



Good Shepherd

CLUSTER

Sunday, April 12, 2026
Sunday of Divine Mercy

Dear Padre

April 12, 2026

We are told that when we receive the Holy Eucharist, our venial sins are washed away. Does the same thing happen when we receive spiritual communion?

Yes, and there are many other ways that venial sins can be forgiven. First and foremost is each of the sacraments of reconciliation: baptism, Eucharist, penance, and anointing of the sick. In addition to the sacraments, an Act of Contrition will also suffice, as will a simple prayer of intercession, such as, "Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Forgiveness of venial sins is directly dependent on one thing: the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit at work in our world and in each one of us. Forgiveness is not merited; it is a gift, and, as a gift, it requires only that we ask and gratefully receive.

It is true that we are all sinful. We are also all blessed. As wonderful as forgiveness is, and there truly is no greater gift of God's love, an equally wonderful gift is gratitude. Perhaps, with every Act of Contrition that we pray, we should also offer a prayer of thanksgiving. It might help us find balance if we remind ourselves not only how we may not have measured up but also that we are blessed and graced. ●

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

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MONDAY

April 13
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:23-31
Jn 3:1-8

TUESDAY

April 14
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:32-37
Jn 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY

April 15
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17-26
Jn 3:16-21

THURSDAY

April 16
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:27-33
Jn 3:31-36

FRIDAY

April 17
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:34-42
Jn 6:1-15

SATURDAY

April 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:1-7
Jn 6:16-21

SUNDAY

April 19
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33
1 Pt 1:17-21
Lk 24:13-35

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

VISIT US ON OUR WEBSITE
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.”

“WELCOME” We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our church. We hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith will be nourished. Your prayers, your presence, and your talents are most welcome!”

GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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

Friday 8 AM-Noon

Pastoral Office	641-394-2105
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St. Mary's, N. Washington-Jake Hackman	641-330-6841
St. Boniface-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
9:30 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 April 18, May 2, 16, 30

6 PM Immaculate Conception, April 11, 25,
May 9, 23

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: Coletta Geerts, Dee Miller, M.K. Jayden, Bob, Dalton, Angelina, Norma Peters, Connie Tiemessen Ellswick, Patty Forkenbrock, Mary K., Yasmin Jimenez (Gustavo wife), Donna Leichtman Geerts, Elizabeth Gomez Vasquez, Rhonda Dreckman, Norbert, Alice & Tom Rasing, Terry Lynn Rausch, 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-PVT. Gabe Macon, 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 Balik sister of Ruth Bematz

CLUSTER NEWS

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 12: Sunday, April 12, 4 pm at Holy Family we will have Adoration and Confession during this time. All are welcome to join us.

Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us there is no suffering that is beyond God. He does not condemn us for our distance but instead invites us back — back to his Church, back to prayer, back to Jesus. Easter celebrates Christ's resurrection and victory over death and our sins. The second Sunday of Easter asks us to bring our sins and suffering to God.

Jesus did not turn away sinners, the marginalized, the sick or the forgotten. He invited them in without judgment but with love, forgiveness and healing. Divine Mercy Sunday offers us that same mercy today. It is particularly important when we feel unworthy.

When we confess our sins, repent and have a childlike trust in Jesus' Divine Mercy, we will know forgiveness. And when we receive forgiveness, we pass it on to our neighbor. By caring for the vulnerable, showing compassion instead of judgment, and forgiving rather than holding resentment, we become the hope and healing the world needs. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy helps us do this.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: The New Hampton Knights of Columbus Council 1697, regular monthly meeting will be **Tuesday, April 14th at 7 pm** in the K of C Room at the Parish Center.

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP: The New Hampton Knights of Columbus Council 1697 is inviting Catholic High School Seniors who are members of the Good Shepard Cluster to apply for a Scholarship. Application **deadline is April 14th**. To receive an application, contact Richard Grote at richsrc40@gmail.com, call or text at 641-330-2448.

REMINDER: All remaining Cluster Budget Envelopes are at the Pastoral Office. We would appreciate if you would take the time to pick them up. Thank you!!!

ROSARY LEADERS: Would you be interested in leading the Rosary before Mass during the month of May. We will be praying the Rosary in loving dedication to all mothers, living and who have past. Contact the office if interested or have questions at 394-2105.

FARM MASS-Coming in the month of May. Would you be interested in hosting the Mass at your farm? For more information contact the Pastoral Office at 641-394-2105.



CLUSTER NEWS

Welcome to our Cluster Community Carmen Schmidt, Adam Douglas and Laine Morris. We welcomed them into the church and our cluster community at the Easter Vigil Mass. Baptized this past weekend was Nora Lucienne Rausch, daughter of Evan & Megan Rausch. May God Bless them on their journey of faith, love and the joy of God.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Heartfelt Thank You

The Immaculate Conception Swiss Steak Meal was a huge success, and we have our incredible community to thank! We were truly blessed with a beautiful day and even better company. Our sincere thanks go to everyone who helped with setup, food preparation, serving, and cleanup. We are also deeply grateful to those who donated raffle items, provided coolers and roasters, or supported the event in countless other ways. We are so lucky to have such a supportive parish family.

With gratitude,
Roger & Laurie Tiemessen, Duane & Pam Nie,
and Mickey & Donna Baltes

2026 Immaculate Conception Swiss Steak Dinner Raffle Winners

<u>\$50 Target gift card Carolyn Nelson</u>	<u>Joan Nosbisch</u>
<u>\$25 ACE gift card Mickey & Donna Baltes</u>	<u>LuAnn Lectenber</u>
<u>\$25 ACE gift card Mickey & Donna Baltes</u>	<u>Dennis Lau</u>
<u>Hermle Mantle Clock Barb Sinnwell</u>	<u>David Tiemessen</u>
<u>\$20 Cookies for Cancer gift certificate Rose Ann Schwickerath</u>	<u>Betty Bynon</u>
<u>\$50 Fareway gift card Judy Roberson</u>	<u>Sandy Clark</u>
<u>\$50 Visa gift card Judy Roberson</u>	<u>Keith Hoey</u>
<u>\$100 Cash Judy Roberson</u>	<u>Jake Schwickerath</u>
<u>Lap quilt Judy Roberson</u>	<u>Duane Nie</u>
<u>\$50 Cash Jim & Julie Rausch</u>	<u>Lynette Mahowald</u>
<u>\$50 Cash Jim & Julie Rausch</u>	<u>Dennis Litterer</u>
<u>Quilt Ralph & Mary Pat Burgart</u>	<u>Mitch Pickar</u>
<u>Immaculate Conception Plaque Steve & Tammy Flick</u>	<u>LuAnn Lectenber</u>
<u>Deer with flag plaque Steve & Tammy Flick</u>	<u>Mike Tilkes</u>
<u>\$50 Cash Jr. Havlik</u>	<u>Kayla Flick</u>
<u>\$20 Cash Charles & Julie Coltrain</u>	<u>Terry McCann</u>
<u>\$20 Cash Charles & Julie Coltrain</u>	<u>Chuck Stanton</u>
<u>\$25 Kwik Star gift card Sharon Heying</u>	<u>Bill Pitz</u>
<u>\$25 Kwik Star gift card Sharon Heying</u>	<u>Marilyn Grote</u>
<u>\$25 Fareway gift card Vincent & Pat Tenge</u>	<u>Mitch McGraw</u>
<u>\$20 HyVee gift card Joan Nosbisch</u>	<u>Travis Swehla</u>
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<u>\$10 Blain's gift card Barney & Eileen Eichenberger</u>	<u>Jeanine Douglas</u>
<u>\$10 Blain's gift card Barney & Eileen Eichenberger</u>	<u>Donna Baltes</u>
<u>\$10 Blain's gift card Barney & Eileen Eichenberger</u>	<u>Johnna Nie</u>
<u>\$10 Blain's gift card Barney & Eileen Eichenberger</u>	<u>Alivia Geerts</u>
<u>\$25 Cash Connie Tilkes</u>	<u>Julie Coltrain</u>
<u>3-Wick Candle Hibiscus Scent Roger & Laurie Tiemessen</u>	<u>Heather Pecinovsky</u>
<u>\$25 Fareway gift card Roger & Laurie Tiemessen</u>	<u>Bob Rethamel</u>
<u>\$25 Fareway gift card Roger & Laurie Tiemessen</u>	<u>Mrs. Bob Koengisfeld</u>
<u>\$25 Kwik Star gift card Roger & Laurie Tiemessen</u>	<u>Lynette Mahowald</u>
<u>\$25 Elma Locker gift certificate Dave & Sandy Tilkes</u>	<u>Mitch McGraw</u>
<u>\$25 Elma Locker gift certificate Dave & Sandy Tilkes</u>	<u>Donna Baltes</u>
<u>\$25 Elma Locker gift certificate Dave & Sandy Tilkes</u>	<u>Kelsey McGregor</u>
<u>\$30 Deerfield Greenhouse & Quilted Casserole Dish Pad Therese Orthaus</u>	<u>Lenyx Uhlenhake</u>
<u>\$40 Cash Jason and Lisa Orthaus</u>	<u>Dan Scott</u>
<u>\$25 Poor Richard's gift certificate Duane & Pam Nie</u>	<u>Chet McGregor</u>
<u>\$25 Poor Richard's gift certificate Duane & Pam Nie</u>	<u>Mary D. Rosonke</u>
<u>\$25 Cash Gary and Mary Lou Ries</u>	<u>Robert Zeien</u>
<u>Candle Basket Terry & Julie Baltes</u>	<u>Jody Meier</u>

Thanks for your support!

SILVER ROSE: The New Hampton Knights of Columbus Council #1697 would like to invite you to join them **Monday, April 13th** at Holy Family Parish at 6 p.m. To pray the Rosary and view the Silver Rose.



Each year from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



**Journey
in Faith**



Membership Updates

Have you recently moved? Have changed phone numbers or no longer have a land line?

Please contact the Pastoral Office at 641-394-2105 with your updates.

We also ask all young adults (high school graduate and older) that either live in the area and/or consider Holy Family, Immaculate Conception or St. Boniface their home parish to complete a registration form and officially register as an adult. This is important so that our statistics are accurate.

If you have any questions, please contact the Pastoral office at 641-394-2105.

Journey in Faith: Upcoming Pastorate Plan Announcement April 11 & 12

As we continue our Lenten journey of prayer and renewal, we share an important update on the Journey in Faith process across the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Over many months, priests, deacons, and parish leaders have prayerfully discerned how to strengthen parish life and pastoral care for the future.

A new pastorate plan has been finalized to guide parish collaboration and priest assignments. Key principles include a consistent weekend Mass schedule with no rotations and limiting priests to three Masses each weekend so they can better serve their communities.

The full pastorate structure and priest assignments will be announced on April 11, with details available online. That weekend, April 11 and 12, pastors will share how this plan will impact each parish.

This process has been guided by prayer and a desire to keep our parishes strong. Thank you for your faith and prayers as we move forward together.

April 5, 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 04.05.2026	\$482,913.20	\$37,436.00	\$32,377.60
Needed Weekly Amount	\$12,072.83	\$935.90	\$809.44
Received Last Week	\$15,452.00	\$385.00	\$655.00
Year to Date Recd to 04.05.2026	\$483,804.64	\$29,306.61	\$27,925.00
Difference	\$891.44	-\$8,129.39	-\$4,452.60
Easter Envelope Budget amount	\$24,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00
Easter Envelope Received	\$22,510.00	\$2,200.00	\$1,625.00
Easter Offertory	\$1,896.00	\$239.00	\$59.00
Hispanic collection			

*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.

First Communion Class of 2026

Anthony Almaraz	Son of Julio Cesar & Guadalupe Nunez Rodriguez
Giovanny Almaraz	Son of Julio Cesar & Guadalupe Nunez Rodriguez
Brooks Anderson	Son of Kyle & Megan Anderson
Bowen Baltes	Son of Clinton & Megan Baltes
Silas Boeding	Son of Garrett & Whitney Boeding
Luis Botello	Son of Juan Botello Lara & Anayeli Uribe
Tyler Braby	Son of Colton & Emily Braby
Ruby Burgart	Daughter of Gerald Burgart
Isaiah Carlton	Son of Matthew & Christina Carlton
Lucas Carlton	Son of Matthew & Christina Carlton
José Castorena	Son of José Castorena & Rubi Varona
Emma Dreckman	Daughter of Michael & Nicole Dreckman
Jackson Eichenberger	Son of Phillip & Casie Eichenberger
Greta Hackman	Daughter of Andrew & Trista Hackman
Romel Hurst	Daughter of Sean & Camille Hurst
Macie Joebgen	Daughter of Dylan Joebgen & Ashley Kasuboski
Mya Lentz	Daughter of Travis & Dana Lentz
Kiley Meyers	Daughter of Brian & Amanda Meyers
Daniel Moncada	Son of Carlos Daniel Moncada Martinez & Karina Rubio Lopez
Emma Moncada Avalos	Daughter of Jose Moncada & Yesnia Avalos

First Communion Class of 2026

Andrea Moncada Núñez	Daughter of Julio César Moncada Martínez & Ma.Guadalupe Núñez Rodríguez
Katia Moncada Núñez	Daughter of Julio César Moncada Martínez & Ma.Guadalupe Núñez Rodríguez
Marco Navarro	Son of Marco Navarro Valdez & María de Jesús Guajardo Mota
Peyton Neville	Daughter of Zach & Jane Neville
Leonel Ortiz Moreno	Son of José María Ortiz Pacheco & Sonia Moreno Díaz
Diego Ramirez	Son of Jose & Maria Ramirez
Owen Rausch	Son of Daniel Rausch & Sarah Reicks-Rausch
Arianna Rocha	Daughter of Eduardo & Beirut Rocha
Javier Rocha	Son of Eduardo & Beirut Rocha
Andrew Rocha Solis	Son of Gabriel Rocha & Elizabeth Solis
Santiago Rocha Yopez	Son of Rogelio Rocha & Diana Yopez
Brynnlee Schmitt	Daughter of Bradley & Brittany Schmitt
McKenna Schueth	Daughter of Donald & Emily Schueth
Mason Stika	Son of Casey & Darcy Stika
Edwin Torres Barrios	Son of Alejandro Torres Pacheco & Daniela Barrios Gaytan
Arlette Trasviña	Daughter of Omar David Trasviña Díaz & Jesus Marlec
Brynn Valvoda	Daughter of Scott & Rebecca Valvoda
Pedro Vega	Son of Miguel Vega Macías & María Guadalupe Ortiz Vega
Addison Wuchter	Daughter of Rhett Wuchter & Kelsey Wuchter

We're Hiring a Principal!

The St. Joseph Catholic School Board in New Hampton, Iowa is seeking a faith-filled, motivated, and professional educator to serve as the full-time Principal beginning July 1, 2026.

About Our School:

- Serving Early Childhood through 8th Grade
- 116 students in a supportive, faith-centered community

What We're Looking For:

- A practicing Catholic with knowledge of Catholic teachings
- A strong faith, administrative, and instructional leader
- Someone who will collaborate with parish staff and strengthen connections with the New Hampton community

Key Responsibilities:

- ✓ Supervise, observe, and evaluate staff and instructional programs
- ✓ Foster a positive school climate
- ✓ Manage school resources and assist with budgeting
- ✓ Promote strong communication between the parish, school, and community

Qualifications:

- Valid Iowa Administrative Licensure (or eligibility)
- Previous administrative experience preferred

Apply on Teach Iowa

Job #8600044221

Learn more about our school: www.stjosephcommunityschool.com

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. There may also be an opportunity for an earlier contract start date for available candidates.

Please share this post and help us find the next leader for our amazing school community!

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REGISTRATION OPENS AT 4:30 PM- RACE AT 6 PM

WHERE: CHICKASAW EVENT CENTER, 301 N. WATER
AVE. NEW HAMPTON, IOWA

(RACE WILL TAKE PLACE RAIN OR SHINE)

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GO FORTH

The Monthly Email Newsletter from the Offices of the
Archdiocese of Dubuque Pastoral Center

Go Forth is a month email newsletter from the Archdiocese of Dubuque designed to keep parishioners informed and engaged with the latest happenings within the Archdiocese. The newsletter is typically emailed on the third Tuesday of each month. Sign up to receive this newsletter by visiting www.dbqarch.org/connect-with-us.

6th Annual "Their Fight is our Fight 5K-Run, Walk, or Ride". This also includes a free will meal and silent auction. To wrap things up, we will be hosting speaker, Ashley Evans from Senior Life Solutions. Funds from the 5K benefit people in Chickasaw County and surrounding areas by helping to bring awareness to mental health, suicide prevention, scholarships, funding for mental health services, grief support groups and much more. We hope you will join us. This is open to the public even if you are not participating in the 5K.

AREA NEWS & EVENTS

Cookies for Cancer: April Special will be Peanut Butter Blossom ... 15/\$10. Or you may purchase gift certificates \$5.00 and up!!! Contact Rose Ann Schwickerath 641-557-8530. Thanks for your support.

Protivin's Spring Pop-Up Shop: Saturday, April 18, 2026 at both The Mint and The Place in Protivin, IA from 11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. Grab your favorite beverage and browse through a wide variety of goods featuring Spring Wreaths, Headstone Floral Pieces, Unique Art, Custom Tumblers, T-Shirts, Home Decor, Baked Goods including Kolaches and Macarons, Rock Art Jewelry, and much more! Come out and support your local vendors, makers, and artisans.

Catholic Social Teaching & Responding to Today's Political Challenges - April 22, 6:30-8:00 pm at Shalom or via Zoom - FREE. Catholic social teaching will be explored as a lens to understand and respond to political challenges. The session, led by Dr. David Cochran, is free and open to the public, with virtual and in-person and options at Shalom Spirituality Center in Dubuque, IA. RSVP required; Please call 563-582-3592 or visit shalomretreats.org.

Immaculate Conception Salad Luncheon & Card Party: Join us for a delicious afternoon on Wednesday, April 22, at the Columbus Club (502 Clark St., Charles City). We will be serving from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, featuring our famous homemade hot chicken salad, a variety of cold salads, desserts, and drinks. Carry-outs are available! Stay for cards (500 and Bridge) beginning at **12:30 PM**. Tickets are \$10 an available now at the IC Church Office or can be purchased at the door. Everyone is welcome—bring a friend!

3rd Annual Boy Scout Belgian Waffle Breakfast: Mark your calendars! The Boy Scouts are hosting their 3rd Annual Belgian Waffle Breakfast on **Sunday, April 26**, at the St. Joseph School Gym (200 N. Maple Ave.). We will be serving delicious, hot waffles from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased from any Boy Scout or right at the door. While you eat, be sure to enter our raffle—tickets are just \$5.00. Come enjoy a great meal and support our local scouts!

Sunday of Divine Mercy

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Spring Dinner

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Serving 4:30—7:00 p.m.

Notre Dame Church Hall

223 2nd Ave. E., Cresco, IA

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Featuring

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Adults: \$15.00 Ages 6-12: \$10.00

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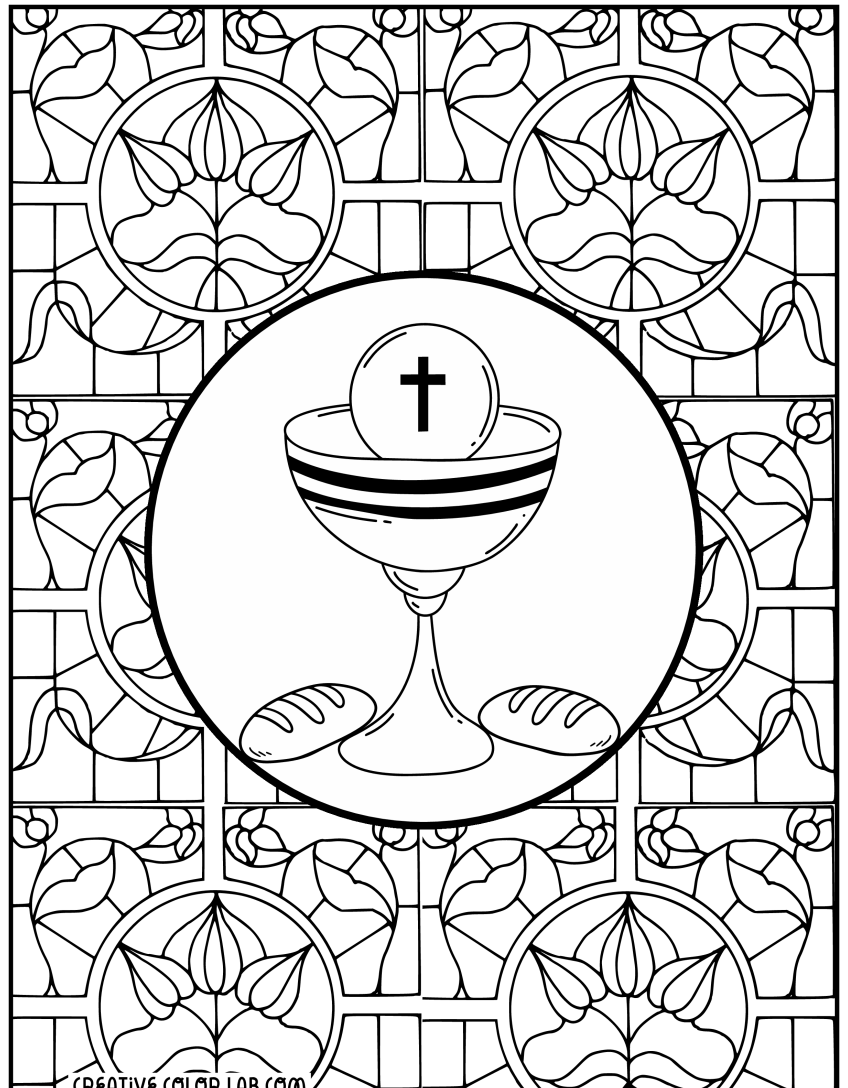
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GOOD SHEPHERD MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY-APRIL 11, 2026

4 PM-Holy Family-Collective

6 PM-Immaculate Conception-Collective

SUN., APRIL 12, 2026-SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

8 AM-Holy Family-Collective

10 AM-Holy Family-Rich & Laura TeKippe

1 PM-Holy Family 1st Communion Mass-For the People of the Cluster

4 PM-Holy Family-Adoration & Confession for Sunday of Divine Mercy

MONDAY-APRIL 13, 2026

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TUESDAY-APRIL 14, 2026

5:15 PM-St. Boniface-Christopher Huber

WEDNESDAY-APRIL 15, 2026

3 PM-NH Rehab-Living & Deceased Members of the John & Gladys Christoph Family

6 PM-Faith Formation Classes @ Holy Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026

Pastoral Office Closed-No Daily Mass

FRIDAY-APRIL 17, 2026

8:30 AM-Holy Family-Edna Stiefel

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

4 PM-Holy Family-Jean Gander

6 PM-St. Boniface-Collective

SUN.-APRIL 19, 2026 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

8 AM-Holy Family-Collective

10 AM-Holy Family-Joyce Cavanaugh

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

Good News!

April 12, 2026

**Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy) (A)**

Acts 2:42-47 / 1 Peter 1:3-9 / John 20:19-31

ANN M. GARRIDO

We can readily understand Thomas' insistence upon seeing things with his own eyes. Would *you* believe it if someone told *you* that a friend whose funeral you had attended was now walking through walls?

At some time or other, all of us have been tricked into believing something we later found out was untrue and remember how foolish we felt. Haven't our parents told us not to believe everything we hear? Haven't our teachers taught us to do our own research? Doubt serves a valuable purpose, and we would be naïve to disregard it.

At the same time, we know that doubt can become a way of life, overstepping its usefulness. During the COVID pandemic, for example, some refused to believe even the most knowledgeable medical voices in the nation. Like Thomas, they insisted that unless they'd "done their own research," they wouldn't believe. Such a stance ignores that unless you are a scientist working in a medical lab, even "your own research" will be based on an act of belief that what you are reading of others' research is correct. Doubt is good, but only in combination with a healthy dose of humility. In the end, the world turns on an axis of trust.

At the close of today's gospel, Jesus names as "blessed" those able to discern what is true and believe not only because of what they have seen with their own eyes but also because of what they have heard through their ears from sources worthy of their trust. ●

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COLLECTIVE MASSES

HOLY FAMILY, APRIL 11 AT 4 PM: Reynold & Imelda Ungs, Ed & Dorothy Flick, Florence Boos, Ray & Alice Tiemessen, Robert Koenigsfeld, Terry Kasuboski, Joseph & Eleanor Dostal, Juel & Marian Knutson

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, APRIL 11 AT 6 PM: Dan Heying, Steve Dvorak, Joan Havlik, and Richard & Phyllis Orthaus.

HOLY FAMILY, APRIL 12 AT 8 AM: Duane & David Lynch, Emmett & Marianne Meissen, Daniel Kobliska, Cletus & Doris Ries, Jerome & Esther Heit, Bernard & Delores Richter, Don & Arlene Boeding and Francis Reicks.

ST. BONIFACE, APRIL 18 AT 6 PM: Lois & Mary Link, Living and Deceased members of the Meyers & Roth, Moravetz & Voves families and Peggy Lester.

HOLY FAMILY, APRIL 19 AT 8 AM: Robert & Marlys Schwickerath, Art & Frances Bohr, Alvin & Joanne Winter, Alice & Mark Rethamel, Travis Rasing, Bryce Kamrath, Cletus, Delores, David & Richard Franzen, Glen & Dan Angell, Paul Kieffer and Daisy Rodriguez.