

# Good Shepherd CLUSTER

**Sunday, September 14, 2025**  
**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

## Dear Padre

September 14, 2025

***A Protestant friend tells me that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. That doesn't seem accurate to me. What does the Church teach about the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross?***

Jesus understood his mission to be sacrificing his own life "as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was even at the cost of death. However, saying Jesus' death was payment for our sins doesn't mean that a vengeful God was appeased by the slaughter of his own innocent son. Rather, we are redeemed because of the mutual love between Father and Son, as well as the love Christ had for us all when he offered his life. "It is love 'to the end' (see John 13:1) that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus' death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice "that completes and surpasses all other sacrifices," when "the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself," and the Son of God freely and lovingly offered his human life to his Father "in reparation for our disobedience" (CCC 614). Christ "bore our sins in his body upon the cross.... By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). Viewed in light of the resurrection, Christ's death has meaning in eternal life's triumph over sin. ●

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### MONDAY

September 15  
*Our Lady of Sorrows*  
1 Tm 2:1-8  
Jn 19:25-27 or  
Lk 2:33-35

### TUESDAY

September 16  
*Sts. Cornelius,  
Pope, and Gyprian,  
Bishop, Martyrs*  
1 Tm 3:1-13  
Lk 7:11-17

### WEDNESDAY

September 17  
*Weekday*  
1 Tm 3:14-16  
Lk 7:31-35

### THURSDAY

September 18  
*Weekday*  
1 Tm 4:12-16  
Lk 7:36-50

### FRIDAY

September 19  
*Weekday*  
1 Tm 6:2c-12  
Lk 8:1-3

### SATURDAY

September 20  
*Sts. Andrew Kim  
Tae-gŏn, Priest,  
and Paul Chŏng  
Ha-sang, and  
Companions,  
Martyrs*  
1 Tm 6:13-16  
Lk 8:4-15

### SUNDAY

September 21  
*Twenty-fifth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*  
Am 8:4-7  
1 Tm 2:1-8  
Lk 16:1-13 or  
16:10-13

## WELCOME TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD CLUSTER

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

313 W. Court St. New Hampton, IA  
Email Address: clustergrs@gmail.com

GOOD SHEPHERD  
PARISH OFFICE HOURS:  
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."*

## Mark your calendars

**Confirmation Sunday, September 21 @ 10 AM Mass, Holy Family**

**Journey of Faith Meeting, Sept. 24 @ 1 PM-4 PM, Holy Family.**

**Need to RSVP to attend.....Sign up today!**

## GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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

**Friday 8 AM-Noon**

<b>Pastoral Office</b>	<b>641-394-2105</b>
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<b>Interim Director Faith Formation:</b> Tara Underwood	
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<b>North Washington Choir:</b> Sharon Heying	641-330-7714
<b>Calvary Cemetery-</b> Don Dixon	319-290-4991
<b>St. Mary's, New Hampton-</b> Mike Pickar	641-430-2446
<b>St. Mary's, N. Washington-</b> Jake Hackman	641-330-6841
<b>St. Boniface-</b> Dave Bonfig	641-394-4703

## 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

## 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 20  
October 4 & 18, Nov. 1, 8 & 29

6 PM Immaculate Conception, September 13, 27  
October 11 & 25, Nov. 8 & 22

### *Sunday*

8 AM & 10 AM Holy Family, New Hampton

**SPOTLIGHT ON:** We wish to recognize and thank our Advertiser of the Week **First Choice Realty-Pat Schwickerath**. 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: Rhonda Dreckman, June Rosonke, Mary Lee Einck-Moothart, Norbert, Tom Rasing, Louise Conry, Edna Shinstine, Terry Lynn Rausch, Michele K, Bill Sinnwell, Charlene Longhom, Ron, 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: David Lynch



## CLUSTER NEWS

**CD of A MEETING:** CDA #338, Court Joan of Arc will meet Tuesday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m. for a potluck and Opening Dinner Meeting at 6:00 pm at Hynes Hall. Please join us. New members welcome!

**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. Keep these families in your prayers.

**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.

**THANK YOU:** The New Hampton Knights of Columbus Council 1697 would like to thank this Faith Community for their generous support to our Tootsie Roll Drive. This drive took place after the Masses on the weekend of Sept. 6th & 7th. The funds we have collected will go to support programs for the mentally challenged people in the state of Iowa and our community.

**JOIN A GROUP OF FUTURE FRIENDS !** This is your chance to widen your pool of friends. Groups of parish members are gathering to share insights, ask questions, and build new relationships. The kick off for Small Groups is the first week of October and will meet for 6 weeks to share a book, view videos, and join conversations. We will look into our faith or any topic you choose. Two possibilities are the Gospel of Luke or The Chosen Season 5. Contact the Cluster Office at 641-394-2105, ask for Gladys or her cell phone at 641-330-9223.

**REMINDER OF JOURNEY OF FAITH MEETINGS:** See the bulletin to get registered and also if you need help please stop by the Parish Office during business hours. We will help you get signed up!!!

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES HAVE STARTED:** If you didn't make it to the first class last week still time to get enrolled. Please contact the Pastoral Office @ 394-2105. **New time we begin at 6:00 PM at Holy Family Gathering Space.**

## ST. BONIFACE

**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

**WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED:** Diego Santiago & Kaile Yailin Nunez Para, children of Alberto & Juana Parra Nunez, Cohen James Oulman, son of Jordan & Emily Oulman and Bianca Mariel Choncoa, daughter of Claudio Choncoa and Obdulia Garcia all baptized last weekend by Fr. Chris. Also Hendricks Christopher Troyna, son of Alex & Callie Troyna baptized last weekend by Deacon Vic DeSloover. Congratulations and welcome to our cluster community.

**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](mailto:betsy.zenk@gmail.com)).

**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)).

**Card Shower:** Shirley has moved and we would like to shower her with cards her address is: Shirley Murray- Oak Terrace Senior Living- Apt. 163- 1575-Hoover Dr.- N. Mankato, MN. 56003

**EASTER PALMS:** The Easter palms that were on display on the altar of Holy Family are looking for a new home. We are looking for someone to take them home and care for them with the possibility of bringing them back for Easter next year for all to enjoy. They will most likely need to be repotted. We do not have adequate space and time to care for them now that Fall has arrived. Please call the Pastoral Office and speak with Becky if you are interested in helping us out.

September 7, 2025	Budget Report		
Parish	Holy Family	Immaculate Conception	St Boniface
Yearly Collection Needed *	\$627,787.00	\$48,667.00	\$42,091.00
Yearly Collection Needed to 09.07.2025	\$120,728.30	\$9,359.00	\$8,094.40
Needed Weekly Amount	\$12,072.83	\$935.90	\$809.44
Received Last Week	\$15,257.00	\$55.00	\$340.00
Year to Date Recd to 09.07.2025	\$94,796.66	\$3,767.00	\$3,725.00
Difference	-\$25,931.64	-\$5,592.00	-\$4,369.40
Offertory	\$881.00		\$87.00
Hispanic Mass Offertory	\$299.15		
the amount determined to balance each respective church's budget. This includes only the adult budget envelopes and not a reflection of the actual income st			



Parishioners across the Archdiocese of Dubuque are invited to take part in the next step of *Journey in Faith*. This initiative, guided by the Holy Spirit, seeks renewal, vitality, and growth in parish life. Building on the reflections of more than 22,000 Catholics, including those from our parish, in last year's Disciple Maker Index survey, we now have proposed pastorate models upon which to begin a conversation. You can view them at [dbqjourneyinfaith.org](http://dbqjourneyinfaith.org). These pastorate models are not final and are meant to evoke feedback for the Archbishop, the Planning Commission and the Journey in Faith Core Team.

34 Regional *Journey in Faith* Information Sessions are underway in parish churches throughout the archdiocese. Each three-hour gathering will offer prayer, information about the process, and details of pastorate models specific to your Regional Planning Area.

#### 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



Parishioners need to RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/JIFSeptSignUp> as registration will be closed as each session reaches capacity.

Those unable to attend can still find maps, videos, and opportunities to share feedback at [dbqjourneyinfaith.org](http://dbqjourneyinfaith.org).

*What is the role of Journey in Faith Parish Team Members and who are they?*

Journey in Faith Team Members are parishioners selected by the pastor/PLC to help facilitate the feedback process at the parish. Their role is to impartially record and submit the feedback of the parishioners at their parish meetings to the Journey in Faith Core Team. They are advocates for parishioners to be engaged in the process. Local Journey in Faith Team Members are not decision makers in this process. All decisions will ultimately be made by Archbishop Zinkula.

#### At our parishes the Team Members are

##### **Holy Family**

Becky Ptacek-Havlik  
Connie Njus  
Kendra Gilbert  
Steve Laures  
Gustavo Jimenez

##### **St. Boniface**

Karen Bonfig  
Diane Brown  
Jennifer Ashley-Miller

##### **Immaculate Conception**

Eileen Eichenberger  
Gladys Christoph  
Duane & Laura Schwickerath

They will be facilitating our local meetings which will be held on  
**Sunday, October 12, 3 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, North Washington**  
**and Sunday, November 2, 3 p.m. at St. Boniface.**

We thank them for their time and dedication for this very important work.

Stop by the office if you would like to sign up for the Regional Meetings.  
We will get you registered.

## 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).

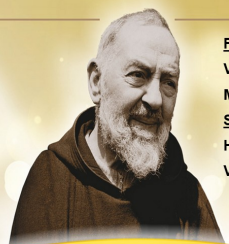
**SAINT PIO FOUNDATION**

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

## HOLY HUDDLE **GOOD SHEPHERD CLUSTER FAITH FORMATION 2025-2026 GAME PLAN**

### Attention K-8<sup>th</sup> Graders! It's almost game time!

Our first **Faith Formation Night** is coming up on **Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** and we're ready to kick off the season strong! This packet has everything you need to know to be ready for a great year!

### Mark Your Playbook!

(Calendar Included)

#### Youth Mass Opportunities

Students will help lead these liturgies as readers, greeters, and gift bearers.

- October 12 - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (10:00 AM)
- November 15 - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (4:00 PM)
- January 25 - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (8:00 AM)
- February 8 - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (10:00 AM)
- March 14 - Kindergarten (4:00 PM)

#### Pre Game Meals - Gather, Eat, Connect

Join us for a meal before class (5:00-5:45 PM, Hynes Hall).

- September 10
- October 8
- November 12
- January 14
- February 11
- March 11
- April 8

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Families** - take note of the attached informational letter!

We can't wait to see you in the Holy Huddle on September 10!

### September 10<sup>th</sup> Kickoff Schedule

**5:00 - 5:45pm**

**Kickoff Pizza Party in Hynes Hall** - Optional Free-will donation dinner for Faith Formation kids & families.

**Parents:** Please use this time to complete final registration, payment and forms (last minute registrations welcome!) in the **Gathering Space**

QR For Quick Registration



**6:00 - 6:45pm**

**Faith Formation - Holy Huddle**  
Children will gather in the church and sit at their grade's pew to begin each session

Parents are welcome to join in the church to be part of our first Holy Huddle & launch the year together

**6:45pm**

**Final Whistle**

Parents, please plan to pick up children in the **Gathering Space** promptly at dismissal

## Journey in Faith Prayer

Lord Jesus,

You accompanied your disciples on the way to Emmaus.

As we journey in faith, we trust in your Spirit to open our eyes to set our hearts on fire and to transform our parishes. Make yourself known to us through breaking open word and bread, that we may travel together on mission; to grow disciples, cultivate leaders, and unify parishes, with our journey ending in You, who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.



## 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.

**65TH ANNUAL ACCW MEETING "PILGRIMS OF HOPE"** will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27 at St. Benedict Parish in Decorah from 9:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. The keynote speaker will be Mary Pedersen. Archbishop Thomas Zinkula will be the main celebrant for Mass and will have a short presentation. More information & registration can be found at [dbqarch.org/accw-events](http://dbqarch.org/accw-events).

**The Fort Atkinson Rendezvous will be held Saturday, September 27 and Sunday, September 28th.** The Fort grounds will be open to the public from 9:30am to 4:30pm on Saturday and 9:00am to 3:30 pm on Sunday.


The 5K Run/Walk will be held on Saturday morning. Check in at 7:30am and race time at 8:30. Preregistration of \$25.00 gets you a shirt. Forms available at <https://www.fortatkinsoniowa.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Rend-Days-5-K-Walk-Run-Reg-Form2025.pdf> We are serving a Chicken Dinner on Saturday, September 27th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the Fort Atkinson Community Center. Please bring the family and join the fun. No admission fee and free parking available. For more information go to <https://www.fortatkinsoniowa.com/rendezvous-days-info> or e-mail us at [fortatkinsoniowarendezvous@gmail.com](mailto:fortatkinsoniowarendezvous@gmail.com) or call Kay Schmitt at 563-419-3567.

**St. John's Parish - Rendezvous Days, Fort Atkinson: September 27 & 28:** Kolaches and Homemade Pies for sale at the Fort Atkinson Community Center.


**BREAKFAST:** Sunday, Sept. 28, Serving 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Comm. Ctr. Tickets at door: \$13 Children: \$5. Serving scrambled eggs & toppings, sausage, breakfast potatoes, fruit, cinnamon rolls, toast, juice, milk, coffee.

**RAFFLE:** Over 120 prizes! Drawing at noon on Sunday. Tickets: \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

**Leah Schwickerath's Annual Pancake Breakfast** Saturday, September 27th from 8:30-10:30 at Mikkelson Park, shelter 5 by the skate park Eat your fill of pancakes and sausage with authentic maple syrup. Free will donation to Leah's memorial fund to benefit local causes. To Go orders available, call 641-229-5510.



# Blessing of the Pets



**Who is St. Francis of Assisi? What is a blessing of the pets?**

St. Francis of Assisi is famous for his love of animals of all kinds. He once blessed a group of birds, and from that day on, often preached to the animals he encountered.

He made friends with all sorts of animals, and even famously befriended a wolf who was threatening a town.

As a homage to St. Francis and his great love of animals and nature, on his feast day, some parishes will offer a "Blessing of the Animals" in which parishioners can bring their pets to church to receive a blessing.

## Before School Blessing of the Pets

**October 4, 2024  
at 8:00am**

**Parish Members, Parents, Students  
and pets please meet at Runion  
Park Ballfield**

After the blessing parents and pets can return home. Students will go to school to prepare for Mass. If you are unable to attend, normal drop off will still take place.

*Please do not park on West Hale Street (to keep our drop off system running smoothly) Thank you!*

## Chickasaw County Public Health and Homecare

Walk-in clinics for adults 18 and older- No appointment needed

### New Hampton

- Location: Chickasaw Co. Community Service Building, 260 East Prospect
- Monday, September 15: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 23: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 24: 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### Fredericksburg

- Location: Fredericksburg Municipal Hall, 151 W. Main St
- Monday, September 29: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### Ionia

- Location: Ionia Community Library, 101 W. Iowa St.
- Monday, October 6: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### Nashua

- Location: Nashua United Methodist Church, 314 Brasher St.
- Wednesday, October 8: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

### Alta Vista

- Location: Alta Vista Public Library, 203 S. White Ave
- Thursday, October 9: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### Lawler

- Location: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 2940 Hwy 24
- Friday, October 10: 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

Insurance cards or payments are required at the time of vaccination. Most insurance plans are accepted. If insurance does not cover or there is no insurance to bill the cost is as follows;

- High-Dose (age 65+): \$65.00,
- Flu Blok (age 18-64): \$65.00,
- Regular Flu (6 months and older): \$40.00

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## GOOD SHEPHERD MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY-SEPTEMBER 13, 2025**

**4 PM-Holy Family-Collective**

**6 PM-Immaculate Conception-Collective**

**SUN., SEPTEMBER 14-The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**8 AM-Holy Family-Collective**

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

Confirmation Practice after 10 AM Mass @ Holy Family

**MONDAY-SEPTEMBER 15, 2025**

Bulletin News Due at Noon

**TUESDAY-SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**

**5:15 PM-St. Boniface-Jim Flick**

**WEDNESDAY-SEPTEMBER 17, 2025**

**10 AM-NH Rehab-Francis Reicks**

6:00 PM-Faith Formation Classes @ Holy Family K-8

**THURSDAY-SEPTEMBER 18, 2025**

**10 AM-Linn Haven-Ed & Dorothy Flick**

**FRIDAY-SEPTEMBER 19, 2025**

**8:30 AM-Holy Family-Bryce Kamrath**

**SATURDAY-SEPTEMBER 20, 2025**

**4 PM-Holy Family-Hayden Neville, Mark Micek**

**6 PM-St. Boniface-Harold & Florine Clark**

**SUN-SEPTEMBER 21, 2025-23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8 AM-Holy Family-Collective**

**10 AM-Holy Family-Joyce Cavanaugh**

Cluster Confirmation with Archbishop Zinkula @ 10 am Mass

## Good News!

**September 14, 2025**

*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

Numbers 21:4b-9 / Philippians 2:6-11 / John 3:13-17

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**As he stood in line in front of me, the back of his T-shirt read, "Pain is weakness leaving the body."**

Though unsaid, it implied that the parting pain would be replaced by newfound strength. Yet, the more I thought about it, I wondered if that is always the case. Some pain simply leaves one empty, like the grief that comes with the death of one's child. That emptiness never leaves, it is never replaced. So too, the pain of living with mental illness, as it seems to isolate one from many of life's joys and satisfactions. Or, eventually, the aging process in all of us, as it slips in and steals the treasures of life, one by one. Pain is not always weakness leaving the body. Sometimes, it is the pain of an alien spirit settling in for the long haul.

If St. Paul's assertion that Jesus came and "emptied himself...coming in human likeness...even [to] death on a cross," then those times that seem to empty us of all we would hold dear are the times when we slowly take on the image of Jesus in our own lives. It is at such times when we are most powerless but also when God's spirit shines through our broken and wounded lives, if only because we become totally dependent upon God. It is Saint Teresa of Kolkata who is said to have once remarked that even God cannot fill what is already full. ●

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**HOLY FAMILY-COLLECTIVE MASS, SEPT. 13 AT 4 PM:** Ray & Virginia Schwickerath, Duane Lynch, Ed & Dorothy Flick, Andy Schmitt, Russell Wegner, Jim & Rick Pickar, Mac, Jovina & Jim Scally, Special Intention.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-COLLECTIVE MASS, SEPT. 13 AT 6 PM:** Lavern Tilkes, Dan Heying, Steve Dvorak, Joan Havlik, and Curtis Schwickerath.

**HOLY FAMILY-COLLECTIVE MASS, SEPT. 14 AT 8 PM:** Roni Geerts, Glenda Holthaus, Jean Gander, Jim & Joyce Cavanaugh, Cletus & Eleanor Schwickerath, Timm & Eric Berg, Cletus & Doris Ries, Vernon Laures and Vernelle "Dolly" Gorman.

**HOLY FAMILY-COLLECTIVE MASS, SEPT. 21 AT 8 AM:** Don & Eta Mai, Jim & Leona Stahl, Reynold & Corinne Schwickerath Families, Norman Heit, Rick & Jim Pickar, Dan Heying, Steve Dvorak, Madonna Flick, Midge Schlindwein, and Don Lockwood