



August 30, 2026
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

*“May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.”*

There are moments when following God feels difficult. Jeremiah cries out in frustration because the message God has given him is not easy to proclaim. Yet he discovers that God’s word is like a fire burning within him—something he cannot keep contained. In the Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples that His mission will lead Him to suffering and the cross, and He makes clear that those who follow Him must be willing to take up their own crosses as well.

St. Paul gives us the key to this kind of discipleship: “Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.” Following Christ means allowing Him to transform the way we think, choose, speak, and live. It means offering our entire lives to God rather than simply giving Him a portion of our time.

Jesus reminds us that gaining the whole world is meaningless if we lose our souls. The Christian life is not always the easiest path, but it is the path that leads to true life. Each day, we are invited to surrender our plans, embrace the crosses placed before us, and trust that Christ walks with us every step of the way. May we have the courage to follow Him—not only when it is comfortable, but especially when discipleship asks something costly of us.

Next Week’s Readings:
Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Aug. 31 | No Mass

Pray for holy marriages.

Tuesday, Sep. 1 | Mass

5:15 p.m. +Steve Kelly and Kyle Decker

Sacristan: Terry Duerre

Wednesday, Sep. 2 | Mass

8:00 a.m. +Jerome and Esther Heit

Sacristan: Roger & Elaine Kleve

Music: Jed Becker

Thursday, Sep. 3 | Mass

9:00 a.m. +Dean Mackenburg

Sacristan: Joyce Jirak

Friday, Sep. 4 | Mass

8:00 a.m. +

Sacristan: Donna Ryant

Saturday, Sep. 5 | Mass

4:00 p.m. +Duke & Dorothy Dusheck; Marshal
Dusheck

EMHCs: Alanda Meyer; Becky McGee; Brian
McGee

Lectors: Brian McGee; Cheryl Brannon

Servers: Sam & Jameson Meyer

Music: Harlan Larson; Mary Larson

Greeters: Gretchen Laub; Carver Munkel;
Bryan & Denise Sheehy

Hosts: Gretchen Laub & Carver Munkel

Ushers: Gretchen Laub; Carver Munkel;

Bryan & Denise Sheehy

Sacristan: Mindy Jones; Carol Stoker

Sunday, Sep. 6 | Mass

9:00 a.m. +Urban and Mickie Drilling

EMHCs: Gary & Janel Langreck; Boyd
Turnbull

Lectors: Gary & Janel Langreck

Servers: Raelynn Rissman; Oakley Vobr

Music: Pam Daley; Polly Jones

Greeter: Roger & Elaine Kleve; Gary & Janel
Langreck

Hosts: Jordan & Patti Guyer

Ushers: **Matt & Erin Daley Family**; Jordan
Guyer; Richard Jones

Sacristan: Melanie Vobr

**Bold denotes those in charge of Mass count
for the Mass.**

Stewardship of Prayer

Please pray for the sick of our parish, including the following and those listed in the Book of Petitions. List will be cleared on **September 1st**. Contact the parish office to stay on the list.

BRENT NEWMAN

JODENE VANDYKE

LINDA WOOD

CHARLENE RYAN

WAYNE SCRABECK

AUDREY HYKE

MICKIE SIR

LISA PETER

STU GORDON

DI KOVARIK

JERRY SMITH

MARIA LARSON

JIM DEANGELO

LORI MOORE

MADONNA KUENNEN

JOYCE KAPLER

BETTE SULLIVAN

FAMILY OF SAM HICKEY

MARIE SOBOLIK

ANONYMOUS TEEN

KEN HRUSKA



corner
with Tyler Wheeler

Hello, my name is Tyler Wheeler and I'm the Evangelization Director of St. Benedicts in Decorah. I'm entering my 19th year of working in the Church and 9th at St. Bens. My wife and I live outside of Fort Atkinson on her family farm with our 7 children. As the Evangelization Director for St. Bens (not to be confused with the soon-to-be new Pastorate role of Director of Evangelization) I seek to help adults take the next step in their discipleship.

One such step that I would encourage all parishioners to discern, both at Notre Dame and St. Bens, would be an offering we'll be having this fall at St. Bens, Healing the Whole Person (HWP).

I have hurts and pains in my life, wounds, from my past and from my present. I live in a world that causes more hurts and pains. But I'm not meant to bear them on my own. Jesus, the Divine Physician, wants me to bring these wounds that I have to Him. I hesitate to. I want to protect them, hide them. I struggle to look at them, to "touch" them. However, He gently and meekly calls to me to bring these wounds to Him so that He can heal them and make me more whole, more holy.

This HWP series, presented by Dr. Bob Schuchts and Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, is meant to bring concrete and tangible inner healing into your life. Participants will discover transformational freedom in Christ by:

- Engaging in their story with honesty
- Discovering Jesus's presence even in fear, doubt or pain
- Accepting His invitation to make them whole
- Living in His freedom and transforming the world

For more information or if you have questions, email t.wheeler@dbqarch.org or go to <https://bit.ly/healingfall> to learn more and/or register.

Stewardship of Offering

AUGUST 23, 2026

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offeratory Income

Needed each week: \$ 10,837.00

Last week's Envelope Contribution Income: \$ 2,817.00

Last week's ACH Contribution Income: \$ 811.00

Last week's Notre Dame offertory income: \$ 5.00

Last week's Pastorate offertory income: \$ 463.00

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta
Feast Day: September 5



TAKE NOTE:

St. Agnes Mass will be held on Sat., September 5th at 6:00 P.M. All are invited to attend.



Fair Day will be held on September 12th at Notre Dame School from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. There will be food, BINGO, Cake Walk, Farmer's Market, outdoor games, and more!

Thank you

The family of Mark Tieskotter would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Father Jon Seda and everyone who helped make the Mass so beautiful, to the committee who prepared the lunch, and to Joyce Jirak for leading the rosary.

-Diane, Brian, Nicole, Zeke, Amy, Emma, & Eric

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Notre Dame Catholic School is hiring an After School Program Coordinator for the 2026-2027 school year

For more information, visit ndcresco.school/about/careers or email kschmitt@nd.pvt.k12.ia.us

NOTRE DAME FAIR DAY

Donations Needed

SEPT 12th

cake walk

Farmer's Market



All donations of cakes and produce can be brought to the school's south foyer on Sept. 12th.



Our Sympathy

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of

Liam Allen Mark Thraenert
(great-grandson of Sadie Thraenert)

Galen Neuzil

(brother of Kevin and Mary Ann Neuzil)

Mark Tieskotter

This Week at Notre Dame

Ministers of Care will meet on Tues., Sep. 1st, at 4:00 p.m. in the parish office.

Buildings and Grounds will meet on Thurs., Sep. 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish office.

SCRIP giftcards will be sold at all Masses next weekend.

Parish Office will be closed on Mon., Sep. 7th, for the Labor Day holiday.

For many years, our **Circles of Faith** have been an important part of our parish community, helping to cultivate and promote greater devotion to our Lord while supporting the activities and needs of our parish. Our seven Circles—St. Peter, St. Blase, St. Patrick, St. Mark, St. Catherine, St. Anne, St. Cecilia, and St. Andrew—have faithfully served our parish through fellowship, service, and fundraising projects. As our parish community changes, however, it has become increasingly difficult to find people willing to chair the Circles, organize projects, and find enough volunteers to help. We want to be good stewards of both our parishioners and the traditions that have served our parish well. We plan to continue our special committees and funeral committees, but **we would like your input as we discern the future of the seven Circles of Faith** and how they can best serve our parish today. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts. Your feedback will help us prayerfully consider what the future of the Circles of Faith might look like.



Please respond by September 1st. The form will close on September 2nd. Paper forms can be found in the back of church and can be placed in the collection or dropped off at the Parish Office.

TABLE OF PLENTY

Bring extra garden produce to the church entrance Saturdays after 3 p.m. through Sunday at 9 a.m. Produce left after 9 a.m. Mass will be donated to the food pantry. Feel free to take produce and leave a donation, which also goes to the food pantry.



In the Community

Cresco Community Card Party will be held at the Kessel Lodge each Tues., playing 500, and Wed., playing Euchre, at 1:00 p.m. \$2 to play.

Do you know a couple who have been married 70, 75 or more years? Worldwide Marriage Encounter highlights and honors couples who have very long marriages. Every state in the US will honor one nominated couple who is married the longest. Please nominate a couple by going to wwme.org and nominate them at the top of the page. Nominations should be in by September 1st. For questions call 641-753-6953.



We're Hiring: Director of Operations

We are seeking a **Director of Operations** to join our pastorate leadership team and help support the mission of the Catholic Church.

Rooted in the Catholic faith, the Director of Operations will provide leadership and oversight for the pastorate's operational and financial functions, including:

- Finance and budgeting
- Human resources
- Facilities management
- Administrative operations
- Stewardship of pastorate resources
- Alignment with Archdiocesan standards and best practices

Think of this position as helping **run the business side of the pastorate** so our clergy and ministry leaders can focus on what they do best—the spiritual and pastoral mission of the Pastorate.

We're looking for someone with strong leadership and organizational skills who can bring **professional expertise, sound business practices, and a heart for the Catholic mission** to this important role.

Very competitive pay

Compensation is highly competitive and will be based on experience, qualifications, and the scope of leadership the candidate brings to the role.

 **Interested or know someone who would be a great fit? Contact Father Seda at j.seda@dbqarch.org for more information.**

Please share to help us spread the word! The right person for this role may be someone who has never considered working for the Pastorate before.

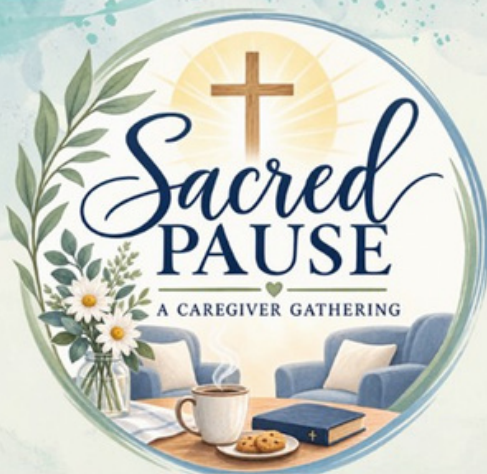


**2nd Thursday
of each month**

• 1:00–3:00 p.m. •

Parish Office

The loss of a spouse changes life in ways that are difficult to explain to those who have not walked the same road. Sacred Space is a monthly gathering for widows and widowers to find companionship, understanding, and a place to share with others who know the journey of grief. Come for conversation, refreshments, encouragement, or simply the comfort of being with people who understand. There is no agenda and no expectation—just a welcoming space to remember, connect, and take the next step together.



**4th Thursday
of each month**

• 1:00–3:00 p.m. •

Parish Office

Caregiving can be rewarding, challenging, exhausting, and sometimes lonely. Sacred Pause is a monthly space set aside just for caregivers to step away from the demands of the day, enjoy some refreshments, rest, and connect with others who understand the journey. Melanie Vobr will begin each gathering with prayer over the space and those present and will close by praying over the loved ones of those who attend, as well as all the caregivers in our community who are unable to be with us. Come as you are—no agenda, no expectations, just a place to breathe, connect, and be reminded that you are not alone.

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