



# Good Shepherd CLUSTER

Sunday, October 19, 2025  
29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

## Dear Padre

October 19, 2025

**What is the Church's view on having crystal stones or sage in the home to bring in positive energy?**

The Church does not have an official position on every possible human action or activity. The Church believes in the discerning principle of maturity and fully expects that the people of God will use the ability that has been entrusted to them by the Creator in a positive manner. The Church understands the power of mystery and the power of symbols but rightfully assigns any "energy" that mystery and symbols may generate to the power of the Holy Spirit. Inanimate objects, by the very definition of "inanimate," do not generate energy. They may be symbols of energy, but they do not have energy in and of themselves.

If you enjoy crystals because of their beauty or because of the way they diffuse light, then there is no harm in having them in your house. If you like the smell of sage, then use it and enjoy it. All symbols have different meanings, depending on how they are understood and used by the people who gathered, collect, and store them for use. These symbols have no power in and of themselves for good or for evil. However, if you live in a culture that has identified the meaning of a symbol, and that assigned meaning contradicts Christian belief and practice, it would be best to avoid that symbol. ●

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### MONDAY

October 20  
Weekday  
Rom 4:20-25  
Lk 12:13-21

### TUESDAY

October 21  
Weekday  
Rom 5:12, 15b,  
17-19, 20b-21  
Lk 12:35-38

### WEDNESDAY

October 22  
Weekday  
Rom 6:12-18  
Lk 12:39-48

### THURSDAY

October 23  
Weekday  
Rom 6:19-23  
Lk 12:49-53

### FRIDAY

October 24  
Weekday  
Rom 7:18-25a  
Lk 12:54-59

### SATURDAY

October 24  
Weekday  
Rom 8:1-11  
Lk 13:1-9

### SUNDAY

October 25  
Thirtieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Sir 35:12-14,  
16-18  
2 Tm 4:6-8,  
16-18  
Lk 18:9-14

## 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

GOOD SHEPHERD  
PARISH OFFICE HOURS:  
MON.-THURS. 8 AM-4:30 PM  
FRIDAY 8 AM-NOON

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[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."*



Save the Date  
Saturday, January 31, 2026

## GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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

Friday 8 AM-Noon

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<b>St. Boniface-</b> Dave Bonfig	641-394-4703

## 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 18,  
Nov. 1, 15 & 29

6 PM Immaculate Conception, October 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 **Hacker Nelson & Co., CPA's**. 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: High risk pregnancy, Judy Taylor, 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 Forckenbrock, 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: Gerald "Gerry" Mishak, Delbert Kolman Jr. brother of Alice Kasuboski

## CLUSTER NEWS

### **WELCOME TO OUR CLUSTER COMMUNITY:**

Giovanni & Maria Almaraz and children Jonathan, Anthony and Giovanni; Aiden Brannon; Raeann Flick; Logan & Abby Maas and daughter Emery; Jose Maria Ortiz Pacheco & Sonia Moreno Diaz and children Leonel & David. We are filled with joy to welcome you to our cluster community.

### **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19:**

Join us as we celebrate the Catholic Daughters of Americas Court Joan of Arc #388 at Holy Family 8 a.m. Mass. Following Mass join us for Coffee & Rolls sponsored by the Catholic Daughters.

**CDA MEETING** at Kensington Place on Tuesday, October 21 at 2:00pm. Join us! New members welcome!

**CDA COURT 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.

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

**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!!!**

**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 Gathering Space after Masses from October 11-November 16, 2025.** Please take a moment to pick up your budget envelopes.

**WHY ARE THEY COMING HERE?!** Religious freedom, the potato famine, the Prussian Wars, the promise of work... These are the reasons many of our ancestors, Grandpas and Grandmas, gave us when they shared their stories of hardship in their homeland. **Join us: Sunday, November 16 at 2:30 pm, in the Gathering Space** at Holy Family Parish on Broadway Avenue. To hear several members of our Hispanic Community share their stories of why they came to the United States. Just as our ancestors had high hopes for a better life, these "future" ancestors of U.S. Citizens have hopes of safety and a good life.

**September 21, 2025 Parishioner Giving:** It was discovered that the parishioner envelopes for Sunday, September 21 did not get entered in the database timely. They are being entered now and will appear on your year end statement. We apologize for this oversight. If you have any questions, please contact Becky at the Pastoral Office. Thank you.

### **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.

Remember, God loves you.

Parishioners of Holy Family,  
Immaculate Conception  
and St. Boniface

Mark your calendars!  
Sunday, November 2 @ 3 PM  
St. Boniface Church, Ionia



**Journey  
in Faith**

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the Team Members are**

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Becky Ptacek-Havlik  
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Kendra Gilbert  
Steve Laures  
Gustavo Jimenez

**Immaculate Conception**

Eileen Eichenberger  
Gładys Christoph  
Duane & Laura Schwickerath

**St. Boniface**

Karen Bonfig  
Dianę Brown  
Jennifer Ashley-Miller

**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.

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.

**Our Call to Share – World Mission Sunday**

This weekend is *World Mission Sunday*, during which we’re reminded that we are a part of a global Church, and called to support those less fortunate than ourselves beyond our borders. By now, you should have received your mailing for the Fall Our Call to Share collection. In this 4-in-1 collection, donations are collected for international ministries, meaning the focus of their work is outside of our national borders.

Supporting the Church abroad, in addition to supporting our local church, is what makes the Catholic Church universal. If you don’t support the global Church elsewhere, the Our Call to Share collection presents you with an opportunity to do so conveniently.

This week we’re highlighting the remaining two collections making up the Fall Our Call to Share collection.

[Collection for the Church in Latin America](#) - Catholics can answer Christ’s call to love our neighbor by performing corporal works of mercy, which include feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and visiting the imprisoned. For over 50 years, the US bishops’ program to aid the Church in Latin America has helped to carry out the Church’s pastoral mission of mercy among those in spiritual and/or material need by helping enable these works of mercy, and more, across Latin America and the Caribbean. To learn more about the impact of these funds, please see the following link for their most recent annual report: [2023 Annual Report](#)

[Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa](#) - The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa supports evangelization efforts, catechesis programs, sacramental preparation for families, or supporting seminaries and religious communities. It also supports local efforts to train pastors, administrators, and financial staff in budgeting, management, and procedures to improve transparency and accountability. By participating in this collection, you show your support for the growing African Church, its commitment to good stewardship of resources and goal of delivering the Gospel to all on the African continent. To learn more about the impact of these funds, please see the following link for their most recent annual report: [2023 Annual Report](#)



**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).

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

St. Joseph Community School and Holy Family Parish have the opportunity to have St. Carlo Acutis' Eucharistic Miracle exhibition **from October 19 to October 26**. The display will be in the Gathering Space and will be open for viewing from 8 am-8 pm daily.

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.

**SAINT CAROLO  
ACUTIS' EUCHARISTIC  
MIRACLE EXHIBITION**

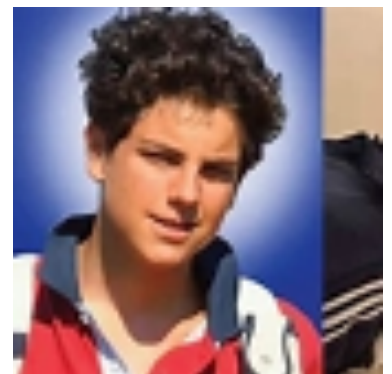
**October 19-October 26**

**at Holy Family Parish**

**The Gathering Space**

**Will be open for tour**

**8 am-8 pm**



**Called  
to be Saints**

1 Corinthians 1:2



October 12, 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 10.12.2025	\$181,092.45	\$14,038.50	\$12,141.60
Needed Weekly Amount	\$12,072.83	\$935.90	\$809.44
Received Last Week	\$11,979.00	\$320.00	\$820.00
Year to Date Recd to 10.12.2025	\$150,763.99	\$5,907.00	\$7,605.00
Difference	-\$30,328.46	-\$8,131.50	-\$4,536.60
Offertory	\$871.00	\$119.00	
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.

**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.

**Waucoma Historical Society Annual Turkey Dinner:** Saturday, October 25 from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Waucoma Event Center. Turkey, dressing, potatoes, vegetables, cranberry salad and pie/dessert. Tickets \$15.00 advance available from Historical members or at Bank Iowa in Waucoma or \$16.00 at the door. The Historical Museum and other buildings will be open for viewing.

**Married Couples.** Would you like to relive the excitement, romance and passion from your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information call, Denise and Greg at 563-920-9419 or sign up at [www.me.org](http://www.me.org). Upcoming experiences are a non-residential weekend in Ankeny November 7-9 and a residential weekend February 13-15, 2026.

**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)

**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 189 in Waucoma** will be selling kolaches at the Waucoma Vendor Show on November 2 at the Event Center from 9 - 3:00. \$15.00 per dozen with net proceeds used for veteran projects. One of our projects this year is donating to Iowa boots/shoes for homeless veterans in Iowa. Thank you in advance for supporting our kolache sale.

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## GOOD SHEPHERD MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY-OCTOBER 18, 2025

4 PM-Holy Family-Dorothy Kriener

6 PM-St. Boniface-Deb Bonfig

### SUN-OCTOBER 19, 2025-29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 AM-Holy Family-Collective Mass

Catholic Daughters of Americas Court Joan of Arc #388

10 AM-Holy Family-Jim & Joyce Cavanaugh

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

### MONDAY-OCTOBER 20, 2025

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### TUESDAY-OCTOBER 21, 2025

5:15 PM-Immaculate Conception-Jack Seelhammer &  
Cecilia Podhajsky

### WEDNESDAY-OCTOBER 22, 2025

3 PM-NH Rehab-Gordon Ira

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

### THURSDAY-OCTOBER 23, 2025

2 PM-Kensington-Don Shinstine

### FRIDAY-OCTOBER 24, 2025

8:30 AM-Holy Family-Mark Schwickerath

### SATURDAY-OCTOBER 25, 2025

Catholic Daughters of Americas Bake Sale Weekend after Masses

4 PM-Holy Family-Francis & Alice Klassen

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

### SUN., OCTOBER 26, 2025 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8 AM-Holy Family-Bob Weigel

10 AM-Holy Family-Collective Mass

**HOLY FAMILY COLLECTIVE MASS, OCTOBER 19, AT 8 AM:** Virgil & Dolly Schwickerath, Travis Rasing, John & Margaret Shekleton, Bryce Kamrath, Ginny Laures, Terry Kasuboski, Gerald, Rita & Robert Burgart, Theresa & Frank Martin, Curtis Schwickerath and the living and deceased members of the Catholic Daughters of America Court Joan Arc #388.

**HOLY FAMILY COLLECTIVE MASS, OCTOBER 26, AT 10 AM:** Tom Gebel, Imelda Ungs, Joan Heiman, Emmett, Marianne, Jack & Alice Meissen, Rachel Stone, Gene Gorman, Richard Orthaus, Art & Frances Bohr, Glenda Holthaus and special intention.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2026:** Due to pending changes from the Archdiocese of Dubuque, they are asking that we not schedule Mass Intentions past 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.

# Good News!

October 19, 2025

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Exodus 17:8-13 / 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 /

Luke 18:1-8

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**I have a friend who likes to say that God always answers prayers; it's just that sometimes God says "no."** He'll say that not always getting what we pray for seems to fit the way life is. My difficulty with that piece of religious folk wisdom is that God then comes off as someone who sits around sorting out answers to prayers from the billions of daily requests sent God's way. When I object to my friend's saying, he's quick to remind me that God wants us to pray. Doesn't this week's parable about the widow who plagues the dishonest judge say just that? Don't give up praying. Yet God isn't like a dishonest judge who cares not for any human being. It also presumes that the sheer multiplication of words sent God's way increases the chances that we'll get a positive hearing, and that God needs to be convinced to do good for us, or at least what we presume is good. But then that presumes that we know better than God.

So perhaps God is not like the judge but like the widow, continually pleading that we might give him a hearing. The purpose of our prayer, then, is not to get God to do what we want, but rather to open ourselves to what God wants for us. That does take some trust, but don't we believe that God knows us better than we know ourselves? That's why the parable ends with the question, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" ●

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**The Healing Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** will be offered at all 5 masses on the Weekend of All Saints and All Souls Days, November 1st and 2nd. This Sacrament of Healing is for anyone with a serious illness, facing surgery, or of a "certain age".