



Sunday, May 25, 2025
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Dear Padre

May 25, 2025

I know Catholics with spouses who cheat and abuse them. What should they do?

If someone is in an abusive marriage, the Church wants you to help that person reach safety. The Church doesn't tolerate anyone staying in a place where physical or mental abuse occurs. Separation is often a first and necessary step. However, there is always hope for reconciliation. If a husband is abusive, and his wife leaves, but he then seeks treatment and changes his ways, the Church hopes that the marriage could be saved.

The same is true for an adulterous spouse. If he or she is repentant and takes steps to change and make amends, the Church hopes for and encourages reconciliation. But if a spouse refuses treatment or continues the adulterous behavior, the next step would be a civil divorce. It is only after separation and a civil divorce that the annulment process can begin. However, even after a civil divorce, there is still hope of reconciliation.

It's important to remember that when a couple gets married, they marry for better and for worse. This means there is a call and an expectation to work things out, to forgive, to repair the hurt, and to not rush to divorce. But, to be sure, if you are dealing with addiction, abuse, or infidelity in your relationship, the Church supports your need to be secure. ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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MONDAY

May 26
St. Philip Neri,
Priest
Acts 16:11-15
Jn 15:26-16:4a

TUESDAY

May 27
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:22-34
Jn 16:5-11

WEDNESDAY

May 28
Easter Weekday
Acts 17:15,
22-18:1
Jn 16:12-15

THURSDAY

May 29
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:1-8
Jn 16:16-20

FRIDAY

May 30
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:9-18
Jn 16:20-23

SATURDAY

May 31
The Visitation
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Zep 3:14-18a
or Rom 12:9-16
Lk 1:39-56

SUNDAY

June 1
The Ascension
of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11
Eph 1:17-23
or Heb 9:24-28;
10:19-23
Lk 24:46-53

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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 31
June 14, 28, July 12, 26

6 PM Immaculate Conception, May 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.

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

SPOTLIGHT ON: We wish to recognize and thank our Advertiser of the Week **New Hampton Red Power, Inc.** 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: Becky Franzen, Michele K, David Dick, Bill Sinnwell, Charlene Longhorn, 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: **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:

Living the Mission – Parish by Parish

The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey offers a powerful look at how we are living out our call to be missionary disciples. Across our three parishes—Holy Family, Immaculate Conception, and St. Boniface—we see encouraging signs of faith in action. Here's a breakdown of some highlights from the "Missionary Impulse" section of the survey:

Holy Family Parish (New Hampton)

- **38% have invited someone to a parish activity**
- **33% have invited someone to Mass**
- **29% have volunteered to serve someone in need**
- **26% have answered someone's spiritual question**
- **23% have shared a story of Jesus or their own faith story**
- **20% have prayed with someone**
- **11% have encouraged a man to consider the priesthood**
- **9% have invited someone to religious life**

Immaculate Conception Parish (North Washington)

- **40% have invited someone to a parish activity**
- **35% have invited someone to Mass**
- **32% have volunteered to serve someone**
- **28% have answered a spiritual question**
- **25% have shared a personal faith story**
- **22% have prayed with someone**
- **13% have invited someone to consider the priesthood**
- **10% have encouraged religious life**



St. Boniface Parish (Ionia)



- **36%** have invited someone to a parish activity
- **30%** have invited someone to Mass
- **27%** have volunteered to help another
- **24%** have answered a spiritual question
- **20%** have shared a personal story of faith
- **18%** have prayed with someone
- **10%** have invited someone to the priesthood
- **8%** have encouraged religious life

These numbers reflect a growing openness to invite, share, and accompany others in faith. Let's continue encouraging one another to take small but meaningful steps as missionary disciples—reaching out, responding in love, and building a Church alive in Christ.

Blessings,

- Fr. Jim

Good News!

May 25, 2025
Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 / Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 / John 14:23-29

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There is a difference between common sense and wisdom. The former can be taught and is usually passed on by our culture. It includes such practical tips as *wash your hands before you eat, don't drink and drive, and save some money for a rainy day*. Wisdom, on the other hand, tends to be the fruit of reflection upon one's life experiences. It tends to be insightful, containing greater depth and richness.

While we presume everyone will eventually arrive at some level of common sense, not everyone becomes wise with time. Wisdom tends to see what others may not. Jesus taught his followers, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you" (John 14: 26). It is God's Spirit that brings us to wisdom.

I invite you to list five pieces of wisdom you have drawn from your life experiences—five truths for life by which you try to live. You may not live them out as perfectly as you might hope, but they are the five foundation stones upon which you have chosen to build your life. For example, from my own life, I've concluded that patience works. Everything has its own rhythm, and things generally work out, given enough time. Another foundation for me is to live by what I need, rather than by what I want. I readily admit that I don't live that out perfectly, but, when I do, life is much less stressful. ●



THANK YOU: All for attending the Farm Mass last week at the Nathan & Tara Underwood Family Farm.

Truly grateful for our hosts Nathan, Tara, Aiden, Lillie and Melia Underwood for providing the hospitality of having the Mass on your farm.. Fr. Jim & Deacon Vic for the beautiful Mass. To those who served as Lectors, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers and Musicians. Also like to thank the Chickasaw County Cattlemen Associates for sponsoring the meat for the meal. This was in honor of May being Beef Month. It is such a blessing when two or three are gathered in His name and so exciting to see so many of you join us that night. May God Bless you all and Thank You!





Front Row: Irelynn Bodensteiner, Gibran Aispuro, Carrie Schwickerath, Zoe Dreckman, Kinsley Hackman, Josie Speltz, Taylor Ries, Yarethzy Garcia, Braelyn Rosonke, Jackie Pickar, Cora Schwickerath, Beth Pickar, Karla Pickar, Elleri Eike, Elena Federspiel

Back Row: Gabriel Macon, Carlos Ortiz, Manuel Guevarra, Bryce Flugum, Beau Serie, Caleb Rochford, Bryar Usher, Jamison Porath, Ethan Rapenske, Jake Schwickerath, Adam Waddell, Ed Arnold, Kody Kleen

CLUSTER NEWS

MEMORIAL DAY MASS: Will be at Holy Family at 9 a.m. A Memorial Day Service will be held at 10 a.m. at the Chickasaw County Courthouse followed with cemeteries services. New Hampton, St. Mary's followed by Calvary Cemetery.

PASTORAL OFFICE SCHEDULE: The Pastoral Office will be closed on Memorial Day. Fr. Jim will be off on Tuesday, May 27. We will not have 5:15 p.m. Mass Tuesday at St. Boniface.

BIBLE STUDY & COFFEE TALK ON HOLD: Saturday Bible Study and Friday Coffee Talk are on hold until Gladys is back on her feet, literally. Her recovery from surgery is coming along fine, but as expected it will take a few more weeks. Your well wishes, prayers, and encouragement have been very much appreciated. She sends her prayers for you all to experience God's great love on your journey through this Holy Season of Easter.

MISSING YOUR BUDGET ENVELOPES???? Stop by the Pastoral Office during office hours of Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. or Friday before noon. Your envelopes are here and we are looking forward in seeing you!!!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES: Have you recently moved? Have you changed phone numbers or no longer have a land line? Please contact the Pastoral Office at 641-394-2105 with your updates. We also ask all young adults (high school graduate and older) that either live in the area and/or consider Holy Family, Immaculate Conception or St. Boniface their home parish to complete a registration form and officially register as an adult. This is important so that our statistics are accurate. A person should be a registered member of only one parish.

If you have any questions, please contact the Pastoral Office at 641-394-2105.

CORRECTION in BULLETIN: Thank you to Nathan, Tara, Aiden, Lillie and Melia for hosting the Farm Mass. I misspelled Lillie name incorrect in today issue. I regret the error.

Memorial Day Prayer: God on this Memorial Day, we pause to remember and honor those who have given their lives for our freedom. We thank you for their bravery and sacrifice, and we pray for their eternal rest in your peace. We ask for your comfort and strength for their families, and for peace and justice in the world. May their example inspire us to love and serve one another, and may their memory never fade. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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: Ryan Joseph and Benjamin Dwayne Durham sons of Gregory & Elaine Durham. Ryan & Benjamin were baptized this past weekend at Holy Family by Fr. Jim. God Bless this family.

COLLECTIVE MASS MAY 25 AT 10 AM: Michael Blazek, Joseph & Eleanor Dostal, Jim & Leona Stahl, Melvin & Phyllis Patrie, Stanley & Agatha Busta, Ben & Mary Ryan, Glenda Holthaus and Daniel Kobliska.

May 18, 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 05.18.2025	\$554,550.24	\$49,194.24	\$36,310.10
Needed Weekly Amount	\$12,055.44	\$1,069.44	\$789.35
Received Last Week	\$11,784.33	\$465.00	\$440.00
Year to Date Recd to 05.18.2025	\$561,222.17	\$41,868.50	\$37,989.00
Difference	\$6,671.93	-\$7,325.74	\$1,678.90
Offertory	\$987.00		\$61.00
Hispanic Mass Offertory	\$225.25		
*This is the amount needed to balance each respective church's budget.			



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.

AREA NEWS & EVENTS

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

Immaculate Conception Church, Elma Chicken Dinner: Sunday, June 8, 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Elma Memorial Hall, Elma. Serving 3-pc. Mike Reicks' Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Coleslaw, Rolls, Dessert and Beverage. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Dine-in, or Carryout. Hope you can join us.

Presentation on the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation: Local and Statewide Efforts. Wednesday, June 11th, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the German American Museum, Library and Family History Center, 212 E Main Street, St. Lucas. Presenter, Brian Fankhauser, Senior Land Stewardship and Bluffsland Director, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, Decorah Come, learn & share about the land stewardship & conservation experiences and projects of this Iowa stewardship non profit organization. And enjoy some deserts and refreshments.

Help Us Celebrate Heartland Days on June 13th & 14th: The Chickasaw Rescue Association will have a food tent at Mikkelson Park for its annual fundraiser. Funds raised will be used to purchase and update gear & equipment. We serve and protect 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.

12th Annual Lawler Irish Fest: Make plans now to join us the weekend of June 20-21 for another exciting celebration of Lawler's rich heritage featuring events, and entertainment for the entire family. Friday, June 20, Opening Ceremony, 6:30 pm. Grand Marshals music, activities and outdoor movie at dusk bring chair/blankets. Saturday, June 21, Grand Parade at 1 p.m. followed by more music, car show and fun for the kids in Croell Park. Sunday, June 22, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Lawler Lions Club BBQ Chicken Dinner. For more information check out the website www.lawleririshefest.com. Small town community with a GRAND time for the entire family.

Save the dates: Chickasaw Relay For Life Events

Friday, August 1st-Four Person Best Ball Tournament at Jackson Heights, 10 AM shot gun start.

Sunday August 3rd Chickasaw Relay for Life Event at Highland Park in Lawler from 11am to 3 pm.

We are Re" Lion" on you to Stomp out Cancer.

Congrats!

St. Joseph Community 2024-2025 Semester 2 Honor Roll



EIGHTH GRADE



Annabelle Baker

A Honor Roll



Rylie Rochford

A Honor Roll



Adyson Shoemaker

A Honor Roll

SEVENTH GRADE



Kaden Abbas

A Honor Roll



Ingrid Martinez

A Honor Roll



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A Honor Roll



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Miles Vais

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SIXTH GRADE



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FIFTH GRADE



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Danny Knutson

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Calvin Holthaus

A Honor Roll



Reese Edson

A Honor Roll

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**23 JUNE
2025**

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- DONATE ONLINE, BY CHECK, OR WITH CASH.
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 - PLEASE WRITE "SECURITY SYSTEM" IN THE MEMO LINE
 - DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

YOUR GENEROSITY WILL DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTE TO CREATING A SAFER ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS IMPORTANT CAMPAIGN!

AGENDA FOR THE DAY

7:00 - 7:25 AM	Check in for Morning Session
7:30 AM	Shotgun Start for Morning Session
11:30 AM	Check in for Afternoon Session
12:00 PM	Shotgun Start for Afternoon Session
5:30 PM	Social Hour, Dinner




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SATURDAY-MAY 24, 2025

4 PM-Holy Family-Leonard & Norma Rosonke

6 PM-Immaculate Conception-For the People

SUN., MAY 25, 2025-6th Sunday of Easter

8 AM-Holy Family-Living & Deceased members of the Reynold Corinne Schwickerath Families

10 AM-Holy Family-Collective

MONDAY-MAY 26, 2025

9 AM-HOLY FAMILY-Fr. Walter Kleinfehn

Bulletin News Due at Noon

TUESDAY-MAY 27, 2025

St. Boniface No Mass

WEDNESDAY-MAY 28, 2025

10 AM-NH Rehab-Wilfred & Joanna Walz

THURSDAY-MAY 29, 2025

10 AM-Linn Haven-Rose "Tiny" Goerend

FRIDAY-MAY 30, 2025

8:30 AM-Holy Family-Msgr. Carl Schmitt

SATURDAY-MAY 31, 2025

4 PM-Holy Family-Dorothy Kriener

6 PM-St. Boniface-For the People of the Cluster

SUN-JUNE 1, 2025 The Ascension of the Lord

8 AM-Holy Family-Carol Burgart

10 AM-Holy Family-Joan Heiman

11:30 AM-Holy Family Spanish Mass-Msgr. Carl Schmitt

Daily Mass is cancelled if we have a funeral.

WORD LIST

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Now is the time!

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is now making its way across the Archdiocese of Dubuque, as the Perpetual Pilgrims accompany the Blessed Sacrament from Dubuque to Ames. Events continue to take place in the Spires of Faith Cluster, at Immaculate Conception Church in Cedar Rapids, St. Patrick Church in Tama, and St. Henry Church in Marshalltown. Join the faithful at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Ames for Pilgrimage, Praise, and Worship on Monday evening. Or say goodbye to the Pilgrims on Tuesday morning as they leave Ames with the Blessed Sacrament. Take advantage of these unique opportunities for Eucharistic encounter. To learn more, visit dbqarch.org/eucharistic-pilgrimage.

Save the Date! Iowa March for Life - June 21 in Des Moines

Save the date! The Iowa March for Life will be held on Saturday, June 21st at the State Capitol. A rally will be held at 1pm and the march will begin at 1:45pm. This is an opportunity for you to proclaim your support for life from conception to natural death. Near the anniversary of the overturning of Roe v. Wade, this is a great summertime activity for you, your family, or your youth group. For details on this year's event, visit pulseforlife.org/the-iowa-march-for-life/

Happy
Memorial day
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