



"Haywood Street Beatitudes" by Christopher Holt

**September 21, 2025**  
*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Amos 8:4-7: 1 Timothy 2:1-8: Luke 16:1-13

*"Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor,  
so that by his poverty you might become rich."*

In today's readings, we are reminded of the tension between worldly wealth and eternal priorities. The prophet Amos (Amos 8:4-7) condemns those who exploit the poor and manipulate situations for personal gain, warning that God does not overlook injustice. In his letter to Timothy (1 Timothy 2:1-8), Paul urges us to lift up prayers for all people, including those in authority, so that our lives may be marked by peace and holiness. Prayer is the foundation for living rightly—it keeps our hearts aligned with God and guards us from being consumed by selfish ambition.

Finally, in the Gospel (Luke 16:1-13), Jesus gives us the puzzling parable of the dishonest steward. At first glance, it seems like He is commending dishonesty, but that is not the case. Rather, Jesus is pointing out the determination and cleverness of worldly people when securing their own future—and then inviting us to consider: do we put as much energy and creativity into our spiritual lives? Are we as intentional about building up treasures in heaven as others are in securing wealth and comfort on earth?

Jesus concludes with the challenge that no one can serve two masters. We cannot cling to both God and wealth; eventually, our hearts will choose. This is not a condemnation of having possessions, but a call to keep them in their proper place. Earthly goods are tools to be used in love, generosity, and service—not idols to be worshiped. The question for us is this: how are we stewarding what God has given us? Are our resources, talents, and time helping us grow closer to Him and serve others, or are they pulling us away from the life He desires for us?

Next Week's Readings:

Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

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# MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday, September 22 | No Mass**  
+Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood

**Tuesday, September 23 | No Mass**

**Wednesday, September 24 | Mass**  
8:00 a.m. +Wilmer Hubka  
Sacristan: Donna Ryant  
Music: Jed Becker

**Thursday, September 25 | Mass**  
9:00 a.m. +Jack & Norma Smith  
Sacristan: Joyce Jirak  
2:00 p.m. Mass at Evans  
+Scott Steffen

**Friday, September 26 | Mass**  
8:00 a.m. +Mary Jane Hudson  
Sacristan: Terry Duerre

**Saturday, September 27 | Mass**  
4:00 p.m. +Aaron & Lillian Dusheck  
EMHCs: Marlene Quinn; Steve & Terry Duerre  
Lectors: Marlene Quinn; Terry Duerre  
Servers: Lily Godman  
Music: Pam Daley; Polly Jones  
Greeters: Mindy Jones  
Hosts: Joe & Lynn Rose  
Ushers: Steve Duerre; Brian McGee; Joe & Lynn Rose  
Sacristan: Terry Duerre

**Sunday, September 28 | Mass**  
8:00 a.m. +Isaac Wiltgen, Marian Wiltgen and Ernie Heying  
EMHCs: Jim Truka; Barb O'Donnell; Patti Guyer  
Lectors: Jim Truka; Emily Dohlman-Govern  
Servers: Raelynn Fortney; Oakley Vobr  
Music: Dee Hosek; Polly Jones  
Greeters: Roger & Elaine Kleve  
Hosts: Kenny & Jeri Andera  
Ushers: Jordan Guyer; Ken Hruska; Dick Jones; Marvin Lensing  
Sacristan: Marvin Lensing

**Sunday, September 28 | Mass**  
10:00 a.m. +Steve McCarville  
EMHCs: Michelle Midthus; Sheila Slifka; Kris Dietzenbach  
Lectors: Brian & Michelle Midthus  
Servers: Genevieve Opprecht; Raelynn Rissman  
Music: Jaclyn Jirak-Wright; Polly Jones  
Greeters: Chris & Amanda Keller; Don & Kris Dietzenbach  
Hosts: Brian & Jill McConnell  
Ushers: Don Dietzenbach; Kathy McCarville; Brad & Jodi Dull  
Sacristan: Sheila Slifka



Bread: Ron Ollendick  
Wine: Ron Ollendick  
Candle: Ron Ollendick  
Misalletes: 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.

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# Welcome

to NOTRE DAME!

**Miss Macy Manning**

*3rd-5th Grade Teacher*



We're thrilled to welcome Miss Manning to the Notre Dame team! If she looks familiar, it's because she was with us last spring as a long-term substitute teacher. That experience helped her feel right at home, and now she's excited to return in a full-time teaching role, continuing to build upon the relationships she started.

Miss Manning recently graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a degree in Early Childhood Education and is currently pursuing her elementary endorsement. Outside the classroom, she enjoys staying active, whether it's hiking, playing volleyball, exploring new places, or spending time with her dog, Willa. She also loves expressing her creativity through decorating, planning events, and DIY projects.

Teaching runs in the family for Miss Manning - both her mom and sister are educators, greatly influencing her own path. Originally from Lansing, Iowa, she especially enjoys spending time on the river during the summer months.

She's excited to work alongside our supportive staff and get to know her students as they grow together in faith and learning. Welcome (back) to Notre Dame, Miss Manning!

## Stewardship of Offering

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$ 10,827.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 7,275.93
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 7,340.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 472.05

*The dishonest manager in today's parable knew how to manipulate money to his own advantage. But the Gospel warns that no one can serve both God and money. Which do I serve? Is my stewardship such that anyone can tell?*

“Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope.” (1 Pet 3:15)



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**Catechetical Sunday**  
September 21, 2025

## *Prayer for Catechists*

**L**oving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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### **What Does the Word “Catechetical” Mean?**

The word might be more familiar than you think. Many Catholics have used the word "catechism" for years, and they know it has something to do with the compendium of the Church's teachings. The root word, "catechesis," is from a Greek word meaning "to echo, or resound."

Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church's teachings to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.

### **Why do we have a special day set aside to commission catechists?**

Catechesis is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church makes clear, "Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church's life . . . her inner growth and correspondence with God's plan depend essentially on catechesis" (no. 7). This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others.

### **How are parents, the primary catechists of their children, recognized on Catechetical Sunday?**

Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation. This is why the rite of blessing of catechists used on Catechetical Sunday includes an optional blessing of parents and guardians.

# Catechetical Sunday 2025 Recognitions



## Faith Formation Commission

Fr. Jacob, Brian McGee, Katie Schmitt, Melanie Vobr, Jami Schwickerath, Rebecca Keune, Lori Andera, Curtis Head, Don Dietzenbach, and Becky Trautsch

## Catholic School Board

Fr. Jacob, Katie Schmitt, Holly Manske, Kyle Teeling, Tracy Herold, Amber McCarville, Bethany Wurzer, Erica Sajdak, Reid Ellingson, and Josie Hrdlicka.

## Parents:

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## Notre Dame Catholic School

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Katie Schmitt

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Pam Daley, Julie Haskovec,  
Katie Hron, Macy Manning,  
Meghan Ringoen, Sheila Slifka,  
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Brian McGee

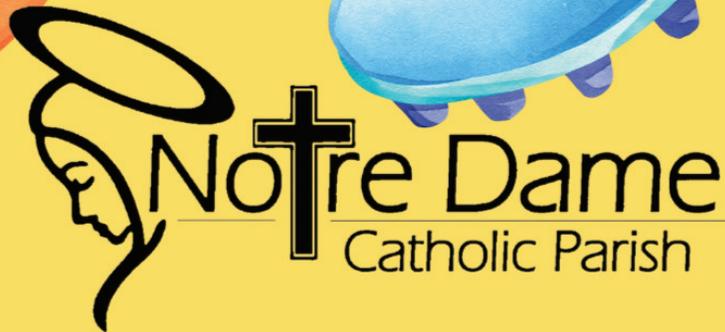
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Schwickerath, Jessica Johnson,  
Martin Ahrndt, Boyd Turnbull

**Aides:**  
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Schmitz, Janel Langreck, Brandon  
Plaht, Karlee Henry, Kelsey Adams

**Prayer Team:**  
Inez Kruse, Barb O'Donnell, Tom  
McGee, Jed and Joyce Becker, Bill  
and Connie Sindelar

\*We are still in need of 1 Catechist, 2 Classroom Aides, a Site Coordinator and a Site Supervisor.

**thank you!**



**YOUTH MINISTRY**  
**SPORTS**  
**DAY**

**ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-12 ARE  
INVITED TO JOIN US FOR AN  
AFTERNOON OF COMPETITIVE FUN  
WHILE TRYING THEIR HAND AT SOME  
DIFFERENT SPORTS!**

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 21<sup>ST</sup>  
NOON-3:00 PM  
PARISH PARKING  
LOT**

# EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

MIRACULOUS COMMUNIONS

This exhibit was designed and created by Blessed Carlo Acutis. The exhibit is brought to our parish and sponsored by Iowa Catholic Radio.



## Eucharistic Miracle of MONTSERRAT

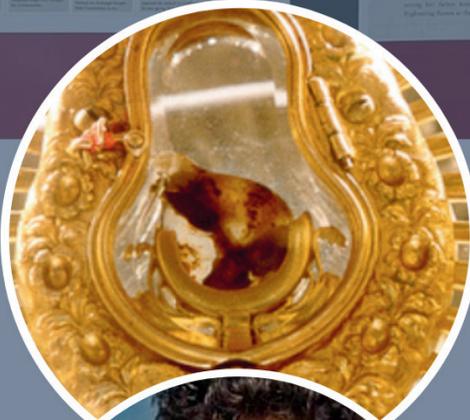


*During the sacred Mass*  
the girl, distressed having seen her father bleed in the distance, she ran toward him to offer him some bread for more strength. In that moment, the girl put the host into the fire, which only she could see, and she began to burn with a holy flame.

## Eucharistic Miracle of BOLSENA



*When the facts were ascertained, he ordered the bishop of the diocese to bring the Host and the linen cloth bearing the stains of Blood to him.*



## ABOUT THE EXHIBIT

Saint Carlo Acutis, who died of leukemia in 2006 when he was only 15, outlined his brief existence: living with Jesus, for Jesus and in Jesus. Carlo would often ask himself why we see mile-long lines of people waiting for hours to go to a rock concert or a movie, but we never see the same lines in front of the Eucharistic Christ, the Bread of Life. He would say that people do not realize what they are missing, otherwise churches would be so full that you would not be able to get into them. He loved computer programming and created a website to document his travels to see the Eucharistic miracles of the world. This exhibit is from the catalogue of Eucharistic miracles Saint Carlo Acutis put together to share Jesus in the Eucharist with the world.

<http://www.miracolieucaaristici.org/>

## Exhibit Dates and Times at Notre Dame Parish:

September 28<sup>th</sup> - October 5<sup>th</sup>

Monday-Fridays: 8AM-8PM

Saturdays: Noon-7PM

Sundays: 9AM-Noon

(Schedule is subject to change. No cost to attend.)



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## 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.

**18th Annual Mental Illness Awareness Mass**

Sunday, October 5, 2025 | 2:00 pm  
St. Pius X Catholic Church, Cedar Rapids

Anyone who experiences mental illness, their families, friends, caregivers and mental health care providers are welcome.

There will be a reception, brief presentation, and fellowship after Mass.  
**Presenter: Jackie Smith-Duggan, AbbeHealth Services**  
on the Linn County Mental Health Access Center

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you" - Luke 17:6

St. Pius X

## Ministers of Care

Bringing Communion to the homebound, hospitals, and nursing homes.

Are you looking for a powerful, rewarding, and humbling way to share your faith with others?

Join our Ministers of Care!

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

**65th Annual ACCW Meeting**  
Saturday, September 27, 2025  
St. Benedict Parish  
Decorah  
307 West Main Street, Decorah, IA 52101

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**  
Mary Pedersen

**MASS CELEBRANT:**  
Archbishop Thomas Zinkula

### AGENDA

- 8:30 AM Registration, Refreshments, Exhibits, Silent Auction
- 9:15 AM Call to Order  
Welcome/Opening Prayer  
Keynote Address by Mary Pedersen  
"Pilgrims of Hope"
- 10:30 AM Break, Exhibits, Silent Auction
- 11:00 AM Mass with Archbishop Thomas Zinkula  
with Concelebrants and Deacons in attendance  
Presentation of Awards
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 12:45 AM Presentation by Archbishop Zinkula
- 1:15 PM Business Meeting and Afternoon Session
- 2:15 PM Closing Remarks, Door Prizes, and Final Blessing

Registration forms are available at [dbqarch.org](http://dbqarch.org) or on the Parish Office porch.

## This Week at Notre Dame

**Card Party** will meet on Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend. Please arrive no earlier than 1:45 p.m. due to mopping of the floor after the school lunch.

The Archdiocese of Dubuque is moving forward in the Journey in Faith process, a Spirit-led effort to discern how parishes can best serve the faithful for the next 25+ years. Input from the Disciple Maker Index survey and key parish data have helped form proposed models for parish groupings. You can view the proposed models at [dbqjourneyinfaith.org](http://dbqjourneyinfaith.org). Parishioners are invited to one of 34 Regional Journey in Faith Information Sessions. If you need assistance in signing up, please contact the Parish Office. **Upcoming dates for our Region include: September 22<sup>nd</sup> in Waukon from 6-9 p.m. and September 23<sup>rd</sup> in Monona from 6-9 p.m.**

## Parent Meeting

2025-2026

The virtual Cornerstone Parent Meeting for this year has been posted to our Parish YouTube Channel. If you have children in the program, please take time to watch this short video (less than 5 minutes). There's even a chance to win a prize!

## In the Community

**Stavanger Lutheran Church Fall Dinner** will be held on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at St Theresa of Calcutta (DeSales Gym). Serving from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Menu includes: swiss steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, orange salad, assorted pies & desserts, milk, and coffee. Adults \$15, 5-9 years \$7, and under 5 year olds are free. Take-outs available.

**BINGO** will be held on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at Calmar Lutheran Church. Doors open at 2:30 and game begins at 3:00 p.m. \$20 buy-in with each additional card \$5 each. 15 regular BINGO games, 4 special BINGO games, and 1 Blackout. Payout (one winner per game): \$25 for regular BINGO winner, \$40 for special BINGO winner; \$100 for Blackout winner. Concession items available for purchase. Door prizes and 50/50 raffle as well.

Czech Heritage Partnership invites you to a wonderful **piano concert with Czech pianist, Tomas Visek**. He has won several awards including his latest -1st prize at the prestigious "World's Best Musicians Competition". He will be performing pieces from Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904) on Friday October 10th, 2025 at 6pm at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Spillville, IA. This is a free-will donation event.

**VFW Breakfast** will be held at the VFW Hall every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday from September - May. Menu includes: regular, blueberry, & chocolate chip pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, & beverage. Serving from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Free-will donation. Sponsored by VFW Post and Auxiliary 4561. Upcoming dates include: October 19<sup>th</sup>, November 16<sup>th</sup>, and December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Veterans Banquet** will be held on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Expo and catered by McAllister's. 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 5<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Heritage Event Center.

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