tuesday, November 11, 2025**St. Patrick Finance/Pastoral Council:** Cluster Office, 5:30 pm**Cluster Finance:** Cluster Office, Cluster Office, 6:30 pm**St. John Finance/Pastoral Council:** Cluster Office, 7:00 pmWednesday, November 12, 2025

Mass: BCHC, 9:30 am (for Deceased Members of the Verstraete Family)

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 pmThursday, November 13, 2025**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Cluster Office, 10:00 am**Baptism Class:** Cluster Office, 6:30 pmFriday, November 14, 2025**Confessions at St. Patrick:** 7:15 - 7:45 am, before Mass**SJS Early Dismissal:** 1:00 pm for Professional DevelopmentSaturday, November 15, 2025**Confessions at St. Patrick's:** 3:15 - 3:45 pm, before MassSunday, November 16, 2025**Confessions at St. John:** 9:15 - 9:45 am, before Mass**Food Pantry Sunday****Readings for the week of November 9, 2025**

Sunday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Monday:	Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	Wis 13:1-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday:	Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Cluster Finances

St. John For Sunday, November 2, 2025

Budget Envelopes	\$7,386.67
Offertory	\$418.00
EFT donations for the month are:	\$5,760.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Expenses	\$11,814.00

Last week we were short \$4,009.33 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, November 2, 2025

Budget Envelopes	\$4,891.78
Offertory (Haiti)	\$324.00
EFT donations for the month are:	\$880.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Expenses	\$3,376.00



Prayer of Blessing

Compassionate God, Source of Mercy, we pay tribute to those who have served our country, to express our gratitude for their courage and selflessness, both those among us today and those of generations past. This nation, built by those born

of this soil and those who have come here from all the corners of the earth, is on a continual journey toward its destiny. May we never let down those who have served in defense of this country. May we uphold the values of freedom, of the inherent dignity of every human being, by our own right conduct, by the kindness and tolerance we show to one another. May we lead the world by example, and become, in the words of Isaiah, a light to the nations. Then will the labors and sacrifices of these veterans be honored not in words alone, but by our deeds. May almighty God bless all of our veterans the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!
AMEN!

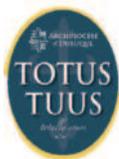
~~Archdiocesan Events~~



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.

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Totus Tuus Missionaries Needed

Do you know any college age men/women from your parishes who would be great role models for younger Catholics? The Archdiocese is looking for college-aged disciples of Jesus to serve on teams with other men/women like them during the summer of 2026.

Totus Tuus missionaries serve parishes across the Archdiocese throughout the summer leading songs, teaching, performing skits, and sharing witness talks with the children and youth of the Archdiocese. This is a paid position with training and most expenses provided during the summer. Please encourage anyone who would be excellent at this to apply.

General information: www.dbqarch.org/Totus-Tuus.
Application information can be found at <https://dbqarch.org/2026-totus-tuus-missionary-application-information>. Please contact Joanne Pohland (j.pohland@dbqarch.org) with any questions.

Mark Your Calendars for the 2026 Archdiocesan Women's Conference: Beauty in Christ

Saturday, January 31, 2026!! Mark your parish calendar for this virtual event, designed to gather women in your parish/cluster for a morning of friendship, faith, and formation!!! More information to come!

Stewardship Quotes

As we pray today for an increase in spiritual giving, we are reminded by the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship that good stewardship of the Church "means cherishing and fostering the gifts of all, while using one's own gifts to serve the community of faith."



Next Sunday, November 16, is

Food Pantry Sunday.

Please be generous.



Baptism Class

Have you recently had a child? Are you expecting a child? Congratulations! We welcome children into our Christian community through the waters of Baptism. To prepare for this celebration, we ask all parents, who would like to have their children baptized, to attend baptism class.

The next class is, Thursday, November 13 at 6:30 pm at the parish office. Please call the cluster office at 334-7191 to register.

CDA Meetings

There will be two CDA meetings on the 13th of November. JCDA will meet from 5-6 pm in the church hall and the adult CDA will meet from 6-7 in the church hall as well. We will be discussing the Thanksgiving pie sale that was so successful last year. We will be doing it again this year! Please join us. Thank you!



During the Holidays the Cluster Office will be closed on:

Thursday, November 27 - Thanksgiving

Friday, November 28 - Thanksgiving



Trim A Tree project

St. Patrick's Social Concerns Committee again invites you to participate in our Trim A Tree project. If you would like to be a part of this giving project, simply take an ornament from the tree, purchase the gift listed, attach the ornament tag to the UNWRAPPED gift and place it back under the tree. The gifts all need to be back by Mass on Sunday Dec.13th. Everyone has been extremely generous in the past and we sincerely hope for your support again this year to help those locally in our community.

~~AREA EVENTS~~

Buchanan County Veterans Memorial

Sustaining Luncheon for maintaining your Buchanan County Veterans Memorial. Sunday, November 9th, 11:00 - 1:00, at The Crowbar, 205 2nd St. NE, Independence. Menu: Pulled Pork, baked beans, coleslaw and potato salad. Free will donation.



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

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!

2025 \$100 Club!

The 2025 \$100 Club campaign is underway! Each year we raise funds for St. John School with the proceeds for this year's appeal directed to the Athletic Fund, Library, Student Field Trips and Technology.

Your \$100 donation allows your immediate family free entry to home sporting events at St. John School during the 2025-26 school year. You are also entered into a drawing for cash prizes: One (1) \$500 winner, two (2) \$250 winners and five (5) \$100 winners!

To participate in the \$100 Club, please contact the School (319-334-7173), Shelly Reed (319-240-3386) or Tim Reed (319-240-5265) by Friday, November 14th. The drawing will be held the first week of December. We appreciate your support and generosity!

School News

Weather Reminder:

With the weather starting to get colder, please make sure your child/children come to school with a coat, hat, and mittens each day. We'll be going outside for recess as long as the weather allows, and we want everyone to stay warm and comfortable.

SJS on Facebook!

Check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100088497703727>

Holiday Day & Holy Day Mass Schedule:



Thanksgiving:

Thursday, November 27
St. John's @ 9:00 am
No Mass on Friday, November 28 @ St. Patrick's

Immaculate Conception:

Monday, December 8
St. John's @ 8:30 am / St. Patrick's @ 4:30 pm



**Journey in Faith
Pray for Journey in Faith**

The Journey in Faith process relies on your presence, your input, and your prayers. Please continue to attend parish meetings and share your feedback, but also remember that prayer is the foundation of this process. Pray for our parishes, our pastors, and all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, that we may listen well, discern faithfully, and follow God's call together. Go to dbqjourneyinfaith.org for more information.

Feedback is Needed for Journey in Faith

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.

How will I know my feedback was received?

We value your feedback and want to make sure we hear from as many people as we can. When you submit your feedback through dbqjourneyinfaith.org, you will receive an email response indicating the Journey in Faith Core Team has received it. Because of the volume of submissions we expect to receive, we will not be able to personally respond to all submissions. Be assured that your response will be read by the Journey in Faith Core Team and considered, with all the other feedback received and collected, as the Archbishop discerns the future of the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

THANK YOU!

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St. John Paul II Cluster*

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&
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Winthrop Iowa*

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Deacon: Dc. Tim Post

Pastoral Associate:

Sharon Bainbridge

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319-929-2301

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<https://www.stjohneagles.com>

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St. Patrick Center: 319-935-3871

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Independence, IA 50644

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dbq106sec@dbqarch.org

Cluster Website:

<https://stjohnstpat.org>

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.



From the Desk of Fr. Beckman:

The holiday we observe as Veterans Day originated in 1919 when President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11th as Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I. Then in 1954, nearly a decade after World War II, Congress amended it to Veterans Day to honor all the military veterans from all of our wars.

Today, let us all make a special effort to remember and appreciate the millions of military men and women who put themselves in harm's way by honorably wearing a uniform, and the hundreds of thousands who, as President Abraham Lincoln put it, gave their last full measure of devotion to protect our nation and our freedom.

We remember, honor and show gratitude to our veterans for their service and sacrifice to our country in order to protect the freedom and liberty which is so precious and not to be taken for granted. We have a responsibility to make certain they did not make their sacrifice in vain. The precious gift we now share was preserved at a heavy price. Please take time to remember them in prayer and if you have an opportunity say thank you for serving our country, protecting our freedom, and serving in the name of liberty and peace.

Last week we celebrated the Feast of All Saints and All Souls days as we closed out Respect Life Month. Respecting Life is all about recognizing the inherent value in all living beings – whether it's our fellow humans, especially the most vulnerable in the womb, the underprivileged, and those at the end of life, animals, or even the environment around us. Care for all of God's creation is one of the seven social teachings of the Catholic Church. It goes beyond just kindness to others; it's also about empathy, and understanding the roles that each form of life plays in our world. By practicing respect for life, we foster a more compassionate and sustainable society, encouraging positive interactions and a deeper appreciation for the diversity of life around us.

Here is a short synopsis of the 7 Principles of Catholic Social Teaching: (2 this week and 5 next week)

•Catholic Teaching on the Life and Dignity of the Human Person: Every human person is created in the image and likeness of God. Therefore, each person's life and dignity must be respected, whether that person is an innocent unborn child in a mother's womb, whether that person worked in the World Trade Center or a market in Baghdad, or even whether that person is a convicted criminal on death row. We believe that every human life is sacred from conception to natural death, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it protects and respects the life and dignity of the human person. —*USCCB Administrative Committee, Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility, p. 13*

•Catholic Teaching on the Call to Family, Community, and Participation: The human person is not only sacred, but social. The God-given institutions of marriage—a lifelong commitment between a man and a woman—and family are central and serve as the foundations for social life. Marriage and family should be supported and strengthened, not undermined. Every person has a right to participate in social, economic, and political life and a corresponding duty to work for the advancement of the common good and the well-being of all, especially the poor and weak. —*USCCB Administrative Committee, Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility, p. 13*

I want to express my sincere gratitude by thanking all of you who acknowledged my 66th birthday with so many well wishes, cards, prayers, goodies, HONKS, and monetary gifts. As always, it was a great day and I am greatly and gratefully appreciative. THANK YOU!

Fr. David



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