

Good Shepherd CLUSTER

Sunday, July 20, 2025
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Padre

July 20, 2025

"Lead us not into temptation..." God does not lead us into temptation, so what is this saying?

You are of the same mind as the pope! In 2019, Pope Francis approved changing the Lord's Prayer, that is, changing the phrase "lead us not into temptation" to "do not let us fall into temptation." Pope Francis said that the original appeared to suggest that God caused the temptation. However, most Scripture scholars agree that "lead us not into temptation" is the best translation from the Greek. It's a subjunctive verb. It's used in the second person, addressed directly to God. And it really does say "do not lead us into temptation."

What did the pope hope to accomplish? Those who are most familiar with the pope say that what he was trying to clarify was not anchored in the intricacies of translation but rather anchored in pastoral life. He wanted to focus the attention of God's people on their action, "falling into temptation," and not on a misunderstanding of what Jesus was teaching. It was a point of focus and clarification to help us in our spiritual journey and our understanding of our relationship with God. Understood in this sense, the new translation would accomplish this pastoral purpose. ●

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MONDAY

July 21
Weekday
Ex 14:5-18
Mt 12:38-42

TUESDAY

July 22
St. Mary
Magdalene
Sg 3:1-4b or
2 Cor 5:14-17
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

WEDNESDAY

July 23
Weekday
Ex 16:1-5, 9-15
Mt 13:1-9

THURSDAY

July 24
Weekday
Ex 19:1-2, 9-11,
16-20b
Mt 13:10-17

FRIDAY

July 25
St. James, Apostle
2 Cor 4:7-15
Mt 20:20-28

SATURDAY

July 26
Sts. Joachim and
Anne, Parents of
the Blessed Virgin
Mary
Ex 24:3-8
Mt 13:24-30

SUNDAY

July 27
Seventeenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Gn 18:20-32
Col 2:12-14
Lk 11:1-13

WELCOME TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD CLUSTER

HOLY FAMILY, NEW HAMPTON
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NW
ST. BONIFACE, IONIA

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GOOD SHEPHERD
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MON.-THURS. 8 AM-4:30 PM
FRIDAY 8 AM-NOON

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www.goodshepherdcluster.com

MISSION STATEMENT

*"As a Catholic faith
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."*

Congratulations and prayerful support for Jayden as he enters seminary formation. Please keep him and all our seminarians in prayer.

GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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Friday 8 AM-Noon

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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 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 **Boeding, Speltz & Wernimont Family Dentistry**. 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: tom Rasing, Louise Conry, Edna Shinstine, Al Gilbert (Cindy's husband), Terry Lynn Rausch, 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. Trevor J. Burgart, 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: Marcia Knutson



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**THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THIS MISSION
AND FOR HELPING US KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE
AND THRIVING. MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED KINDNESS AND SUPPORT!**

*With heartfelt thanks,
St. Joseph Community School
Golf Outing Committee,
Students, Staff, and Families*



CLUSTER NEWS

WELCOME FR. CHRIS PODHAJSKY: I wanted to briefly introduce myself. My name is Fr. Chris Podhajsky (Fr. Chris works if you can't say Podhajsky). I am from Traer, Iowa, south of Waterloo on Highway 63 about 25 miles. I'm the eldest of 6 children (5 boys and 1 girl). I attended Loras College out of North Tama High School, and then seminary at St. Mary's in Baltimore. Archbishop Hanus ordained me in 2001. Since then I've had the privilege of serving in Mason City, Waterloo, Wright County, Cedar Rapids, northern Clayton County, and most recently Dyersville, Earlville, Petersburg, New Vienna, and Worthington.

It's an honor to now be among you. The people of New Hampton, Ionia, and North Washington have a great reputation for their fidelity and love of neighbor. I've already experienced so many kindnesses to validate that reputation. Going forward, I hope to celebrate and deepen that life of Faith which has been planted and nourished by so many.

+ May Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, the Holy Family, draw us in ever more into their home, the Church, the House of the Father in the Holy Spirit, where prayerful Faith, Hope, and Charity may forever increase. Amen.

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!!

What is Journey in Faith? *Journey in Faith* is our new pastoral planning process to renew discipleship and strengthen parish life. It is a response to real challenges—but grounded in hope and trust in the Holy Spirit. Every parish will be involved in shaping the future. Learn more at DbqJourneyInFaith.com.

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

NEW ADDRESS FOR FR. JIM: St. Athanasius Parish PO Box 316, Jesup, IA 50648-0316

Catastrophic Flash Flooding Devastates Texas: Recent flooding has devastated parts of central Texas. At least 132 lives have been lost and more are missing. Families are displaced and in urgent need of assistance. Local Catholic Charities agencies are on the ground, providing essential aid to those affected. Visit www.catholiccharitiesusa.org to support these local relief efforts. 100% of donations go directly to helping flood survivors recover.

HOLY FAMILY

WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED: Eloise Cole Burgart, daughter of Trevor & Kylie Burgart. Eloise was baptized last weekend by Deacon Vic DeSloover. May God bless this family.

WELCOME TO HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY:

Jibran & Sofia Carbajal and son Kayce, Claudio Choncoa Garcia & Obdulia Garcia and daughter Bianca, Ramon Flores, Maria Gazca and daughter Guadalupe Sofia Flores Gazca, Fidencio & Olga Gaitan and children Fernanda, Juan, Alexandra and Veronica, Briant Lopez & Marlyn Garcia and children Dario & Brianna Garcia, Roman and Ana Macias and daughter Zoe, Marco & Maria Navarro and children Marco, Antonio and Ingrid, Joel & Catalina Salgado and children Danna & Aitana, Carrie Schwickerath and Luis Tetzoytl & Evelring Garcia and son Angel. We are excited and blessed to welcome you all to Good Shepherd Cluster Community.

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 & Alex Geerts.

COLLECTIVE MASS, JULY 27 AT 10 AM: Ray & Bernice Felder, Virgil & Dolly Schwickerath, Ben & Mary Ryan, Harold, Dan Peters, Gloria Fox, Timm & Eric Berg, Rich, Mary Lou & Gerald Roethler.



Grow in Faith, Build the Future

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

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

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



Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?

We can help!



Contact Deacon Vic DeSloover, for more information about the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults/Children) Program at the Good Shepherd Cluster!

Contact Deacon Vic at DBQ141D@dbqarch.org or 563-429-2773 today!



NEW HAMPTON COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, July 29, 2025



12:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Community Center
112 East Spring St | New Hampton

TEXT lifeserve to 999-777 | CALL 800.287.4903 | VISIT lifeservebloodcenter.org



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BLOOD DRIVE IN AUGUST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Holy Family volunteers needed to sit at the canteen during the LifeServe Blood Drive on Tuesday, August 26 from Noon-5:30 p.m. You may volunteer for hour or two your preference. If you are interested, please call Marcia at the office, 394-2105.

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JULY 29

5-7:30 PM

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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 sophomores), 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.

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.

AREA NEWS & EVENTS

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

Celebrating the Astronomical Clock at the National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library: On Wednesday, July 23rd from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, Dr. Cecelia Rokusek, CEO, National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library (NCSML), will present the famous Czech Astronomical Clock and Tower in Cedar Rapids. The presentation is at the German American Museum in St. Lucas.

Dr. Rokusek was instrumental in the renovation of the clock tower and the installation of the new astronomical clock. This event is jointly sponsored by the Czech Heritage Partnership of Protivin and the German American Museum of St. Lucas. Ken Zajicek, president of the CHP will introduce the speaker. The presentation is followed by refreshments and pastries, and lively discussions.

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 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.

Exemplification to Fourth Degree: Become a member of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus on August 16, 2025. The Exemplification or membership ceremony will take place at St. Mary's in Spirit Lake, Iowa, but you will become an actual member of your local 4th Degree Assemble. For more information, Contact: Don Breuker 712-461-1321 Cell-Text 712-336-4855 Land Line msgrmccoykc@gmail.com

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.

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.

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GOOD SHEPHERD MASS SCHEDULE

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

MONDAY-JULY 21, 2025

- 11 AM-Marcia Knutson Funeral at St. Wenceslaus Church, Spillville
- Bulletin News Due at Noon

TUESDAY-JULY 22, 2025

- 11:15 AM-Holy Family-Merle, Alice & Mark Rethamel
- NO MASS-St. Boniface

WEDNESDAY-JULY 23, 2025

- 10 AM-NH Rehab-Prayer & Communion Service
- 11:15 AM-Holy Family-Msgr. Carl Schmitt

THURSDAY-JULY 24, 2025

- 10 AM-Linn Haven-Prayer & Communion Service
- 11:15 AM-Holy Family-Ed & Dorothy Flick

FRIDAY-JULY 25, 2025

- 11:15 AM-Holy Family-Bernard, Calista & Ginny Laures

SATURDAY-JULY 26, 2025

- 4 PM-Holy Family-For the People of the Cluster
- 6 PM-St. Boniface-Kay Koenigsfeld

SUN-JULY 27, 2025-17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 AM-Holy Family-Sandi Rieck & Tina Schwickerath
- 10 AM-Holy Family-Collective

No Daily Mass when we have a funeral.

Good News!

July 20, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Genesis 18:1-10a / Colossians 1:24-28 / Luke 10:38-42

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

These days, when people come to confession, they seldom list their sins by name and number. Quite often, it seems, they simply talk about their lives, about the chaos in which they seem to be living, about the relationships that are less than what they would hope, about the values they've let slide sometimes into the muck, about how they've turned in upon themselves, and about how caring for others has faded from their lives. After they've told their stories, I will usually ask if they take any time in the day to be quiet and if they pray in whatever way they find helpful and with some regularity. Invariably, they will say that they've let such prayer time slip away; that they have not been praying the way they once did. In such cases, I often suggest that as penance, they take some time—even just a little time—in the next day or two to simply quiet themselves in the presence of God.

Life will always tend to be chaotic. These days, there is too much going on for life not to be. But, quiet and reflective prayer seems to bring a balance, a re-focusing upon what is important and what is trivial. Without that, we can become overwhelmed and lose our way. It is what the Martha/Mary story is about. It's not that our own Martha-service is not worthwhile. It's crucially important in order to make life hum along in an orderly fashion. But without Mary's reflective part, our lives can become muddled drudgery. ●

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July 13, 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 07.13.2025			
Needed Weekly Amount			
Received Last Week	\$7,861.00	\$130.00	\$885.00
Year to Date Recd to 07.13.2025	\$18,454.00	\$2,120.00	\$1,055.00
Difference			
Offertory	\$850.00		\$110.00
Hispanic Mass Offertory			
*This is the amount needed to balance each respective church's budget.			