



August 24, 2025
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66: 18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

*“I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.”*

This Sunday’s readings call us to reflect on both the wideness of God’s invitation and the seriousness of our response. The prophet Isaiah reminds us that God gathers people “from every nation and tongue” into His kingdom. His saving plan is not limited by borders, languages, or backgrounds—His love is for all. Yet while the invitation is universal, each of us must decide to answer it by the way we live.

The Letter to the Hebrews teaches us that God’s love often comes in the form of discipline. Like a parent guiding a child, the Lord allows trials in our lives not to break us down, but to build us up. These difficulties can become moments of grace that train our hearts in perseverance and holiness. If we let Him, God transforms our struggles into a path that leads us closer to Him. In the Gospel, Jesus urges His disciples to “strive to enter through the narrow gate.” The way of discipleship is not one of comfort or passivity—it requires effort, humility, and conversion of heart. It is not enough to know about Christ or to call His name; we must live as His followers, walking faithfully in love and service each day.

Today, as we welcome the missionary priest from Unbound, we see a living example of this Gospel call. To follow Christ through the narrow gate means to love generously, to step outside of ourselves, and to care for those in need. *Unbound* is a Catholic ministry that works in 18 countries, walking alongside children, elders, and families who face the daily realities of poverty. Through sponsorship and personal connection, they bring hope, dignity, and opportunity to countless lives.

By supporting the mission of *Unbound*, we become part of God’s work of gathering all peoples into His family. We are given the chance not only to hear the Word today but to respond to it with concrete action—opening our hearts, sharing our blessings, and helping others walk with us on the journey of faith. May our generosity this weekend reflect the same mercy and love that God has poured out on us, so that together we may one day rejoice at the heavenly banquet, gathered with “every nation and tongue” in the kingdom of God.

Next Week’s Readings:

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, August 25 | No Mass
+Pray for Holy Marriages

Tuesday, August 26 | Mass
5:15 p.m. +Evelyn Andresen
Sacristan: Karen Hyke

Wednesday, August 27 | Mass
8:00 a.m. +Rebecca McCabe
Sacristan: Jed & Joyce Becker
Music: Jed Becker

Thursday, August 28 | Mass
9:00 a.m. +Dan Courtney, Jerry and Shirlee Slifka
Sacristan: Inez Kruse
2:00 p.m. Assisted Living Mass
+Lynne Lorenzo

Friday, August 29 | Mass
8:00 a.m. +Francis and Marie O'Donnell
Sacristan: Roger & Elaine Kleve

Saturday, August 30 | Mass
4:00 p.m. +Steve Kelly and Kyle Decker
EMHCs: Marlene Quinn; Duane Heit; Alanda Meyer
Lectors: Marlene Quinn; Duane Heit
Servers: Jameson Meyer; Sam Meyer
Music: Harlan Larson; Mary Larson
Greeters: Bryan & Denise Sheehy
Hosts: Bryan & Denise Sheehy
Ushers: Bryan Sheehy; Adam, Aidan, & Awnan Skoda
Sacristan: Carol Stoker; Mindy Jones

Sunday, August 31 | Mass
8:00 a.m. +Marie Sebastian
EMHCs: Frank & Donna Ryant; Patti Guyer
Lectors: Carol Foley; Roger Kleve
Servers: Cora Kach; Oakley Vobr
Music: LuAnn McCormick; Polly Jones
Greeters: Tom & Steph Feldman Family
Hosts: Tom & Steph Feldman Family
Ushers: Jordan Guyer; Joe & Julie Haskovec; Tony Roberts
Sacristan: Frank & Donna Ryant

Sunday, August 31 | Mass
10:00 a.m. +Herb and Marie Zimmerman
EMHCs: Sue Runyan; Jodi Dull; Don Dietzenbach
Lectors: Sue Runyan; Kayla Head
Servers: Roman Head; Brendon Hovden
Music: Melanie Vobr; Polly Jones
Greeters: Ken & Nita Hackman
Hosts: Curtis & Kayla Head
Ushers: Randy Mashek; Tommy Mashek; Brad & Jodi Dull
Sacristan: Jerry & Wanda Reicks



Bread: Clarence & Roselyn Shimek; Buzz and Marilyn Ott
Wine: Clarence & Roselyn Shimek; Buzz and Marilyn Ott
Candle: Clarence & Roselyn Shimek; Buzz and Marilyn Ott
Missalettes: For the People

Stewardship of Prayer

Please pray for the sick of our parish, including the following and those listed in the Book of Petitions.

JODENE VAN DYKE	MATT DUERRE	JERRY SMITH	TONY WICKS
ETHAN PEPERA	JOYCE KAPLER	BETTE SULLIVAN	TESS SHEEHY
LISA PETER	DEB WILKINS	BRENT NEWMAN	WAYNE SCRABECK
CLARE STEJSKAL	DIANE KOVARIK	MALISSA KAPPES	ED KOVARIK
STU GORDON	VICKI MCGEE	MATTHEW FERRIE	RICK SCHOLBROCK
JIM MURPHY	MARY STEVENSON	MARK TIESKOTTER	KYLE SLIFKA
BEV BINA	DAVE BOELMAN	MARSHALL LARSON	KEN HRUSKA
SHARON BOYD	MARIA LARSON		

P R A Y For Students

For smooth transitions back
For Godly friendships
For the strength to stand up for truth
For opportunities to grow

P R A Y For Parents

For patience with change
For support of their children
For understanding and love
For working toward a common goal

P R A Y For Teachers

For meaningful student relationships
For focus and insight
For Godly colleagues and friends
For patience and understanding

P R A Y For School Leaders

For wisdom in decision making
For understanding and empathy
For integrity in leadership
For strong student and staff connections

Stewardship of Offering

AUGUST 17, 2025

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$ 10,827.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 4,895.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 7,240.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 733.80

Today's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels." *The gift of myself - my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God - is as important as the monetary gift I offer.*



The Archdiocese of Dubuque is holding 34 regional informational sessions for parishioners to learn more about the *Journey in Faith* process. These sessions will further explain information that will be released at dbqjourneyinfaith.org in early September.

What will be the focus of these informational sessions?

Participants will learn more about:

- Rationale, process, and timeline for *Journey in Faith*
- Importance of prayer and synodal listening in this process
- Proposed pastorate models as possible new groupings of parishes for the future
- Ways to listen, learn, ask questions and provide insights throughout the process including engaging in your parish's October and November local meetings and providing written feedback via the *Journey in Faith* website

Why should I attend?

Attending these meetings will give you background about the challenges we face and the opportunities we have to be honest, courageous, faithful, and hopeful. Your ideas about how we can have vibrant and sustainable parishes focused on evangelization for the next 25+ years is very important as future plans are developed. While these September meetings are information focused, they set the stage for parishioners to provide thoughtful verbal feedback at local parish input sessions in October and November and written feedback via the *Journey in Faith* website.

How do I know which meeting to attend?

Parishioners should attend a meeting held in their Regional Planning Area (RPA). The overall information will be the same at each meeting, however, the proposed pastorate models that are explained will be specific to your RPA. (See [RPA \(v5\)](#) for your region.)

When and where are the meetings?

There are 34 [September Regional Journey in Faith Information Sessions](#) from which to choose. Each is held in a parish church and is scheduled for three hours.

How do I sign up to attend?

In order to assist us in our planning, we ask that parishioners RSVP using <https://tinyurl.com/JIFSeptSignUp> or the QR code:



What if I'm unable to attend a September regional meeting or registration in my region reaches capacity?

If you are unable to attend a September regional meeting, you are urged to review all of the information on the website including videos, maps, and spreadsheets that will be released in early September. This will enable you to have background prior to attending your own local parish's meetings in October and November. Although the September meetings will not be live streamed, a summary video with key points from those meetings about prayer and synodal listening will be released at the end of September. Registration is capped at 500 per event (or the maximum seating capacity for churches with less than a 500 person capacity) and registration will be closed once registration reaches capacity.



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Ministers of Care bring the Eucharist to those members of our Parish Community who cannot join us for Mass each weekend. Volunteers may visit individuals weekly or hospitals and nursing homes on a rotating schedule (typically one weekend per month).



**Contact the Parish Office for more information!
(563) 547-3565**

Open to the Public - Join us for Fun and Fellowship!

Notre Dame Fair Day

Saturday September 6th

4:30—7:30pm

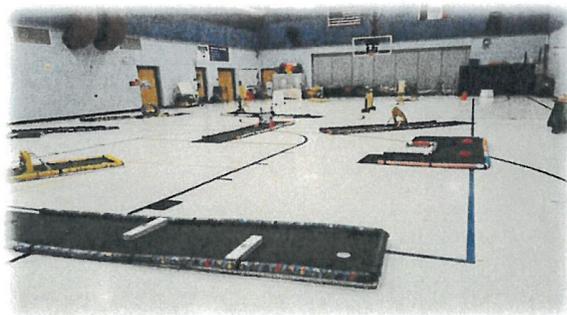
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Food: Join us outside for burgers, hot dogs, and walking tacos. Meal options with chips and baked beans. 4:30—7:30pm.

Snack Shack—Drinks, popcorn, and candy 4:30—7:30pm

Fun for the Entire Family 5-7:30pm!

Fun this year—Mini golf, Gamerz Truck, Bubble Stations
Bounce House, Campsite Train, Bean Bags, and More!
\$10 wristband for unlimited use. Ages 3 and under free.
Farmers Market, BINGO, Raffle, Cake Walk, & More!



ZIKOMO a BIG Mary's Meals thank you!



A BIG heartfelt Thank you to all of our friends who made this summer's Marys Meals concert series a reality!

Steve, Cat & I are so grateful for all the blessings & moments we shared traveling hundreds of miles across Iowa teaming up with all of you & sharing in our little acts of love for the children of Mary's Meals.

We had to be scrappy in some situations as we worked around big rainfalls & extreme heat! After nine toe-tapping, Jesus worshipping concerts, together in total we fed 1,465 kids for an entire school year!

With 1,058 kids fed from the generosity of your parish family & friends in donations AND an additional 407 kids fed through T-shirt sales!

Over 1,600 souls in total concert attendance became even more aware of God's most vulnerable children around the globe and how Mary's Meals is a part of the simple solution to world hunger.

As I reflect on these children who will now be standing in line at school with BIG smiles on their faces waiting for their porridge ❤️ I can't help but think of what a beautiful view this is from heaven & how one-day I will relive this moment with all of YOU 🙏🏽)

ZIKOMO (Malawian Thank You!) -Ellen Miller

Notre Dame Catholic School
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REGISTRATION 2025-2026

Classes for grades Kindergarten - Grade 5 begin Monday, August 25, 2025

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This Week at Notre Dame

Card Party will be held on Monday, August 25th at 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to join.

St. Agnes Annual Mass will be held on Saturday, August 30th at 6:00 p.m. with a meal following. All are welcome to attend.

Parish Office Hours Changing to 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. On Thursday's the staff will attend the school Mass together from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Time & Talent Due Soon!

We invite you to share your time and talents by signing up for our parish ministries! Whether you've served before or are looking for a new way to get involved, we encourage everyone to fill out the online form. This helps us keep our records up to date and make sure each ministry is supported. Together, we can continue to grow as a vibrant, welcoming parish community.

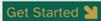


Connie's Garden

A flower garden in memory of Connie Frana is being planned for the southeast corner of parish office. If anyone would like to contribute monetary donations to this project, please contact Elaine Kleve or Julie Haskovec.
kleve2011@yahoo.com jhaskovec@yahoo.com

KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

2-3 days per week from 8-9:30 a.m. doing the dishes and washing tables



Call 563-547-3565, ext 3 or email m.jones@dbqarch.org



TABLE OF PLENTY

Bring extra garden produce to the church entrance Saturdays after 3 p.m. through Sunday at 10 a.m. Produce left after 10:00 Mass will be donated to the food pantry. Feel free to take produce and leave a donation, which also goes to the food pantry.



BUDGET OFFERING COMMITMENT 2026

Please take a few moments to complete your budget commitment sheet—either online or using the form you received in the mail last week. Your response is an important part of helping us plan wisely and create a more accurate budget for our church's ministries and mission in the coming year. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and support!



In the Community

You're invited to a Back to School Breakfast hosted by our neighbors at St. Teresa of Calcutta - Ossian Site on Sunday, August 25, 2024, with breakfast served from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Come enjoy a delicious meal and help support their parish community as we kick off the new school year together! The menu includes scrambled eggs with toppings, sliced ham, cubed potatoes, fruit cups, toast, homemade cinnamon rolls, and your choice of juice, milk, or hot coffee. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children ages 6-12, and free for children under 6. Everyone is welcome—bring your family and friends for a morning of great food and community spirit!

Big games. Bigger prizes. Biggest impact. This football season, LifeServe Blood Center is giving you the chance to win an Ultimate Tailgating Package just for donating blood and helping save lives in your community. *Donate at the VFW Hall on Wed, Aug 27 between 12-5:30 p.m.* and be automatically entered into a drawing for a grand prize package valued at over \$600. In addition to the grand prize winner, ten donors will receive smaller tailgate prize packs. The grand prize includes a mini grill or griddle, an Igloo cooler, a portable hammock or two camping chairs, and more. As a bonus, if you schedule your next donation appointment on the day of your visit, you'll receive a second entry into the drawing.

Veterans Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 8th at McAllister's Heritage Event Center. Social will begin at 5:00 p.m. Meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. Program begins at 7:00 p.m. This year's keynote speaker is Dee Hosek. There will be a quilt raffle for a beautiful quilt crafted by Coleen Cauwels for \$5 a ticket. You must be present to win. The banquet is open to the public. There will also be a free meal to veterans on November 5th from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Heritage Event Center.

"A sincere thank you to Father Rouse and the choir for the beautiful service. The Circles of Faith, Jerry O'Donnell, and Jed & Joyce Becker and all who donated food."
-The Don Kapler Family-

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