

Dear Padre

June 29, 2025

What does the Church say about free will and predestination? I am confused and wonder if there is any fundamental difference?

The Church can be viewed as the champion of free will, for it is descriptive of God's grace at work in his creation. On the other hand, the Church does not champion predestination. The Church understands that this concept is in direct opposition and contradicts the creative act of God. It is understandable how someone might confuse these two different perspectives. In fact, some Christian belief systems have historically confused them; for example, those who follow the thought of John Calvin (1509–1564), including various Congregational, Reformed, and Presbyterian churches. But, regardless of the confusion, the two positions are not complementary, and someone cannot hold both positions because they are incompatible with each other. Catholics believe that we have been created by God with free will. In response to this wonderful gift, we are invited to form our consciences and live our lives lovingly and deliberately as people who choose to respond, in total freedom, to the Way, the Truth, and the Life that is found in Jesus.

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

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MONDAY

June 30 *Weekday* Gn 18:16-33 Mt 8:18-22

TUESDAY

July 1 *Weekday* Gn 19:15–29 Mt 8:23–27

WEDNESDAY

July 2 *Weekday* Gn 21:5, 8–20a Mt 8:28–34

THURSDAY

July 3 St. Thomas, Apostle Eph 2:19–22 Jn 20:24–29

FRIDAY

July 4 Weekday Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 Mt 9:9-13

SATURDAY

July 5 *Weekday* Gn 27:1-5, 15-29 Mt 9:14-17

SUNDAY

July 6 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 66:10-14c Gal 6:14-18 Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

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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, June 28, July 12, 26, August 9, 23

6 PM Immaculate Conception, July 5, 19, August 2, 16, 30

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 9 AM Bible Study, Pastoral Office on Saturday **SPOTLIGHT ON:** We wish to recognize and thank our Advertiser of the Week **Vern Laures Auto Center.** Please patronize our advertisers. Let them know you appreciate their support of the parish bulletin.

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. Terry Lynn Rausch, Mark Zipse, Jeff Kirschbaum, Michele K, David Dick, Bill Sinnwell, Charlene Longhorn, Ron, Justin Shekleton, Alan Gilbert, Troy, Joyce Lowe, Beatrice Miller, Sebastian Burke, Patty Forkenbrock, 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- SGT Adam J. Burgart, Dylan Usher, Kaleb Macon, SGT. Andrew Kasuboski, SFC. 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: Gloria Fox, daughter of Norma Peters

CLUSTER NEWS

FAREWELL FR JIM PRIEST, PIES & POTLUCK:

Sunday, June 29, after Holy Family 10 a.m. Mass in Hynes Hall. Bring a dish to share and pies will be provided by the Pastoral Council members. Also bring a story to share. All are welcome!!!

COFFEE & DONUTS: The New Hampton Knights of Columbus, Council 1697, will be hosting coffee and rolls for fellowship at the Gathering Space, on Sunday, June 29, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All are welcomed.

Our Call to Share Spring Collection: The Our Call to Share Collection is currently taking place. Please have your donations turned in to the office or put in the offertory basket by Sunday, June 29, 2025. Use the envelope you received in the mail to designate how you would like your donation distributed. Make check payable to our parish and mark in theme memo, "Our Call to Share".

The spring's collection will benefit the following for ministries:

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development-For the national anti-poverty program of the US cCatholic Bishops, focused on empowering people to break the cycle of poverty.

The Retirement Fund for Religious-Supports congregations of religious sisters, brothers and priests from across the United States who do not have adequate funding to support their members' retirement and healthcare cots.

The Hispanic Ministry Collection- A diocesan collection to specifically support Hispanic ministry at parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

The Catholic Communications Campaign-To help spread the Gospel message through media/communication efforts at the local, regional, and national levels. We pray that you will consider supporting these worthy ministries generously. Thank you for your support of the mission of the Church!

PASTORAL OFFICE CLOSED: Friday, July 4th in honor of the 4th of July Holiday.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

COLLECTIVE MASS, JULY 5 AT 6 PM: Dan Heying, Steve Dvorak and Alice Tiemessen.

HOLY FAMILY

THANK YOU: The family of Rebecca Franzen would like to thank Father Jim, Karen Bonfig, Deacon Vic, also Kim Ball for the wonderful music and classmates that came to the service to honor Rebecca. The members of our church are amazing. Thanks for being kind to Becky!! Love you All!! The family of Rebecca Franzen.

WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED: Kayce Valente Carbajal Rogel, daughter of Jibran & Sofia Carbajal Rogel. Kayce was baptized June 15 by Fr. Jangill. Also welcome Cooper James Rommes, son of Jordan and Darian Rommes, who was baptized by Deacon Vic last weekend. May God Bless these families.

COLLECTIVE MASS JUNE 29 AT 10 AM: Tom Gebel, Jim & Joyce Cavanaugh, Vernie Laures, Lavern Tilkes, Alice Elsbernd Glenda Holthaus, Jean Gander, Max Zweibohmer, David Rasmussen, and Special Intention.

COLLECTIVE MASS JULY 5 AT 4 PM: Jeanette Poncelet, Donald Schwickerath, Regina Egger, Riley Neville, Andy Schmitt, David Rasmussen, John H Kuennen Family, Rose "Tiny" Goerend, John Condoue and Florence Boos

June 22, 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 06.22.2025	\$614,827.44	\$54,541.44	\$40,256.85
Needed Weekly Amount	\$12,055.44	\$1,069.44	\$789.35
Received Last Week	\$4,289.00	\$565.00	\$1,140.00
Year to Date Recd to 06.22.2025	\$613,360.50	\$43,382.50	\$40,894.00
Difference	-\$1,466.94	-\$11,158.94	\$637.15
Offertory	\$916.00	\$47.00	
Hispanic Mass Offertory			
*This is the am	ount needed to balance each re	spective church's budget.	



The Amazing Amana Colonies Story: On Wednesday, July 9th, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, Jon Childers, executive director of the Amana Heritage Society, will present the Amana Colonies Story at the German American Museum in St. Lucas. Jon Childers, Amana native and heritage advocate, leads a small staff with the big mission to share the three hundred-year heritage of the Amana Colonies-National Historic Landmark with the rest of the world. His focus is the long-term sustainability of the AHS while telling the Amana story in new and more experiential ways. Since joining the AHS in 2016, Jon successfully worked to build membership, grow admissions, increase grant activity, and develop lasting programs to share Amana's unique culture. Learn about a fellow German historical society The event includes refreshments, cake and cookies.

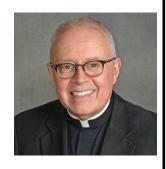
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AREA NEWS & EVENTS

RETIREMENT

MASS: Father John Haugen will celebrate a retirement Mass on Sunday, July 6 at 1 p.m. at Saint Mark Catholic Church in Edgewood, Iowa,



with reception following. Father Haugen has served the Archdiocese of Dubuque for 41 years in parish, high school and college work, as well as music and liturgy, spiritual direction and retreat work. He is presently pastor of the Emmaus Pastorate parishes of Colesburg St. Patrick, Edgewood St. Mark, Strawberry Point St. Mary, Volga Sacred Heart and Elkader St. Joseph. All are cordially invited to join in the festivities!

COOKIES FOR CANCER: July cookie of the month ... Monster ... 15/\$10. Rose Ann Schwickerath 641-557-8530

CHICKASAW RELAY FOR LIFE FOR PERSON BEST BALL TOURNAMENT: Friday, August 1, Jackson Heights,. 10 am shot gun start.

CHICKASAW COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT: Sunday, August 3, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Highland Park, in Lawler.

TAKE A FRESH LOOK AT YOUR MARRIAGE: Consider making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and enrich your lives together. For more information call Greg and Denise at 563-920-9419 or register at women.org. Upcoming dates September 12-14 in Dubuque.



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GOOD SHEPHERD MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY-JUNE 28, 2025

4 PM-Holy Family-Ilm Mihm

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

SUN-JUNE 29, 2025-Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

8 AM-Holy Family-Leonard & Norma Rosonke

10 AM-Holy Family-Collective

11 AM Fr. Jim Farewell @ Holy Family, Priest, Potluck & Pies

MONDAY-JUNE 30, 2025

Bulletin News Due at Noon

TUESDAY-JULY 1, 2025

5:15 PM-Immaculate Conception

WEDNESDAY-JULY 2, 2025

10 AM-NH Rehab-Rose "Tiny" Goerend

THURSDAY-JULY 3, 2025

10 AM-Kensington-Lorna Gorman

FRIDAY-JULY 4, 2025

8:30 AM-Holy Family-Rose "Tiny" Goerend

SATURDAY-JULY 5, 2025

4 PM-Holy Family-Collective

6 PM-Immaculate Conception-Collective

SUNDAY, JULY 6-14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8 AM-Holy Family-Bryce Kamrath

10 AM-Holy Family-Lorraine Hackman

11:30 AM-Holy Family-For the People of the Cluster

No Daily Mass when we have a funeral.

Good News!

June 29, 2025

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Acts 12:1-11 / 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 / Matthew 16:13-19

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There are two things we should give our children: one is roots and the other is wings." So goes the adage. It is in knowing our roots that we know who we are. It is with wings that we then shape the future—a future sprouting from those roots but also blossoming into something new. If there were only the roots, we would never know life's richness. Without wings, never would we come to beauty.

The solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul honors both of these dynamics in the Church. It was Peter who was the Rock, who was able to recognize God's presence made flesh among us, who would say to Jesus, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16).

It was Paul who pushed the envelope, who proclaimed that God's saving love was for Jews and Gentiles—both members of the household of God—without distinction. It was Paul who argued that circumcision was not necessary for a believer. It was Paul who recognized that the Law was indeed a blessing, yet also that obeying the Law does not save us—it is the love of Christ Jesus that saves us

Many are rooted through faith in Christ Jesus. Some live out that faith as Catholics, others as Lutherans or Methodists, still others as Orthodox or Anglicans. All of us rooted in Christ, all of us living out faith, each blossoming in our own fruitfulness as guided by the Spirit, for the purpose of tradition is to pass on the flame and not to preserve the ashes. ●

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