

# Good Shepherd CLUSTER

Sunday, October 5, 2025  
27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

## Dear Padre

October 5, 2025

***Is envy a sin? I find myself becoming very envious of people who have more than I do. I find it difficult to be content with what my family and I have now.***

We live in a climate that encourages discontent with what we have. Advertising plays on our feelings of envy and our desire for possessions. In this almost universal rush to possess more and better material objects, Christians are called to a counter-witness. We are called to embrace a freedom and a poverty of spirit that actually rejoices in the blessings of others.

The Tenth Commandment alerts us to the danger of undisciplined envy: "You shall not covet... anything that belongs to your neighbor" (Exodus 20:17). In the New Testament, Jesus says that where our treasure is, there also will be our heart. (See Matthew 6:21.) The real antidote to envy, then, is prayers of thanks for all God has given to us and others. To feel envious, to desire or covet someone else's possessions, is not in itself a mortal sin. But to let that feeling invade your mind, to indulge it and rationalize it, is to let that feeling harden into an envious frame of mind. Then you are flirting with real sin. The grave sin is to allow these envious thoughts to drive you to any injustice or evil. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* sums it up well: "Would you like to see God glorified by you? Then rejoice in your brother's [and sister's] progress, and you will immediately give glory to God" (2540). ●

Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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### MONDAY

October 6

Weekday

Jon 1:1-2:2, 11

Lk 10:25-37

### TUESDAY

October 7

Our Lady of the

Rosary

Jon 3:1-10

Lk 10:38-42

### WEDNESDAY

October 8

Weekday

Jon 4:1-11

Lk 11:1-4

### THURSDAY

October 9

Weekday

Mal 3:13-20b

Lk 11:5-13

### FRIDAY

October 10

Weekday

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2

Lk 11:15-26

### SATURDAY

October 11

Weekday

Jl 4:12-21

Lk 11:27-28

### SUNDAY

October 12

Twenty-eighth

Sunday in

Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14-17

2 Tm 2:8-13

Lk 17:11-19

## 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: [clustergs@gmail.com](mailto:clustergs@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 in Faith Meetings

for all members of the Good Shepherd Cluster

St. Boniface, Immaculate Conception and Holy Family

See inside for more information!!!!

## GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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

Friday 8 AM-Noon

<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
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<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, October 4 & 18,  
Nov. 1, 15 & 29

6 PM Immaculate Conception, 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 **Gerard Glaser Construction**. 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: Elizabeth Gomez Vasquez, special intention, Rhonda Dreckman, June Rosonke, Norbert, Tom Rasing, Louise Conry, Edna Shinstine, Terry Lynn Rausch, Michele K, Bill Sinnwell, Charlene Longhom, Ron, Troy, Joyce Lowe, Beatrice Miller, Patty Forkenbrock, 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: Ethel Mae Schneberger

**Parishioners of  
Holy Family,  
Immaculate Conception and  
St. Boniface**

**Mark your calendars!**

**Sunday,  
October 12  
@ 3 PM**

**Sunday,  
November 2  
@ 3 PM**

*Journey in Faith* is about setting forth a course to have vibrant and sustainable parishes focused on evangelization for the next 25+ years. This is your opportunity to be engaged and offer valuable feedback and information which will be considered prior to decisions being made by Archbishop Zinkula in the Spring of 2026.



## **What to expect at the October 12, 2025 meeting?**

Meeting time: 3:00 PM

Meeting location: Immaculate Conception Church Hall *(or possibly the Church)*

First and foremost, **ALL** members of Good Shepherd Cluster are invited to attend. We selected Immaculate Conception Church, so each Church had a meeting opportunity. This is **not** solely for Immaculate Conception parishioners.

The Journey in Faith team members will be leading this meeting. In addition to what was talked about at the September meeting, you will be gathering in small groups to discuss each model that has been proposed by the Archdiocese. You will be able to provide feedback about each model's strengths and challenges. Each small group will write out its thoughts. Your thoughts will then be submitted to the Archdiocese by the Journey in Faith team.

This meeting is expected to take 90 – 120 minutes.

## **What to expect at the November 2, 2025 meeting?**

Meeting time: 3:00 PM

Meeting location: St Boniface Church Hall *(or possibly the Church)*

Again, first and foremost, **ALL** members of Good Shepherd Cluster are invited to attend. We selected St Boniface Church so that each Church had a meeting opportunity. This is **not** solely for St Boniface parishioners.

The Journey in Faith team members will be leading this meeting and providing some overview of the Pastorate models that have been previously discussed. If you have not been able to attend either the September or October meeting, please familiarize yourself with the information found on the Journey in Faith website, <https://www.dbqjourneyinfaith.org>. If you do not have access to the website, please contact one of the Journey in Faith team members.

The **goal of this meeting** is to draw a consensus of “where do we feel called to belong in a pastorate”. The Journey in Faith team will then provide to Archdiocese what is determined from the outcome of this meeting.

## CLUSTER NEWS



### **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. Still time to join!!!

**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY:** Every October, the Catholic Church in the U.S. celebrates Respect Life Month. We reflect on the gift of every human life and how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. October 5th is Respect Life Sunday. May the Lord strengthen our resolve to protect the gift of every human life. CDA Ct. Joan of Arc #388 will be having their annual baby basket give away of newborn items, all members are asked to donate baby items by the October 21 meeting, or drop off items for donation at the Parish office.

**FAITH FORMATION & ST. JOHN'S ENROLLMENT:** Registrations and fees for St. John's & Faith Formation are **due by October 15**. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Pastoral Office at 394-2105.

**RESOURCES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH:** The Archdiocese recommends [www.pinterest.com/dbqarch/](http://www.pinterest.com/dbqarch/) for children, youth, or adults. Find resources on prayer, Parenting, the Blessed Mother, Theology of the Body and much, much more. **CHECK IT OUT.**

**Giving Tree Applications** Are available in the entrances of the churches or the Pastoral Office. **Return to the Pastoral Office by OCTOBER 28!!!**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2026:** Due to pending changes from the Archdiocese of Dubuque, they are asking that we not schedule Mass Intentions pass June 30, 2026. We will have a better answer from them late spring on how to proceed forward. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact the Pastoral Office.

**2026 BUDGET ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE:** Parishioners from St. Boniface and Immaculate Conception can find your envelopes in the back of your church. Holy Family parishioners can find your envelopes in the Pastoral Office. Please take a moment to pick up your budget envelopes.

### **Fall Faith Sharing Opportunities:**

**Mondays 4:30 p.m. @ the Cluster Office.** Video & Discussion on The Chosen Season 5 Starting October 6, contact Gladys @ 641-330-9223 or the Cluster Office, or just come.

**Tuesdays 1:30 p.m. @ the Hospital Chapel.** The Rosary, prayer guide and rosaries in drawer.

**Thursdays 1:35 p.m. @ the Public Library.** Video & Discussion on The Chosen Season 5 Starting October 9, contact Mary Sharon @ 641-229-5707

**Thursdays in Ionia. Select sessions of The Chosen** Seasons 3 & 4. Video and discussion. Contact Karen @ 612-599-5037

**Fridays after 8:30 a.m. mass. Coffee Talk** Returns! Everyone welcome for Coffee and Small Group discussion of the daily Scriptures. Starting October 10th, Join us in the Gathering Space.

**Saturdays 9:00-10:30 a.m. @ the Cluster Office.** Share the Sunday Scriptures, coffee and discussion. This opportunity is available weekly, year 'round. Welcome one & all as often as you can come. No need to register, just stop in. Feel free to bring a friend.

\* The Chosen series is about the life of Christ as interpreted from the Bible. You do not need to watch seasons 1-4 to appreciate Season 5.

September 28, 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 09.28.2025	\$156,946.79	\$12,166.70	\$10,522.72
Needed Weekly Amount	\$12,072.83	\$935.90	\$809.44
Received Last Week	\$10,605.00	\$820.00	\$1,000.00
Year to Date Recd to 09.28.2025	\$122,381.99	\$5,392.00	\$5,270.00
Difference	-\$34,564.80	-\$6,774.70	-\$5,252.72
Offertory	\$925.00	\$74.00	
Hispanic Mass Offertory			
This is 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 statement.			

## **AREA NEWS & EVENTS**

**Cookies for Cancer:** October cookie of the month Almond Joy 15/\$10. Or you may purchase gift certificates \$5.00 and up!!! Contact Rose Ann Schwickerath 641-557-8530. Thanks for your support.

**Pork Loin Drive Thru Dinner:** Sunday, October 5, 3-6 p.m. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lawler. \$15 in Advance \$16 at the door. Menu includes pork loin, cheesy hash browns, green beans, dinner roll.

**Annual Fall Festival Drive-Thru Meal @ Immaculate Conception, Riceville:** Sunday, October 5, Serving from 10:30 AM-1:00 PM (or until food is gone). Cost: Meal is \$17.00 Menu: Roast Beef, Ham, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Sweet Corn, Roll w/Butter, Fresh Fruit & Pie. Quilt Raffle and Cash Raffle (4-\$50 and 2-\$100; 2 \$50 10th Hole Restaurant, Riceville gift certificates.

**Fall Luncheon at St. Michael's, Nashua:** Tuesday, October 7, serving 11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m., St. Michael's Parish Center, 101 Merrill St, Nashua. Cost: 10.00. Door prizes, pecans, and Country Store. All are welcome!!

**The Annual Fall Mass at St. Clements:** Will be held on Thursday, October 9, 9 AM. There will be fellowship, kolaches & coffee following mass. We hope to see many of you there. St. Clement's is located 1 mile south of Spillville on W14.

**AmVet Auxiliary Post 90 Omelet Breakfast:** Sunday, October 12th, 8 AM-12 PM at the Fredericksburg Community Center. Free Will Donation. Everyone Welcome! Dine in or drive thru. Funds from the event are used to support local community activities and projects as well as the Auxiliary's ongoing support of our Veterans. We also continue support of the Honor Flight.

**Scarecrow Contest:** Plum Creek Art in Fredericksburg is holding a scarecrow contest the week of October 12 to 18. All are welcome to make your own creation and display it in the gallery. There will be four contest groups 5 years to 12 years, 13 years to 18 years, Adult, Family. Winners will be chosen by a vote of the public on Saturday, October 18. See the Facebook page of Plum Creek Art Center for more details. Join in the fun!

**Our Lady of the Mississippi Abbey Come & See:** Our Lady of the Mississippi Abbey is hosting a Come & See vocation weekend October 17-19, for women ages 18-40.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience:** Fall is a beautiful season full of color and crisp fresh air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is like autumn because it's a weekend full of fresh air, new beginnings and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage. It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy a weekend away. Dates of upcoming experiences are a non-residential weekend November 7-9 in Ankeny and a residential weekend February 13-15 in Dubuque. For more information call Greg and Denise - 563-920-9419

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

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

**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, 314Brasher 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.

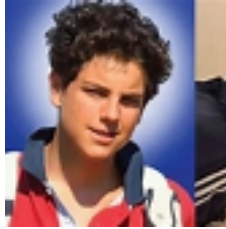
# SAINT CAROLO ACUTIS' EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE EXHIBITION

**October 19-October 26 at 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.

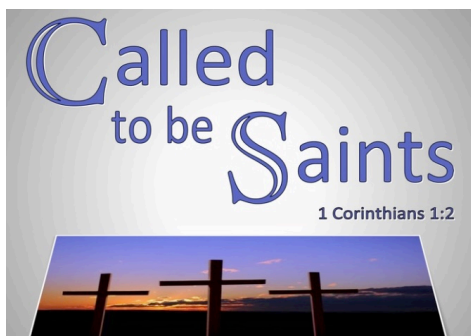


Active in parish life, he served as a catechist and helped inspire several people to convert to Catholicism. He later created a website documenting Eucharistic miracles and Marian apparitions. He was diagnosed with acute promyelocytic leukemia and died at the age of fifteen. Since his death, his relics 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.



**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).

**Monday, October 6th last day to sign up to travel  
with Fr. Chris to the Holy Land!!!**

**Come and join Rev. Chris Podhajsky on a  
11 Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan**  
Departing January 12, 2026 Roundtrip from Chicago  
Returning January 22, 2026



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Please be aware that scammers are impersonating Fr. Chris Podhajsky and asking for favors or gift cards. This is NOT Fr. Chris. He will never request gift cards or personal favors through email, text, or social media.



**Price: \$4,898 per person  
based on twin sharing accommodation**



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deposit received by May 31, 2025  
or \$50 initial deposit received by  
July 31, 2025.**

### Included in the price:

- Roundtrip airfare out of Chicago airport
- 8 nights accommodation in Superior 3-4 star hotels
- Daily breakfast and buffet dinners at hotel
- Private deluxe Air-conditioned bus as per program including free WIFI
- English speaking Tour Escort throughout the tour
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary
- Porterage – 1 bag per person in/out
- Whispers
- Baptism at Yardenit ( includes robes, towel and baptism certificate)
- Jordan Visa
- Allenby Border tax
- Daily Masses
- 1 Mineral water per person/per day at the bus (1 bottle 0.5L )
- Tipping ( Israel and Jordan )
- Daily Masses

### Not Included:

- Travel Insurance ( highly recommended )
- Meals not mentioned in the program
- Donations for Masses
- Single room – \$1,100

### Contact:

**Donald Krouse (Tour Leader)**

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Tel: 319-521-1106

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## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**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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## GOOD SHEPHERD MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY-OCTOBER 4, 2025

**St. Boniface wedding-** Baylee Weiss & Shane Hillesheim

**4 PM-Holy Family-**Collective

**6 PM-St. Boniface-**Collective

### SUN-OCTOBER 5, 2025-27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8 AM-Holy Family-**Mark Rethamel

**10 AM-Holy Family-**Virgil & Dolly Schwickerath

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

### MONDAY-OCTOBER 6, 2025

Bulletin News Due at Noon

### TUESDAY-OCTOBER 7, 2025

**5:15 PM-Immaculate Conception-**Fr. Walter Kleinfehn

### WEDNESDAY-OCTOBER 8, 2025

**3 PM-NH Rehab-**Florian & Lorraine Hackman

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

### THURSDAY-OCTOBER 9, 2025

**2 PM-Kensington-**Norbert & Joyce Kramer

### FRIDAY-OCTOBER 10, 2025

**8:30 AM-Holy Family-**Ed & Bev Breitbach

### SATURDAY-OCTOBER 11, 2025

**4 PM-Holy Family-**Collective

**6 PM-Immaculate Conception-**Collective

### SUN., OCTOBER 12, 2025 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

**8 AM-Holy Family-**Collective Mass

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

3 PM-Good Shepherd Cluster All Parishioner-

Journey in Faith meeting at Immaculate Conception.

Questions regarding this meeting contact the

Pastoral Office @ 394-2105.

# Good News!

October 5, 2025

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

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 / 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 /

Luke 17:5-10

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**Childhood daydreams come peppered with visions of heroes and heroines**, movie stars and rock stars, fame and notoriety. Eventually, however, we adjust our visions of what we can become as we are confronted by the reality of who we are. Seldom, however, are our daydreams and visions big enough. They tend to be only about ourselves, barely including others.

The same may be said about becoming people of faith. Too readily we think of faith simply as our personal decision to believe in God. Faith then becomes one-sided—the prayers we say, the Masses we attend, the Church's rules we obey. Like the people of the prophet Habakkuk's day, we may bemoan, "I cry for help and you do not listen.... [I] cry out to you, 'Violence!' and you do not intervene" (Habakkuk 1:2).

Then, too, our faith and its vision for life are not big enough, for we do not allow room for God to slip into our lives and do what God does. Then, faith is only about ourselves—our needs and struggles and pains. Faith needs to be a surrender to God's vision, not simply for ourselves, but for all of life. [The LORD said.] "The vision is a witness for the appointed time...it will not disappoint. If it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late" (Habakkuk 2:3). The difficulty is that we want God to make life perfect for us the way we want it and when we want it. Then, it becomes our vision for life and not God's. ●

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**HOLY FAMILY-COLLECTIVE MASS, OCTOBER 4 AT 4 PM:** Michael Blazek, John & Margaret Shekleton, Ila Mihm, Donald Schwickerath, Mike Carlin, Phyllis Carlin, Joe "Arnie", Lois, Brian & Justin Tierney, Jeff Leach, Dan & Jerry Kuhn, Jim & Leona Stahl, Dan Heying & Steve Dvorak.

**ST. BONIFACE-COLLECTIVE MASS, OCTOBER 4 AT 6 PM:** Louis & Mary Link, Hoop & Frances Burgart, Dan Burgart, Mary Hoeft.

**HOLY FAMILY COLLECTIVE MASS, OCTOBER 11 AT 4 PM:** Tony Neville, Regina Eggers, Leah Schwickerath, Duane & David Lynch, Bob, Edna & Sara Franke, Msgr. Carl Schmitt, Ed & Dorothy Flick, Dick & Betty Jo Snyder, Andrea Burgart, Marcia Knutson and Russell Wegner.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLECTIVE MASS, OCTOBER 11 AT 6 PM:** Cletus Schwickerath, Alex & Nita Geerts, Edward Tilkes, Cletus & Doris Ries, Tony, Agnes, Dale & Cheryl Lechtenberg, Living & deceased members of the George & Catherine Lansing Family, Living & deceased member of the John & Olivia Orthaus family.

**HOLY FAMILY COLLECTIVE MASS, OCTOBER 12 AT 8 AM:** Dick & Betty Jo Snyder, James, Arlene, Rick, Glennda & Roger Holthaus, Daniel Kobliska, Donna & Carol Burgart, Travis Rasing, Merle, Alice & Mark Rethamel, Duane & David Lynch and the Rochford Family.