

# Good Shepherd CLUSTER

Sunday, August 10, 2025  
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Dear Padre

August 10, 2025

### **Where did the Virgin Mary spend her last days on earth? Ephesus or Jerusalem?**

Shortly before Jesus died on the cross, he entrusted his widowed mother to the protective care of John the Evangelist. (See John 19:26–27.) Accordingly, when John lived his final years in Ephesus, it is believed that Mary also spent her last days nearby in a modest stone dwelling, before being assumed body and soul into heaven “to be preserved from the corruption of the tomb” (Pope Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*, 1950). Moreover, it is likely in Ephesus (present-day Turkey) where the tradition of Mary’s Assumption started.

Pope Benedict XIV (1740–1758) declared Ephesus was “where the Blessed Mother...proceeded from this life into heaven.” More recent popes, such as Paul VI in 1967 and John Paul II in 1979, prayed in this venerable home, known as Mother Mary’s House.

However, close to Gethsemane in Jerusalem is the Basilica of the Tomb of Mary from the fifth century. It is built around an ancient crypt where Mary’s body was believed to have been laid before it was assumed into heaven.

While both Ephesus and Jerusalem claim to be the location where the Virgin Mary spent her last years on earth, experts contend the latter is the older tradition and the more credible place. Even if Mary temporarily left Jerusalem, it is probable she returned to the land of her birth and resided there at the end of her earthly life. ●

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#### **MONDAY**

August 11  
*St. Clare, Virgin*  
Dt 10:12–22  
Mt 17:22–27

#### **TUESDAY**

August 12  
*Weekday*  
Dt 31:1–8  
Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

#### **WEDNESDAY**

August 13  
*Weekday*  
Dt 34:1–12  
Mt 18:15–20

#### **THURSDAY**

August 14  
*St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr*  
Jos 3:7–10a, 11, 13–17  
Mt 18:21–19:1

#### **FRIDAY**

August 15  
*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab  
1 Cor 15:20–27  
Lk 1:39–56

#### **SATURDAY**

August 16  
*Weekday*  
Jos 24:14–29  
Mt 19:13–15

#### **SUNDAY**

August 17  
*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Jer 38:4–6, 8–10  
Heb 12:1–4  
Lk 12:49–53

## WELCOME TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD CLUSTER

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*“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.”*

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, August 14-Vigil Mass 6 pm-Holy Family, New Hampton

Friday, August 15-8:30 am-Holy Family New Hampton

## GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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Friday 8 AM-Noon

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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

## 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 16, 30  
September 13, 27

### Sunday

8 AM & 10 AM Holy Family, New Hampton

**SPOTLIGHT ON:** We wish to recognize and thank our Advertiser of the Week **Chickasaw Mutual Insurance-Randy Nosbisch**. 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. 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: Gordy Ira, Kathleen Roethler, Dolly Gorman, James "Jim" Flick and Peggy Lester.

## CLUSTER NEWS

**FR. PODHAJSKY INSTALLATION:** Join us Sunday, August 31 at 10:00 AM Mass at Holy Family. Fr. Huber will be presiding in the installation of Fr. Chris. All are welcome a reception will follow Mass.

**CONGRATULATIONS NEWLY MARRIED:** Christopher & Beth (Schwickerath) Tope. Married last weekend at Holy Family. May God continue to bless you on your journey together.

**KC MEETING:** The New Hampton Knights of Columbus, Council 1697, will be having our monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 12th at the Parish Center in the K of C room, starting at 7:00pm.

**FAMILY BINGO:** 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!

**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.

**REMINDER FUNERAL DISHES:** We have several funerals dishes waiting to be pick up in the Gathering Space, please take the time to stop by and pick them up. Thank you.

**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.

**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

**THANK YOU:** We would like to express our deepest appreciation for the overwhelming love and support shown to us when Dad passed away. We are incredibly grateful for your generous prayers, thoughts, words of encouragement, and gifts in memory of Dad. A special thank you to Father Chris, Gladys Christoph, Dennis Lau, Immaculate Conception Men's Choir, organist Jane Karels, and those that organized and served the funeral dinner. Thank you for your friendship!



Our sincere thanks,  
The Cletus Ries Family  
Roger, Lisa, Sherri, Anita, and Lonnie

### 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:** Clare Marian Tupper, daughter of Michael & Amanda Tupper. Clare was baptized last weekend by Deacon Vic. Also welcome Andrea Guadalupe Rosales Sanchez, daughter of Mario Rosales and Karla Nayelli Sanchez and Rafael Ortega Rosales, son of Richar Porfirio Ortega and Guillermina Rosales baptized this past week by Fr. Chris. May God bless these families.

**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.

**COLLECTIVE MASS, AUGUST 17 AT 8 AM:** Louis & Kathryn Geerts, Gerald, Rita, & Robert Burgart, Theresa Martin, Duane Lynch, Eileen Reyes, Ginny Laures, Bernard & Calista Laures, Bob & Betty Brincks, Jim & Doris Galligan and Curtis Schwickerath.

## 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.

**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)



### **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](http://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: [clustersg@gmail.com](mailto:clustersg@gmail.com)

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

**New Hampton Community Blood Drive:** LifeServe Ultimate Tailgate Give-A-Way—Give Blood on Tuesday, August 26, 12-5:30 p.m. at the Community Center, 112 E. Spring St., and all donors will be entered to win a \$600 tailgate prize package. Call today to make an appointment 800-287-4903 or visit [lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org). Walk ins welcome!!!

**Married Couples.** Would you like to relive the excitement, romance and passion from your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information call 563-920-9419 or you can sign up at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org). Upcoming dates are September 12-14 and February 13-15, 2026 both in Dubuque, Iowa. Sign up soon as space is limited.



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**August 15, 2025 | 7:00 PM**

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# Holy Family Parish

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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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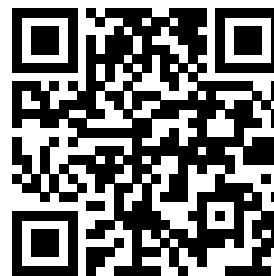
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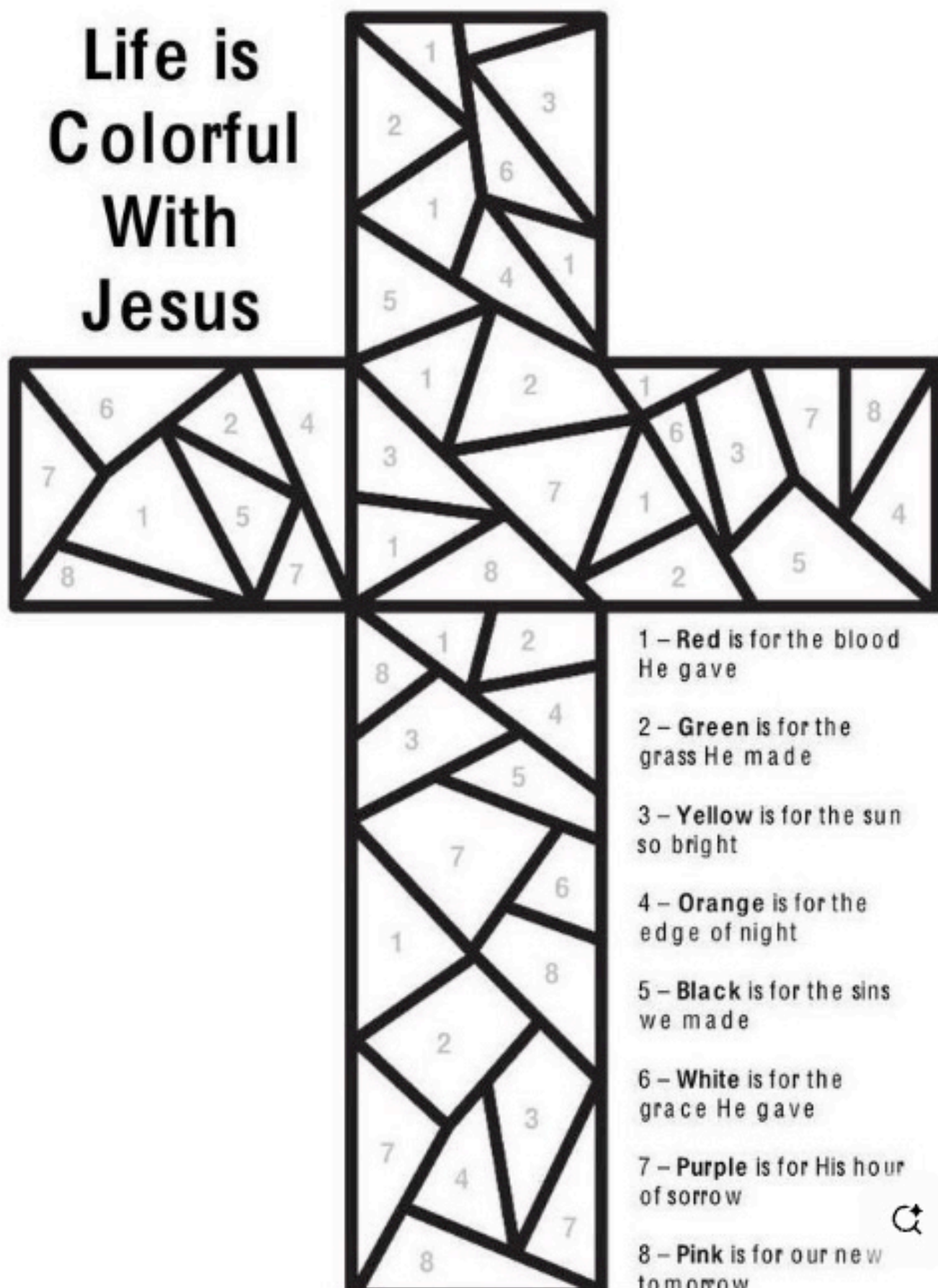
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## GOOD SHEPHERD MASS SCHEDULE

### 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

### MONDAY-AUGUST 11, 2025

Bulletin News Due at Noon

### TUESDAY-AUGUST 12, 2025

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

### WEDNESDAY-AUGUST 13, 2025

10 AM-NH Rehab-Joyce Cavanaugh

### THURSDAY-AUGUST 14, 2025

10 AM-Kensington-Charles & Emma Kriz  
 6 PM-Holy Family-For the People of the Cluster

### FRIDAY-AUGUST 15, 2025

8:30 AM-Holy Family-William Murphy

### SATURDAY-AUGUST 16, 2025

11 am-Hynes Hall Rental  
 4 PM-Holy Family-John & Charlene Brannon family  
 6 PM-Immaculate Conception-Cletus & Eleanor Schwickerath

### SUN., AUGUST 17, 2025-20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8 AM-Holy Family-Collective  
 10 AM-Holy Family-Rachel Stone  
 11:30 AM-Holy Family-For the People of the Cluster

No Daily Mass when we have a funeral.

## Good News!

August 10, 2025

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*

Wisdom 18:6-9 / Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12  
 Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**When the British colonized India, they brought with them the game of golf.** A worse hazard than sand traps turned out to be monkeys. Wherever the ball landed, a monkey would run onto the fairway, pick it up, and drop it somewhere else—from the fairway into the rough, out of a sand trap onto the green, from the green back onto the fairway. The Brits tried everything to keep the monkeys off the course—fences, sirens, booming noises. Nothing worked. In the end, they ended up changing the rule book: play the ball where the monkey drops it.

The scriptures today tell of people who lived with an openness to wherever it was that God would take them. They played the ball wherever the monkey dropped it. It is the story of the Hebrews enslaved in Egypt when they were about to be led out into a God-knew-where desert. It is the story of aged Abraham and Sarah, called to travel to an alien land and then into parenthood in their old age. Faith is not trusting that God will always take us to where we want to be; it is trusting that wherever it is that God takes us will ultimately bring us into fuller life. So, watch and be ready to recognize the coming of God. It may be in times of darkness for you (as when the master comes late at night, says Luke's Gospel) or when you find yourself in an "alien land," a place in life you've never been before. ●

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August 3, 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 08.03.2025			
Needed Weekly Amount			
Received Last Week	\$11,340.00	\$170.00	\$175.00
Year to Date Recd to 08.03.2025	\$45,176.33	\$2,687.00	\$1,705.00
Difference			
Offertory	\$711.00	\$71.00	
Hispanic Mass Offertory	\$249.00		

\*This is the amount needed to balance each respective church's budget.