

#### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

## Dear Padre

May 11, 2025

When is it OK to medicate for pain? If my relative is in hospice, should I permit the use of drugs that hasten his or her death?

When someone we love is dying, we do not want him or her to be in pain. It is only natural to want to ease or end all suffering. The Catechism of the Catholic Church offers these guidelines: "The use of painkillers to alleviate the sufferings of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable" (CCC 2279). In other words, it is permissible to medicate for pain, but you must not use narcotics as an end or means to hasten someone's death—only to alleviate pain and minimize a person's suffering. To give medication to cause death rather than merely to relieve pain is not allowed.

It is important to have a discussion about the types of treatment a person would want when they are dying. It is also important to have a discussion with your pastor or another priest or chaplain—someone who can help you discern whether the action, the intention, and the circumstances are consistent with Church teaching. Many times, one is forced to make very difficult decisions about medical care, and it is always good to have someone we trust who can help us make the best choice. •

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#### MONDAY

May 12 Easter Weekday Acts 11:1–18 Jn 10:1–10

#### **TUESDAY**

May 13 Easter Weekday Acts 11:19–26 Jn 10:22–30

#### **WEDNESDAY**

May 14 St. Matthias, Apostle Acts 1:15–17, 20–26 Jn 15:9–17

#### **THURSDAY**

May 15 Easter Weekday Acts 13:13–25 Jn 13:16–20

#### **FRIDAY**

May 16 Easter Weekday Acts 13:26–33 Jn 14:1–6

#### **SATURDAY**

May 17 Easter Weekday Acts 13:44–52 Jn 14:7–14

#### **SUNDAY**

May 18 Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 14:21–27 Rv 21:1–5a Jn 13:31–33a, 34–35

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#### 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.

#### Weekly Prayer & Faith Sharing & Ministry

1:30 PM-Rosary @ MercyOne Hospital Chapel on Tues.2-4 PM Sharing Room, Pastoral Office on Wednesday4 PM-Midnight-Holy Family-Adoration on Thursday9-11 AM Sharing Room, Pastoral Office on Friday

#### 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 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

**SPOTLIGHT ON:** We wish to recognize and thank our Advertiser of the Week **New Hampton Auto Body, LLC & Trailer Sales, Stan Trask.** Please patronize our advertisers. Let them know you appreciate their support of the parish bulletin. That's the best to thank them

**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: Michele K, David Dick, Bill Sinnwell, Charlene Longhom, breast cancer patient, Geri Brummond, Kathy Roethler, Ron, Justin Shekleton, Alan Gilbert, Jim, 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: <u>Due to the length of our prayer list, we will list the special intentions for prayer for two weeks</u>. 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: Jean Gander mother of Karen Gander-Mashek

#### **CLUSTER NEWS**

**TIME CHANGE FOR SCHOOL MASS:** Friday, May 16. Mass will begin at 9 a.m. This is will be only for this day.

**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL:** St. Joseph School fosters a deep love for God, integrating faith into daily learning and inspiring students to live with purpose and integrity. Please call the school office for more information.

**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.

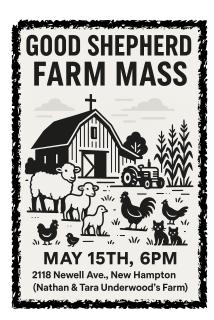
THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE IS ALMOST HERE!!!! Don't miss the unique celebration of our Catholic faith, May 23 - 27, as the Archdiocese hosts the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage! We are one of only 21 dioceses chosen to host the Pilgrimage as eight Perpetual Pilgrims accompany the Blessed Sacrament from Indianapolis to Los Angeles. Plan to participate in events that stretch from Dubuque to Ames during the extended Memorial Day weekend. To learn more or to plan your schedule, visit <a href="mailto:dbqarch.org/eucharistic-pilgrimage">dbqarch.org/eucharistic-pilgrimage</a>.

#### 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.

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: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094DAEA628A6F85-56336176-march">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094DAEA628A6F85-56336176-march</a>

Scan the QR code to volunteer for ministry positions for the Farm Mass or call the Pastoral Office @ 394-2105.





#### **CLUSTER NEWS**

**CDA MEETING:** The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be meeting on May 20 at 6:00 p.m.at **Hynes Hall.** This is a change from previously scheduled. Join us for a picnic dinner, meeting, and fellowship – new members welcome!

**SHARE YOUR GIFTS:** Do you enjoy 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 Community.

#### FAREWELL RECEPTION DATES FOR FR. JIM

Saturday, June 14 @ 6 pm St. Boniface, Ionia Saturday, June 21 @ 6 pm Immaculate Conception Sunday, June 29 @ 10 am Holy Family

The Receptions will follow the masses of the day.

MISSING YOUR BUDGET ENVELOPES???? Stop by the Pastoral Office. They are waiting for you. Stop during office hours of Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or Friday before noon. Can't wait to see you!!!

#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**FAREWELL:** 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

**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**

**WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED:** Ariel Aitana Amador daughter of Uriel & Yamileth Amador. Ariel was baptized last weekend by Deacon Rigoberto Real. Congratulations and God's blessing on this family.

**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.

**THANK YOU:** We would like to thank the Rosary Society circle callers and members for their dedication and service to the many funerals we have had. Each of you provided a salad or dessert and many of you stepping up serve. Your generosity and kindness is priceless and we are truly blessed!!. Just a reminder to pick up your dishes in the Gathering Space on the table by the kitchenette. Thank you again.

May 4, 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 05.04.2025	\$530,439.36	\$47,055.36	\$34,731.40			
Needed Weekly Amount	\$12,055.44	\$1,069.44	\$789.35			
Received Last Week	\$11,492.00	\$565.00	\$590.00			
Year to Date Recd to 05.04.2025	\$542,033.84	\$41,227.50	\$37,329.00			
Difference	\$11,594.48	-\$5,827.86	\$2,597.60			
Offertory	\$706.00		\$84.00			
Hispanic Mass Offertory	\$270.53					
*This is the amount needed to balance each respective church's budget.						

#### **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.

**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 <u>lifeserve.info/schedule</u>

"Help us celebrate Heartland Days on June 13th and 14th. The Chickasaw Rescue Association will be hosting a food tent at Mikelson Park for its annual fundraiser. Funds raised will be used to purchase and update gear and equipment that will be used to protect and serve over 12,000 citizens of Chickasaw County that covers approximately 504 square miles. Services are provided by volunteers that are ready to be utilized 24/7, 365 days a year to help with fires, search and rescue, medical responses (first responders), car accidents, and much more."

#### Saint Isidore Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray for the rural communities of our Archdiocese, that we may thrive with your abundant blessings as communities of hope. May our work be fruitful, our families strong, and our hearts filled with compassion for one another. Guide our pastor, deacons, religious, and lay leaders with wisdom; nurture our young with hope; and strengthen our faith. May we be a



beacon of your light and love; a place of welcome invitation, and a community of people that reflects your grace. Amen

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter

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THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent CLI survey about the Sunday experience in our parishes—Holy Family (New Hampton), Immaculate Conception (North Washington), and St. Boniface (Ionia). Your responses are a vital part of helping us grow together in faith, community, and worship.

#### Feeling Welcomed

We are grateful to hear that many of you feel welcomed in our parish communities:

- At Holy Family, 203 respondents (nearly 90%) agreed or strongly agreed that they feel welcomed and accepted.
- Immaculate Conception saw similar positivity with 17 out of 22 respondents (77%) feeling welcomed.
- St. Boniface had an overwhelming 100% positive response among those who answered!

This tells us that hospitality is truly a strength in our cluster, and we thank everyone who helps create a warm environment each Sunday.

#### The Power of the Mass

Your feedback also highlights the value of our Sunday liturgies:

- At Holy Family, 197 out of 206 respondents (96%) agreed or strongly agreed that Mass helps them grow spiritually.
- Immaculate Conception and St. Boniface also reflected strong responses with 18 and 25 participants respectively, affirming the spiritual richness of our celebrations.

#### **Music and Preaching Matter**

Music continues to play a key role in drawing us deeper into worship:

- Holy Family: 182 (89%) found the music engaging.
- Immaculate Conception and St. Boniface both received favorable responses, with over 75% of respondents feeling spiritually enriched by the music.

In terms of preaching, we are especially heartened:

- Holy Family: 203 out of 218 respondents (93%) found homilies help connect faith with everyday life.
- St. Boniface had unanimous agreement (100%) among respondents.
- Immaculate Conception also showed strong appreciation with 18 out of 20 expressing a connection to the preaching.

#### **Moving Forward Together**

These results encourage us to keep nurturing what's working well while remaining open to growth. If you're interested in joining ministries that contribute to our Sunday experience—whether it's hospitality, music, or liturgical service—please reach out. Together, we are building something beautiful for God.



## **Totus Tuus 2025!**



## Day Program

Open to 1st-6th Grade Monday, July 21st-Friday, July 25th 9 AM- 2:30 PM (Friday 3 PM Pick Up at the Pool)

## **Evening Program**

Open to 7th-12th Grade Sunday, July 20th-Thursday, July 24th 6:30-8:45 PM

Registration open June 2nd-July 7th
Registration forms available at the entrance of each
parish and cluster office
\$25 per participant or \$60 for 3 or more registerants

#### 2025 Totus Tuus Volunteers Needed!

## 2025 Totus Tuus Volunteer Host Homes for the Team Saturday, July 19th-Friday, July 25th

- A family to host the boys and a family for the girls
- Responsibilities: Provide separate sleeping arrangements for the missionaries, and breakfast each morning.

#### **Day Program Chaperones**

Monday, July 21st-Friday, 25th 8:30 AM-2:30 PM (until 3 PM Friday)

Need 3 chaperones for each day.

Chaperones must be 18, and be able to complete a background check and Protection of Children Training.

#### **Kitchen Helpers**

Monday, July 21st-Friday, 25th

Two helpers each day to prepare snacks and distribute lunch bags to day program participants.

#### **Lunch and Dinner Providers**

Sunday, Dinner-Friday, Lunch

- We are looking for volunteers to bring lunch and dinner to the missionaries at Holy Family
- Lunch should be brought to Hynes Hall by 11:30 AM and dinner by 5
   PM in the Gathering Space

If you are interested in serving in any these volunteer opportunities please contact Jayden Burke by email <a href="mailto:dbgarch.org">dbgrt4@dbgarch.org</a> or call (641)394-2105



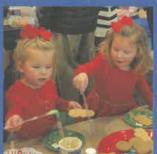
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#### GOOD SHEPHERD MASS SCHEDULE

#### **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

#### **MONDAY-MAY 12, 2025**

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**TUESDAY-MAY 13, 2025** 

**5:15 PM-St. Boniface-**Tony Hoffman

**WEDNESDAY-MAY 14, 2025** 

10 AM-NH Rehab-Wilfred & Joanna Walz

**THURSDAY-MAY 15, 2025** 

10 AM-Linn Haven-Fr. Walter Kleinfehn

6 PM-Farm Mass-Mary Underwood

Mass at Nathan & Tara Underwood Farm

2118 Newell Ave., New Hampton

**FRIDAY-MAY 16, 2025** 

9:00 AM-Holy Family-Reynold & Corinne Schwickerath

**SATURDAY-MAY 17, 2025** 

4 PM-Holy Family-Merle Schwickerath

**6 PM-St. Boniface-**Louis & Mary Link

SUN-MAY 18, 2025 5th Sunday of Easter

Graduation Mass, Holy Family @ 8 AM

**8 AM-Holy Family-**Collective

10 AM-Holy Family-Francis & Mary Kramer

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

Daily Mass is cancelled if we have a funeral.

## **Good News!**

May 11, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter (C) Acts 13:14, 43–52 / Revelation 7:9, 14b–17 / John 10:27–30

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Just as we may hear the voice of our mother echoing in our head long after she has passed away, in much the same way do we who gather week after week as people of faith begin to hear the words and wisdom of the Lord Jesus. It is how he shepherds us, and how we follow him—by hearing and then living his word.

There are some who say they are not religious, but they are spiritual. Ultimately, to be spiritual is to have a core set of values by which one lives. One's core values can take many shapes. For us, who call ourselves disciples of Jesus, to be spiritual is to take on the values and wisdom of Jesus—to allow his way to take root in the core of who we are. It means living by the wisdom of his word. Being spiritual includes honesty, gentleness, patience, joy, civility, simple living, mercy, compassion, peace, reverence and awe, obedience, justice, courage, balance in life, humility, chastity, kindness, generosity, lightheartedness, care for the common good, prayerfulness, and respect for all of creation as holy.

Spirituality is about absorbing the lifestyle of Jesus, about his word echoing in our lives, something that takes a lifetime. Religion, specifically our Catholic faith, is the practice of that spirituality in the company of others who are also trying to put those values into practice. Such practice, including weekly Mass and participation in the sacramental life of the Church, is necessary for the faithful followers of Jesus. lacktriangle

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#### **COLLECTIVE MASS INTENTIONS**

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

**HOLY FAMILY MAY 18 AT 8 AM:** Richard Holschlag, Norbert Burgart, Bryce Kamrath, Jane Finnegan, Terry Kasuboski, Emmett & Marianne Meissen, Bernard & Calista & Ginny Laures and Paul & Helen Geerts.