

Dear Padre

July 6, 2025

At Mass during the Our Father, should we hold hands, lift our hands up, or keep our hands to ourselves?

Among many ancient religions, it was common to extend one's hands toward heaven while praying. This practice has continued in the Mass, where the rubrics indicate that the priest should extend his hands at certain points, including during the Our Father. The celebrant represents all the people with this gesture. The deacon is expressly forbidden to hold his hands up in prayer. There is no particular gesture assigned to the rest of the congregation. Some may be holding hands, some lifting their hands, some standing with arms crossed.

The variety of postures is not a problem in itself. The problem is when people become distracted or judgmental of others. As a rule of thumb, I suggest doing what the rest of the congregation does. As stated in the "Order of the Mass," written by the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy in 2003, "The people are called as members of an organic whole, not as disparate individuals. A Christian assembly that worships 'with one heart and mind' (Acts 4:32) naturally moves toward and consciously chooses a common posture as a sign of its unity. Such common posture 'both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants'" (28). The gestures at Mass are not as important as the essence of the Mass, and part of that essence is our unity in the body of Christ.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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MONDAY

July 7 *Weekday* Gn 28:10-22a Mt 9:18-26

TUESDAY

July 8 *Weekday* Gn 32:23–33 Mt 9:32–38

WEDNESDAY

July 9 *Weekday* Gn 41:55–57; 42:5–7a, 17–24a Mt 10:1–7

THURSDAY

July 10 Weekday Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5 Mt 10:7-15

FRIDAY

July 11 St. Benedict, Abbot Gn 46:1-7, 28-30 Mt 10:16-23

SATURDAY

July 12 *Weekday* Gn 49:29–32; 50:15–26a Mt 10:24–33

SUNDAY

July 13
Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Dt 30:10-14
Col 1:15-20
Lk 10:25-37

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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, 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 **Anyway Products-Rose Holschlag.** 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, Michele K, David Dick, Bill Sinnwell, Charlene Longhom, 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: Mary Lou Roethler

Hello my friends and fellow disciples,

Well, the time has come for me to depart and head to a new assignment. First of all, thank you for all the cards, gifts, prayers and parties! I would have preferred to stay but then I'm reminded of St. Paul. He wanted to go and preach to people in the province of Asia but, as recorded in Acts of the Apostles, "...they had been prevented by the Holy Spirit from preaching the message in the province of Asia." So, if I claim to be a servant of Jesus, I must go where the Holy Spirit is calling me. I've truly enjoyed my three years here in the Good Shepherd Cluster. I've met so many wonderful people and have rekindled many relationships from my youth. I was, hopefully, able to show others that a priest isn't someone to be placed on a pedestal, above anyone else. Rather, as Pope Francis told a group of newly ordained priests, "I wish you to be shepherds with 'the smell of the sheep", also telling them that "...pastors should be 'people capable of living, of laughing and crying with your people..."

I hope that I have the smell of the sheep and always know that I'll be praying for the faith-filled people of the Good Shepherd Cluster and ask that you pray for me as I continue the ministry of Christ to other communities.

God bless all of you! Fr. Jim

As we "drawer" to a close, know I will continue to keep Fr. Jim on his toes so he can share a "purrfect" story or two with his new parishioners.

Love Callie

P.S. Don't va love Dad's umbrella??





June 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I invite you today to embark on a new path with me—a *Journey in Faith*. This is a call from the Holy Spirit to examine how we live our Catholic faith and how we can best support our parishes, our priests, and one another for generations to come.

This work is a culmination of over a year of seeking feedback, discussion, and prayer. In addition to my own conversations throughout the diocese, I worked with an Envisioning Team, a group of 16 clergy, deacons and lay people from across the Archdiocese. Together, we reflected on where we have been as an archdiocese, where we are today, and where we want to go. I am grateful for their hard work.

Our vision is to be an engaged archdiocesan community of joyful missionary disciples, centered in our Eucharistic relationship with Jesus Christ and united through our legacy of faith. This vision will come to life through our three key priorities: evangelization, leadership formation, and pastoral planning. We must create the conditions for missionary discipleship to flourish, priests to be supported in their vocation, and every parish, school, and ministry to be part of a sustainable and spirit-filled network of evangelizing communities.

In order to achieve this vision and mission, we must address the challenges facing our archdiocese today, which include regional and archdiocesan population shifts, a decline in the importance and practice of religion in our society, and too few priests to staff 160 parishes. The net result of these challenges is that we are limited in the time, energy, and resources we are able to allocate to current ministry needs associated with sustaining and growing our Church.

Journey in Faith will examine the current organizational structure of parishes and schools to evaluate how they can best meet the needs of the faithful and address the challenges facing the Church today. It will be a discernment of how we will move from simply maintaining the parishes we have, towards a more mission-focused network of parishes.

You will be invited to participate in sessions at your parish to offer feedback, share ideas, and express hopes or concerns. These are real opportunities for dialogue and discernment. I ask that you approach them with an open heart and trust in God's providence. I want to hear from you.

What can you do now?

- Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance
- Stay informed through parish communications
- Support your parish through service and stewardship
- Join a small group or faith formation opportunity
- Encourage and support your parish leaders
- Pray for our Archdiocese and clergy

This journey will not be easy, but I believe it will be fruitful. I truly believe the Holy Spirit is calling us forward — to *TRUST* each other, to *TRANSFORM* our Church, and to do it *TOGETHER*. If we walk this path with courage, with faith, and with love — listening to one another and to God — we can renew our Church and build something lasting for generations to come.

With you on this Journey in Faith,

Archbishop Thomas Zinkula Archdiocese of Dubuque

MESSAGE FROM FR. JIM:

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Well, the time has come for me to depart and head to a new assignment. First of all, thank you for all the cards, gifts, prayers and parties! I would have preferred to stay but then I'm reminded of St. Paul. He



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CLUSTER NEWS

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED: The CD of A Court Joan of Arc #388 has selected three recipients of their \$500 scholarships given out to current graduated seniors after completion of the fall semester of 2025. The recipients are Josie Speltz, Kinsley Hackman, and Carrie Schwickerath. Congratulations to these three young ladies on their exemplary accomplishments and merit.

MEMBERSHIP UDATES: 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 questions, please contact the Pastoral Office at 641-394-2105.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

ST. BONIFACE

COLLECTIVE MASS, JULY 12 AT 6 PM: Louis & Mary Link, Harold & Florine Clark, Norbert Koenigsfeld & Mary Puettmann

June 29 - 30, 2025	Budget Report		
Parish	Holy Family	Immaculate Conception	St Boniface
Yearly Collection Needed *	\$626,882.88	\$55,610.88	\$41,042.20
Yearly Collection Needed to 06.29-30.2025	\$626,882.88	\$55,610.88	\$41,046.20
Needed Weekly Amount	\$12,055.44	\$1,069.44	\$789.35
Received Last Week	\$6,923.00	\$6,962.50	\$3,405.00
Year to Date Recd to 06.29-30.2025	\$622,487.01	\$50,345.00	\$44,299.00
Difference	-\$4,395.87	-\$5,265.88	\$3,252.80
Offertory	\$861.00		\$113.00
Hispanic Mass Offertory			
*This is the amou	ant needed to balance each respe	ctive church's budget.	_

HOLY FAMILY

WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED: Molly Marie Samec, daughter of Dominic & Carole Samec was baptized last weekend by Fr. Ivan Nienhaus May God Bless this family.

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

COLLECTIVE MASS JULY 12 AT 4 PM: Ila Mihm, Bob, Edna & Sara Franke, Melvin & Phyllis Patrie, Juel & Marian Knutson, Donald & Bernadette Leibold, Ed & Dorothy Flick, Andrea Burgart, Wayne Tenge, Jeff Heit and Marolyn & Darrel Hauer.

COLLECTIVE MASS JULY 13 AT 8 AM: Imelda Ungs, Herman & Katie Schwickerath, Leo Steinlage and Joseph Hageman.

ROSARY SOCIETY CALLERS NEEDED: We will begin our new year in September. Looking for volunteers to call members on their circle asking for a salad, dessert or work the day of the funeral. We need at least 24 volunteers to step up and give us a call. We have 12 circles. Questions, or if you are interested in doing this contact Marcia at the Pastoral Office, 394-2105.

Save the Date: Parish Fall Festival!

Join us for a day of faith, fun, and fellowship at our **Annual Parish Fall Festival on Sunday, August 24, 2025!** Enjoy delicious food, live music by Jess Calvert, classic games like bingo and minnow races, a dunk tank, face painting, balloon artist, raffles, and more! There's something for everyone—kids, teens, and adults alike!

Invite your friends, bring the whole family, and help us celebrate our vibrant parish community!

Volunteers Needed for the Parish Fall Festival!

Our Fall Festival is just around the corner, and we need your help to make it a success! We're looking for volunteers to assist with games, food, setup, cleanup, and more. It's a fun and rewarding way to support our parish community—and a great opportunity to meet new friends along the way!

Sign up today: https://tinyurl.com/4vznunh9 or click the QR code.



Thank you for being part of what makes our parish family so special!

AREA NEWS & EVENTS

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

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.

MASS FOR VOCATIONS & VOCATION PANEL: Join us at the Cathedral of St. Raphael in Dubuque for a Mass dedicated to Vocations on Saturday, July 12th at 9:00 AM. Following Holy Mass, we will offer light refreshments and provide an opportunity for a discussion with a panel of seminarians, including Jacob Francois and Sam Moore, a priest (Father Sean Smith), and a religious sister who will share their personal testimonies within the context of their own discernment in a life of prayer and service to the Church, whether in the priesthood or religious life.

STEEPLE DAY, Saturday, July 26, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Lourdes, IA. The day events KC Pancake Breakfast, 8-11 a.m.; Tractor Pull - 10 a.m.; Kiddie & Garden Pulls - 11 a.m.; Bingo - 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Country Store, Parade-2 p.m.

LOURDES 150TH CELEBRATION DINNER: Sunday, July 27, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, Serving McAllister's Roast Pork & Beef Dinner. Tickets \$16/Adult-in Advance; \$17 at the door. Children \$8/ages 5-11 Tickets available at all cluster parishes after all weekend Masses on July 12 & 13. Tickets are also available at the cluster parish office, local banks or call Clem & Jan Havlik at 641-393-2175. Pre-Sales appreciated to estimate the number of meals to order!! Lourdes 150th souvenirs are available. Coffee mugs, key chains, crocks, t-shirts and caps. If interested in purchasing something, please call Pat Sir at 641-393-2193.

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.

MARRIED COUPLES. Give your marriage a well-deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! Our next weekend is September 12-14 in Dubuque. For more information call Denise and Greg at (563) 920-9419 or visit www.org.

We need your help!!! Please call the Pastoral Office if you are able to host the Missionary Team of two ladies. Call Jayden at 641-394-2105 for more details.

Also remember to register you child/children the date is fast approaching.

We are looking forward to a great week, of music, games, and sharing the Good News!

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."

EVENING PROGRAM

OPEN TO 7TH - 12TH GRADE
SUNDAY, JULY 20TH - THURSDAY, JULY 24TH

6:30 PM - 8:45 PM



July 20th - July 25th, 2025

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:

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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 Frid 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 lunch 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

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (NCCW)?

Whether your local women's group is an Altar & Rosary Society, Women's Guild, Council of Catholic Women or goes by some other title, we are all one under the NCCW umbrella.

This includes the Archdiocese of Dubuque Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) as well.

Think of the NCCW as the "home base" for Catholic women across the U.S., helping us grow in faith, become strong leaders, and serve our communities.

WHAT DOES THE NCCW DO? HELPS WOMEN GROW SPIRITUALLY

Shares resources for prayer, retreats, and faith formation. Encourages women to build a deeper relationship with God in everyday life.

BUILDS STRONG LEADERS

Offers workshops, conferences, and training to help women feel confident leading in the Church and their communities.

Supports local leaders like you with tools to strengthen your ACCW council.

SUPPORTS SERVICE PROJECTS

Organizes efforts to help people in need—whether it's feeding the hungry, supporting moms and families, or helping after natural disasters.

Stands up for important causes like protecting life, promoting justice, and caring for the vulnerable.

CONNECTS US TO THE BIGGER CHURCH

Gives Catholic women a voice at places like the United Nations.

Works with women's Catholic groups around the world so we can learn from and support each other.

CREATES PROGRAMS THAT MATTER

Develops programs on real-life issues—like healing from trauma, strengthening families, and mentoring young women.

Shares ideas and resources to inspire local councils to make a difference right where they are.

HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO YOUR ACCW WORK?

Your ACCW is part of this big network. While you focus on making a difference in your archdiocese, the NCCW provides the guidance, inspiration, and support to help you do it. You're never working alone, you're connected to thousands of Catholic women across the country, all striving to live out their faith through action.

SAVE THE DATE-ACCW ANNUAL MEETING: The 2025 ACCW annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025 at St. Benedict Parish in Decorah. This year's theme is "Pilgrims of Christian Hope," and the keynote speaker will be Mary Pedersen, The ACCW Spirituality Commission Chair and past Director of Adult Formation for the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

Archbishop Thomas Zinkula will be the main celebrant for the Mass. The day will include Morning, Refreshments, Exhibits, Silent Auction, and Lunch! In addition, the Our Lady of Good Counsel Award and the Golden Rose Award will be presented. Nominations for these wards are open until September 10.

For more information and to register, go to www.dbqarch.org/accw-events. For more information about ACCW, please contact ACCW President Billie Burhite at dbqaccwpresident@dbqarch.org.



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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

MONDAY-JULY 7, 2025

Bulletin News Due at Noon

TUESDAY-JULY 8, 2025

5:15 PM-St. Boniface-Deb Bonfig

WEDNESDAY-JULY 9, 2025

10 AM-NH Rehab-Rev. Walter Kleinfehn

THURSDAY-JULY 10, 2025

10 AM-Linn Haven-Ed & Dorothy Flick

FRIDAY-JULY 11, 2025

10:30 AM-Holy Family Funeral-Mary Lou Roethler

SATURDAY-JULY 12, 2025

- 1:30 PM-Holy Family Quinceanera
- 4 PM-Holy Family-Collective
- 6 PM-St. Boniface-Collective

SUN-JULY 13, 2025-15th Sunday

- **8 AM-Holy Family-**Collective
- **10 AM-Holy Family-**Living & Deceased Members of the Catholic Daughters of Americas

No Daily Mass when we have a funeral.



14 DAYS TIL TOTUS TUUS

LET THE FUN
BEGIN!!!!

Good News!

July 6, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) Isaiah 66:10–14c / Galatians 6:14–18 / Luke 10:1–12, 17–20 or 10:1–9

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If you could change one aspect of your life, what would that be? Financial instability? Arthritis? Addiction? A disruptive family member? Work's daily grind? Finding love? No doubt the answers are as varied as the people who answer the question.

Though the old poster advises us to "bloom where you are planted," sometimes we can feel as if we've been planted among weeds—the people we've been given, the problems that continually pop up, the conflicts that all too often shut out the peace we seek. Just as Jesus sends disciples into every place he intends to visit, the reality for us may very well be that he sends us into the very lives we live even though we wish we could change them. Where we are is where we've been sent. It is in the lives we have that we work out our salvation, for Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is at hand for you" (Luke 10:9).

St. Paul emphasized how important it is for disciples of Jesus to live out their identity as a new creation. British artist and sculptor Henry Moore made the observation that, in life, it is most important that we give ourselves over to a goal or dream, something so all-consuming that we live it morning, noon, and night. And the most important aspect of it, he said, is that it must be something we cannot possibly accomplish. For the followers of Jesus, it is the lifelong task to bloom where we've been planted.

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