

Good Shepherd C L U S T E R

Sunday, August 31, 2025
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Padre

August 31, 2025

Is it sacrilegious to throw away a sacramental?

"Sacramentals do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church's prayer, they prepare us to receive and dispose us to cooperate with it" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1670). Therefore, sacramentals confer grace through the Church's power of prayer and, if blessed, should not be thrown away but burned and/or buried. If the object has not been blessed, it can be discarded; however, it could also be donated to a Catholic ministry (school, prison, hospital, etc.) that would benefit from its distribution. (If a religious object was included in an unsolicited appeal letter from a charitable organization, it is safe to assume that it was not blessed.)

If the object is worn or broken, it should be substantially altered so that it loses its form as a sacramental and then returned to the earthly elements. For example, a worn scapular should be burned and the ashes buried; a damaged statue should be further broken into smaller fragments and buried. A European tradition on the Vigil of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (June 23) is to burn old sacramentals in bonfires and bury the ashes. Burning and/or burial respects the sacred nature once held by these items and prevents their adaptation for trivial use. Reverence and discretion are proper for whatever method of disposal. ●

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MONDAY

September 1
Weekday
1 Thes 4:13-18
Lk 4:16-30

TUESDAY

September 2
Weekday
1 Thes 5:1-6,
9-11
Lk 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY

September 3
St. Gregory the
Great, Pope and
Doctor of the
Church
Col 1:1-8
Lk 4:38-44

THURSDAY

September 4
Weekday
Col 1:9-14
Lk 5:1-11

FRIDAY

September 5
Weekday
Col 1:15-20
Lk 5:33-39

SATURDAY

September 6
Weekday
Col 1:21-23
Lk 6:1-5

SUNDAY

September 7
Twenty-third
Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Wis 9:13-18b
Phlm 9-10, 12-17
Lk 14:25-33

WELCOME TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD CLUSTER

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

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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."*

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 light lunch following Mass.

GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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

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, September 6 & 20
October 4 & 18

6 PM Immaculate Conception, August 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 **Farm Bureau Financial Services-Dee Boeding & Garrett Boeding**. Please patronize our advertisers. Let them know you appreciate their support of the parish bulletin.

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.

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: 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: Nora (Johnson) Vorb, John Forkenbrock, Betty Grober, and Lori Harris daughter in law of Louise & Donn Harris.

CLUSTER NEWS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO THE CLUSTER: Ashley Jackson and Jacob Durnan, Lynne Hanlon, and Sabrina & Mitchell Haugen.

THANK YOU: A very heartfelt thanks is given to all of the attendees at the very first CDA Family Bingo Night. We are so grateful for the support you gave to us and for the fun and fellowship that we shared together. We also are so grateful to Fr. Chris for his support in planning this event, his attendance, and the extra special attention that he gave to everyone attending, he truly inspired us with his explanation on the Beatitudes, we were truly blessed. Thank you to all of the CDA members who served, donated food, money or prizes to make the night a success, you all are a blessing. Sincerely, CDA Court Joan of Arc #388, Sue Baker, Regent, Nancy Ryan Vice Regent.

COFFEE & DONUTS: The New Hampton Knights of Columbus, Council 1697, will be hosting coffee and rolls for fellowship at the Gathering Space, on Sunday, August 31st after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All are welcomed.

PASTORAL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED: Monday, September 1, in honor of Labor Day. Money counters we will see you Tuesday, September 2. Just a reminder of **Pastoral Office Hours are:**

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-4:30 pm
Friday 8:00 am-Noon

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE: The New Hampton Knights of Columbus Council 1697 will be having a Tootsie Roll drive after the weekend Masses on Saturday and Sunday, September 6th & 7th. Money generated will go to benefit the people with mental disabilities. Your generous support will be greatly appreciated.

CONFIRMATION MASS: We will celebrate with Archbishop Zinkula and our Junior students, sponsors and families Confirmation on Sunday, September 21 at 10 am Holy Family Mass.

CURIOUS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Deacon Vic DeSloover will be starting classes after the 10 am Mass beginning September 28. If you have questions or are interested in starting this journey, contact Deacon Vic at 563-429-2773. More information in coming in our Good News watch your mail.

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 and nominate them at the top of the page. Nominations should be in by **September 1st**. For questions call 641-753-6953.

ST. BONIFACE

COLLECTIVE MASS, SEPTEMBER 6 AT 6 PM: Louis & Mary Link, Francis & Mary Kramer, Msgr. Carl Schmitt, Norbert Koenigsfeld, Mary Puettman, Jim & Joyce Cavanaugh, Jim Koenigsfeld

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Bill & Faye Klassen will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Hide-A-Way Lounge in Ionia. All are welcome!!

HOLY FAMILY

FALL FESTIVAL WINNERS:

\$1,000.00 Cash	Sarah Pickar
\$500.00. Cash	Sandra Schueth
\$250.00 Cash	Perry & Mary Laures
Mystery Prize	Karen Schmitt
NH Sports Package	Cole Roberson
UNI Wrestling	Jess Douglas
ISU Football	Sharon Hanson
North & South Pew	Kristen Strabala
Volare Gift Certificate	Jody & RJ Meier
Recteq Grill	Bryan Hugeback
20 Person Prime Dinner	Luann Lechtenberg

ADULT CHOIR: We are always looking for new choir members! Practices are on Wednesdays at 7 PM in the Gathering Space, **starting September 3rd**. Sopranos, altos, tenors, basses...we have room for all! Please contact Betsy Zenk if interested (betsy.zenk@gmail.com).

COLLECTIVE MASS, SEPTEMBER 6 AT 4 PM: Merle & Alice Rethamel, Ila Mihm, Edmund & Cecilia Gerleman, Jack Seelhammer, Norman Heit, Vince Lensing, Travis & Gary Bouska, Francis & Blake Rosonke, Art & Frances Bohr, and Wilfred & Cecilia Wanderscheid

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).



Journey in Faith

Trust. Transform. Together.

The Archdiocese of Dubuque is holding 34 regional informational sessions for parishioners to learn more about the Journey in Faith process. These sessions will further explain information that will be released at dbqjourneyinfaith.org in early September.

Please plan to attend a meeting to learn more about the rationale, process, and timeline for Journey in Faith. Attending these meetings will give you background about the challenges we face and the opportunities we have to be honest, courageous, faithful, and hopeful. Your ideas about how we can have vibrant and sustainable parishes focused on evangelization for the next 25+ years is very important as future plans are developed.

There are 34 **September Regional Journey in Faith Information Sessions** from which to choose. Each is held in a parish church and is scheduled for three hours. Parishioners should attend a meeting held in their Regional Planning Area (RPA). The overall information will be the same at each meeting, however, the proposed pastorate models that are explained will be specific to your region. Good Shepherd Cluster is Region 2. **To sign up**, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/JIFSeptSignUp> or **use the QR code**:



If you are unable to attend a September regional meeting, you are urged to review all of the information on the website including videos, maps, and spreadsheets that will be released on September 2nd. This will enable you to have background prior to attending your own local parish's meetings in October and November. A summary video with key points from those meetings about prayer and synodal listening will be released at the end of September.

Need help to register stop by the Pastoral Office. We will have a computer available to assist you.

Meeting Dates Region # 2 are:

Tuesday, September 23,	6-9 pm at Immaculate Conception, Charles City.
Wednesday, September 24,	1-4 pm at Holy Family, New Hampton.
Friday, September 26,	1-4 pm at Sacred Heart, Osage

AREA NEWS & EVENTS

Cookies for Cancer: September cookie of the month: Oatmeal Scotchie (oatmeal & butterscotch chips) 15/\$10. Or you may purchase gift certificates \$5.00 and up!!! Contact Rose Ann Schwickerath 641-557-8530. Thanks for your support.

Annual Salad Supper: The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Lawler, will be hosting their Annual Salad Supper complete with a hot chicken casserole on Wednesday, September 3, in the Gold Room of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Serving begins at 5 p.m. and goes until 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 and may be purchased from a Catholic Daughter member or at the door. Children 5 yrs and under are free. For tickets, please call Pat Zajicek 563-569-8257, Edna Jirak, 641-330-5957 or Jeanne Loftus, 563-379-6091.

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. Meal Tickets \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door; 410 kids age 6-10, age 5 & under free.

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.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Jordan: Come along with Fr. Chris Podhajsky January 12-22, 2026 as we visit the Holy Land and Jordan. Visit the sites along the shores of the Sea of Galilee and the Jordan River. Visit Nazareth and Jerusalem where Jesus grew up and daily Mass while traveling. Cost is \$4,898 with departure from Chicago. For a brochure and more information contact the Pastoral Office or Donald Krouse, Tour Leader, email donaldkrouse@aol.com telephone number: 319-521-1106.

Pilgrimage to England & Scotland: Come along April 20-30, 2026, as we visit some of the most beautiful and historical places in all of Europe. We will visit the prehistoric Stonehenge, Stratford, the home of William Shakespeare, Edinburgh and its famous Scottish Castle, Big Ben in London, Buckingham Palace and so much more! We will have Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$5,169 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, 276 Country Club Drive, Lake Park, Iowa 51347 or call 712-899-6870 or email. frdanguenther@gmail.com

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.



Calling ALL K-8th Graders!

It's a brand-new season of Faith Formation!

Just like in sports, we need time to huddle up, learn the game plan, and grow our skills. Faith Formation is our practice time to strengthen our hearts, our minds, and our love for God—so we're ready to live out our faith every day. So register TODAY!



But a great team needs more than just players—we need coaches, helpers, and encouragers! From the pre-game meal to helping teach and assist in classes, we need YOU to help make this season a win for our kids and families.

Reach out to the Parish Office or Tara Underwood and come be part of the Holy Huddle and help us kick off a great year!

Faith Formation Game Plan

2nd Wednesday of the Month

5:00 – 5:45pm

🍽️ Pre-Game Meal -Optional Free-will donation dinner for Faith Formation kids & families. Fuel up before the huddle!

Weekly on Wednesdays

5:45 – 6:00pm

👔 Suit Up

Make your way to the Church and get ready for the Holy Huddle.

6:00 – 6:45pm

📖 Holy Huddle

All grades K-8 gather to learn, grow, and practice our faith.

6:45pm

📢 Final Whistle

Classes wrap up—take what you've learned and live it out all week!

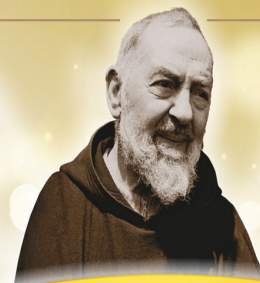


Relics will be at:

Immaculate Conception Church

106 Chapel Lane

Charles City, IA 50616



Friday, September 26, 2025

Veneration of the relics: 4PM-9PM

Mass in Honor of Padre Pio: 7PM

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Holy Hour: 7AM– 8AM

Veneration of the relics: 8AM-4PM

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30PM

THE RELICS OF PADRE PIO



1 SAINT PIO'S CRUST OF THE WOUNDS 2 A PIECE OF SAINT PIO'S MANTLE 3 SAINT PIO'S WHITE FINGERLESS GLOVE 4 SAINT PIO'S HANDKERCHIEF 5 A LOCK OF SAINT PIO'S HAIR

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Pastoral Office 641-394-2105

GOOD SHEPHERD MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY-AUGUST 30, 2025

1:30 PM-Holy Family Wedding-Alejandro Torres & Daniela Barrios

4 PM-Holy Family-Andy Schmitt

6 PM-Immaculate Conception-For the People of the Cluster

SUN., AUGUST 31, 2025-22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

8 AM-Holy Family-Marilyn Elenz

10 AM-Holy Family-Jim & Joyce Cavanaugh

Installation of Fr. Chris Podhajsky reception to follow Mass.

MONDAY-SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 LABOR DAY

Bulletin News Due at Noon

TUESDAY-SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

5:15 PM-St. Boniface-Ralph, Katie & Bruce Bown

WEDNESDAY-SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

10 AM-NH Rehab-Wilfred & Joanna Walz

THURSDAY-SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

10 AM-Linn Haven-Eugene Sr. & Ruth Schultz

FRIDAY-SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

8:30 AM-Holy Family-John & Margaret Shekleton

11:00 AM-Immaculate Conception-Betty Grober Funeral

SATURDAY-SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

1 PM HolyFamily wedding-Albert Nunez & Juana Parra

4 PM-Holy Family-Collective

6 PM-St. Boniface-Collective

SUN-SEPTEMBER 7, 2025-23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 AM-Holy Family-Carol Burgart

10 AM-Holy Family-Melvin & Phyllis Patrie

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

Good News!

August 31, 2025

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 / Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a /

Luke 14:1, 7-14

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I found myself angry the other day, as we all do, I suppose, whenever we put our foot in our mouth, or forget about an important engagement, or scramble whatever it was we had hoped would be picture-perfect. What I had scrambled was a homily. For some reason, the image came out wrong, or the example did not fit, or it just did not come together the way I had hoped. And I was angry with myself to the point that it caught me off guard. It was an unexpected glimpse of what I didn't want to admit: the fact that the way people might perceive me as a preacher had taken on more importance than preaching God's word. Life had gotten out of focus. A perspective had been lost.

It happens to us all in the course of our lifetimes, and more than once. Grades become more important than learning, or being right more important than the relationship, or the address of where we live more important than the people living together. It happens between parent and child when a parent places greater significance on the son's or daughter's profession than on that son's or daughter's happiness. Like in the parable of Jesus, where we sit at table takes on greater meaning than the people who gather or the meal that is shared. That is what pride does. It distorts what is real and shifts the focus of life to ourselves. The antidote? A prayerful awareness of who we are and who God is. ●

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August 24, 2025	Budget Report		
Parish	Holy Family	Immaculate Conception	St Boniface
Received Last Week	\$5,374.00	\$145.00	\$415.00
Year to Date Recd to 08.24.2025	\$72,988.66	\$3,392.00	\$3,140.00
Difference			
Offertory	\$880.00		\$137.00
Hispanic Mass Offertory			
*This is the amount needed to balance each respective church's budget.			