

# Good Shepherd CLUSTER

**Sunday, August 3, 2025**  
**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Dear Padre

August 3, 2025

***Sometimes after Mass, I go to the late service at a "Bible church" with the rest of my family. Once a month, this church serves communion, but they make it clear that it is only as a memory of Jesus and the Last Supper, and that Jesus is not present at communion. Is it OK to receive this communion?***

The Catholic understanding of Holy Communion includes not only the understanding of Communion as the Body and Blood of Christ, but it includes something more. Communion is a statement of belief and a statement of belonging. When Catholics participate in the sacrament, they are identifying with divinity as well as with the community of believers who are joined together in "one mind and in one spirit." It is an act of unity, a real "communion." Even though the Bible church clearly teaches a different theology of communion, it would seem to me that, for a Catholic, the fullest meaning and understanding of Communion is important and worth witnessing to. For this reason, I would refrain from participating in communion at the Bible church. Do so quietly and respectfully, because what is being celebrated is important; it just does not have the full meaning that you understand is necessary. ●

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

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## 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](https://goodshepherdcluster.com/online-registration)

Paper forms are also available at the cluster office.

### MONDAY

August 4

St. John Vianney,  
Priest

Nm 11:4b-15

Mt 14:13-21

### TUESDAY

August 5

Weekday

Nm 12:1-13

Mt 14:22-36 or

Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

### WEDNESDAY

August 6

Transfiguration  
of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Pt 1:16-19

Lk 9:28b-36

### THURSDAY

August 7

Weekday

Nm 20:1-13

Mt 16:13-23

### FRIDAY

August 8

St. Dominic, Priest

Dt 4:32-40

Mt 16:24-28

### SATURDAY

August 9

Weekday

Dt 6:4-13

Mt 17:14-20

### SUNDAY

August 10

Nineteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

or 11:1-2, 8-12

Lk 12:32-48 or Lk  
12:35-40

## WELCOME TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD CLUSTER

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

VISIT US ON OUR WEBSITE  
[www.goodshepherdcluster.com](http://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."*

## GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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

Friday 8 AM-Noon

**Pastoral Office** 641-394-2105  
**St. Joseph Community School** 641-394-2865  
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**Custodian:** Dave Roethler  
**Music Director:** Michelle Lau 641-229-6589  
**Adult Choir Director:** Ann Bennett 641-394-5407

## 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, August 9, 23  
September 6 & 20

6 PM Immaculate Conception, August 2, 16, 30  
September 13, 27

### *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 **Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Joan of Arc #388**. 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: Norbert, Bob, Tom Rasing, Louise Conry, Edna Shinstine, Terry Lynn Rausch, Michele K, Bill Sinnwell, Charlene Longhorn, Ron, Justin Shekleton, Alan Gilbert (Ruth's husband) Troy, Joyce Lowe, Beatrice Miller, 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:

## CLUSTER NEWS

**WELCOME PRE-CANA COUPLES TO HOLY FAMILY-**We welcome these couples as they celebrate Mass with us and pray for them as they prepare for the life of marriage.

**SHARING ROOM at the PASTORAL OFFICE:** Is open Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m.-4 p.m. and Fridays, 9-11 a.m. The sharing room has nice gentle used clothes, kitchen items, bedding. This is open to anyone in the community who has a need.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The CDA Court Joan of Arc #388 is hosting a **free Family Bingo Night event for Tuesday August 19th.** The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with a free light supper of a hot sandwich, baked beans, chips, dessert and drinks. Bingo starts at 6:30 pm with free cards and prizes. All are welcome, parishioners of all ages and bring friends or neighbors along and enjoy faith, family and fun together!

**BLOOD DRIVE IN AUGUST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Good Shepherd Cluster Community 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.

**SUMMER READING:** Trying to find that good book to explore another place, gain knowledge, or inspire a new direction. We have several books in the Gathering Space Book Case. If you find one you like please feel free to take home and read.

**HELP with HOMEBOUND COMMUNION:** We are looking for volunteers to take Communion and share some prayer time with our parishioners who are homebound. If you have a limited schedule, we can work with you.

**HELP with WEDDINGS:** We are looking for a volunteer (s) interested in assisting Father with wedding ceremonies. Some of the responsibilities include preparing for Communion if the ceremony includes Mass, giving direction to ushers, help make sure the ceremony runs timely, etc. Contact the Pastoral Office @ 394-2105.

**FUNERAL COOKS/COORDINATOR:** We are looking for people that are able to cook/coordinate funeral dinners. Contact the Pastoral Office for questions or if you are interested.

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**COLLECTIVE MASS, AUGUST 2 AT 6 PM:** Jack Seelhammer, Lavern Tilkes, Dan Heying, Steve Dvorak, Rosemary Carpenter, Herb & Alice Carpenter, Living and deceased members of the Adolph Havlik Sr. family.

## ST. BONIFACE

**COLLECTIVE MASS, AUGUST 9, AT 6 PM:** Deb Bonfig, Leo Rasing, Louis & Mary Link, Joyce Cavanaugh, Leonard & Floretine & Paul Huegel, James Finnegan, Harold & Florine Clark.

## HOLY FAMILY

**WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED:** Zoe Isabela Macias, daughter of Roman & Ana Macias. Zoe was baptized last weekend by Fr. Chris. May God bless this family.

**COLLECTIVE MASS, AUGUST 2 AT 4 PM:** Joan Heiman, Merle Schwickerath, Ron Pumphrey, Joe & Phyllis Glaser, Dale Rosonke, Rodney Weeding, Don & Kathleen Sullivan, Mary Hoeft and Landri Burgart.

**COLLECTIVE MASS, AUGUST 9 AT 4 PM:** Joyce Kramer, Francis & Alice Klassen, Terry Kasuboski, Msgr. Carl Schmitt, Herb & Marceile Christoph, Andy Schmitt, Wayne Tenge, Dick & Betty Jo Snyder, Joseph (Barney) & Lucille Forkenbrock.

**COLLECTIVE MASS, AUGUST 10 AT 8 AM:** Merle & Alice Rethamel, Donna Burgart and Duane Lynch.

**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. Questions, or if you are interested contact Marcia at the Pastoral Office, 394-2105.

July 27, 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 07.27.2025			
Needed Weekly Amount			
Received Last Week	\$5,894.00	\$100.00	\$325.00
Year to Date Recd to 07.27.2025	\$33,611.33	\$2,517.00	\$1,530.00
Difference			
Offertory	\$996.00		\$46.00
Hispanic Mass Offertory			
*This is the amount needed to balance each respective church's budget.			



## 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](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).

**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: [clustergs@gmail.com](mailto:clustergs@gmail.com)

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



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# OUTDOOR CONCERT

STEVE ANGRISANO &  
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**August 15, 2025 | 7:00 PM**  
223 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave E | Cresco, IA



Food Trucks  
from 6-9 p.m.!

**GOD IS WITH YOU  
WHEREVER YOU GO**



**JOSHUA 1:9**

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# BEEatitudes

## FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

**Tuesday,  
August, 19th  
Hynes Hall**

**Make a bee line  
to the basement.  
All are welcome!**

**FREE  
FOOD AND  
PRIZES!**

**SUPPER  
5:30pm**

**BINGO  
6:30pm**



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# Holy Family Parish

## FALL FESTIVAL



LIVE MUSIC | DRINKS & FOOD | KIDS GAMES | BINGO

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 24**  
**11 AM - 3 PM**

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# Holy Family Parish

## FALL FESTIVAL

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CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**



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TICKETS FOR 2**

**RAFFLE TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE PARISH  
OFFICE OR FROM ANY FALL FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEMBER.**



## AREA NEWS & EVENTS

**Cookies for Cancer:** August cookie of the month-Cowboy (pecans, oatmeal, coconut, & chocolate chips) 15/\$10. Rose Ann Schwickerath 641-557-8530.

**Chickasaw Relay for Life Event:** Sunday, August 3rd at the Highland Park, Lawler from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are Re "Lion" on you to Stomp out Cancer!!!

**Rockhounding in Northeast Iowa:** On Wed. evening, Aug. 13th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, rockhounding and artifact collectors are gathering at the German American Museum in St. Lucas to share their rockhounding experiences by displaying and expounding on their best examples of rocks and artifacts found in this area of Iowa. Presenters include: Mark Langreck, Waucoma; Jacob Bruess, Protivin; Leon Herald, Sumner; and Bruce Fink, West Union. After these presentations the audience members are invited to share their rockhounding and artifact collecting stories. Please come and enjoy the field experiences of these rockhounds and amateur geologists. Everyone is a rockhound at heart. The event is followed by refreshments, cookies, and summer melon delights.

**Assumption Picnic:** Assumption Parish in Little Turkey will be celebrating their annual church dinner on Friday, Aug. 15. Mass will be at 3:00 pm. Meal will be served from 4:00-8:00 pm. \$16 per meal - 3 piece chicken, real mashed potatoes with gravy, homemade dressing, corn, coleslaw, kolaches, and cookies. Outdoor dining only, carry-out or drive-thru. Music, Games, Bingo, kolache sales, raffle, and Facebook auction.

**Holy Trinity's 47th Annual Czech Days** celebration will be held August 15-17 in Protivin. Some of the weekend festivities include kid's games, Bingo, cake walk, volleyball, softball, and bean bag tournaments, live music, polka Mass at 10:30 am on Sunday, raffle and auction, and great food at the Community Center (homemade chicken noodle soup, creamed chicken, rohlicky, kolaches, and more).

**Join us Sunday, August 17th** for a fundraising event featuring Catholic singer-songwriter **Steve Angrisano**. The evening will feature food, music, and faith as we gather to make a global impact in supporting **Mary's Meals**, an organization that feeds over 2 million of the world's most vulnerable children one simple meal at a time. The event will be held at the Ossian Pavillion at Careys Park with food at 5:30 p.m. and the concert starting at 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Catholic parishes of Calmar, Festina, Ossian, and Spillville. Learn more at: [marysmealsusa.org](http://marysmealsusa.org) and [dbqarch.org/news/steve-angrisano-and-marys-meals-concert-series](http://dbqarch.org/news/steve-angrisano-and-marys-meals-concert-series)

## Virtues

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## NEW HAMPTON COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

**TUESDAY  
AUGUST 26 12:00 - 5:30 PM**

Community Center | 112 E. Spring St. | New Hampton



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## GOOD SHEPHERD MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY-AUGUST 2, 2025

2 PM-Holy Family-Wedding-  
Christopher Tope & Beth Schwickerath

4 PM-Holy Family-Collective

6 PM-Immaculate Conception-Collective

### SUN., AUGUST 3, 2025-18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8 AM-Holy Family-Ed & Bev Breitbach

10 AM-Holy Family-Stanley & Agatha Busta

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

PRE-CANA @ Holy Family

### MONDAY-AUGUST 4, 2025

Bulletin News Due at Noon

### TUESDAY-AUGUST 5, 2025

5:15 PM-St. Boniface-Joyce Cavanaugh

### WEDNESDAY-AUGUST 6, 2025

10 AM-NH Rehab-Lorraine Hackman

### THURSDAY-AUGUST 7, 2025

10 AM-Accura-Ed & Dorothy Flick

### FRIDAY-AUGUST 8, 2025

8:30 AM-Holy Family-Bernard & Calista Laures

### SATURDAY-AUGUST 9, 2025

8 am-Hynes Hall Rental

4 PM-Holy Family-Collective

6 PM-St. Boniface-Collective

### SUN-AUGUST 10, 2025-19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 AM-Holy Family-Collective

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

11 am-Hynes Hall Rental

2:30 pm-Rain site-Parish Center

No Daily Mass when we have a funeral.

# Good News!

August 3, 2025

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 / Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 /

Luke 12:13-21

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**Remember this: Jesus said, “one’s life does not consist of possessions.” But, if not that, what then?**

Think back upon your memories: the first warm day of spring, when the fireworks of new life exploded upon you; laughing so hard that your sides hurt, and you and your friends could not stop laughing even to breathe; walking barefoot in the dewy grass; your best friend telling you you’re best friends; learning to finally ride a bike no-handed and thinking that you moved up a rung on the ladder of awesomeness; the first time you dared to risk reaching for the hand of someone you discovered you liked more than anyone else; the unbelievable wonder at the birth of your child; making googly faces at a burbling baby, and the baby googling back; your child snuggling into bed with you at two in the morning because she’s frightened by the thunderstorm; talking with friends on and on into the night and wishing it could go on for forever; a cold beer, the reward for cutting the grass on a dizzying summer afternoon; being young with an abundance of dreams of what might be; growing old and thinking life was worth it all.

Remember this: there is so much more to life than one’s possessions. We all know this, and yet we forget. Perhaps in forgetting, we might be surprised again and again by the beauty of what cannot be purchased and so recognize the loving touch of our God. ●

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