



September 28, 2025

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

This one line from St. Paul opens our eyes to the very heart of the Gospel. Jesus Christ, eternal Son of God, shared in all the riches of heaven—the glory of the Father, the power of creation, the splendor of eternity. Yet He freely chose to empty Himself and step into our fragile humanity. He was born not in a palace, but in a manger. He lived not among the powerful, but among the poor and ordinary. He took on hunger, weariness, and suffering, all so He could draw near to us in every circumstance of life.

His poverty was not just material; it was the poverty of total self-giving. On the Cross, He surrendered even His life, holding nothing back. And through that ultimate act of love, He opened for us the greatest of treasures—redemption, forgiveness, peace, and eternal life. This is the richness He desires for us: not comfort that fades, but the deep joy of knowing we belong to God and that nothing can separate us from His love.

As His disciples, we are invited to imitate this same pattern of love. The world often tells us that wealth, success, and comfort are what make life valuable. But Christ shows us another way: true richness is found in generosity, humility, and service. When we give of ourselves for the sake of others—whether through our time, our gifts, our patience, or our presence—we begin to share in the very life of Christ. And in those moments, we discover a surprising truth: in giving, we are not diminished, but made full; in loving, we are not emptied, but made rich.

The saints and disciples who have gone before us lived this truth. The apostles left their boats and nets, their homes and families, to follow a teacher they barely knew. They trusted that Jesus was worth the sacrifice, and in Him they found abundance beyond measure. We, too, are called to place our trust in Him, even when it feels uncertain or uncomfortable. Christ’s poverty has made us rich—now let us use that richness to build up His Kingdom here on earth.

Next Week’s Readings:

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, September 29 | No Mass
+Pray for Vocations to Religious Life

Tuesday, September 30 | Mass
5:15 p.m. +Gene O'Donnell
Sacristan: Terry Duerre

Wednesday, October 1 | Mass
8:00 a.m. +William, Keith, and Lee Steffen
Sacristan: Jed & Joyce Becker

Thursday, October 2 | Mass
9:00 a.m. +Lynne Lorenzo
Sacristan: Inez Kruse

Friday, October 3 | Mass
8:00 a.m. +Colby Fye
Sacristan: Jerry & Barb O'Donnell

Saturday, October 4 | Mass
4:00 p.m. +Clarence Riha; Clarence and Verena Novotny; Mary Fritz; Gilbert and Eleanor Fritz
EMHCs: Duane Heit; Angie Kappes; Lisa Kimball
Lectors: Duane Heit
Servers: Luke Fisk
Music: Pam Daley; Jamie Fisk
Greeters: Gretchen Laub; Carver Munkel; Rita Shea
Hosts: Bryan & Denise Sheehy
Ushers: Bryan Sheehy; Ray Schwarzhoff; Carver Munkel; Gretchen Laub
Sacristan: Carol Stoker; Mindy Jones

Sunday, October 5 | Mass
8:00 a.m. +Ed and Marcella Opat
EMHCs: Frank & Donna Ryant; Jim Truka
Lectors: Jim Truka; Boyd Turnbull
Servers: Oakley Vobr; Raelynn Fortney
Music: Dee Hosek; Deb Moellers
Greeters: Janet Andera; Betty Hebrink
Hosts: Jim & Lori Truka
Ushers: Ken Hruska; Tom Mullen; Tony Roberts; Warren Steffen
Sacristan: Boyd Turnbull

Sunday, October 5 | Mass
10:00 a.m. +Sheri Conlan
EMHCs: Jodi Dull; Don & Kris Dietzenbach
Lectors: Nita Hackman; Tracy Hart
Servers: Marian & Claire Elsbernd
Music: Good News Singers
Greeters: Ken & Nita Hackman; Audrey Hyke
Hosts: Jerry & Wanda Reicks
Ushers: Brad & Jodi Dull; Don & Kris Dietzenbach
Sacristan: Jerry & Wanda Reicks



Bread: Ron Ollendick
Wine: Ron Ollendick
Candle: Ron Ollendick
Misalettes: 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	DIANE KOVARIK	BRENT NEWMAN	WAYNE SCRABECK
CLARE STEJSKAL	MARY STEVENSON	MALISSA KAPPES	ED KOVARIK
STU GORDON	DAVE BOELMAN	MATTHEW FERRIE	RICK SCHOLBROCK
JIM MURPHY	MARIA LARSON	MARK TIESKOTTER	KYLE SLIFKA
BEV BINA	MARY GANSEN	SARAH FRANKLIN	KEN HRUSKA
SHARON BOYD	AUDREY HYKE	BILL SINDELAR	



The Archdiocese of Dubuque's Office of Catholic Schools honors schools within the Archdiocese with the Spirit of V.I.S.I.O.N. Award, recognizing excellence in Catholicity, Academics, and Operational Vitality.

This June, Notre Dame Catholic School received the Spirit of V.I.S.I.O.N. Award for Catholicity in recognition of their commitment to providing an excellent education in a faith-filled environment centered on Jesus Christ. The Catholic identity of Notre Dame is clearly reflected in how the school lives, teachers, and shares the Catholic faith at a high level.

During a recent school mass, Mindy Hart, Associate Director with the Office of Catholic Schools, presented the award to Notre Dame's Catholicity team. Pictured (left to right) - Mindy Hart, Pam Daley, Katie Schmitt, Brian McGee, Meghan Ringoen, and Fr. Jacob Rouse.

Congratulations to Notre Dame Catholic School students and staff on this well-deserved honor, and thank you to our parish family for your continued support of our school!



Congrats

to Boyd Turnbull
and his wife Steph Turnbull!

Boyd Turnbull is now onto his next steps in his formation and discernment to become a deacon!

Diaconate candidacy is a period of intensive formation and training for men discerning a call to the permanent diaconate, typically lasting around three years, within the Catholic church. It follows an initial discernment period (aspirancy) and involves theological study, spiritual development, and pastoral training, culminating in a formal application process and final decision for ordination.

Stewardship of Offering

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$ 10,837.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 3,490.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 805.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 607.19

The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What am I doing to help?



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

This Week at Notre Dame

Cornerstone will begin on October 1st at 6:15 p.m. with a meal in the parish hall. This Wednesday night faith formation program is open to all families with students in 1st-th grade. More information can be found at: <https://notredamecresco.com/cornerstone-registration>

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 pastorate 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. Notre Dame Parish will now be hosting local meetings on October 16th from 6-8 p.m. and November 6th from 6-8 p.m.**

These sessions will each be different and will provide opportunities for listening and input. Please plan to attend. Additional resources and online feedback opportunities are available at dbqjourneyinfaith.org.



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This season focuses on uncovering "hidden" ministries, groups, people and places around the archdiocese. Maybe one of these hidden gems is right in your backyard!

CORNERSTONE
FOLLOW - GUIDE - LEAD

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church 32nd Annual Fall Festival Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 2, 2025, from 10:00 - 1:00 p.m. (curbside only). Menu includes: Roast Pork, real mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, corn, cranberries, roll, & slice of your choice of apple, pumpkin, or cherry pie. We encourage all to buy tickets ahead of time since there will only be 700 tickets available. Tickets can be purchased at Ox & Wren, Angie's Beauty Shop, and the Immanuel Lutheran Church Office.

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 3rd 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 19th, November 16th, and December 21st.

Veterans Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 8th 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 5th from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Heritage Event Center.

The annual fall mass at St. Clements will be held on Thursday, October 9, at 9 AM. There will be fellowship, kolaches and coffee following mass. We hope to see many of you there. St. Clement's is located 1 mile south of Spillville on W14.

Our Sympathy

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of

Coriene Tevis

(maternal grandmother of
Father Jacob Rouse)



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