

Good Shepherd CLUSTER

Sunday, January 11, 2026
The Baptism of the Lord

Dear Padre

January 11, 2026

Why do our bishops not marry? Scripture plainly says that they must be the husband of one wife and have faithful children.

This is an excellent question and brings us face to face with an important truth: for Catholics, the sacred Scripture is not the singular source of our practice and discipline. We also look, with equal authority, to the living Tradition of the Church. The magisterium is entrusted with the authentic interpretation of both Scripture and Tradition.

With this theological and historical context as a necessary background to your question, the answer to your query is this: the lived Tradition of the Church does not support a married clergy, including bishops. Although the Scripture allows for it, and provides some general guidelines, the lived Tradition of the Church does not. The Roman Catholic Church has a celibate clergy and will continue to have a celibate clergy unless and until the magisterium, in union with the pope, determines otherwise. There have been some discussions about changing this discipline, but now there is not much momentum that would suggest any imminent change.

In the wider Orthodox Catholic Church, in union with Rome, there is a provision for a married clergy, but, even in these traditions, there is no exception made for married bishops. Bishops are and will continue to be celibate regardless of what Scripture may allow. ●

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MONDAY

January 12

Weekday

1 Sm 1:1-8

Mk 1:14-20

TUESDAY

January 13

Weekday

1 Sm 1:9-20

Mk 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY

January 14

Weekday

1 Sm 3:1-10,

19-20

Mk 1:29-39

THURSDAY

January 15

Weekday

1 Sm 4:1-11

Mk 1:40-45

FRIDAY

January 16

Weekday

1 Sm 8:4-7,

10-22a

Mk 2:1-12

SATURDAY

January 17

St. Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 9:1-4,

17-19; 10:1a

Mk 2:13-17

SUNDAY

January 18

Second Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6

1 Cor 1:1-3

Jn 1:29-34

WELCOME TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD CLUSTER

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NW
ST. BONIFACE, IONIA

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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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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.”

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GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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

Friday 8 AM-Noon

Pastoral Office	641-394-2105
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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
9:30 AM-Coffee Talk after the 8:30 Mass in the Gathering Space
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 January 10, 25
Feb. 7 & 21

6 PM Immaculate Conception,
January 17, 31 Feb. 14 & 28

Sunday

8 AM & 10 AM Holy Family, New Hampton

SPOTLIGHT ON: We wish to recognize and thank our Advertiser of the Week **Amway Products-Rose Holschlag**. 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: Yasmin Jimenez (Gustavo wife), Mary Wegner, Donna Leichtman Geerts, Ashley A. Boeding, Bob, Gary Grube, Lynn Bailey, Kevin Meissen, Bud & Patty Mowatt, Elizabeth Gomez Vasquez, Rhonda Dreckman, June Rosonke, Norbert, Alice & Tom Rasing, Louise Conry, Terry Lynn Rausch, Michele K, Bill Sinnwell, 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: Shirley Murray

CLUSTER NEWS

RECENTLY ENGAGED: If you are newly engaged and will be getting married in 2026. We will have a Pre-Cana Day at **Holy Family on January 25, 2026.** If you have questions or like more information, contact Deacon Vic DeSloover at 563-429-2773.

HELP with MINISTRY: We are in need of volunteers to be Greeters, Lectors, Sacristans and Eucharistic Ministers at our parishes. Also looking for volunteers to wash altar linens on a monthly schedule. Please consider volunteering or if you have questions, contact the Pastoral Office at 394-2105.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 12-23: We will not have daily Masses during the week. Fr. Kurcera will have the weekend Masses on January 17 & 18. Fr. Chris will be traveling to the Holy Land & Jordan. Keep him in your prayers and he travels.

BEAUTIFUL GIFT FOR YOU: Good Shepherd Cluster members. Beautiful books on the Rosary and The Blessed Mother were ordered as a gift for you for Christmas. The book is a reflection on the Mysteries of the Rosary and the scripture passages that inspired them. Please look for them in any of our churches or ask the Hospitality team for one. Christmas joy continues. God bless you all.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: You will be receiving Contribution Statements in the mail soon if you have not already received them.

- If your contribution for 2025 was less than \$250, then you did not receive a Contribution Statement. If you would like one, please contact the office and it can be printed for you.
- If you need one for a loved one that passed away in 2025, please contact the office.
- If all of your contribution was by means of trust, IRA distribution, stock sales, and/or grain sales, you will not receive a contribution statement. Your letter mailed at the time of your donation will be your recognition of your contribution.
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THANK YOU ALL for your generosity in 2025!

CLUSTER NEWS

WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED: Mariana Rose McClain, daughter of Devon McClain and Joanna Avalos and Milo Antonio Larson-Avalos, son of Carter Larsen and Joanna Avalos, both children were baptized last weekend by Fr. Chris Podhajsky.

MONTHLY MEETING: The New Hampton Knights of Columbus Council 1697 will be having our monthly meeting on Tuesday January 13th at the Parish Center in the K of C room starting at 7:00 p.m.

CDA JANUARY MEETING: SATURDAY, January 17 at 10 am in the Gathering Space. Coffee and a snack will be provided. We will be planning our Spring and Summer activities and need your input. New members are welcome to join us in Unity and Charity, hope to see you there!

BIRTH-RIGHT: The New Hampton Knights of Columbus Council 1697 will host a Birth-Right collection after the Masses on the weekend of January 24th-25th. We look forward to and appreciate your support of this cause.

TOTUS TUUS MISSIONARIES NEEDED: Do you know any college age men and women from your parishes who would be grateful role models for younger Catholics? The Archdiocese is looking for college-aged disciples of Jesus to serve on teams with other men and women like them during the summer of 2026. Totus Tuus missionaries serve parishes across the Archdiocese throughout the summer leading songs, teaching, performing skits, and sharing witness tales with the children and youth of the Archdiocese. This is a paid position with training and most expenses provided during the summer. Please encourage anyone who would be excellent at this to apply.

General information about Totus Tuus can be found at www.dbqarch.org/Totus-Tuus. Application information can be found at <https://dbqarch.org/2026-totus-tuus-missionary-application-information>. Please contact Joanne Pohland (j.pohland@dbqarch.org) with questions.

January 4, 2026	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 01.04.2026	\$325,966.41	\$25,269.30	\$21,854.88
Needed Weekly Amount	\$12,072.83	\$935.90	\$809.44
Received Last Week	\$18,492.21	\$1,470.00	\$1,670.00
Year to Date Recd to 01.04.2026	\$332,784.46	\$18,342.44	\$20,530.00
Difference	\$6,818.05	-\$6,926.86	-\$1,324.88
Offertory	\$851.00	\$84.65	
Hispanic collection	\$253.67		

*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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS: Deceased members of Baltes & Klassen Families

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MINISTRY: Deacon Vic will be doing a training for anyone interested in being an Altar Server at Immaculate Conception. Young people to adults are welcome to the training and current Altar Servers are welcome for a refresher if you wish to join in. Also volunteers needed for Lectors, Greeters, and Sacristans. Let us all join together in the celebration in sharing our gifts of hospitality.

JOURNEY IN FAITH SPECIAL PRAYER DAY:

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A Time for Prayer and Discernment

The *Journey in Faith* process continues to move forward across the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Guided by the feedback and data gathered from parishes, the Archdiocese is now in a period of discernment and review. In the months ahead, the Core Team will develop recommendations for Archbishop Zinkula to consider, with the final pastorate plan and clergy assignments to be announced this spring.

In July 2026, new pastorates will begin an interim six-month Mass schedule as parishes work together to strengthen relationships and grow as united, mission-driven communities of faith.

Resources are also being developed to assist parishes with implementation and evangelization as they prepare for this next phase.

Archbishop Zinkula expresses deep gratitude for the faith and patience shown by so many during this journey. He invites everyone to continue praying for one another and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this time of transition.

For answers to common questions, visit dbqjourneyinfaith.org/faq. May this new year be filled with blessings and renewed hope.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Holy Family *Foundation for the Future* Capital Campaign!

With the pledged gifts and one-time gifts, we have met our goal of \$200,000.

Our new heating and cooling systems have been installed. We will be receiving some refurbished radiators this winter.

The new carpet will arrive early next summer once School lets out. Finally, we are working on recognizing any additional projects that need to be completed.

AREA NEWS & EVENTS

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:

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 wwme.org. Upcoming experiences are February 13-15 in Dubuque, April 10-12 in Marshalltown and October 9-11 in Epworth.

COOKIES FOR CANCER: January Special: variety pack 15/\$10. Or you may purchase gift certificates \$5.00 and up!!! Contact Rose Ann Schwickerath at 641-557-8530. Thanks for your support.

PLUM CREEK OPEN HOUSE & RECEPTION:

New Hampton residents Dave and Lydia Sproull are showing their art work at Plum Creek Art in Fredericksburg from now through March. There will be a reception and open house at Plum Creek Art, 115 W. Main St., Fredericksburg, on Sunday, January 18, from 1 to 4 pm. All are welcome to meet the artists, see their many artistic creations and enjoy the refreshments. Please join us!

LAWLER LIONS COWBOY MUSIC, HUMOR, & STORYTELLING along with a SWISS STEAK DINNER:

Friday, Jan. 23 & Saturday, Jan. 24, Starlite Ballroom in Lawler. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Meal at 6:00 p.m. Show at 7:15 p.m. Proceeds benefit Chickasaw Event Center. \$30.00/ticket, advance only, available at the New Hampton Banks.

LAWLER LIONS PANCAKE & FRENCH TOAST & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST:

Sunday, Feb. 1, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Turkey Valley High School. Free will donation, Dine In or Carry Out. Proceeds to Lawler Lions Volunteerism Scholarship available to TV High School Seniors.

Beauty
In Christ
Archdiocese of Dubuque Women's Conference

Grace
for the
JOURNEY

Saturday
JANUARY 31
8:30am – 2:30pm

Join us for the 2026 Women's Conference
Beauty in Christ: Grace for the Journey!

Gather with other faith-filled women in
the IC Social Hall to participate virtually.
Be inspired to know that His grace is enough!

For more information or to sign up contact:
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Grace for the Journey
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8:30 AM to 2:30 PM
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30TH ANNUAL
CATHOLIC MEN'S
CONFERENCE

Don't Miss the 2026 Men's Conference! Do you want to be inspired in your faith and experience fellowship with other men? Are you looking to grow in your prayer life? You're invited to the 30th Annual Archdiocese of Dubuque Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, March 28, 2026! The conference theme will be: Rooted in the Power of Prayer, Inspired by the Witness of the Saints. The 2026 conference will feature Gabriel Castillo as the keynote speaker and Keith Nester as a breakout session speaker. It will take place at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids. Learn more and register at www.ArchMensConference.org.

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Job Opportunities

Religious Education Teacher: Good Shepherd Cluster, New Hampton, is looking for a person to fill our role of Religious Education Teacher. This role can be part-time or full-time. We are flexible. The part-time role will be responsible for preparing 9th and 10th grade students for Confirmation at St John School of Religion. This person will also be responsible for maintaining their teaching space and tracking registrations and fees. The full-time role will include the part-time role responsibilities and assist with teaching religion to elementary and middle school students at St. Joseph Community School. Weekends are required as needed for preparation of the sacrament(s). 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. However, this is not required if you are the right person for this role. Please contact Fr. Chris Podhajsky at 641-394-2105 or c.podhajsky@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.

Now Hiring: Preschool Enrichment Staff Member

St. Joseph Community School is excited to announce an opening for a **Preschool Enrichment** team member! We are looking for a caring, energetic, and dependable individual who loves working with young children and helping them learn, play, and grow.

Position Details:

- **Schedule:** Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
- **Hours:** 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
- **Role:** Preschool Enrichment (supporting students during extended learning and play activities)

What We're Looking For:

- Someone who enjoys working with preschool-aged children
- A positive and patient attitude
- Strong communication and teamwork skills
- Reliability and professionalism
- Experience in childcare or education is a plus but not required

If you—or someone you know—would be a great fit for this role, please reach out to us for more information or to apply!

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GOOD SHEPHERD MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY-JANUARY 10, 2026

2 PM-Holy Family-Wedding Luke Schluetter & Carrie Hanson

4 PM-Holy Family-Collective

6 PM-St. Boniface-Collective

SUN.-JAN. 11, 2026 The Baptism of the Lord

8 AM-Holy Family-For the People of the Cluster

10 AM-Holy Family-Jim & Joyce Cavanaugh

MONDAY-JANUARY 12, 2026

Bulletin News Due at Noon-Send to clustergs@gmail.com

TUESDAY-JANUARY 13, 2026

No Mass at Hospital Chapel

WEDNESDAY-JANUARY 14, 2026

3 PM-NH Rehab-Prayer & Communion Service

6 PM-Faith Formation Classes @ Holy Family

THURS.-JANUARY 15, 2026

2 PM-Kensington-Prayer & Communion Service

FRIDAY-JANUARY 16, 2026

No Mass

SATURDAY-JANUARY 17, 2026

WELCOME FR. KUCERA THIS WEEKEND!!!!

4 PM-Holy Family-Wayne Tenge

6 PM-Immaculate Conception-Tony, Agnes, Dale & Cheryl Lechtenberg, James & Geraldine, Rick & Rodney Lenehan

SUN., JANUARY 18, 2026-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 AM-Holy Family-Collective

10 AM-Holy Family-James, Arlene, Rick, Roger & Glenda Holthaus

Good News!

January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord (A)

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Matthew 3:13-17

MIGUEL DULICK

John, miracle son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, cousin of Jesus and known as “the Baptist,” offers a “baptism of repentance.” Then Jesus shows up. The eternal Son of God a penitent? John is shocked and resists, saying it is Jesus who should baptize him. But Jesus insists, “to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15).

At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus is humbling himself, much as he did toward the end, when he washed the feet of his disciples. Then it was Peter who would resist what seemed inappropriate by the standards of this world. Jesus is giving us an example, the way of the servant leader, as described in today’s beautiful passage from Isaiah. Jesus is the servant leader, the Father’s Son, over whom the Holy Spirit danced like a dove, and the Father, with his booming voice from the heavens, said of him, “This is my beloved Son!” (Matthew 3:17).

Jesus allowing himself to be baptized may seem like a contradiction, but given all that follows, we know he is offering his followers a consistent model of what he expects from those who choose to be his disciples. As St. Paul would later write to the Church in Philippi, “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped” (Philippians 2:5-6). ●

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COLLECTIVE MASSES

HOLY FAMILY, JANUARY 10, AT 4 PM: Donald & Bernadette Leibold, Kathleen Sullivan, Robert Koenigsfeld, Jim Havlik, Living & Deceased members of the Jim Havlik Families, Ray & Virginia Schwickerath, Duane & David Lynch, Melvin & Phyllis Patrie, and Rocky Burgart.

ST. BONIFACE, JANUARY 10, AT 6 PM: Deb Bonfig, Norbert Koenigsfeld, Mary Puettman, Louis & Mary Link, Jim Koenigsfeld, Francis & Mary Kramer.

HOLY FAMILY, JANUARY 18, AT 8 AM: Madonna Flick, Midge Schlindwein, Duane & David Lynch, John & Margaret Shekleton, Rich, Mary Lou & Gerald Roethler, Cletus & Doris Ries, Alvin & Joanne Winter.