

Good Shepherd CLUSTER

Sunday, March 16, 2025
2nd Sunday of Lent

Dear Padre,

Does the Church teach how we should dress to go to Mass? Maybe I'm just old-fashioned, but the way some people dress seems very disrespectful.

Church teaching, dogmas, doctrines, and creedal formulations are not the specific resources to consult in order to answer this question. It is properly a matter of discipline and practice, although the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* does direct that "bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey respect" (1387). There are many commentaries on what exactly "respect" might mean.

It would be very difficult to establish a universal dress code. The many different cultures, climates, and particular circumstances of a specific Catholic community make a dress code unmanageable. It seems that you judge the local practice not up to your standards. Your judgment may be correct, or you may have unreasonable expectations. There was a time when "Sunday best" was the established norm. In other communities, the expectation would be "business casual" as a bare minimum. Now, it seems standards and practices are very fluid and flexible. All of this being said, it is ultimately a pastoral concern, not doctrinal or dogmatic. Try not to allow how other people dress distract you from your purpose at Mass. While they may not look like you imagine they should, their prayer might be genuine and heartfelt. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

After the labors of each day, it will do us good not to switch off the light in the room without placing ourselves in the light of God.... Wonder at the boundless love of God, who never tires of us and has the power to transfigure our days, to give them a new meaning, a new, unexpected light.

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 13, 2022



Monday

March 17
Lenten Weekday
Dn 9:4b-10
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

March 18
Lenten Weekday
Is 1:10, 16-20
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

March 19
St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Thursday

March 20
Lenten Weekday
Jer 17:5-10
Lk 16:19-31

Friday

March 21
Lenten Weekday
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

March 22
Lenten Weekday
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday

March 23
Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
Lk 13:1-9

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULES

St. Boniface & Immaculate Conception Parish

Alternate Saturday 6 PM Mass

Holy Family Spanish Mass 1st & 3rd Sunday
11:30 AM

Saturday

4 PM Holy Family, New Hampton

6 PM St. Boniface,, March 22,
April 5, May 3, 17, 31

6 PM Immaculate Conception, March 15, 29,
April 12, 26, May 10, 24

Sunday

8 AM & 10 AM Holy Family, New Hampton

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation from 3-3:30 p.m. Saturday in the Reconciliation Chapel at Holy Family, New Hampton. Reconciliation may be celebrated on request at St. Boniface, Ionia & Immaculate Conception, North Washington. Sunday Reconciliation from 7:15-7:45 a.m. in the Reconciliation Chapel at Holy Family, New Hampton.

SPOTLIGHT ON: We wish to recognize and thank our Advertiser of the Week **Gerard Glaser Construction**. Please patronize our advertisers. Let them know you appreciate their support of the parish bulletin. That's the best way to thank them.

Weekly Prayer & Faith Sharing & Ministry

1:30 PM-Rosary @ MercyOne Hospital Chapel on Tues.
2-4 PM Sharing Room, Pastoral Office on Wednesday
4 PM-Midnight-Holy Family-Adoration on Thursday
9-11 AM Sharing Room, Pastoral Office on Friday
9 AM-Bible Study, Pastoral Office on Saturday

Baptisms: Please contact Deacon Vic DeSloover @ 563-429-2773.

Marriage: Please contact the priest at least six months in advance.

Visiting the Sick or Anointing: If you would like a visit from Fr. Jim, please contact the Pastoral Office at 394-2105. The hospital and nursing homes do not notify us unless a family member requests.

PRAYERS for the SICK: We ask the Lord Jesus to bless all those in sickness, in weakness & in pain. Please join us in prayer for: Geri Brummond, Kathy Roethler, Ron, Justin Shekleton, Alan Gilbert, Jim, Bob, Troy, Joyce Lowe, Beatrice Miller, Sebastian Burke, Patty Forkenbrock, Bridget Nosbisch, Tom Rasing, Brady Einck, all special intentions & cancer patients.

PRAYER NETWORK: For a prayer request, please call the parish office during the business day @ 394-2105 or after hours to Jan Gorman @ 641-229-6072, or Carol Schmitz @ 394-6072.

Please note: **Due to the length of our prayer list, we will list the special intentions for prayer for two weeks.** If you wish names to remain longer, please call the parish office 394-2105 & we will be glad to leave the names in for as long as needed. Thank you for your understanding.

Military active duty- Dylan Usher, Kaleb Macon, SGT. Andrew Kasuboski, SGT. Michael Messersmith, Adam Tieskotter, Michael Nosbisch, Staff Sgt. Nathan Schulz, Nichole Caldararo, Dustin Boeding, Paul Langreck

REST IN PEACE: Please remember those in your prayers who recently died: Florence Boos, Vera Gebel and Msgr. Martin Laughlin

CLUSTER NEWS

THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES:

These past several weeks Catholic Charities has received strong spiritual and financial support for their 2025 Annual Appeal: Pilgrims of Hope. By walking alongside those in need, hand in hand, we bear witness to the boundless potential of hope and affirm the inherent dignity of every person. May the Holy Spirit guide us as we serve our brothers and sisters who are so precious to Christ. Thank you for your generous commitment to our Annual Appeal and all the ways you are sharing the light of Christ throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Join our community of hope today at

<https://catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/donate>.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS HOBO STEW: Join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas on **Tuesday, March 18 at 5:30 p.m.** for Hobo Stew and meeting in Hynes Hall. Please bring a can of soup (not cream) and an item for the food pantry. New members welcome!

DID YOU KNOW: Did you know Faith is at the heart of St. Joseph School, shaping students into compassionate leaders who live out Gospel values every day. Please call the school office for more information.

2025 ARCHDIOCESE OF DUBUQUE MEN'S CONFERENCE: Saturday, March 29, St. Pius X Church in Cedar Rapids. Keynote speaker is Michael "Gomer" Gormley. The day will also include Mass with Archbishop Zinkula, breakout sessions, Eucharistic Adoration, and more. Register by **March 16** for early bird rate. To register, visit www.ArchMensConference.org.

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP: The New Hampton Knights of Columbus Council 1697 is inviting Catholic High School Seniors to apply for a scholarship. To receive an application please contact the Director of St. John's, Jayden Burke or Richard Grote at richsrc40@[gmail.com](mailto:richsrc40@gmail.com)

March is **Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month**. The Archdiocese of Dubuque provides valuable educational resources and support to help parishes in assisting persons with disabilities in all aspects of parish life. If you are interested in serving people with greater needs in your parish, become a Parish Advocate for Disability Inclusion! Contact Lynne Chapman to learn more.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Immaculate Conception Parish Members

Reminder for the upcoming Swiss Steak Dinner:

1. Please have your roasters and coolers to the church basement **before March 25**. Please have them marked with your names.
2. Items for the church raffle. Please have the items you would like to donate for raffle turned in by **March 29** to Pam Nie, Laurie Tiemessen or Donna Baltes.
3. Turn in your sold and unsold raffle tickets, dinner tickets, Rosary Society Dues and donations **by March 29** to Pam Nie, Laurie Tiemessen or Donna Baltes.

HELP with MINISTRY: We are in need of volunteers to be greeters, lectors, Eucharistic ministers and sacristans at our weekend masses. Contact the Pastoral Office @ 394-2105 if you are interested in helping at Holy Family or Immaculate Conception.

HOLY FAMILY

COLLECTIVE MASS MARCH 16, AT 8 AM:

Deceased members of Tom & Pat Schwickerath Families, Alice & Merle Rethamel, Emmett & Marianne Meissen, Jim & Doris Galligan, Mike Troyna, Lois & Lucille Zeien, Vernie Laures and Living and Deceased members of the Virgil & Pam Pickar families.

COLLECTIVE MASS MARCH 23, AT 10 AM:

Joyce Cavanaugh and Norman Heit.

ADULT CHOIR: We will practice on Wednesdays, at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Family. Sing Sunday, March 23 at 10:00 am at Holy Family. New members are always welcome. If you have questions, please contact Ann at 394-5407.

AREA NEWS & EVENTS

ANNUAL 39TH PORK CHOP SUPPER: ST. BERNARD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Sunday, March 16, Serving from 3:00-6:00 PM, Alta Vista Municipal Hall, Adult: \$16.00 in advance, \$17.00 day of. No Children's tickets. Menu: Grilled Pork Chop, dressing, potatoes and gravy, corn, coleslaw and pie. Drive-Thru Meal. (Snow date Sunday, March 23) Raffle Sponsored by Catholic Order of Foresters St. Joseph Court #878.

27th ANNUAL PROTIVIN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPONSORED BENEFIT AUCTION: Sunday, March 23, begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Community Center, Protivin. Partial Listing: New & used toy tractors & equipment of various models, Jewelry, Swarovski crystal, pies, kolaches, Bakery, Turtle Stew, Loads of crushed rock, and much more. Always something for everyone!! All Proceeds go towards Vocations & Special Needs. Contact Bill Ondrashek 563-569-8412 and or Ken Humpal 563-203-0671 for any questions.

WAUCOMA VENDORS SHOW: Saturday, March 29 from 9 AM-2 PM at the Waucoma Event Center. Kolaches and home baked cookies by the Latecomers Relay for Life Team along with raffle chances on queen size Hawkeye and Cyclone quilts. Come join us and see what the many vendors and crafters have for sale. Enjoy a delicious lunch by St. John's and St. Peter's Lutheran Youth Group and support all those participating in the vendor show.

OMELET BREAKFAST: Sunday, March 30th, Holy Trinity Church Omelet Breakfast Best of the Best.



CHILDCARE SUPERVISOR

Job Summary:

The Childcare Supervisor is responsible for overseeing the daily operations of a childcare facility, ensuring a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment for children. This role includes supervising staff, maintaining compliance with licensing regulations, coordinating activities, and fostering positive relationships with children, parents, and staff.

Scan the QR Code for description

[Link to Job Description](#)

Call 641-394-2865

COOKIE OF THE MONTH - March Shamrock cutout or Ice Box 15 for \$10. Proceeds donated to local families dealing with cancer/health issues Call, text or message Rose Ann Schwickerath at 641-557-8530. Thank you for your support.

A Matter of Balance Workshop Begins March 24 in New Hampton-Registration Deadline is March 17.

Would you like to improve your balance? Do you want to feel more comfortable participating in your favorite activities? Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging (NEI3A) is offering *A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls*, an award-winning workshop designed to increase the activity levels of older adults with concerns about falling during 8 two-hour sessions. Classes will be held at the New Hampton Public Library (20 W Spring Street, New Hampton) from 9:30 am to 11:30 am each Monday and Thursday from March 24 through April 17, 2025.

Preregistration is required by contacting Carrie Becker, Library Director at 394-2184. A minimum of 8 participants are required. Each participant will receive a detailed training manual. The program cost for the workshop is being covered by the New Hampton Public Library.

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March 23rd

9:00a.m.-1:00p.m.



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Each person is believed to have been created with specific talents and gifts that orients them towards a specific way of life. Come and meet people who have discerned (figured out with God's guidance) what state of life they were called to: marriage, consecrated religious life, or priesthood! On your pilgrimage to meet these people, you will play games, win prizes, and eat walking tacos! No cost to attend. Free-will donations appreciated.



Flyer created by Melanie Vobr with Canva Pro 2025

Find your Adventure is a come and go event. It begins at 9 am.

Receive your map as you enter and let the adventure begin.

**Good Shepherd Cluster Mission
at Holy Family
March 31-April 2, 2025**

Monday and Tuesday evenings begin with Soup and Sandwiches at 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.

Preaching and Veneration of Relic of St. Jude starting at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday April 2, 10:00 a.m. Discussion and Rolls with Father Mike Ford in Gathering Space. Wrapping up the Mission with 6:30 p.m. Mass, followed by social with cookies and bars.

DID YOU KNOW? There are many Lenten opportunities for you to pick from to aid your experience and understanding of Lent this season on FORMED! Open FORMED either from your computer or from the App on your phone. In the search bar, type in Lent. This will bring up many opportunities for you to choose from. Here are a couple suggestions:

Living Lent as a Family is a 4 part series to help families experience and understand Lent better. Each video lasts about 30 minutes.

Lent with Brother Francis is 40 days of meditations for children. Each video lasts 1-3 minutes.

Spiritual Growth Opportunities for Lent

Tuesdays, 1:30-3:00 pm Rosary for the Salvation of the World followed by Social Time at Hospital Chapel. Everyone welcome as often as you can come.

Thursdays, 1:35-3:00 pm The Chosen Season 4, with Mary Sharon & Joe Peraud, 8 weeks, Video & Discussion. Starting Feb. 27th at the New Hampton Public Library.

Thursdays, 2:00-3:30 pm The Chosen Season 3/4 with Karen Bonfig in Ionia. Contact Karen for dates and location.

Thursdays, 4:00-12:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Family Church. Everyone is welcome for self-guided silent prayer and meditation.

Fridays, 8:30 am Mass with Stations of the Cross to follow (No Coffee Talk during Lent)

Saturdays 9:00-10:30 Weekly Bible Study, with intercessory prayers and discussion. Everyone is welcome, as you are able to attend. (Year 'round sessions)



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"LENT US SMILE"

Lent is the best time of the year to run a marathon.
Because that's when you fast.

I was going to give up lunch meat for Lent....
But I just couldn't quit cold turkey.



2nd Sunday of Lent

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March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent (C)

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 / Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1
Luke 9:28b-36

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The darkness can be unsettling. As a child, my nightly bedtime ritual included checking beneath my bed as well as in the dark hall closet. One could never know what denizens of harm might be lurking there, hidden in the shadows. As adults, the darkness we fear is no longer what lies hidden about our home. Rather, the darkness we attempt to escape is the unknown forces that have the power to overturn our lives. It is the death of someone we love that plunges us into fear and loss, forcing us to somehow make our way, alone and unsure. It is the frightening medical diagnosis that has the ability to dismantle our planned future. It is the financial security that dissolves before our very eyes. In such darkness, we grope blindly to find our way.

The Book of Genesis notes that a trance came upon Abram, a terrifying darkness that enveloped him. The gospel relays how Peter, James, and John became frightened atop Mt. Tabor when they found themselves in a cloud that obscured their sight. Yet, the darkness became for each of them a place in which they came to know their God in a totally new way; it set them on a new path of faith. It is then that we, too, are forced to surrender trust in our own wisdom. Unable to see clearly what is in store for us, we can only rely on a new path, trusting that we will be accompanied by our God. ●

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SATURDAY-MARCH 15, 2025

4 PM-Holy Family-Joe "Arnie", Lois, Brian & Justin Tierney,
Jeff Leach and Dan & Jerry Kuhn

6 PM-Immaculate Conception-Jack Seelhammer

SUN., MARCH 16, 2025-2nd Sunday of Lent

8 AM-Holy Family-Collective

10 AM-Holy Family-For the People

11 AM-OCIA Classes in the Gathering Space

11:30 AM-Holy Family Spanish Mass-Travis Rasing

MONDAY-MARCH 17, 2025

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TUESDAY-MARCH 18, 2025

5:15 PM-St. Boniface-Norma Brummond

5:30 PM-CD of A-Hobo Supper & Meeting, Hynes Hall

WEDNESDAY-MARCH 19, 2025

7 AM-Holy Family-Rose "Tiny" Goerend

10 AM-NH Rehab-Fr. Carl Schmitt

6:30 PM-Faith Formation Classes @ Holy Family

THURSDAY-MARCH 20, 2025

7 AM-Holy Family-Donna & Carol Burgart

10 AM-Linn-Ed & Dorothy Flick

FRIDAY-MARCH 21, 2025

8:30 AM-Holy Family-Rose "Tiny" Goerend

SATURDAY-MARCH 22, 2025

4 PM-Holy Family-Norbert Kramer

6 PM-St. Boniface-For the People

SUN-MARCH 23, 2025 3rd Sunday of Lent

8 AM-Holy Family-Kristin & Tony Blazek

10 AM-Holy Family-Collective

11 AM-OCIA Class, Gathering Space

March 9, 2025	Budget Report		
Parish	Holy Family	Immaculate Conception	St Boniface
Yearly Collection Needed *	\$626,883.00	\$55,611.00	\$41,046.00
Yearly Collection Needed to 03.09.2025	\$433,995.84	\$38,499.84	\$28,416.60
Needed Weekly Amount	\$12,055.44	\$1,069.44	\$789.35
Received Last Week	\$9,603.00	\$475.00	\$2,875.00
Year to Date Recd to 03.09.2025	\$442,077.30	\$36,830.50	\$32,589.00
Difference	\$8,081.46	-\$1,669.34	\$4,172.40
Offertory	\$767.00		\$74.00
Hispanic Mass Offertory			

*This is the amount needed to balance each respective church's budget.