

# Good Shepherd CLUSTER

Sunday, July 13, 2025  
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Dear Padre July 13, 2025

***I have a question about the prayer the priest says after the Our Father. Someone told me it's called an "embolism." Why don't we just end with "Amen" like when we say it at home?***

You have correctly identified the "embolism" or "interpretation" that has been added to the Lord's Prayer during the sacred liturgy. It reads, "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ." This addition, ancient in its use during the eucharistic liturgy, is a further explanation of the content and the intercessory nature of the prayer. It develops the last petition of the Lord's Prayer and asks for deliverance from the power of evil for the whole community of the faithful. It is an appropriate insertion, reflecting the purpose of the eucharistic gathering as spiritual but also as a celebration of the Lord's words and directions to us. In private prayer, the embolism would be out of place.

The sacred liturgy is filled with intercessory prayers, acclamations, and bits and pieces of ancient eucharistic prayers and blessings. Everything has been carefully chosen and placed within the celebration of the sacred liturgy to assist the faithful who gather to lift their minds and hearts to the Heavenly Father, through his Son Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit. ●

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

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## WELCOME TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD CLUSTER

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Are you or someone you know interested in becoming  
Catholic?

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Contact Deacon Vic DeSloover, for more information about the  
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the Good Shepherd Cluster!

Contact Deacon Vic at [DBQ141D@dbqarch.org](mailto:DBQ141D@dbqarch.org) or 563-429-2773  
today!

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LET THE  
FUN  
BEGIN!!!!

## MISSION STATEMENT

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community we strive to  
unite as a people of God  
whose life is centered in the  
Eucharist. We seek to live  
the Gospel message of Jesus  
Christ, called to be faithful  
stewards of God's gifts,  
growing in faith and  
attending to the spiritual  
and social needs of all."*

## GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

**Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 AM-4:30 PM**

**Friday 8 AM-Noon**

**Pastoral Office** 641-394-2105  
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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 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.

**SPOTLIGHT ON:** We wish to recognize and thank our Advertiser of the Week **Bank Iowa**. Please patronize our advertisers. Let them know you appreciate their support of the parish bulletin.

## 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

**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. Chris, 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: Edna Shinstine, Al Gilbert (Cindy's husband), Terry Lynn Rausch, Mark Zipse, Michele K, David Dick, Bill Sinnwell, Charlene Longhorn, Ron, Justin Shekleton, Alan Gilbert (Ruth's husband) 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: **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-** 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:

## **CLUSTER NEWS**

**WELCOME FR. CHRIS PODHAJSKY:** We welcome Fr. Chris to our Good Shepherd Cluster community. It was a very busy week of getting moved in, funeral, Quinceanera and Masses this week. Welcome to the Good Shepherd Community Family!!

### **MESSAGE FROM JAYDEN BURKE:**

Dear Good Shepherd Cluster Parishioners,  
I will be moving on after this Summer, I have been formally accepted as a seminarian of the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The current plan is for me to attend Mundelein Seminary in Mundelein, IL this Fall. I will be here through the end of Totus Tuus.

Thank you for your support and generosity over the past four years, Good Shepherd Cluster is truly an example of faith at its best. All of you have an immense dedication to the life of our parishes, which has been edifying to witness. I am sincerely grateful for everyone I've had the privilege to work beside. You have really helped me grow to this place in discernment.

This certainly isn't goodbye forever, I'll still be around here and there. Perhaps I'll be here for one of my internships in a few years. Thank you for all your prayers, and please continue to encourage and pray for vocations in our diocese.

In Christ,  
Jayden Burke  
Coordinator of St. John's and Faith Formation

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**Get Involved** Your voice matters! Offer your feedback, and pray with us as we discern how to build a vibrant Church for future generations.  
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## **CLUSTER NEWS**

**CLUSTER SEND OFF FOR JAYDEN BURKE:** We are happy to announce that Jayden Burke our Faith Formation DRE & St. John's Director will be heading to Mundelein for Seminary School. Please join us, Sunday, July 20, at Holy Family after the 8 am Mass for coffee & donuts in the Gathering Space. All are welcome!!

## **ST. BONIFACE**

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

## **HOLY FAMILY**

**WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED:** Angel Gael Tetzoyotl Lopez, daughter of Luis Angel Tetzoyotl and Evening Elizabeth Lopez. Angel was baptized last weekend by Deacon Rigoberto Real. May God Bless this family.

**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 Unga, Herman & Katie Schwickerath, Leo Steinlage and Joseph Hageman.

**COLLECTIVE MASS, JULY 20 AT 8 AM:** Merle, Alice & Mark Rethamel, Larry Engel, Jane Finnegan, Ray & Virginia Schwickerath, Emmett & Marianne Meissen, Living & Deceased members of the Mike & Edna Pickar families, Donald Schueth, Mike Troyna and Nita Geerts

**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 24 volunteers to step up and give us a call. We have 12 circles. Questions, or if you are interested, please, contact Marcia at the Pastoral Office, 394-2105.

## 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.

**CDA MEETING:** Will be Tuesday, July 15 at 6:00 pm, Hynes Hall. We are ordering pizza and will have a short meeting to finalize the upcoming Family Bingo night. Please RSVP so we have enough by texting Sue (641.330.2166) or call/text Janice (641.229.5784) to RSVP. new members WELCOME!

**Fr. Jim Goerend new address:** St. Atanasius Parish 635 Stevens Street, PO Box 316, Jesup, IA 50648-0316

### **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.

**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.

Events for the Day: Polka Mass-11 a.m., Rod Cerar Band, Fr. J. Haugen and Fr. T. Dusabe; Dinner 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Car Show 12 p.m.-3 p.m. On the grounds: Ice Cream, Face Painting, Souvenirs. Time capsule & A Visit to Stone City, 2 p.m. in the church.

**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 [wwwwe.org](http://wwwwe.org).



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Faith Formation and St. John School of Religion Registration is OPEN now through August 29th! Whether you're enrolling your child or helping a friend, now is the time to take the next step in their faith journey. Classes begin Wednesday, September 10th at 6:30 PM.

Register online today at: [goodshepherdcluster.com/online-registration](https://goodshepherdcluster.com/online-registration)

Paper forms are also available at the cluster office.



**Feeling called to serve?** We're looking for Catechists and Catechist Aides to help share the love of Christ with our young people. If you or someone you know is interested, reach out!

Call the Cluster Office or email: [dbqrt4@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbqrt4@dbqarch.org)

*Together, let's inspire the next generation of disciples!*



## NEW HAMPTON COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

**Tuesday, July 29, 2025**

**12:00 pm - 5:30 pm**

Community Center  
112 East Spring St | New Hampton



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**JULY 29**

**5-7:30 PM**

**FREE WILL**

**DONATION**

## Good Shepherd Job Openings

### **Director of Religious Education -**

Good Shepherd Cluster, New Hampton, Iowa, is seeking a full-time Director of Religious Education. This person must be a Catholic in good standing with the Church. This person will be responsible for overseeing the instructional program for children and teens, including sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion.

Additional responsibilities include providing religious education for high school students at St John School of Religion (primarily freshman and sophmores), overseeing community building and/or spiritual opportunities for teens, and recruitment / supervision of employees/volunteers for the religious program. This person should be proficient with technology and the internet, be organized and able to meet deadlines. It is preferred that this person hold some theological education or related field and 3 years of experience in Faith Formation.

However, these are not required if you are the right person for this role. If interested in this position, please contact Fr. Chris Podhajsky at 641-394-2105 or email at [dbq141@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq141@dbqarch.org).

### **Pastoral Assistant -**

Good Shepherd Cluster, New Hampton, is seeking a part-time Pastoral Assistant. This person must be a Catholic in good standing with the Church. This person will be responsible for initiating and administering programs and activities intended for faith formation (primarily adults), coordinating local involvement in larger events (Women's conference, Men's conference, World Day of Prayer, etc), and assisting in the planning of liturgical celebrations for major feasts. When needed, this person will also meet with families to assist in planning funerals for loved ones. This person will also be involved in ordering liturgical materials for the Cluster. This person should be proficient with technology and the internet, be organized and able to meet deadlines. It is preferred that this person have 2 years of experience in parish-based ministry.

However, this is not required if you are the right person for this role. If interested in this position, please contact Fr. Chris Podhajsky at 641-394-2105 or email at [dbq141@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq141@dbqarch.org).

**2025-2027 IMPACT Program for Catholic Adults:** IMPACT is a two-year formation program for Catholic adults, which is coordinated by the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The next offering of the IMPACT program will be held at St. Mary Catholic Church in Vinton, starting in September of 2025. IMPACT provides the opportunity to grow in your faith by attending monthly sessions with dynamic presenters, engaging in discussions with other participants, reading spiritual books, and receiving guidance from a spiritual mentor. Through study, prayer, reflection, and conversation, participants are challenged to respond more fully to Jesus' call to mission—to IMPACT our world! To learn more and apply, visit [www.dbqarch.org/impact](http://www.dbqarch.org/impact).

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# GOOD SHEPHERD MASS SCHEDULE

## 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

## MONDAY-JULY 14, 2025

Bulletin News Due at Noon

## TUESDAY-JULY 15, 2025

5:15 PM-Immaculate Conception-Ed & Dorothy Flick

## WEDNESDAY-JULY 16, 2025

10 AM-NH Rehab-John & Margaret Shekleton

## THURSDAY-JULY 17, 2025

10 AM-Kensington-Prayer & Communion Service

## FRIDAY-JULY 18, 2025

8:30 AM-Holy Family-Francis, Yvonne, Tom Sexton

## SATURDAY-JULY 19, 2025

4 PM-Holy Family-Francis & Jean Lowe

6 PM-Immaculate Conception-Arnold & Gloria Drilling

## SUNDAY, JULY 20-16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8 AM-Holy Family-Collective

10 AM-Holy Family-James, Arlene, Rick & Roger Holthaus

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

No Daily Mass when we have a funeral.

## MONDAY

July 14

St. Kateri

Tekakwitha, Virgin

Ex 1:8-14, 22

Mt 10:34-11:1

## TUESDAY

July 15

St. Bonaventure,

Bishop and Doctor

of the Church

Ex 2:1-15a

Mt 11:20-24

## WEDNESDAY

July 16

Weekday

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12

Mt 11:25-27

## THURSDAY

July 17

Weekday

Ex 3:13-20

Mt 11:28-30

## FRIDAY

July 18

Weekday

Ex 11:10-12:14

Mt 12:1-8

## SATURDAY

July 19

Weekday

Ex 12:37-42

Mt 12:14-21

## SUNDAY

July 20

Sixteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Gn 18:1-10a

Col 1:24-28

Lk 10:38-42

# Good News!

July 13, 2025

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Deuteronomy 30:10-14 /

Colossians 1:15-20 / Luke 10:25-37

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**We tend to hear the parable of the Good Samaritan** and place ourselves in the role of the Samaritan, thereby expected to be compassionate, as was the Samaritan. Those who heard Jesus tell the parable, however, would never have identified with the Samaritan. To them, the Samaritans were religious heretics who worshipped not in Jerusalem but at their own temple. Thus, the people of Jesus' day would have seen themselves as the victim, the one on the side of the road. Who, then, would be the Samaritan, the surprising caregiver, the compassionate one? Because parables are about God and how God works, it would be God who is and has always been the one who heals and feeds and nurtures us back to life. The parable then surprises the hearer of Jesus' day—God as a compassionate Samaritan!

It is God's compassion that we bring to those seeking forgiveness as well as to those who, for whatever reason, have not yet reached the point of asking for forgiveness. It is God's compassion that we bring to the unborn, the immigrant, the homeless, the sick in need of healing, the jobless who have lost hope. It is God's compassion that a nation brings to anyone who has lost his or her way, as it has been noted that the greatness of a nation is in how that nation deals with and cares for the weakest among them. ●

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| July 6, 2025   | Budget Report  |                       |             |
|--|--|-----------------------|-------------|
| Parish   | Holy Family  | Immaculate Conception | St Boniface |
| Yearly Collection Needed *   | Information will be available in the upcoming weeks. |                       |             |
| Yearly Collection Needed to 07.06.2025                                 |  |                       |             |
| Needed Weekly Amount   |  |                       |             |
| Received Last Week   | \$10,593.00  | \$1,990.00            | \$170.00    |
| Year to Date Recd to 07.06.2025  | \$10,593.00  | \$1,990.00            | \$170.00    |
| Difference   |  |                       |             |
|  |  |                       |             |
| Offertory  | \$804.00   | \$86.00               |             |
| Hispanic Mass Offertory  | \$388.00   |                       |             |
| *This is the amount needed to balance each respective church's budget. |  |                       |             |