

# Good Shepherd CLUSTER

Sunday, August 17, 2025  
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Dear Padre

August 17, 2025

### **Is "co-redemptrix" a title for the Blessed Virgin Mary?**

The Church does not officially regard Mary as a co-redemptrix with Christ. Her "'unique holiness...from the first instant of her conception' comes wholly from Christ: she is 'redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 492).

According to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the title "co-redemptrix" would "obscure" the origin that "everything comes through Christ," as written in Ephesians and Colossians. "Mary, too, is everything she is through Him," stated the future Pope Benedict XVI, adding that "co-redemptrix" is a departure "from the language of Scripture and of the Fathers, and therefore gives rise to misunderstandings."

Likewise, in 2019, Pope Francis quoted St. Bernard, who said that no praise is sufficient to talk about Mary, but, ultimately, her title as a humble "disciple" best represents Mary's faithfulness to "her Son, the only Redeemer." "She never wanted for herself something that was of her Son," explained the pontiff. "She never introduced herself as co-redemptrix. No. Disciple."

Pope Francis reiterated the Church's position on this matter in 2021, saying that Jesus entrusted the universal Church and all the faithful to Mary, "Not as a goddess. Not as a co-redemptrix. As a mother." Incidentally, "Mother of God" (Greek: *Theotokos*, "God-bearer") is Mary's oldest title, established in 431 by the Council of Ephesus. ●

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#### **MONDAY**

August 18

Weekday

Jgs 2:11-19

Mt 19:16-22

#### **TUESDAY**

August 19

Weekday

Jgs 6:11-24a

Mt 19:23-30

#### **WEDNESDAY**

August 20

St. Bernard,

*Abbot and Doctor*

*of the Church*

Jgs 9:6-15

Mt 20:1-16

#### **THURSDAY**

August 21

St. Pius X, Pope

Jgs 11:29-39a

Mt 22:1-14

#### **FRIDAY**

August 22

*The Queenship*

*of the Blessed*

*Virgin Mary*

Ru 1:1, 3-6,

14b-16, 22

Mt 22:34-40

#### **SATURDAY**

August 23

Weekday

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11;

4:13-17

Mt 23:1-12

#### **SUNDAY**

August 24

*Twenty-first*

*Sunday in*

*Ordinary Time*

Is 66:18-21

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

Lk 13:22-30

## 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."*

**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 to the reception following Mass.

## GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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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 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 **Country Carpentry-Lester Glaser**. 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: Mary Lee Einck-Moothart, 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: Rodney Lenehan

## CLUSTER NEWS

**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!

**LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE:** Do you know a couple who have been married 70, 75 or more years? Worldwide Marriage Encounter highlights and honors couples who have very long marriages. Every state in the US will honor one nominated couple who is married the longest. Please nominate a couple by going to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) and nominate them at the top of the page. Nominations should be in by September 1st. For questions call 641-753-6953.

**HELP with HOMEBOUND COMMUNION:** We are looking for volunteers to take Communion and share 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.

## HOLY FAMILY

**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.

**COLLECTIVE MASS, AUGUST 24 AT 10 AM:** Lorna, Wayne, Gene, and Don Gorman, Stanley & Agatha Busta, Allyson Brannon, Clem & Bernice Langreck, Florence Boos, Glenda Holthaus, Daniel Kobliska, Rev. Walter Kleinfehn, Mac, Jovina & Jim Scally.

**YOUTH CHOIR:** Looking for singers, grades 3-8. We sing at the 8:00 AM Mass once a month. Practices are weekly, after 8AM Mass in the Gathering Space, starting in September. Please contact Betsy Zenk if interested ([betsy.zenk@gmail.com](mailto:betsy.zenk@gmail.com)).



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FROM  
6:00-6:45PM  
WITH A FREE  
WILL DONATION  
MEAL AHEAD  
OF CLASS**

**CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 10!**

# **BIG CHANGES!**

**Faith Formation kicks off soon with a new game plan!**

**MORE Classes – K–8th Grade!**



**YES! This includes classes for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders!**

**NEW Time: 6:00–6:45pm**



**NEW Feature:**

**Simple free will donation meal available ahead of classes for our busy families!**

**Same Start Date: September 10th**

## **JOIN US!**

**Want to be part of these family friendly changes?  
Contact Tara Underwood or the Parish Office today!**

## 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).



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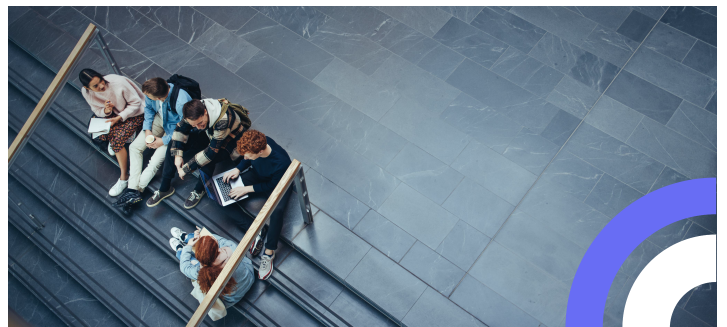
Faith Formation and St. John School of Religion Registration is OPEN now through August 29th! Whether you're enrolling your child or helping a friend, now is the time to take the next step in their faith journey. Classes begin Wednesday, September 10th at 6:30 PM.

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: [clustergs@gmail.com](mailto:clustergs@gmail.com)  
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## FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

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Hynes Hall

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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

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11 AM - 3 PM**

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**Cookies for Cancer:** August cookie of the month-Cowboy (pecans, oatmeal, coconut, & chocolate chips) 15/\$10. Or you may purchase gift certificates \$5.00 and up!!! Contact Rose Ann Schwickerath 641-557-8530.

# WELCOME BACK

## FOOD TRUCK FRENZY

### AUGUST 20TH

From 11 AM to 7 PM on the East Side of Kindness Square!  
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OR  
Make a \$100 donation that goes  
directly to  
"American Cancer Society"

## AREA NEWS & EVENTS

**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)

**Back to School Breakfast:** Sunday, August, 24, St. Teresa of Calcutta, Ossian. Serving from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Breakfast Menu: Scrambled eggs, with toppings, sliced ham, cubed potatoes, fruit cup, toast, cinnamon rolls, and drinks. Tickets: Adults: \$12; Children 6-12: \$6; and under 6 free. Great way to start school!!!

**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!!!

**Our Lady of Seven Dolors Fall Festival on Sunday, September 7th.** Serving Mike Reicks' famous chicken, pork cutlets, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade dressing, sauerkraut, hand-picked sweet corn, garden fresh relish trays, fresh rolls, delicious pies, and other desserts. Be sure to take part in Bingo, the cake walk, and the country store and other activities.

The meal will be served from **10:30 am to 12:30 pm**; carry-outs are available. Tickets available at South Winn Insurance, Drillings All Season Sports, The Zipper OR any parish member are \$20 in advance and \$22 at the door.

**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.

## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Pastoral Office 641-394-2105

## GOOD SHEPHERD MASS SCHEDULE

### 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

### MONDAY-AUGUST 18, 2025

Bulletin News Due at Noon

### TUESDAY-AUGUST 19, 2025

**5:15 PM-St. Boniface**-Jim & Joyce Cavanaugh

5:30 PM-CD of A Family Bingo, Hynes Hall

### WEDNESDAY-AUGUST 20, 2025

**10 AM-NH Rehab**-Carol Burgart

### THURSDAY-AUGUST 21, 2025

**10 AM-Linn Haven**-Alice Rethamel

### FRIDAY-AUGUST 22, 2025

**8:30 AM-Holy Family**-Mark Schwickerath

### SATURDAY-AUGUST 23, 2025

**4 PM-Holy Family**-Joe "Arnie", Louis, Brian, & Justin Tierney

Jeff Leach, Dan & Jerry Kuhn

**6 PM-St. Boniface**-John Brummond

### SUN-AUGUST 24, 2025-21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8 AM-Holy Family**-For the People of the Cluster

**10 AM-Holy Family**-Collective

**11 AM-Holy Family** Fall Festival, Parish Center

No Daily Mass when we have a funeral.

# Good News!

August 17, 2025

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 / Hebrews 12:1-4 /

Luke 12:49-53

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**One day, as I was walking in a local nature preserve,** I came across what someone had written in the sand: "It's time to take a stand." Though the person never suggested what we should take a stand on, all of us take stands in life. In many ways, those stands define our lives: Republican or Democrat, pro-life or pro-choice, NRA and guns, save the whales, vax or anti-vax, ecology. As we all know so well, where we stand on any given issue can become divisive among friends and even family.

The Scriptures this weekend tell of the prophet Jeremiah, who took a stand of faith against the king who trusted in military arms rather than in God. The Letter to the Hebrews mentions an Old Testament "cloud of witnesses" who placed faith in God without knowing where that would take them. And, Jesus himself recognizes that those who place their faith in him and the vision of life he proclaimed would find themselves in conflict with others. For every person who professes faith in Jesus Christ, the question becomes how this faith affects all the other stands we take. To "keep our eyes fixed on Jesus" influences the lifestyle we choose, how we spend our time and our money, who our friends are, and even who we vote for. At some point, faith insists we take a stand. ●

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August 10, 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 08.10.2025			
Needed Weekly Amount			
Received Last Week	\$9,012.00	\$335.00	\$870.00
Year to Date Recd to 08.10.2025	\$53,963.33	\$3,022.00	\$2,575.00
Difference			
Offertory	\$780.00		\$100.00
Hispanic Mass Offertory			
*This is the amount needed to balance each respective church's budget.			