

Good Shepherd CLUSTER

Sunday, July 26, 2026
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Padre

July 26, 2026

I'm in the OCIA program. My wife and I were married civilly. She goes to a non-denominational church but is not baptized. Someone said we would have to get our marriage "convalidated." Why? And what does that mean?

Convalidation is a legal term, but it can also be understood as good pastoral practice and even more as a wise spiritual choice. Basically, from a legal point of reference, your marriage took place outside of the canonical structure of the Church. It needs to be "regularized" and "documented" for you to move forward. Because your wife is not baptized, it cannot be a sacramental marriage, which requires baptism, but it can be made valid and recorded in official Church documentation. Such documentation is helpful, particularly if you have children and intend to raise them as Catholic. Also, if your wife ever decides to become a baptized Catholic, your marriage would automatically become a sacramental marriage when she is baptized. Nothing more is required of you. All in all, it is a good decision and a positive step in your spiritual journey. ●

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

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MONDAY

July 27
Weekday
Jer 13:1-11
Mt 13:31-35

TUESDAY

July 28
Weekday
Jer 14:17-22
Mt 13:36-43

WEDNESDAY

July 29
Sts. Martha, Mary,
and Lazarus
Jer 15:10, 16-21
Jn 11:19-27 or
Lk 10:38-42

THURSDAY

July 30
Weekday
Jer 18:1-6
Mt 13:47-53

FRIDAY

July 31
St. Ignatius of
Loyola, Priest
Jer 26:1-9
Mt 13:54-58

SATURDAY

August 1
St. Alphonsus
Liguori,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Jer 26:11-16, 24
Mt 14:1-12

SUNDAY

August 2
Eighteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Is 55:1-3
Rom 8:35, 37-39
Mt 14:13-21

WELCOME TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD CLUSTER

HOLY FAMILY, NEW HAMPTON
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NW
ST. BONIFACE, IONIA

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

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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."*

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field." (Matthew 13:44)

Discernment is the process of discovering the treasure God has placed in your life, your unique calling and purpose. It requires prayer, reflection, and openness to God's guidance, helping you recognize where He is leading you, whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony. Take time to seek His wisdom, trusting that the joy of finding His treasure is worth every effort. If you feel a stirring desire to follow God's path, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at dbqcvco@dbqarch.org.

CHARLES CITY PASTORATE

Pastoral Office 641-394-2105
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Adult Choir Director: Betsy Zenk 515-518-4848
North Washington Choir: Sharon Heying 641-330-7714
Calvary Cemetery-Don Dixon 319-290-4991
St. Mary's, New Hampton-Mike Pickar 641-430-2446
St. Mary's, N. Washington-Jake Hackman 641-330-6841
St. Boniface-Dave Bonfig 641-394-4703

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.

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation from 2:45-3:45 p.m. Saturday in the Reconciliation Chapel at Holy Family, New Hampton. . Sunday Reconciliation from 12:30 pm till all are heard. 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

SPOTLIGHT ON: We wish to recognize and thank our Advertiser of the Week **Speltz, Wernimont & Carrothers Family Dentistry**. Please patronize our advertisers. Let them know you appreciate their support of the parish bulletin.

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: Patty Forkenbrock, special intention, Kevin Geerts, Kristy, Shannon, Tom Milz, Mike, Phyllis Cames, Dan Burke, Sara,, Yasmin Jimenez (Gustavo wife), Elizabeth Gomez Vasauetz, and **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-SPC. Elliott Adams, 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: Ronald Atwood father of Fr. Atwood

July 19, 2026	Budget Report		
Parish	Holy Family	Immaculate Conception	St Boniface
Adult Weekly Envelopes Annual Collection Needed *	\$625,401.92	\$41,576.08	\$39,172.12
Adult Weekly Envelopes Annual Collection Needed to 07.19.2026	\$36,080.88	\$2,398.62	\$2,259.93
Amount Needed Each Week from Adult Weekly Giving Envelopes	\$12,026.96	\$799.54	\$753.31
Amount Received last week from Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$9,023.33	\$230.00	\$90.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes - Year to Date Recd to 07.19.2026	\$30,754.33	\$750.00	\$1,430.00
Difference	-\$5,326.55	-\$1,648.62	-\$829.93
Offertory Collected designated to Church	\$87.00		\$20.00
Hispanic Mass Offertory Collected	\$149.00		
*This is the amount determined to balance each respective church's budget. This includes <u>only</u> the adult budget envelopes and not a reflection of the actual income statement.			

MESSAGE FROM FROM FR. IVAN: From a Sioux City Catholic priest, Anonymous

As I watch what's going on in the Archdiocese of Dubuque right now, my heart breaks for all involved. It breaks for the people losing Sunday Mass in the church where they're comfortable. It breaks for Archbishop Zinkula who has an impossible job (like most bishops around the country) of having more parishes than priests and trying to figure out how to best serve the people and protect his priests so they don't get burned out. My heart breaks for the priests who are often caught in the middle of this. They (we) want to serve our people, but we know we can't do it all. Here in Carroll County (in Iowa), the territory currently is served by three priests that was once served by 28 (TWENTY-EIGHT priests).

The (Journey in Faith) solution isn't meant to disregard the timeless and immutable teachings of our Church. The Catholic faith is what it is and mustn't change to meet the current times. If it did, it wouldn't be the Catholic faith. Rather, we must find solutions within the faith our Lord gave us. This can seem daunting and downright impossible. And yet, I do not despair, and you shouldn't either.

Why don't I despair? First, even if the sacraments aren't available at one's preferred parish church, they are still nonetheless available. Contrast this with a place like Nigeria, where Christians are routinely murdered on their way to church and even after they arrive there. It's estimated that between 50-100k Christians in Nigeria have been killed in the last decade. We face no such persecution here in the United States.

In another, more personal example, last summer I was blessed to be the chaplain for a FOCUS mission trip to Brazil. The missionaries and I helped five priests care for people in over 100 worship sites in the Amazon (rain forest). Some worship sites are only accessible by a ten-hour boat ride down the Amazon River. Many of their parishioners may only see a priest once/year if they're lucky. This also is not our situation here in the States.

But the second reason I don't despair is because of the undercurrents of faith I see all around me. Many dioceses are reporting an uptick in vocations. I suspect this will continue. OCIA numbers reached record levels last year. And there's a renewed desire among the youth to have a deep encounter with Christ and His Church. I don't see that slowing. Rather, I only see it picking up steam!

If your parish church is celebrating its final Mass during the month of July, I also implore you not to despair! When Christ closes one door, He simultaneously opens another! This process has been going on since the time of Christ, and it will continue until He comes again. How do I know this? Pick a random auxiliary (assistant) bishop from a large diocese (like New York) that has them. His "titular see," the diocese where he is "technically" the ordinary (in charge, so to speak) that diocese almost always doesn't exist anymore because populations shifted, territories changed, and what once was -- has given way to what now is.

Change is ALWAYS hard. It was hard for the Apostles after the crucifixion, but Christ rose again! It was hard for them after the Ascension when it seemed that Christ had abandoned them. But ten days later, He sent the Holy Spirit, and He always remains with His Church in the Eucharist. It was hard for the early Church when Nero was lighting Christians on fire. It was hard when the North American Martyrs first brought the faith to the native peoples of North America. It will be hard to live our faith in every generation, and I think that's precisely how God wants it. He wants us tested by fire. What do the Scriptures tell us? "Though now for a little while you may have to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold which though perishable is tested by fire, may redound to praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

Why does God allow trials and tribulations? Why does God allow our faith to be tested? So that we are strengthened in it! The absolute worst thing that can ever happen to the Church is for us to get comfortable and complacent! Why? Because then we think we have arrived. When we think this is our home, rather than heaven, we stop working to make more disciples.

To be very frank, for far too long we the Church have become complacent. We've been content to sit on the dock and drop a line in the water, waiting for a fish to bite. Or still worse, we've been content to let someone else fish for us. Give a man a fish, you feed him for a day. Teach him how to fish, you feed him for a lifetime. Teach him to teach others to fish and you can solve world hunger!

The world is STARVING for Jesus Christ and the True Bread from Heaven. My sincere hope is that pastoral planning, restructuring, the Journey in Faith process, whatever you want to call it, that is taking place all over the Church in America, will wake us up from our nap on the dock. We must get to work teaching people to teach people how to fish! We can't just sit idly by content with our own perfect little world, while the rest of the world goes to

I have a dream that the parishes not receiving Mass on the Weekend won't be nearly enough to house all the souls coming to Christ to be fed by the Eucharist. But that can only happen if YOU say yes. It will only happen when YOU, enter the fight and accept the call of Christ to go on mission to every person you meet, inviting them to a life-changing faith in Jesus Christ. This is how we solve the vocation shortage!

Solving the vocation shortage isn't going to be solved by lowering the standards for a man to become a priest, and it CERTAINLY isn't going to happen by changing Church teachings. The only way to solve the vocation shortage is for you to become a saint and inspire others to become a saint. No sane young person will give up their life for a theory or an idea. But they absolutely will give up their lives for a Person. When someone falls in love with Christ, that person can't help but ask the question, "Lord, how do you want me to serve You?"

St. Catherine of Sienna said, "Become who you were born to be, and you will set the world on fire." If you're baptized, you were born to be a missionary disciple. It's inherent in the call of baptism! I know what's going on is difficult and painful (in the Archdiocese of Dubuque), but Christ is still Lord and this is still the Church that Christ established! Become His disciple, then go make other disciples, and you will set the world on fire!

CLUSTER NEWS

Welcome Mass Intentions Facilitator Janice Schultz. She will be scheduling all Mass Intentions for our Pastorate. You can contact **Janice at 641-823-4145.**

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 August 2, 2026.** If you have questions or like more information, contact Deacon Vic DeSloover at 563-429-2773.

Are you Available??? Many opportunities available at our Charles City Pastorate parishes for being a Lector & Sacristan at daily mass, Sharing Room volunteers, taking communion to the homebound or nursing homes, Funeral dinner coordinator, Holy Family Hospitality Coordinator and many more opportunities. Contact Marcia at the Pastoral Office 394-2105.

Do you know a couple who have been married 70, 75 or more years? Worldwide Marriage Encounter highlights and honors couples who have very long marriages. Every state in the US will honor one nominated couple who is married the longest. Please nominate a couple by going to wwwme.org and nominate them at the top of the page. Nominations should be in by September 1st. For questions call 641-753-6953.

Help Comfort Grieving Families: Rosary Society Update: The Rosary Society is updating our funeral luncheon volunteer lists. We need kitchen helpers when a funeral arises. We are also looking for a Coordinators to oversee the kitchen, make coffee, and grab milk.

ST. BONIFACE

Ionia Days August 8th: St. Boniface Church members will serve as grand marshals in the Ionia Days parade. All members, young and old, are invited to ride on the float. There will be plenty of seating and it will be covered. Line up is at 10:30 a.m. If you have questions, please contact Terri Phillips.

AREA NEWS & EVENTS

60TH Anniversary: This year Sister Frances Nosbisch is celebrating 60 years as a Sister of St. Francis of Dubuque. The Sisters will have a celebration in Dubuque in September.

Please remember her and her classmates in prayers of Thanksgiving. Sr. Frances address is: Sr. Frances Nosbisch, 3390 Windsor Ave., Dubuque, IA 52001.

Cookies for Cancer July challenge & special: July challenge: "I'm walking 62 miles for the American Cancer Society" ... in loving memory of Coletta Geerts 100% will be donated to ACS ... any variety 15/\$10. Contact Rose Ann Schwickerath at 641-557-8530.

Support Group: Everybody Hurts, a non-profit group for suicide prevention and mental health awareness. This support group are for those who have lost someone to suicide. They meet the 4th Sunday of the month. The next meeting is July 27, 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m. at St. John's School of Religion, 823 W. Main St., New Hampton, across the street from the New Hampton High School. If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Audrey Drewelow at 319-610-5873 or Dawn Heying at 641-330-4687.

New Hampton Community Blood Drive: Tuesday, July 28, 12:00 PM-5:30 PM at the New Hampton Community Center, 112 East Spring St. Please make an appointment with LifeServe Blood Center calling 800-287-4903 or visit the website lifeservebloodcenter.org. Walk-Ins welcome!!! Celebrate 250 years of sacrifice and service Sign up for the blood drive!!!

All are invited to the Ice Cream Social Supper: Tuesday, July 28th, 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Bethany Hall, 1241 Pembroke Avenue, Lawler. Menu: includes pork sandwiches, potato salad, fruit & baked beans and a soft serve ice cream buffet. Freewill donation at the door. Carry outs available. Raffle tickets for quilt and cash prizes available at the door or from members. Sponsored by the Immanuel Lutheran Church rural Lawler/Jerico.

Weekend Parking & Accessibility Information: To ensure smooth traffic flow and accessibility for all parishioners, please utilize the following designated parking areas:

- **Handicap Parking:** Available directly in front of the church on Broadway Avenue for those with state-issued permits.
- **ISU Extension Service Parking Lot:** Available for general parish parking.
- **School Gym Parking Lot:** Open and available for additional weekend parking.
- **Pastoral Office Parking Lot:** Located nearby at 313 W. Court St. weekend Mass parking

Please arrive early to allow time to park and walk. We kindly ask everyone to be respectful of our neighbors and avoid blocking any driveways.

Low-Gluten Hosts & Accessibility Information: We want to ensure everyone can fully participate in the Celebration of the Eucharist. Please review our accommodations below:

- **Low-Gluten Hosts:** Available for those with gluten intolerances. Please receive the Body of Christ directly from the **Priest Presider** for that Mass.
- **Pew Communion:** If you cannot walk to the altar, please **remain standing** in your pew. A Eucharistic Minister Rover will come to you.
- **Need Assistance?:** Please speak with any **Greeter** before Mass if you have questions or need help.

Blank Donation Envelopes in the Pew

WELCOME TO THE CHARLES CITY AREA PASTORATE (Please indicate below what Church you are a member.)	
Name _____	Phone # _____
Address _____	
____ Holy Family Parish, New Hampton	____ Holy Name Parish, Rockford
____ Immaculate Conception, Charles City	____ Immaculate Conception, N Washington
____ St Boniface, Ionia	____ St Mary, Greene
____ St Mary Parish, Roseville	____ St Michael, Nashua
____ Other, please specify _____	
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY	

You will find these blank envelopes in the pews.
They have a couple of purposes:

1. If you want your loose cash and coin offertory donation to go to a designated church, use this envelope. All other loose monies will go to support the Pastorate.
2. If you want your adult offering donation to go to a designated church, use this envelope. *If your adult offering is in your adult envelope, this envelope is not needed. That envelope will tell us where to deposit it.*
3. Do not use these envelopes for anything other than for donations.

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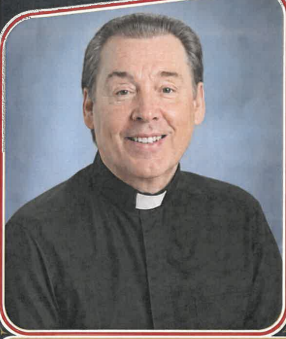
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____ St Mary Parish, Roseville	____ St Michael, Nashua
____ Other, please specify _____	
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY	

Encontrarás estos sobres en blanco en los bancos.
Tienen un par de propósitos:

1. Si quieres que tu dinero suelto y la donación de monedas en la oferta vayan a una iglesia designada, usa este sobre. Todo el resto de fondos sueltos se destinará a apoyar al pastorado.
2. Si quieres que la donación de tu ofrenda adulta vaya a una iglesia designada, usa este sobre. *Si tu ofrenda de adulto está en tu sobre de adulto, este sobre no es necesario. Ese sobre nos dirá dónde depositarlo.*
3. No utilicéis estos sobres para nada que no sea para donaciones.

Do You Know Someone Struggling with Bills? Catholic Charities Is Here to Help. Catholic Charities' Case Managers are available to host a free, welcoming financial literacy class right at your parish for those facing financial challenges. Learn practical steps to creating a household budget, managing bills, reducing stress, and building a plan for a stable future for your family. Privacy is important to us; all inquiries and attendance are kept completely confidential. These classes are also offered virtually. Call Amanda Baldiviezo for info at 319-340-4303.

FATHER IVAN NIENHAUS



FROM:
Fort Atkinson, Iowa

BORN:
June 1, 1960

EDUCATION:

- Graduated from Turkey Valley Community School High School
- University of Iowa
- Loras College

BECAME A PRIEST:
1989

FAVORITE FOOD: | *Steak*

FAVORITE DRINK: | *Water*

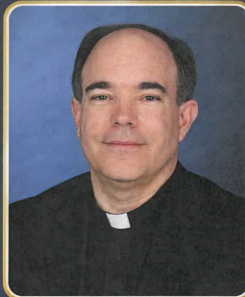
FAVORITE SAINT: | *St. John Paul II*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
a great love of
CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST

WELCOME FR. NIENHAUS: Life began for me at old St. Joseph Catholic Hospital in New Hampton, Iowa on June 1, 1960. I grew-up in Fort Atkinson and graduated from Turkey Valley High School. College studies included University of Iowa and Loras College. Following college, I attended St. Meinrad School of Religion in St. Meinrad, Indiana. Ordination to the Priesthood took place on June 24, 1989, in Dubuque. Over the last 35 years I have had various assignments in Cedar Rapids, Manchester, Waterloo, Winthrop/Masonville, Ames and Cedar Falls. During these various assignments I have taught at Columbus High School in Waterloo and St. Paul School of Religion in Manchester. My various parish assignments have included overseeing Catholic Schools in Ames, Cedar Rapids and Cedar Falls. Serving God as a Priest has been a tremendous Blessing. I would have enjoyed finishing my priesthood in Cedar Falls. Archbishop Zinkula had other plans. I look forward to being with people of this Pastorate. I have been praying for you since learning about this parish assignment. Please keep me in your prayers. God is always faithful to those people who are faithful to Him.

WELCOME FR. ATWOOD: My life began with my birth at Schoitz Memorial Hospital in Waterloo on the evening of Sunday, October 23, 1966. I grew up on the west side of Waterloo and graduated from Columbus High in 1985. I attended Drake University in Des Moines from 1985-89, earning a bachelor's in journalism/mass communication with a history minor. Following college, I attended Josephinum Seminary in Columbus, Ohio where I received a master's degree in Systematic Dogma and a Master of Divinity in 1994. Following ordination on May 28, 1994, I served in Dubuque, Riceville, New Haven, Elma, Traer, and Oelwein. During these assignments I shepherded many rural communities, taught the faith, administered the sacraments, and formed a cluster in the Elma area. I have written three books (on preaching and martyrdom) and just signed a contract to publish a fourth book (on the life of Ven. Fulton Sheen). Priesthood has been the greatest blessing in my life, and I would not do anything else. I look forward to working with Fathers Ivan and Chris and getting to know the people of the Charles City Pastorate. I am praying for this pastorate and ask you to keep my fellow priests and I in your prayers. God will always assist those who serve Him. ~

FR. RAY E. ATWOOD



FROM:
Waterloo, Iowa

BORN:
Oct. 23, 1966

EDUCATION:

- Waterloo Columbus High
- Drake University
- Josephinum College

ORDAINED:
1994

FAVORITE FOOD: | *Spaghetti and Meatballs*

FAVORITE DRINK: | *Coffee*

FAVORITE SAINT: | *St. John Vianney*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
a joyful and faithful
SHEPHERD OF GOD'S PEOPLE

FATHER CHRIS PODHAJSKY



FROM:
Traer, Iowa

BORN:
8/23/1972

EDUCATION:

- Graduated from North Tama High School
- Loras College

BECAME A PRIEST:
2001

FAVORITE FOOD: | *Dead and Prepared*

FAVORITE DRINK: | *Pellegrino Mineral Water or Tea*

FAVORITE SAINT: | *Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
a greater devotion to
THE EUCHARIST AND
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

WELCOME FR. PODHAJSKY: I was raised in Traer, Iowa, from birth to graduation at North Tama High School. My father was a farmer and my mother a homemaker, both strong practicing Catholics. All of my genealogy is from the Czech community of Tama County. I attended Loras College, earning a bachelor's degree in philosophy with Honors, and went on to St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, Maryland. Ordained in 2001, I have served in the communities of Mason City, Waterloo, the three parishes of Wright County (Belmond, Clarion, and Eagle Grove), downtown Cedar Rapids, the three parishes of Monona, Postville and McGregor, the five parishes of Dyersville, Earlville, Petersburg, New Vienna, and Worthington, and then currently in New Hampton, Ionia and North Washington. My first 2 and last 2 assignments have had Catholic schools. I am one of the very fortunate ones who does not have to move with the coming reorganization of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, although my role will change from pastor to vicar. I am delighted to be able to remain among the wonderful people of the parishes in this area. Please keep praying for me and the brother priests and fellow parishioners who are all transitioning to new situations. I'm sure, while we are all seeking to get our sea-legs in the new reality, we can all thrive together.

AREA NEWS & EVENTS

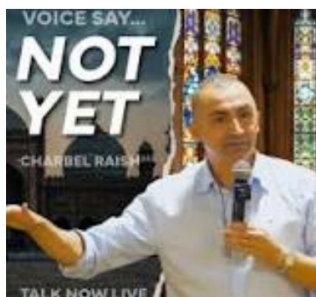
The Lawler Lions are Re "LION" on you Stomp Out Cancer at the Chickasaw County Relay for Life: Sunday, August 2, from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM, at Highland Park in Lawler. Live music, food and \$10 luminaries will be available. Bring a lawn chair.

The Latecomers Relay for Life team is fundraising for the American Cancer Society: Grand prizes are Hawkeye and Cyclone couch sized quilts, plus "House Divided" and UNI wall hangings. Each \$5.00 donation gets a ticket in the drawing of your choice. Drawing August 2 at the Chickasaw County walk in Lawler. Contact Rose Ann at 641-557-8530 for tickets.

Married Couples: Give your marriage a well-deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! The next weekends are October 9-11, 2026 in Epworth and February 12-14, 2027 in Dubuque. Register at wwme.org or contact Denise and Greg at 563-920-9419.

CHRIST OUR LIFE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Charbel Raish



Although Australian Charbel was raised by Catholic parents, during his final year of high school he was led by a sheik from Jordan to become Muslim. However, Jesus and His Blessed Mother Mary directly convinced Charbel to retain and embrace his Catholic faith. Charbel created Parousia Media and continues to fulfill God's desire for him to share the

good news of the Gospel throughout the world.

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Holy Family Fall Festival: Please return all Holy Family Fall Festival dinner ticket monies or unused tickets to the parish office by Thursday, August 20, 2026. Your prompt returns help our kitchen team accurately prepare food for our community. We also need your support on the day of the event, Sunday, August 23, for volunteer shifts and delicious dessert donations.

Dessert Donations: Our famous festival meal would not be complete without your delicious sweets! We are asking parishioners for donations of homemade or store-bought desserts (such as pies, bars, or cakes).

Drop off location: The gym

Drop off date: Saturday, August 22

Drop off time: 8:00 AM-10:00 AM

Volunteers Needed (Sunday, August 23)

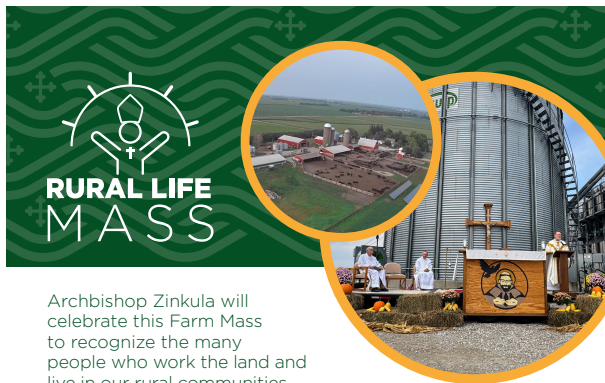
We need an enthusiastic team of volunteers to make our festival dinner run smoothly! We have open spots for food service, hosting, and area upkeep during the main event. Please consider signing up for one of our two primary shifts:

1st Shift 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

2nd Shift 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

To claim a shift, please call the office directly at 641-394-2105.

Save the Date!!!
Friday, Sept. 18
Rural Life Mass



Archbishop Zinkula will celebrate this Farm Mass to recognize the many people who work the land and live in our rural communities.

Date: Friday, September 18

Time: 10:30 am

Recognition program and free-will luncheon to follow.

Where: Lichty Family Farm
8110 Ansborough Ave.
Waterloo, IA



Limited seating available, please bring lawn chairs.
All are welcome to attend!

LEARN MORE:
dbqarch.org/rural-life



Holy Family Parish Construction Projects

Holy Family Parish Gathering Space will be undergoing multiple constructions projects starting the week of June 22.

- The women's restroom is still under construction. The men's restroom is now a "Family" restroom with a lock for the door.
- New carpet will be installed in the Gathering Space, Link, chapel and confessional. This will begin on Tuesday, July 28. We hope to complete this project by August 7.

During the carpet installation, the Gathering Space will not be available for use. The "Family" bathroom will be available with caution.

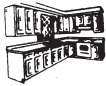
There will be no seating for Mass, Coffee and Rolls or Coffee Talk during this time.

There will be access to the elevators for the weekend Masses. There may not be access to the elevators for the weekday Masses.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Pastoral Office 641-394-2105

GOOD SHEPHERD MASS SCHEDULE

Charles City Pastorate Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026

4 PM-Holy Family-Jim Flick & Gerry Mishak & Francis Lowe

4 PM-IC-Charles City-Duane Tresch

6 PM-St. Mary-Greene-Raymond Smith

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM-IC-Charles City-Vic Dunn 61st Anniversary with Joan

9 AM-Holy Family-Joan Heiman & John & Alice Meissen

10 AM-IC-Charles City-Adrian, Frances, Jim & Roy Dolan

11:30 AM-Holy Family Spanish Mass-Fr. Chris Podhajsky

MONDAY, JULY 27, 2026 Bulletin News Due at Noon

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026

12:05 PM-Holy Family-Bob Keating

12:05 PM-IC-Charles City-Lisa Hrdlicka Wamboldt

5:30 PM-Holy Family, Rochford-Helen Einck

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2026

8:30 AM-Holy Family-Emmett & Mariann Meissen

8:30 AM-IC-Charles City-Gary & Donna Gerhard

2 PM-NH Rehab

5:30 PM-St. Mary-Greene-For the People

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2026

12:05 PM-Holy Family-Merle Schwickerath

12:05 PM-IC Charles City-Dan Barrett

7 PM-St. Mary-Roseville-David Schlader

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2026

12:05 PM-Holy Family-Gordon Ira

12:05 PM-IC-Charles City-Ray Sullivan

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026

4 PM-Holy Family- Andy Schmitt & Joe & Rose Knobb Family

4 PM-IC-Charles City-

6 PM-St. Mary-Greene-

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026-18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM-IC-Charles City-

9 AM-Holy Family-Leo Steinlage & Joe & Rose Knobb Family

10 AM-IC-Charles City-

11:30 AM-Holy Family Spanish Mass-

Charles City Area Pastorate

Interim Mass Schedule | July 15, 2026 – January 15, 2027

WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAY (Evening)

4:00 p.m.

Charles City,
Immaculate Conception

4:00 p.m.

New Hampton,
Holy Family

6:00 p.m.

Greene, St. Mary

SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.

Charles City,
Immaculate Conception

9:00 a.m.

New Hampton,
Holy Family

10:00 a.m.

Charles City,
Immaculate Conception

Spanish

11:30 a.m.

New Hampton,
Holy Family

DAILY MASS

TUESDAY

12:05 p.m.

Charles City,
Immaculate Conception

12:05 p.m.

New Hampton,
Holy Family

1st week of the month

5:30 p.m.

Ionia, St. Boniface

2nd week of the month

5:30 p.m.

North Washington,
Immaculate Conception

3rd week of the month

5:30 p.m.

Nashua, St. Michael

4th week of the month

5:30 p.m.

Rockford, Holy Name

5th week of the month

5:30 p.m.

Greene, St. Mary

WEDNESDAY

School Mass (& Year-Round)

8:30 a.m.

Charles City,
Immaculate Conception

School Mass (& Year-Round)

8:30 a.m.

New Hampton,
Holy Family

5:30 p.m.

Greene,
St. Mary

THURSDAY

12:05 p.m.

Charles City,
Immaculate Conception

12:05 p.m.

New Hampton,
Holy Family

7:00 p.m.

Roseville, St. Mary

FRIDAY

12:05 p.m.

Charles City,
Immaculate Conception

12:05 p.m.

New Hampton,
Holy Family

LOCATIONS

Charles City, Immaculate Conception	106 Chapel Lane, Charles City, IA 50616
New Hampton, Holy Family,	202 N Broadway, New Hampton, IA 50659
Greene, St. Mary,	105 N. Main St., Greene, IA 50638-0480
Ionia, St. Boniface,	204 East Prairie, Ionia, IA 50645
North Washington, Immaculate Conception	114 North Wapsi, New Hampton, IA 50659
Nashua, St. Michael's	602 Cedar St. Nashua, IA 50658
Rockford, Holy Name	507 1st Avenue N.W. Rockford, IA 50468
Roseville, St. Mary	2397 Highway 14, Marble Rock, IA 50653

*Please check the parish bulletin or website
for any schedule changes.*