

# Good Shepherd CLUSTER

Sunday, September 21, 2025  
25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

## Dear Padre

September 21, 2025

***At a recent gathering, a relative questioned my family's continued participation in the Catholic Church because of the sexual abuse cover-up. What is the best way to address this question?***

Resist the temptation to argue or make any response that is not respectful. Choose to respond with empathy and understanding; perhaps something like this: "I understand and respect your feelings. Some have made the difficult choice to leave the Church. Others find the choice to remain also difficult.

"As a mature and discerning person, I am not making excuses for behaviors that are inexcusable. I cannot and will not defend behavior that should not be defended. I choose to remain in the Church because I choose to remain in a relationship with Jesus, and that relationship includes my reception of the sacraments of the Church. I value the sacraments even as I remain vigilant about the conduct of those who have been entrusted with celebrating those sacraments. I retain my practice of the sacraments and, at the same time, I retain my responsibility to be alert to abusive behavior. This is not acceptance or approval of what most certainly happened. It is continuing to participate in what is beautiful and wise and true so that, in the company of other believers, I may become more like Christ." ●

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

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### MONDAY

September 22

Weekday

Ezr 1:1-6

Lk 8:16-18

### TUESDAY

September 23

St. Pius of

Pietrelcina, Priest

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b,  
14-20

Lk 8:19-21

### WEDNESDAY

September 24

Weekday

Ezr 9:5-9

Lk 9:1-6

### THURSDAY

September 25

Weekday

Hg 1:1-8

Lk 9:7-9

### FRIDAY

September 26

Weekday

Hg 2:1-9

Lk 9:18-22

### SATURDAY

September 27

St. Vincent

de Paul, Priest

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a

Lk 9:43b-45

### SUNDAY

September 28

Twenty-sixth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7

1 Tm 6:11-16

Lk 16:19-31

## 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."*

**Journey of Faith Meeting this week!!!**

Wednesday, 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

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| <b>Pastoral Office</b>                                  | <b>641-394-2105</b> |
| <b>St. Joseph Community School</b>                      | <b>641-394-2865</b> |
| <b>St. John's School of Religion</b>                    | <b>641-394-2404</b> |
| <b>Pastor:</b> Rev. Chris Podhajsky                     | 641-394-2105        |
| <b>Principal:</b> Michele Nehls                         | 641-394-2865        |
| <b>Deacon:</b> Victor DeSloover                         | 563-429-2773        |
| <b>Cluster Business Manager:</b> Becky Ptacek-Havlik    |                     |
| <b>Hispanic Minister:</b> Gustavo Jimenez               |                     |
| <b>Interim Director Faith Formation:</b> Tara Underwood |                     |
| <b>Pastoral Assistant:</b> Gladys Christoph             | 641-330-9223        |
| <b>Cluster Secretary:</b> Marcia Howe                   |                     |
| <b>Social Media:</b> Chris Vital                        |                     |
| <b>Custodian:</b> Dave Roethler                         |                     |
| <b>Music Director:</b> Michelle Lau                     | 641-229-6589        |
| <b>Adult Choir Director:</b> Ann Bennett                | 641-394-5407        |
| <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, 15 & 29

6 PM Immaculate Conception, September 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 **Epique Realty 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: special intention, Rhonda Dreckman, June Rosonke, Norbert, Tom Rasing, Louise Conry, Edna Shinstine, Terry Lynn Rausch, Michele K, Bill Sinnwell, Charlene Longhorn, 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: Mary Lee Einck-Moothart, Jean Peters



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

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.**



## CLUSTER NEWS

**WELCOME ARCHBISHOP ZINKULA THIS WEEKEND TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD CLUSTER!!**

**CONFIRMATION MASS:** We will celebrate with Archbishop Zinkula and our Confirmation students this Sunday, September 21 at 10 AM Holy Family Mass. Keep these young people and their 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 is coming in our Good News watch your mail.

**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.

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES HAVE STARTED:** Need information or need to enroll your child contact the Pastoral Office. Classes are at Holy Family beginning at 6:00 PM.

**THANK YOU!!!!** We would like to thank the many people that volunteer at Mass along with the many people who take communion to the homebound, help with funerals, and Faith Formation and the committees who make Fall Festival, Soup Festivals, Swiss Steak Dinner, Golf Outing, Celebration of Faith and many other fundraisers happen and lead to their successes. Those people that quietly make things happen and take care of those around us. We are truly grateful for your generosity, dedication and time. May God Bless you and may His light always shine upon you!! Sincerely Grateful the Good Shepherd Cluster Staff

**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.

**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

**HOLY FAMILY-COLLECTIVE MASS, SEPTEMBER 28 AT 10 AM:** Katie Schmit, Jim & Joyce Cavanaugh and Mac, Jovina & Jim Scally.

## CLUSTER NEWS

**WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED:** Correction from last week bulletin Kohen James Oulman, son of Jordan & Emily Oulman. Congratulations and welcome to our cluster community.

**WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED:** Max Lee Zweibohmer, son of Andrew & Liz Zweibohmer. Max was baptized by Deacon Vic DeSloover last weekend. Congratulations!

**SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026:** Archdiocese Women's Conference: Beauty in Christ. Watch for more information coming soon.



## **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).



# Confirmation Class of 2025

Kennadee Anderson

Ava Leichtman

Titan Bearman

Israel Ortiz Perez

William Camarillo Moncado

Marjorie Reicks

Cade Carpenter

Kinslee Rings

Caycee Crawford

Cristal Rodriguez

Troy Federspiel

Riann Schwarze

Sophie Glaser

Wyatt Schwickerath

Brayan Guevara Santoyo

Jax Shekleton

Kayme Hackman

Johana Valdez

Zoey Kellogg

Rylie Vsetecka

Tori Lantow



## 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 28<sup>th</sup>.** The Fort grounds will be open to the public from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm on Saturday and 9:00am to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday. Please bring the family and join the fun. No admission fee and free parking available.

The 5K Run/Walk will be held on Saturday morning. Check in at 7:30 a.m. 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, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Fort Atkinson Community Center. Cost of the meal is \$16.00.

St. John's Parish is holding a breakfast on Sun., Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> from 8-12 at the Fort Atkinson Community Center. Cost of the meal is \$13.00.

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.

**Leah Schwickerath's Annual Pancake Breakfast** Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**AmVet Auxiliary Post 90 Omelet Breakfast:** Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM-12 PM at the Fredericksburg Community Center. Free Will Donation. Everyone Welcome! Dine in or drive thru. See you there!!!

## **Chickasaw County Public Health and Homecare**

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

**New Hampton-Chickasaw Co. Comm. Service Building,**  
260 East Prospect

- 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-Fredericksburg Municipal Hall,**  
151 W. Main St

- Monday, September 29: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Ionia-Ionia Comm. Library, 101 W. Iowa St.**

- Monday, October 6: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Nashua-Nashua United Methodist Church, 314**  
Brasher St.

- Wednesday, October 8: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**Alta Vista-Alta Vista Public Library, 203 S. White Ave**

- Thursday, October 9: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Lawler-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

Please call 641-394-4053 if accommodations are needed.

**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

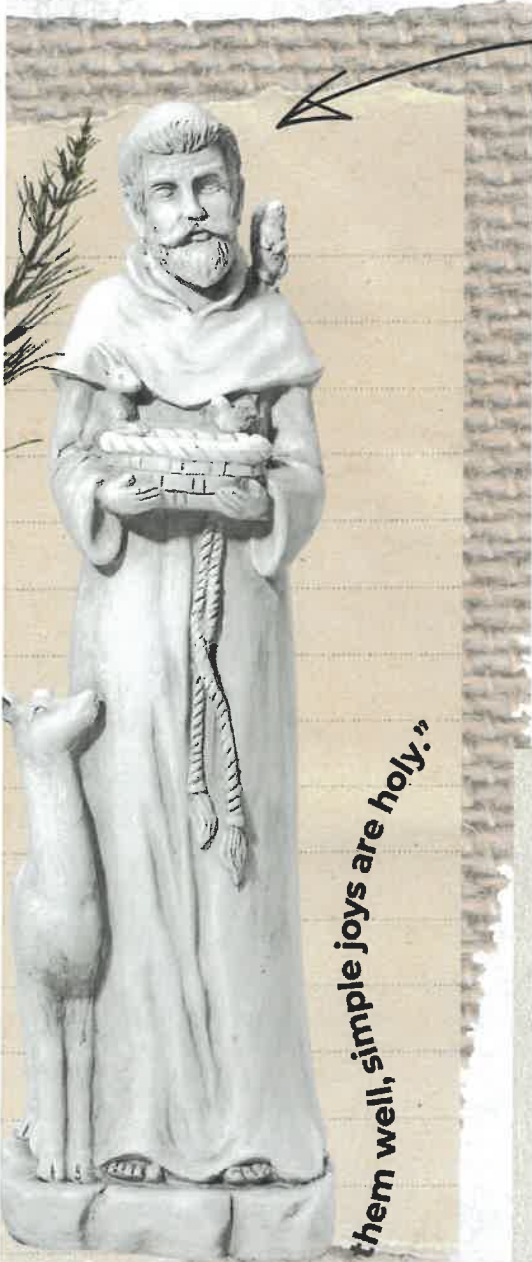
**Saturday, September 27, 2025**  
Holy Hour: 7AM-8AM  
Veneration of the relics: 8AM-4PM  
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30PM

**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



# 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

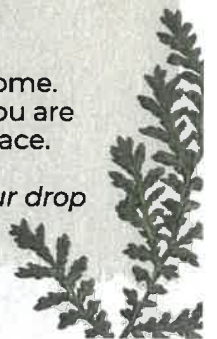
October 3, 2024  
at 8:00am

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!

"Do few things but do them well, simple joys are holy."





# SAINT CAROLO ACUTIS' EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE EXHIBITION

**October 19-October 26**

**Holy Family Parish**

An Invitation To all Parishioners, Members of the Good Shepherd Cluster and friends:

Our school St. Joseph Community School and parish have the opportunity to have St. Carlo Acutis' Eucharistic Miracle exhibition **from October 19 to October 26.**

Carlo Acutis (3 May 1991 – 12 October 2006) was an English-born Italian Catholic teenager who was known for his devotion to the Eucharist and his use of digital media to promote Catholic devotion. Born in London and raised in Milan, he developed an early interest in computers and video games, teaching himself programming and web design and assisting his parish and school with digital projects. His favorite sport was soccer.



Active in parish life, he served as a catechist and helped inspire several people to convert to Catholicism. He later created a website documenting Eucharistic miracles and Marian apparitions. He was diagnosed with acute promyelocytic leukemia and died at the age of fifteen. Since his death, his relics have been displayed in Assisi and his exhibitions on Eucharistic miracles have travelled worldwide. St. Benedict Church in Decorah, has a relic donated by parishioners in the chapel.

In 2020, he was beatified by the Catholic Church after the Church recognition of a proposed 2013 miracle in Brazil attributed to his intercession, while a second miracle in Italy was confirmed in 2024. Acutis was canonized as a saint on 7 September 2025, alongside Pier Giorgio Frassati. Acutis has been referred to as the "patron saint of the Internet", "God's Influencer" and the "first millennial saint"

Parents, grandparents, it is well worth your time to visit the display with your children, talk about their reactions to the miracles, etc. One viewer stated: "If you have trouble believing in the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, this will make you a believer."

This exhibition was made possible with the assistance of the Decorah Deanery Council of Catholic Women

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SERVANT

## Pilgrimages

**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](mailto:donaldkrouse@aol.com) telephone number: 319-521-1106.

**Dreaming of Ireland?** How about celebrating the **Feast of St. Patrick** in the land where he shared the Gospel? Join Fr. Jeff and the Newman Center crew on a faith-filled pilgrimage to Ireland in March 2026!

We'll journey to sacred sites like **St. Patrick's Purgatory**, **Knock Shrine**, and more—deepening our faith while exploring the rich beauty of Ireland's Catholic heritage.

Whether it's been on your bucket list forever or you're craving a spiritual reset... this trip is for YOU!

Please contact Kristie Wert with any questions via email: [kristie@newman-ic.org](mailto:kristie@newman-ic.org)

**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](mailto:frdanguenther@gmail.com)



Archdiocese of Dubuque Council of Catholic Women  
An affiliate of the

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF  
CATHOLIC WOMEN

### 65<sup>th</sup> Annual ACCW Meeting Saturday, September 27, 2025

St. Benedict Parish  
Decorah  
307 West Main Street, Decorah, IA 52101

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**  
*Mary Pedersen*

**MASS CELEBRANT:**  
*Archbishop Thomas Zinkula*

#### AGENDA

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| 8:30 AM  | Registration, Refreshments, Exhibits, Silent Auction  |
| 9:15 AM  | Call to Order<br>Welcome/Opening Prayer<br>Keynote Address by Mary Pedersen<br>"Pilgrims of Christian Hope"   |
| 10:30 AM | Break, Exhibits, Silent Auction   |
| 11:00 AM | Mass with Archbishop Thomas Zinkula<br>with Concelebrants and Deacons in attendance<br>Presentation of Awards |
| 12:00 PM | Lunch   |
| 12:45 AM | Presentation by Archbishop Zinkula  |
| 1:15 PM  | Business Meeting and Afternoon Session  |
| 2:15 PM  | Closing Remarks, Door Prizes, and Final Blessing  |



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## GOOD SHEPHERD MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY-SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

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

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

### SUN-SEPTEMBER 21, 2025-25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8 AM-Holy Family**-Collective

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

Cluster Confirmation with Archbishop Zinkula @ 10 am Mass

### MONDAY-SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

Bulletin News Due at Noon

### TUESDAY-SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

**5:15 PM-Immaculate Conception**-

### WEDNESDAY-SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

**10 AM-NH Rehab**-Rose "Tiny" Goerend

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

### THURSDAY-SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

**10 AM-Kensington**-Lorraine Hackman

### FRIDAY-SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

**8:30 AM-Holy Family**-Bernard, Calista & Ginny Laures

### SATURDAY-SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

Fr. Kucera will be presider on Saturday evening masses

**4 PM-Holy Family**-50th Anniversary Dean & Joyce Gebel

For the People of the Cluster

**6 PM-Immaculate Conception**-Roger Nosbisch

### SUN., SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

**8 AM-Holy Family**-Andrea Burgart

**10 AM-Holy Family**-Collective Mass

Confirmation Practice after 10 AM Mass @ Holy Family

# Good News!

September 21, 2025

*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*

Amos 8:4-7 / 1 Timothy 2:1-8 / Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**More than anything, we want to be wanted.**

As infants, we reach out, wanting to be wanted. When we begin school and discover others who might be friends, we want to be wanted. As teenagers discovering the stirrings of something new and deep, we want to be wanted. And when we grow old, then still we want to be wanted.

The parables Jesus told were always about how God moves in our lives, how God is powerfully intertwined in all that is. Jesus told parables to give us a hint of where to find God. This Sunday's parable is about a rich man with a steward about to be dismissed. The steward then finds ways to ingratiate himself into others' lives so when he is dismissed, he won't be left out in the cold. It's not the rich man who is the God-person in the parable. The rich got rich by abusing the poor. Rather, it is the steward who is the image of God—a God who, like the steward, is desperate to be accepted, to find a way into our lives. We might say clever... or even sneaky. It is God who finds a way into our lives when we are afraid, when we face the loss of love, when our worlds are falling apart, when we go looking for him. There, then, is God, eagerly wanting to be wanted. ●

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| September 14, 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 09.14.2025  | \$132,801.13  | \$10,294.90           | \$8,903.84  |
| Needed Weekly Amount  | \$12,072.83   | \$935.90              | \$809.44    |
| Received Last Week  | \$8,044.00    | \$155.00              | \$235.00    |
| Year to Date Recd to 09.14.2025   | \$102,815.66  | \$3,922.00            | \$3,960.00  |
| Difference  | -\$29,985.47  | -\$6,372.90           | -\$4,943.84 |
|   |               |                       |             |
| Offertory   | \$1,002.00    | \$92.00               |             |
| Hispanic Mass Offertory   |               |                       |             |
| 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 s |               |                       |             |