

# Good Shepherd CLUSTER

**Sunday, April 27, 2025**  
**Second of Easter Sunday**

## Dear Padre April 27, 2025

***How do we maintain our faith in a world that shames religion and creates doubt in our beliefs?***

I would respond to your question with one of my own: "When has it ever been different?" In what place has there been universal praise and acceptance of the practices of faith and belief? When has there been a time when there is no doubt? This is a good question for this Sunday, when we hear about St. Thomas, the doubting disciple.

Many years ago, unanimity might have been understood as the norm in a tight-knit neighborhood community of people with the same experience and belief. However, in the wide world today that is so connected and disconnected at the same time, sameness and uniformity cannot be assumed. It may cause unease, or even fear, to learn that someone disagrees with you, perhaps even someone you love, but it should no longer be a surprise or considered out of the ordinary.

Doubt can help a person grow in faith and belief. Even though doubt is challenging, it is often a necessary experience in order to be strengthened and to persevere. Doubt is not something that should cause us to quiver in fear, but rather to rejoice in hope, in the confidence that what we believe is worth living and has something to teach us. ●

*Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org*

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## WELCOME TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD CLUSTER

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## MISSION STATEMENT

*"As a Catholic faith community we strive to unite as a people of God whose life is centered in the Eucharist. We seek to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, called to be faithful stewards of God's gifts, growing in faith and attending to the spiritual and social needs of all."*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 28 Easter Weekday Acts 4:23-31 Jn 3:1-8	April 29 St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7b-15	April 30 Easter Weekday Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21	May 1 Easter Weekday Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36	May 2 St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15	May 3 Sts. Philip and James, Apostles 1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14	May 4 Third Sunday of Easter Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Let us ask ourselves: at home, in my family, at work, in my community, do I foster fellowship, am I a weaver of reconciliation? Do I commit myself to defusing conflict, to bringing forgiveness in place of hatred, and peace in place of resentment? Do I avoid hurting others by not gossiping, which always kills?*

HOMILY, ROME, APRIL 24, 2022

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Friday 8 AM-Noon

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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,  
May 3, 17, 31

6 PM Immaculate Conception,  
April 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 **Merit Auctions-Rachel Freidhof**. Please patronize our advertisers. Let them know you appreciate their support of the parish bulletin. That's the best 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

**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: Kathy O'Connor, Bill Sinnwell, Charlene Longhorn, breast cancer patient, 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

**EST IN PEACE:** Please remember those in your prayers who recently died: Louis Kobliska, Glenda Holthaus.





*A prayer from [the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States](#)*

Loving God, today, we grieve for our beloved Pope Francis. We know you join us in our grief, that you too weep at the death of your dear friend and companion as Jesus did at the tomb of Lazarus.

Welcome our beloved Pope Francis into your waiting arms. Envelop him in your eternal love. And comfort us in our mourning as we strive to continue to follow his Gospel example to encounter Christ in all people and in all places.

We thank you for the gift of Pope Francis. Through his life and teaching, you showed us how to love and serve one another, how to hear the cries of the poor and the cries of the earth and respond in compassionate love.

Pope Francis, pray for us. Mary, Mother of Sorrows, comfort us. Amen.

# GOOD SHEPHERD FARM MASS



## MAY 15TH, 6PM

2118 Newell Ave., New Hampton  
(Nathan & Tara Underwood's Farm)

**Join us May 15th as we celebrate the Feast of St. Isidore.** Following Mass on the farm, we will enjoy a meal together. Sandwiches, water & tableware provided (or bring your own if desired). Please bring a side or dessert to share! Kids and adults alike will enjoy seeing the animals and farm equipment! Looking to help? Sign up to serve! Contact the parish office or use this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094DAEA628A6F85-56336176-march>



**SCAN the QR code to volunteer for ministry positions at the Farm Mass, or call the parish office @ 394-2105.**



## **First Communion Class of 2025**

Kooper Abbas, Son of Mark and Shawna Abbas  
Mia Boss, Daughter of Mitch and Emily Boss  
Jaun Pablo Cardona, Son of Miguel and Edith Cardona  
Jocelyn Eichenberger, Daughter of Phillip and Cassie Eichenberger  
Haizlee Fye, Daughter of Jordyn and Beth Fye  
Peyton Geerts, Daughter of Andrew and Jessica Geerts  
Shay Hackman, Daughter of Corey and Tara Hackman  
Kenlyn Hackman, Daughter Jacob and Cassie Hackman  
Alex Heim, Son of Scot Heim and Michelle Rosonke  
Taya Holthaus, Daughter of Josh and Elizabeth Holthaus  
Kate Hoskins, Daughter of Jason and Kelly Hoskins  
Chloe Jeffrey, Daughter of Tony and Theresa Jeffrey  
Kemper Kleiss, Daughter of Dustin and Emily Kleiss  
Troy Kleiss, Son of Adam and Kayln Kleiss  
Johnathan Knutson, Son of Joel and Theresa Knutson  
Laken Kurash, Son of Steven and Amber Kurash  
Brea Lechtenberg, Daughter of Trent and Courtney Lechtenberg  
Harlow Lechtenberg, Son of Jeff and Allison Lechtenberg  
Vivian Lynch, Daughter of Kirk and Mary Lynch  
Jack Mitchell, Son of Jaydon and Lacey Mitchell  
Keylor Ortiz Perez, Son of Emmanuel and Marlin Perez  
Skylar Phillips, Daughter of Wyatt and Brittney Phillips  
Jesus Ramirez, Son of Jose and Maria Ramirez  
Miller Reicks, Son of Brady and Tessa Reicks  
Adela Rodriguez, Daughter of Adrian and Guillermina Rodriguez  
Jayla Rodriguez, Daughter of Daniel and Elizabet Rodriguez  
Sophia Shatek, Daughter of Bradley and Jamie Shatek  
Corbin Schwickerath, Son of Travis and Laura Schwickerath  
Clara Shekleton, Daughter of Robert and Sally Shekleton  
Kai Smith, Son of David and Emily Smith  
Finley Uhlenhake, Daughter of James and Amanda Uhlenhake  
Adalynn Vidales, Daughter of Israel and Maria Lourdes Vidales  
Everly Wegner, Daughter of Nicholas and April Wegner





## CLUSTER NEWS

**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL:** St. Joseph School emphasizes the importance of service, teaching students to live out their faith by actively contributing to the well-being of others and their community. Please call the school office for more information.

**RICE BOWLS:** Rice Bowl donations should be delivered to the Pastoral Office by Wednesday, April 30. Thank you!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** The New Hampton Knights of Columbus is planning an Exemplification on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00AM Mass at Holy Family Church in New Hampton. If you wish to join or just want more information on becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus, please call or text Rich Grote at 641-330-2448.

**\$500 CDA Scholarship:** Good Shepherd Catholic Cluster Seniors - apply for the CDA Court Joan of Arc #388 scholarship! Applications are available through the counselor at high school, Jayden Burke, Director of St. John, or by contacting Sue Baker at niknsue@gmail.com. Applications are **due May 1st**.

**ROSARY LEADERS:** Would you be interested in leading the Rosary before Mass during the month of May. We will be praying the Rosary in loving dedication to all mothers living and who have past. Contact the office if interested or have questions at 394-2105.



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stay connected—together!**

Join us on **Flocknote** and never miss a beat in our parish life. Be the first to know about events, updates, and ways to get involved—all delivered right to your phone or email. It's fast, free, and easy.

Just visit <https://goodshepherdcluster.flocknote.com/> or scan the QR Code with your mobile phone camera. Then follow the prompts and choose what groups you would like to sign up for. **Step in, stay inspired, and be part of something meaningful!**

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Immaculate Conception Church will be hosting a Farewell to honor Father Jim Goerend on Saturday, June 21 after the 6 p.m. Mass in the church basement. We will be doing a card shower for Father with a light meal of Ham & Turkey Sandwiches, Potato Salad, chips and cake.

### ST. BONIFACE

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** Luke Circle from St. Boniface Church will be serving ice cream with toppings on Saturday, May 3rd after mass. Everyone is invited to join us for ice cream and fellowship.

**COLLECTIVE MASS MAY 3 AT 6 PM:** Louis & Mary Link, Leonard, Florentine & Paul Huegel, Kay Koenigsfeld, Norbert Koenigsfeld and Mary Puettmann.

**FAREWELL FR. JIM:** St. Boniface, Saturday, June 14, after the 6 pm Mass. Everyone is welcome to bring a dish to share and wish Fr. Jim well on his new adventure.

### HOLY FAMILY

**COLLECTIVE MASS APRIL 27 AT 10 AM:** Rachel Stone, Joyce Cavanaugh, Jim & Leona Stahl, Norman Heit, Melvin & Phyllis Patrie, Madonna Flick, Midge Schlindwein, Don Lockwood, and James Arnold.

**COLLECTIVE MASS MAY 3 AT 4 PM:** Norbert & Joyce Kramer, Jeanette Poncelet, Living & deceased members of John & Charlene Brannon families, Katie Schmit, Kathleen Sullivan, Donald Schwickerath, Wayne Tenge and David Rasmussen

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

**WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED:** Frank Patrick and Joanie Rose. Vsetecka children of Jacob & Emily Vsetecka. Frank & Joanie were baptized last weekend by Deacon Vic DeSloover.

Dear Parents,

We are excited to share important information with you about Iowa's Education Savings Account (ESA) program, which offers new opportunities for families to personalize their children's education. This program provides financial support to help you choose the educational path that best meets the needs of your child.

The Student First Bill preserves the independence of our Catholic schools. It is not designed to change or limit the Iowa Core or the faith-based curriculum we offer as accredited schools in Iowa. Our faith will continue to be central to all that we do and who we are, staying firmly rooted in Christ!

We take pride in the tradition of **our smaller class sizes, family-centered environment, and always striving for excellence**. We will continue to keep these qualities as we welcome more children to experience the Catholic education difference!

Our school has room to accommodate additional students! This is our invitation to invite your family and friends to have them check out St. Joseph Community School. Let them know about all the ways St. Joseph Community School has been a right fit for you. You are the future of our school. Your invitation to others would be a ripple affect we would love to witness!

Only one application is needed per household. The application opens on **April 16<sup>th</sup>** and ends **June 30<sup>th</sup>**. Parents/guardians can add multiple students from their household. The application process should take **10-15 minutes**, and results will be available immediately. You can scan the QR Code on the back or you can go to our website and visit the ESA page that will have all of this information and link to apply.

You are invited to send your questions to [studentsfirst@iowa.gov](mailto:studentsfirst@iowa.gov) or call 515-281-5211 for more information.

## ESA Eligibility:

**We are here!**

All K-12 students in Iowa, regardless of income are eligible for ESA.



**ST. JOSEPH**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

We appreciate the support and ongoing efforts of Governor Reynolds and our state representatives in recognizing the importance of empowering parents to choose the educational path that best suits the needs of their children.

May God continue to bless us as we strive to serve all families who seek a Catholic education.

*Michele Nehls*

Michele Nehls  
Principal at St. Joseph Community School



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**2025-2026**

## **Holy Family Pastoral Council Elections**

The Pastoral Council for Holy Family Parish in New Hampton is responsible for **assisting the pastor and staff** in planning for the future. Each person has a term of three (3) years and is eligible to run for two (2) consecutive terms. If you have served two (2) consecutive terms, you are able to run again after 1 year off. Some members will also serve on the Cluster Pastoral Council. *Pastoral Council meetings are held an estimated four (4) times per year. Meeting dates may fluctuate with schedules.*

**Those eligible to be elected:** 1) All confirmed Catholics in good standing with the Catholic Church, 2) Are members of the parish you are wishing to serve on, 3) 18 years or older, and 4) Staff members and spouses cannot be elected members.

Holy Family Parish is looking at reorganizing the role of our Pastoral Council members. As it stands, when you are elected to the Pastoral Council, you are also given additional tasks that you are responsible for completing while you are serving on the Council. Some of these tasks are attending additional meetings, some tasks have a short-term obligation and some of the tasks have a more time-consuming obligation. With the reorganization, your role as a Pastoral Council member will be to simply work together with the pastor to provide long-range planning which will guide the parish toward its future. The revised role of the Council is as follows:

- To listen to and represent the wisdom of parishioners and parish staff as part of the planning process.
- To determine priorities and develop a plan for both implementing and evaluating them.
- To develop goals and objectives which further the mission of the parish.
- To evaluate regularly the goals and objectives of the council and of its subgroups.
- To recommend policies which are supportive of the mission of the parish.
- To identify and contact individuals and groups/committees in the parish to carry out its mission.

It is not intended for you to assume other responsibilities. However, you are welcome to volunteer for some of these tasks that are being removed from the role of the Council member.

With this goal of reorganization, there will be additional volunteer opportunities for others within the Parish. We hope parishioners will take advantage of additional opportunities to give back to your parish. More to come in the near future regarding these opportunities.

Holy Family Parish is seeking to fill **three (3) Pastoral Council vacancies**. Because we have a short timeframe to complete the election, we are bypassing the nomination process this year. ***If you are an interested parishioner in serving on the Pastoral Council, please complete the biographical questionnaire on the reverse side and return to the Pastoral Office by Friday, May 16, 2025.*** Elections will be held on the weekend of May 31 / June 1, 2025.

***We extend a special thank you to the Leaders who have served for the past years.***

### **Holy Family Parish**

Current Members: Eric Holthaus, Donna Rosonke, Jennifer Erickson, Judy Taylor, Sharon Samec, Paula Duff and Tara Underwood



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**2025-2026**

**Holy Family Pastoral Council  
NOMINEES INFORMATION**

**NAME**

**ADDRESS**

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**CHILDREN**

**OCCUPATION**

**Why I would like to serve on the Pastoral Council is:**

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**What I can offer to the Pastoral Council:**

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## AREA NEWS & EVENTS

**2ND ANNUAL DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLE BREAKFAST:** Sunday, April 27th, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, St. Joseph School Gym, 200 N Maple Ave. New Hampton. Tickets available at the door \$15; Kids 5 and under free. Take out available. Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 48.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER THURSDAY, MAY 1:** All are welcome to the Chickasaw County Courthouse, Thursday, May 1 at 11 AM for the National Day of Prayer. A short prayer service will take place at the Courthouse.





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**LOVE READING, LOOKING FOR GOOD SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE or INSPIRATION BOOKS....**stop by the Parish Office we have several titles available. You don't have to travel outside of town to find a good read. You can also check out the Gathering Space bookshelf full of great books.




**"A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself."**  
- Joseph Campbell



**SCAN ME**

**New Hampton Community Blood Drive**  
Community Center  
112 E. Spring St. | New Hampton  
**Tuesday, May 20, 2025**  
12:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Text: LIFESERVE to 999.777 | Call: 800.287.4903 | Visit: [lifeserve.info/schedule](https://lifeserve.info/schedule)



**YOUR BLOOD. YOUR HOSPITAL. YOUR NEIGHBORS.**

**Fr. Jim will be moving and he needs your help!**


**He would like to ask all parishioners to make sure they have their budget envelopes. If you don't have them? They are waiting for you at the Pastoral Office. Stop in Soon!!!!**





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### SATURDAY-APRIL 26 , 2025

**4 PM-Holy Family-Norbert & Joyce Kramer**

**6 PM-Immaculate Conception-Rosemary Carpenter**

1st Communion at Immaculate Conception

### SUN., APRIL 27, 2025-Second Sunday of Easter

**8 AM-Holy Family-Roni Geerts**

**10 AM-Holy Family-Collective**

**1 PM-Holy Family-Cluster First Communion-**

For the People of the Cluster

### MONDAY-APRIL 28, 2025

**10:30 AM Holy Family Fr. Walter Kleinfehn**

Funeral, presider Archbishop Zinkula

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### TUESDAY-APRIL 29, 2025

**5:15 PM-St. Boniface-Deb Bonfig**

### WEDNESDAY-APRIL 30, 2025

**10 AM-NH Rehab-Florian Hackman**

### THURSDAY-MAY 1, 2025

**10 AM-Linn Haven-Ed & Dorothy Flick**

### FRIDAY-MAY 2, 2025

**8:30 AM-Holy Family-Mark Schwickerath**

### SATURDAY-MAY 3, 2025

**4 PM-Holy Family-Collective**

**6 PM-St. Boniface-Collective**

### SUN-MAY 4, 2025 Third Sunday of Easter

**8 AM-Holy Family-Jane Finnegan**

**10 AM-Holy Family-Stanley & Agatha Busta**

**11:30 AM-Holy Family Spanish Mass-For the People**

# Good News!

**April 27, 2025**

*Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy (C)*

Acts 5:12-16 / Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

John 20:19-31

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**At this point in history**, we are a nation filled with much anger. Given all that is taking place, one might conclude that it comes from a fear of losing control—fears due to the waves of immigrants seeking asylum, to a changing economy, to political alliances, to artificial intelligence, resulting in our inability to sort truth from untruth. Fears also due to strained relationships with non-Western nations, to urban violence and the abundance of guns, to the conflict between pro-life and pro-choice allegiances, and, for some, to what is perceived as conflicted thinking within the Catholic Church. There is no shortage of what may be fueling our anger. How can faith help us respond in a life-giving way?

Saint John writes that “whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith” (1 John 5:4). This is not to say that we can easily make the world respond in ways we want, but rather that the world has no power over the person who places all trust in God’s presence among us. It was the risen Lord who once brought peace to the disciples behind doors locked out of fear. Might not our faith help us who have locked ourselves behind doors of mistrust and anger? If only we allow ourselves to trust God. Yet, we should not simply shrug off all cares or involvement in life; on the contrary, with faith and trust, we recognize we are not the only players in shaping the events of the world. ●

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April 20, 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 04.20.2025	\$506,328.48	\$44,916.48	\$33,152.70
Needed Weekly Amount	\$12,055.44	\$1,069.44	\$789.35
Received Last Week	\$9,995.33	\$345.00	\$1,255.00
Year to Date Recd to 04.20.2025	\$523,685.84	\$39,212.50	\$36,469.00
Difference	\$17,357.36	-\$5,703.98	\$3,316.30
Easter	\$16,590.00	\$1,745.00	\$2,210.00
Offertory	\$1,650.00	\$137.00	\$150.00
Hispanic Mass Offertory	\$313.00		
* This is the amount needed to balance each respective church's budget.			