



Sunday, June 1, 2025
The Ascension of the Lord

Dear Padre

June 1, 2025

What does the Catholic Church teach about miracles?

Miracles are extraordinary occurrences without natural explanation that manifest the presence and power of God. We believe in miracles "because of the authority of God himself who reveals them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 156).

Christ's multiplication of the loaves is the only miracle recorded by all four evangelists. He performed many other natural miracles—calming the storm, walking on water—and numerous healings as well—curing the deaf and mute, the woman with a hemorrhage. These signs attest that the Father sent Jesus and "they invite belief in him" (CCC, 548). Moreover, Jesus' miracles "also confirm that the kingdom has already arrived on earth..." ("Dogmatic Constitution on the Church," 5).

Today, God still manifests his presence in the Church through miracles. For example, potential medical healings are rigorously investigated by the Vatican for sainthood causes. Other supernatural occurrences—such as apparitions and eucharistic phenomena—are likewise thoroughly and prudently investigated with caution to maintain the Church's credibility and prevent confusion among the faithful.

To that end, in May 2024, the Vatican updated its guidelines for assessing apparitions, visions, and alleged revelations, and reaffirmed that a bishop cannot rule on the validity of a particular case before the pope formally deems it to be "supernatural" for pastoral value. (Search "Norms for Proceeding in the Discernment of Alleged Supernatural Phenomena" at Vatican.va.) ●

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MONDAY

June 2
Easter Weekday
Acts 19:1-8
Jn 16:29-33

TUESDAY

June 3
St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
Acts 20:17-27
Jn 17:1-11a

WEDNESDAY

June 4
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:28-38
Jn 17:11b-19

THURSDAY

June 5
St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Jn 17:20-26

FRIDAY

June 6
Easter Weekday
Acts 25:13b-21
Jn 21:15-19

SATURDAY

June 7
Easter Weekday
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Jn 21:20-25

SUNDAY

June 8
Pentecost
Acts 2:1-11
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or
Rom 8:8-17
Jn 20:19-23 or
Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

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NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 8

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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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 Wednesday
4 PM-Midnight-Holy Family-Adoration on Thursday
9-11 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, June 14, 28,
July 12, 26

6 PM Immaculate Conception, 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 **Northeast Iowa Handyman LLC-Steve Lensing**. 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: Mark Zipse, Jeff Kirschbaum, 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: Eleanor Schwickerath

CLUSTER NEWS

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.

FATHER JIM OUT OF THE OFFICE: Fr. Jim will be gone this week. If you have a need for priest please call the Pastoral Office they will be able to help you. We will not have Daily Mass this week only Prayer & Communion Services at the Nursing Homes. The Pastoral Office number is 394-2105. Fr. Jim will be back for weekend mass on June 7 & 8.

TOTUS TUUS MISSIONARIES NEEDED FOR 2025: If you know any college-age men and women from your parishes who would be great role models for younger Catholics, suggest they apply to serve as a Totus Tuus Missionary for Summer 2025! This is a paid position with training and most expenses provided for during the summer Application information can be found at www.dbqarch.org/Totus-Tuus. Please contact Joanne Pohland (J.pohland@dbqarch.org) with any questions.

HELP WANTED in moving.

Fr. Jim would love if you would stop in to pick up your small box of budget envelopes, if you haven't already.

Stop by

Monday-Thursday

8 AM-4:30 PM

See You Soon!!!!

HOLY FAMILY

WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED: Payton Jacob Jackson son of Jacob Durnan and Ashley Jackson. Payton was baptized last weekend by Deacon Vic DeSloover. May God Bless this family.

THANK YOU ROSARY SOCIETY: We thank you so much for providing food for Mom's (Kathy O'Connor) funeral lunch. We heard so many comments about how great it was! Thanks to Rhonda Dreckman for organizing the volunteers and the food.

Make This a Summer to Grow in Faith!!!

As the summer season approaches, filled with warm days and busy schedules, take a moment to pause and enrich your spiritual life by joining
Summer with the Saints!

This **fun 12-week journey** is perfect for all ages—offering weekly opportunities to celebrate the feast days of incredible saints through movies, shows, and inspiring content on **Formed**.

Each week highlights a new saint, inviting you to reflect on their virtues and discover how their lives can inspire your own.

With **faith-filled videos, family-friendly activities, and easy-to-follow plans**, it's simple to make space for spiritual growth this summer.

Whether you're hosting a birthday party for St. John the Baptist (yes, cake is encouraged!), planting a garden in honor of St. Kateri, or just cozying up for a movie night, there's something for everyone.

Bonus! By signing up, you'll be entered to win weekly giveaways and a **grand prize drawing** featuring a huge collection of kids' books and other great items from **Catholic Market**.

Here's what you'll get when you join:

- A downloadable calendar that shows each week's featured saint
- Creative activity ideas to bring the saints to life
- Inspiring content delivered right to your inbox

Whether you're deepening your personal spiritual journey or helping your kids get to know their heavenly friends, **Summer with the Saints** will make this your most meaningful—and memorable—summer yet.

If you get emails from FORMED, you should have an invitation through email to sign up. If you have FORMED only on your phone, you will scroll down through the offerings until you get to **Summer with the Saints**.



Farewell Fr. Jim!



St. Boniface Saturday, June 14th, 7:00 PM

Join us 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

Immaculate Conception, North Washington Saturday, June 21st, 7:00 PM

Immaculate Conception Church will host a farewell gathering in honor of Father Jim Goerend following the 6:00 p.m. Mass. Please join us in the church basement for a light meal featuring ham and turkey sandwiches, potato salad, chips, and cake. We will also be holding a card shower to express our gratitude and best wishes to Father Jim as he begins his next chapter.

Holy Family, New Hampton Sunday, June 29th, 11:00 AM

Priest, Pies & Potluck! We're cooking up something special!
Join us as we give Father a sweet and heartfelt send-off
at our Priest, Pies & Potluck Party!

The Parish Council is bringing the pies—now we need your favorite dish to complete the feast! Whether it's savory, sweet, or somewhere in between, let's fill the table with love, laughter, and maybe even a few leftovers.

Come hungry, come grateful, and let's celebrate Father with the joyful farewell he truly deserves!

DAY PROGRAM

OPEN TO 1ST - 6TH GRADE

MONDAY, JULY 21ST - FRIDAY, JULY 25TH

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

(FRIDAY 3 PM PICK UP AT THE POOL)

"TOTUS TUUS HELPED ME SEE MY FAITH IN A NEW WAY—IT WASN'T JUST RULES, IT WAS A RELATIONSHIP."

"I DIDN'T KNOW LEARNING ABOUT JESUS COULD BE SO FUN!"

"I MADE NEW FRIENDS AND LEARNED HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY."

"I USED TO FEEL ALONE IN MY FAITH. TOTUS TUUS SHOWED ME I'M NOT."

"MY FAVORITE PART WAS THE WATER FIGHT —BUT I ALSO LOVED LEARNING THE SONGS AND PRAYERS."



TOTUS TUUS
**TOTALLY
YOURS**

July 20th - July 25th, 2025

EVENING PROGRAM

OPEN TO 7TH - 12TH GRADE

SUNDAY, JULY 20TH - THURSDAY, JULY 24TH

6:30 PM - 8:45 PM



Totus Tuus is a vibrant, week-long Catholic program—like Vacation Bible School, but deeper—designed to help kids and teens fall in love with Jesus and grow in their Catholic faith through:

Dynamic Catechesis ✨ Joyful Evangelization ✨ Powerful Eucharistic Worship ✨ Authentic Christian Witness

Volunteer Opportunities – Be a Part of Something Eternal!

We need joyful hearts and helping hands to make Totus Tuus a success from July 19–25, 2025:

Host Homes Needed

Host a missionary team from Saturday, July 19, to Friday, July 25

One home for two men, one for two women

Provide a separate sleeping area & breakfast daily

Chaperones

Monday–Friday, July 21–25 | 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM (until 3 PM Friday)

3 chaperones needed each day

Must be 18+ with completed background check & training

Kitchen Helpers

2 helpers daily to prep snacks & distribute lunches

Meal Providers

Provide lunch and dinner for the team from Sunday dinner through Friday lun.

Deliver lunch by 11:30 AM to Hynes Hall, dinner by 5 PM to the Gathering Space

This is more than a week of faith-filled fun—it's a chance to plant seeds of faith that will last a lifetime.

Help us build the Kingdom of God in the hearts of our young people.

✉ To volunteer, contact Jayden Burke at dbqrt4@dbqarch.org or (641) 394-2105

#TotusTuus #FaithInAction #CatholicYouth #ServeWithJoy #KingdomBuilders





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**23 JUNE
2025**

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- ✓ Hole Sponsor **\$125**

ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY SCHOOL IS HOSTING A GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR A MUCH-NEEDED NEW SECURITY SYSTEM TO BETTER PROTECT OUR STUDENTS, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY. WE'RE WORKING TOWARDS A GOAL OF \$45,000, AND WITH YOUR SUPPORT AT THIS EVENT, WE'RE TAKING A BIG LEAP FORWARD! EVERY CONTRIBUTION BRINGS US CLOSER—THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THE JOURNEY.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- PARTICIPATE IN THE GOLF OUTING – ENJOY A DAY ON THE COURSE FOR A GREAT CAUSE!
- DONATE ONLINE, BY CHECK, OR WITH CASH.
 - CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY SCHOOL
 - 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



**OUR GOAL:
\$45,000**

***THIS IS TO UPDATE
OUR SECURITY
SYSTEM***



St. Joseph Community School
216 N. Broadway Ave. New Hampton, IA 641.394.2865

Partnering for Safety: Help Us Secure and Strengthen St. Joes.

Dear Parishioners and Supporters of St. Joseph Community School,

At St. Joseph Community School, the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff and families remain a top priority. This year, we are launching a fundraising initiative to upgrade and expand our school security systems, including:

- **Updated surveillance technology**
- **Improved building access controls**
- **Enhanced emergency response systems**
- **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant door upgrades to improve accessibility and safety for all students and visitors**

To support this important initiative, we are excited to partner with the St. Joseph Golf Committee, now in its **29th year** of supporting our school through its annual golf fundraiser. While this event provides a strong foundation for our efforts, we are asking for your prayerful consideration in supporting this campaign with a one-time donation or by sponsoring part of the project.

Michele Nehls
Principal

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Donate!



Mail Checks to: Holy Family/St. Joe's Golf Outing
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Your Support Will Help Us:

- ✓ **Update surveillance cameras**
- ✓ **Install ADA-compliant doors**
- ✓ **Improve secure building entry systems**
- ✓ **Enhance emergency response capabilities**



Together, as a faith-filled community, we can protect what matters most: our children.
Donate Today! <https://bit.ly/3FhyYSA>

AREA NEWS & EVENTS

Cookies for Cancer June Cookie of the Month: Snickerdoodle 15/\$10 Offering Mound samples with any \$10 order while supplies last (does not include snickerdoodle) 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.

St. Clements Mass: June 12, at 6 p.m. St. Clements Church is located near Ft. Atkinson. We will have a Mass followed by potluck. Hope to see many of you there. Coffee and water will be provided. Please bring your own table service and your favorite dish to share.

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.lawleririshfest.com. Small town community with a GRAND time for the entire family.


Ascension of the Lord

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GOOD SHEPHERD MASS SCHEDULE

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

MONDAY-JUNE 2, 2025

Fr. Jim out of the office this week

Bulletin News Due at Noon

TUESDAY-JUNE 3, 2025

St. Boniface No Mass

WEDNESDAY-JUNE 4, 2025

10 AM-NH Rehab-Prayer & Communion Service

THURSDAY-JUNE 5, 2025

10 AM-Kensington-Prayer & Communion Service

FRIDAY-JUNE 6, 2025

Holy Family-No Mass

SATURDAY-JUNE 7, 2025

4 PM-Holy Family-Collective

6 PM-Immaculate Conception-Collective

SUN., JUNE 8-Pentecost Sunday

8 AM-Holy Family-Collective

10 AM-Holy Family-For the People of the Cluster

Daily Mass is cancelled if we have a funeral.

Good News!

June 1, 2025

The Ascension of the Lord (C)

Acts 1:1-11 / Ephesians 1:17-23 or

Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23 / Luke 24:46-53

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It is said that we never grow up until both parents have died, when we can no longer go home. Yet, for each of us, there may also be a symbolic moment that moves us from childhood into adulthood. It may be achieving financial independence, graduating from school, or moving out on our own. Whatever it may be, we say to ourselves, "I am now grown up." Whenever such moments occur, we feel empowered to shape our lives and our future.

The feast of the Ascension is that sort of marker: God has empowered us to shape the world in the image of Jesus. Just as our parents empower us into an adulthood that contributes to life, it is now God who empowers us with the very same power by which he raised Jesus from the dead. It is a power and a presence by which God makes the world new through us.

There are those who say they no longer believe in God, because if there is a good God, then he would not allow violence, the death of children before their time, and all sorts of evil that mars human life. Perhaps the greater question is not "Why doesn't God do something?" but rather "Why do we not do something?" To pass on the responsibility to God is to abdicate our own responsibility and deny the fact that God continues to empower us as adults and expects us to utilize that power and presence to make all things new. ●

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