

# Good Shepherd C L U S T E R

Sunday, May 4, 2025  
Third Sunday of Easter

## Dear Padre,

*I committed some grave sins many years ago, and I have been to confession to confess and be absolved, but I still feel guilty. Do I need to confess again?*

Absolutely not. There is no need to confess your sins again. This is not required, and it may indicate a lack of faith in the power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thankfully, the sacrament does not require perfection. It does not require any additional action on your part other than to be open to the movement of the Spirit of God.

Forgiveness is a gift from God. It is not something you merit. It is not something you earn. And there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive. Rather, it is a blessing you accept gratefully, thankfully, and with a profound knowledge and respect for the mercy of God at work in your life. To confess your sins again and again does nothing except make you feel more guilty. It is a way of punishing yourself; a futile attempt to try to earn what has been freely given. A better use of your time and energy would be to discover a way to remind yourself, not of guilt or imperfection, but of the love God has for you. It is indeed awesome and amazing, as the song so accurately celebrates: "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me." ●



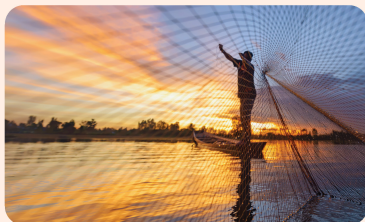
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Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

### Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:8-15	Acts 7:51-8:1a	Acts 8:1b-8	Acts 8:26-40	Acts 9:1-20	Acts 9:31-42	Acts 13:14, 43-52
Jn 6:22-29	Jn 6:30-35	Jn 6:35-40	Jn 6:44-51	Jn 6:52-59	Jn 6:60-69	Rv 7:9, 14b-17
						Jn 10:27-30



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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Brothers and sisters, when our nets are empty in life, it is not the time to feel sorry for ourselves, to take our minds off things, to return to old pastimes. It is time to begin again with Jesus, it is time to find the courage to begin again, it is time to put out to sea again with Jesus.*

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 1, 2022

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"Dear Lord, You have blessed the earth with the power of growth. In marvelous ways, You fold the full, rich life of the plant into tiny seeds. As we plant these seeds today, we ask for Your blessing. May they be nourished by the sun and rain, and may they grow to be a bountiful harvest. Should we not see a full harvest, we accept Your will and trust in Your plan. We thank You for the gift of the land and the work of our hands. We ask for Your protection from pests and weather, and may we always find joy and meaning in our work. Amen.

## WELCOME TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD CLUSTER

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FRIDAY 8 AM-NOON

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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."*

## GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 AM-4:30 PM

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**Pastoral Office** 641-394-2105  
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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  
June 14, 28, July 12, 26

6 PM Immaculate Conception, May 10, 24,  
June 7, 21, July 5, 19

### *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 **Messersmith Promotions**. 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: 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: Kathy O'Connor

## CLUSTER NEWS

**K of C MEETING:** The New Hampton Knights of Columbus, Council 1697, will be having our monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 13th at 8 p.m. at the Parish Center in the K of C room.

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION MASS:** Will be Sunday, May 18, 8 am at Holy Family. We will be celebrating with the graduates and their families.

**JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION FOR FR. KEN GLASER:** Fr. Ken Glaser will be celebrating his 25th Anniversary to the Priesthood on Sunday, June 1, 2025. All are invited to help him celebrate. Fr. Ken currently serves as Pastor at St. Ludmila in Cedar Rapids. He will be celebrating all the Masses that weekend. There will be coffee and donuts after the 8 a.m. Mass and a reception from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. in the St. Ludmila Social Hall located in the Community Center, 211 21st. Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids.

**SHARE YOUR GIFTS:** Do you enjoying visiting? Is your call to be a Greeter before Mass or taking communion to the homebound? Maybe a Eucharistic Minister? Do you love to share the story? Is Lector your call? We all have many gifts and our parishes has many opportunities. Please watch for more details of opportunities in our Cluster Communities.

### **Farewell Dates for Fr. Jim:**

Saturday, June 14 @ St. Boniface

Saturday, June 21 @ Immaculate Conception

Sunday, June 29 @ Holy Family

**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!!!!**

## 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.

**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

**THANK YOU:** The family of Glenda Holthaus would like to express heartfelt gratitude to everyone cherishing Glenda during her time on earth and remembering her at the time of her passing. Special thanks to Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home, Drew Johnson, Connie Njus, Laurie Sorenson, Julie Baltes, Holy Family Church, Father Jim Goerend, Deacon Vic DeSloover, Karen Bonfig, Marcia Howe, Ann Bennett, Kimberly Ball, Bubba's BBQ & Catering, Rosary Society Members, and all friends and family members. Your assistance, support, memories, and kindness will always be remembered!  
Gladys & Gary Martin, Barb Holthaus, and Randy & Melissa Holthaus Families.

**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.



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 for the Farm Mass or call the Pastoral Office @ 394-2105.



# GOOD SHEPHERD FARM MASS



**MAY 15TH, 6PM**

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

## AREA NEWS & EVENTS

**Cookies for Cancer May Cookie of the Month:** Peanut butter 15 for \$10 Rose Ann Schwickerath 641-557-8530. Thanks for your support.

**“Spring into Jesus”:** Wednesday, May 7, 1:00-2:30 PM at the New Hampton Methodist Church, Fireside Room, New Hampton. Food, Fun & Fellowship. Songs, trivia, crafts, door prizes and readings. Free event, donations welcome. Please RSVP to Sandy Claypool 319-240-9874

**Presentation on the Art of Basic Beekeeping.** May 7th from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the German American Museum, Library and Family History Center, 212 E Main Street, St. Lucas. Beekeepers Clair & Marilyn Pecinovsky will present on their motivation to become beekeepers and their many family experiences in beekeeping over the past decade. Beekeeping is an art form that we need to re-establish in our communities. Come and join the discussion and share your beekeeping experiences and enjoy the deserts and refreshments.

**LifeServe Blood Drive:** As April showers bring May flowers, we’re hoping to bring something equally impactful to your community this May—a **blood drive** that will directly support your **LOCAL hospital**. The drive will take place on May 20, 2025 at New Hampton Community Center. To make an appointment for May 20th, call 800-287-4903 or visit [lifeserve.info/schedule](https://lifeserve.info/schedule)



## Parish Leadership: Listening and Leading Together



Recently, through the Catholic Leadership Institute's survey, many of you shared your thoughts on Important areas like: Involvement in parish decisions, Financial transparency, Opportunities to serve, Communication and follow-up, Confidence in our parish leadership and staff.

Your feedback helps us see where we are strong and where we can grow. Most parishioners expressed confidence in recommending our pastor, staff, and parish to others, which is a blessing. At the same time, your insights challenge us to continue improving the ways we invite you into service and decision-making.

Thank you for trusting us with your voice. In the coming months, we'll share more updates on how your input is shaping the future of our parish community. Together, we are building a parish that reflects the heart of Christ: welcoming, transparent, and rooted in mission.

During the month of May we will be releasing information around the **Four Factors of a Thriving Parish**. These four factors include: Leadership Indicators, Sunday Experience, Spiritual Practices, Missionary Impulse. This week's review expands on results from our **Leadership Indicators**.

Let us continue to pray for each other and for our leaders as we move forward together!

### **HOLY FAMILY, NEW HAPTON**

**Involvement in Parish Decisions:** **58%** of parishioners (12% strongly agree and 46% agree) feel involved in parish decision-making. **31%** are neutral, **11%** (10% disagree and 1% strongly disagree) feel they are not involved.

**Financial Transparency:** **80%** (25% strongly agree and 55% agree) believe that the parish is financially transparent. **16%** are neutral, and **4%** (1% disagree and 3% strongly disagree) express concern about transparency.

**Follow-up on Involvement:** **69%** (27% strongly agree and 42% agree) feel there is good follow-up after they get involved in parish life. **29%** are neutral, and **2%** (1% disagree and 1% strongly disagree) see room for significant improvement.

**Opportunities to Serve:** **85%** (28% strongly agree and 57% agree) feel that there are plenty of opportunities to serve at the parish. **13%** are neutral, and **2%** (2% disagree and 0% strongly disagree) feel opportunities are lacking.

### **ST. BOMIFACE, IONIA**

**Involvement in Parish Decisions:** **82%** of parishioners (32% strongly agree and 50% agree) feel involved in parish decision-making. **18%** are neutral, **0%** (0% disagree and 0% strongly disagree) feel they are not involved.

**Financial Transparency:** **86%** (25% strongly agree and 61% agree) believe that the parish is financially transparent. **14%** are neutral, and **0%** (0% disagree and 0% strongly disagree) express concern about transparency.

**Follow-up on Involvement:** **74%** (33% strongly agree and 41% agree) feel there is good follow-up after they get involved in parish life. **26%** are neutral, and **0%** (0% disagree and 0% strongly disagree) see room for significant improvement.

**Opportunities to Serve:** **82%** (36% strongly agree and 46% agree) feel that there are plenty of opportunities to serve at the parish. **18%** are neutral, and **0%** (0% disagree and 0% strongly disagree) feel opportunities are lacking.

### **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NORTH WASHINGTON**

**Involvement in Parish Decisions:** **57%** of parishioners (19% strongly agree and 38% agree) feel involved in parish decision-making. **38%** are neutral, **5%** disagree feel they are not involved.

**Financial Transparency:** **81%** (14% strongly agree and 67% agree) believe that the parish is financially transparent. **14%** are neutral, and **5%** disagree express concern about transparency.

**Follow-up on Involvement:** **67%** (19% strongly agree and 48% agree) feel there is good follow-up after they get involved in parish life. **33%** are neutral, and **0%** (0% disagree and 0% strongly disagree) see room for significant improvement.

**Opportunities to Serve:** **76%** (19% strongly agree and 57% agree) feel that there are plenty of opportunities to serve at the parish. **24%** are neutral, and **0%** (0% disagree and 0% strongly disagree) feel opportunities are lacking.

# Second Sunday of Easter

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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**

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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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## GOOD SHEPHERD MASS SCHEDULE

### 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

### MONDAY-MAY 5, 2025

Bulletin News Due at Noon

### TUESDAY-MAY 6, 2025

5:15 PM-NO MASS @ Immaculate Conception

### WEDNESDAY-MAY 7, 2025

10 AM-NH Rehab-Lorraine Hackman

### THURSDAY-MAY 8, 2025

10 AM-Kensington-Prayer & Communion

10:30 AM-Holy Family-Kathy O'Connor Funeral

### FRIDAY-MAY 9, 2025

8:30 AM-Holy Family-Duane Lynch

### SATURDAY-MAY 10, 2025

4 PM-Holy Family-Collective

6 PM-Immaculate Conception-Collective

### SUN., MAY 11, 2025-4th Sunday of Easter

8 AM-Holy Family-Collective

10 AM-Holy Family-For the People

1:30 PM-Gathering Space Rental

## COLLECTIVE MASS INTENTIONS

**HOLY FAMILY 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

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

**HOLY FAMILY MAY 10 AT 4 PM:** Donald Schwickerath, Leah Schwickerath, Jim & Rick Pickar, Ed & Dorothy Flick, Alice Elsbernd, Dan Kobliska.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MAY 10 AT 6 PM:** Joe & Phyllis Glaser, Jack Seelhammer, Dan Heying, Steve Dvorak, Wayne Tenge, Msgr. Carl Schmitt, Rosemary Carpenter, Vincent "Timmy" & Francella Burgart, Reg Nelson and Joan Havlik.

**HOLY FAMILY MAY 11 AT 8 AM:** Andrea Burgart, Msgr. Carl Schmitt, Florence Boos, Leonard & Norma Rosonke, Donna Burgart, Merle & Alice, Mark Rethamel, Bryce Kamrath.

April 27, 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 04.27.2025	\$518,383.92	\$45,985.92	\$33,942.05
Needed Weekly Amount	\$12,055.44	\$1,069.44	\$789.35
Received Last Week	\$6,830.00	\$1,450.00	\$270.00
Year to Date Recd to 04.27.2025	\$530,515.80	\$40,662.50	\$36,739.00
Difference	\$12,131.88	-\$5,323.42	\$2,796.95
Offertory	\$837.00	\$107.21	
Hispanic Mass Offertory			
*This is the amount needed to balance each respective church's budget.			