

Good Shepherd CLUSTER

Sunday, August 2, 2026
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Padre

August 2, 2026

Jesus gave his disciples both bread and wine and said, "Do this in memory of me." But our priest decided that we cannot receive from the cup at Communion. Does he have the right to deny his parishioners the Precious Blood?

"The diocesan bishop may lay down norms for the distribution of Communion under both kinds for his own diocese, which must be observed" (*Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America*, 24). (Also see *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 283.) After the COVID-19 pandemic, many parishes did not resume Communion under both kinds. Some opted instead to make the Precious Blood available only on major solemnities. However, "Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds" (*GIRM* 281). "It is most desirable that the faithful, just as the priest himself is bound to do...partake of the chalice (cf. no. 283), so that even by means of the signs Communion may stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated" (*GIRM* 85). Still, pastors "should instruct the Christian faithful... that Christ, whole and entire, and the true Sacrament, is received even under only one species, and hence...those who receive under only one species are not deprived of any grace that is necessary for salvation" (*GIRM* 282). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / Dear Padre.org

© 2026 Liguori Publications. Imprimi Potest: Fr. Kevin Zubel, CSsR, Provincial, Denver Province, the Redemptorists. Liguori Publications, a nonprofit corporation, is an apostolate of the Redemptorists. To learn more about the Redemptorists, visit Redemptorists.com. No part of this work may be used in any form without the prior written permission of Liguori Publications. Scripture texts in this work are taken from *The New American Bible, Revised Edition* © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, DC. All Rights Reserved. Printed in USA. Visit Liguori.org or call 800-325-9521.

MONDAY

August 3
Weekday
Jer 28:1-17
Mt 14:22-36

TUESDAY

August 4
St. John Vianney,
Priest
Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22
Mt 14:22-36 or
Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

WEDNESDAY

August 5
Weekday
Jer 31:1-7
Mt 15:21-28

THURSDAY

August 6
The
Transfiguration of
the Lord
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Pt 1:16-19
Mt 17:1-9

FRIDAY

August 7
Weekday
Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7
Mt 16:24-28

SATURDAY

August 8
St. Dominic, Priest
Hb 1:12-2:4
Mt 17:14-20

SUNDAY

August 9
Nineteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a
Rom 9:1-5
Mt 14:22-33

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: clustergrs@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."*

"You give them something to eat." (Matthew 14:16)

Jesus calls us to respond to the needs of His people. How is He inviting you to serve and nourish those around you? Reach out to the Vocation Office at dbqevvo@dbqarch.org.

CHARLES CITY PASTORATE

Pastoral Office	641-394-2105
St. Joseph Community School	641-394-2865
St. John's School of Religion	641-394-2105
Pastor: Rev. Ivan Nienhaus	641-823-4146
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Ray Atwood	641-228-1071
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Chris Podhajsky	641-394-2105
Deacon: Victor DeSloover	563-429-2773
Deacon: Michael Ward	641-228-1071
Principal St. Joseph: Angie Beck	641-394-2865
Principal IC Charles City: Laurie Field	641-228-1225
Cluster Business Manager: Becky Ptacek-Havlik	
Hispanic Minister: Gustavo Jimenez	
Director Faith Formation: Tara Underwood	
Pastoral Assistant: Gladys Christoph	641-330-9223
Mass Intention Coordinator: Janice Schultz	641-823-4145
Cluster Secretary: Marcia Howe	
Social Media: Chris Vital	
Custodian: Dave Roethler	
Music Director: Michelle Lau	641-229-6589
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.

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 Vasquez, 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 Adam J. Burgart, Dylan Usher, Kaleb Macon, SGT. Andrew Kasuboski, SFC. Michael Messersmith, Adam Tieskotter, Michael Nosbisch, Staff Sgt. Nathan Schulz, SFC Nichole Lensing, Dustin Boeding, Paul Langreck

REST IN PEACE: Please remember those in your prayers who recently died: Tom Tierney, Dorothy Schmitz and Kenneth Babcock

Charles City Area Pastorate

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

WEEKEND MASS	DAILY MASS	
SATURDAY (Evening)	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
4:00 p.m. Charles City, Immaculate Conception	12:05 p.m. Charles City, Immaculate Conception	<i>School Mass (& Year-Round)</i> 8:30 a.m. Charles City, Immaculate Conception
4:00 p.m. New Hampton, Holy Family	12:05 p.m. New Hampton, Holy Family	<i>School Mass (& Year-Round)</i> 8:30 a.m. New Hampton, Holy Family
6:00 p.m. Greene, St. Mary	<i>1st week of the month</i> 5:30 p.m. Ionia, St. Boniface	5:30 p.m. Greene, St. Mary
SUNDAY	<i>2nd week of the month</i> 5:30 p.m. North Washington, Immaculate Conception	THURSDAY
8:30 a.m. Charles City, Immaculate Conception	<i>3rd week of the month</i> 5:30 p.m. Nashua, St. Michael	12:05 p.m. Charles City, Immaculate Conception
9:00 a.m. New Hampton, Holy Family	<i>4th week of the month</i> 5:30 p.m. Rockford, Holy Name	12:05 p.m. New Hampton, Holy Family
10:00 a.m. Charles City, Immaculate Conception	<i>5th week of the month</i> 5:30 p.m. Greene, St. Mary	7:00 p.m. Roseville, St. Mary
<i>Spanish</i> 11:30 a.m. New Hampton, Holy Family		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 50636-0480
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 50488
Roseville, St. Mary	2397 Highway 14, Marble Rock, IA 50653

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

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.

SPOTLIGHT ON: We wish to recognize and thank our Advertiser of the Week **Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Joan of Arc #388.** Please patronize our advertisers. Let them know you appreciate their support of the parish bulletin.

Message from the Pastor Ivan Nienhaus: Fr. Chris, Fr. Ray along with myself are grateful for the warm and generous welcome we have received since arriving at Charles City pastorate. Your kind words, gestures of friendliness and your prayerful spirit have been heart-felt. The staff members we have engaged in these initial days of the Charles City/New Hampton pastorate have done everything to make our transitions as smoothly as possible. Thank-You for giving us a chance to be your spiritual leaders. We look forward to helping you live and grow in the Catholic Faith.

On another note, it is important that we keep you abreast of those numbers we are watching with great interest. I am speaking about Mass counts:

<u>Greene</u>		<u>Charles City</u>		<u>New Hampton</u>	
July 4/5	105	July 4/5	499	July 4/5	620
July 11/12	128	July 11/12	483	July 11/12	534
July 18/19	136	July 18/19	625	July 18/19	889
July 25/26	143	July 25/26	588	July 25/26	820

As I have mentioned since July 14, 2026, **(1)** Mass schedules can change in January. **(2)** We are counting who is going to every Mass. **(3)** We are watching where people's financial giving is going. There are a lot of empty seats in all our churches. A new January Mass schedule will be based on hard numbers. I would think that Greene can easily reach 200 every weekend. I would think that Charles can easily reach 750 every weekend. I would think that New Hampton can easily reach 1,000 every weekend.

Attending Catholic Mass is at the very heart of our Catholic Faith. It is not simply a religious duty to be checked off each week, but a sacred encounter with the living Christ, who calls us to gather in His name. In the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we are invited to the table of the Lord, where bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. When we gather, we are not alone, we join our parish family, the universal Church across the globe, and the communion of saints in heaven. The prayers, readings, and rituals we share are rooted in centuries of tradition, linking us to the earliest followers of Jesus. The altar in every Catholic Church becomes the place where Christ's sacrifice on Calvary is made present to us, and the victory of His Resurrection is proclaimed anew. For these reasons, attending Mass is not an option for a Catholic. Missing Mass is a serious sin according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The Mass is where we meet Christ most intimately, where we are formed as His disciples, and where we are sent forth to transform the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

Fr. Ivan Nienhaus

July 26, 2026	Budget Report			
	Holy Family	Immaculate Conception	St Boniface	Pastorate
Adult Weekly Envelopes Annual Collection Needed *	\$625,401.92	\$41,576.08	\$39,172.12	
Adult Weekly Envelopes Annual Collection Needed to 07.26.2026	\$48,107.84	\$3,198.16	\$3,013.24	
Amount Needed Each Week from Adult Weekly Giving Envelopes	\$12,026.96	\$799.54	\$753.31	
Amount Received last week from Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$8,252.00	\$90.00	\$666.00	
Adult Weekly Envelopes - Year to Date Recd to 07.26.2026	\$39,006.73	\$840.00	\$2,096.00	
Difference	-\$9,101.11	-\$2,358.16	-\$917.24	
Pastorate Offertory				\$820.29
Offertory Collected designated to Church	\$104.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	
Hispanic Mass Offertory Collected	\$203.25			
*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.				

CLUSTER NEWS

Welcome Pre-Cana Couples This Weekend: This is a exciting weekend as you pray, learn and discover the new journey you are about to begin soon together.

Congratulations Dillon & Beth (Zweibohmer) Tindell who were married last weekend at Holy Family. May God continue to bless your journey together.

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

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.

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 wwme.org and nominate them at the top of the page. Nominations should be in by September 1st. For questions call 641-753-6953.

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.

Join us for Mass at St. Boniface: Tuesday, August 4 at 5:30 p.m. Mass Intention will be for Leo, Rita & Bob Rasing. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Mass.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Join us for Mass at Immaculate Conception, Tuesday, August 11, at 5:30 p.m. Mass intention is for Dan Heying and Steve Dvorak. All are welcome to attend.

Let Us Smile: What did Moses say when he saw people worshipping the golden calf?

Holy cow!



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

AREA NEWS & EVENTS

Cookies for Cancer August challenge & special: "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.

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.

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.

Church Environment Coordinator

HOLY FAMILY is looking for a Church Environment Coordinator. This person's primary responsibility will be to coordinate efforts to decorate the church interior for the seasons, including finding volunteers to decorate when needed. This person should be self-directed. All decorations and supplies will be provided by Holy Family. Many new decorations have been purchased in the past couple of years. This person may also need to attend Liturgy meetings to be aware of the liturgy schedules.

Interior: Advent, Christmas & Epiphany, Ordinary Time, Lent, Paschal Triduum, Easter and Pentecost, Ordinary Time

Exterior: There are volunteer(s) that take care of planting and maintaining a majority of the pots and gardens on the Church & School campus. This will not be your responsibility.

Please contact Becky at the Pastoral Office if you are interested, dbq141sec@dbqarch.org or 641-394-2105.





It's that time of the year! **BACK TO SCHOOL**

Meet Some New Faces!



Angie Beck

**Interm
Principal**



Shelly McDonald

**Lead
Teacher**



Morgan Underwood

**Office
Manager**



Tori Sorensen

PE Teacher

Save the Date *Welcome Back Day!*

Hey Current Panther Families,
Join us on Wednesday, August 19 for
our Annual Welcome Back Day. It is
also picture day! We can't wait!

 Wednesday, August 19, 2026

 Enter through the Gathering Space

 Morning Session: 11am to 1pm
Afternoon Session: 3pm to 6pm

WELCOME BACK

FOOD TRUCK FRENZY

AUGUST 19TH

FROM 11 AM TO 7PM
**ON THE NORTH SIDE OF
KINDNESS SQUARE!**



FAITH FORMATION

The Journey of a Lifetime

IMPORTANT DATES



REGISTRATION
OPENS

AUG 1



**FREE
T-SHIRT**
FOR K-8 STUDENTS
REGISTERED BY
AUGUST 17

ONLINE
REGISTRATION



SCAN ME!



SEPT 9

FIRST DAY OF CLASS
6:00-6:45PM

BASE CAMP SUPPER
5:00-5:45PM



DEC 9

1ST RECONCILIATION EVENT
6:00-6:45PM



MAR 10

**SHADOW STATIONS
OF THE CROSS PERFORMANCE**
6:00-6:45PM



APR 11

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS
1:00PM

*A Pilgrimage with Jesus
Towards Heaven*



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.
 - If you do not want donation credit for this loose cash and coin donation, please mark only the church you wish the donation to go to.
 - If you want donation credit for this loose cash and coin donation, fill in your name and address. ***Please consider using your adult giving envelope for this rather than these plain envelopes.***
2. If you do not have your adult offering envelope with you, you can use this envelope. Mark your designated church and put your name on the envelope.
3. If your adult offering is in your adult envelope, this envelope is not needed. That envelope will tell us where to deposit it.
4. Do not use these envelopes for anything other than for these donations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Sobres de donación en blanco en el banco

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	

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.
 - Si no quieres un crédito de donación para esta donación suelta de dinero y monedas, por favor marca solo la iglesia a la que deseas que vaya la donación.
 - Si quieres un crédito de donación para esta donación suelta de dinero y monedas, rellena tu nombre y dirección. ***Por favor, considera usar tu sobre de regalo para adultos en lugar de estos sobres simples.***
2. Si no llevas contigo tu sobre de ofrenda para adultos, puedes usar este sobre. Marca tu iglesia designada y pon tu nombre en el sobre.
3. Si tu ofrenda de adulto está en tu sobre de adulto, este sobre no es necesario. Ese sobre nos dirá dónde depositarlo.
4. No utilicéis estos sobres para nada que no sea para estas donaciones.

¡GRACIAS POR TU APOYO CONTINUO!

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.



Holy Family Parish
FALL FESTIVAL

**SUNDAY
AUGUST
23RD
2026**

**10 AM
— to —
1 PM**

**OPEN TO
THE
PUBLIC!**

313 W COURT ST. NEW HAMPTON, IA

LIVE MUSIC
BY WILL BARNETT

Meals \$15
SERVING 10 AM TO 1 PM OR UNTIL GONE.
AUTHENTIC MEXICAN MEAL & DESSERT
OR
BACON PORK SMASH BURGER WITH SIDES & DESSERT

RAFFLES
\$5 RAFFLE
LOTS OF GREAT PRIZES

FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES
FOR ALL AGES!

TRAVELING TAPSTER
SERVING BEVERAGES FROM 10 AM - 1 PM

BINGO
FUN FOR EVERYONE!

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK TO STAY UP TO DATE!



Holy Family Parish Construction Projects

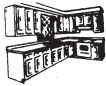
Holy Family Parish Gathering Space will be undergoing multiple constructions projects starting the week of June 22.

- 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.

Bank Iowa Lawler 563.238.2054 New Hampton 641.394.6800 Fredericksburg 563.237.5200 Waucoma 563.776.6414 www.bankiowa.bank Member FDIC	Promotions ~ Anniversaries ~ Weddings www.MessersmithPromo.com MESSERSMITH PROMOTIONS 394-4557 - Bob@MessersmithPromo.com	Chickasaw Mutual Insurance Association  641-394-2158 or 800-767-5447 25 W Main St., New Hampton IA 50659 Randy E. Nobsch • Connie Boyd • Andrew Zweibohmer Insuring Homes and Farms Since 1875	Gerard Glaser Construction New Homes & Cabinets New Construction, Remodeling Additions, Custom Furniture and Cabinets 1807 200th St New Hampton, IA 50659 641-394-4668 
COUNTRY CARPENTRY  - ENERGY EFFICIENT HOMES - WOOD BASEMENTS - CUSTOM FURNITURE - CUSTOM CABINETRY - GARAGES - REMODELING LESTER GLASER 641-394-5157	NEW HAMPTON Electric Serving All Your Electrical Needs Since 1970 Lori Quirk and Brad Quirk 641-394-2187 207 E. Main		COMPLETE AUTO BODY REPAIR - DAMAGE FREE TOWING New Hampton Auto Body, LLC STAN TRASK, OWNER 421 E. Main 641-394-3014 • fax 641-394-4288 stan@nhabody.com
Amway™ Rose Holschlag (954) 579-7794 Parishioner	Hugeback Johnson FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY On-site Crematory 641-394-4334 Your loved one never leaves our care	GEERTS Plumbing & Heating 913 N. Linn - New Hampton, IA 641.394.3369 - www.geertsphc.com Since 1978	
KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS A Family Minded Organization Council #1697	Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Joan of Arc #388  Contact Sue about joining! 641.330.2166	Farmers National Company™ Serving America's Landowners Since 1929 Randy Mitchell Real Estate Sales 1866 Linn Drive - New Hampton, Iowa 50659 Office/Fax: (641) 394-3676 - Mobile: (641) 220-3410 Email: RMitchell@FarmersNational.com www.FarmersNational.com	VERN LAURES AUTO CENTER 1950 N. LINN P.O. BOX 377 NEW HAMPTON, IOWA 50659 641.394.3025 www.vernlauresautocenter.com
QEPIQUE REALTY JOANNE HEYING REALTOR 641.330.3859 focus.joanneh@gmail.com JoanneHeyingRealtor myiowarealestate.com Licensed to sell real estate in Iowa 	ECKENROD FARMS Jim and Julie Eckenrod New Hampton IA Parish and School Supporters	The PUB 2205 S Linn Ave New Hampton, IA 641-394-4430 https://www.pubatthepinicon.com/	
PICKAR-LOULMAN Plumbing, Heating & Electric Inc. 115 WOODLAND AVENUE • RICEVILLE		Hacker Nelson & Co., CPAs 15 E. Main St. New Hampton 641-394-2245 Strength in numbers with a personal touch.	
NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT 641-394-4550 Your local power, internet, and phone provider	It's your future. Let's protect it.  9 E. Spring St. New Hampton, IA 641.394.2000 FARM BUREAU FINANCIAL SERVICES Farm Bureau Property & Casualty Insurance Company, Western Agricultural Insurance Company, Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company, West Des Moines, IA. *Company providers of Farm Bureau Financial Services. PR-GMA(11-20) Auto Home Life Annuities Business Farm & Ranch	KAHN Tile Supply LLC 2176 225th Street - New Hampton, Iowa fax (641) 394-2258 - kahntile@gmail.com David Leichtman Linn Shekleton	
KLUNDER'S KAFE Old-Fashioned Homemade Cooking Jimmy Klunder Jim & Joyce Klunder 929 W Milwaukee New Hampton 641-394-4973	 BOEDING SISTERS Dr. Kara Carrothers Dr. Sara Wernimont Dr. Kara Speltz	Family Dentistry SPELTZ WERNIMONT CARROTHERS 321 E Main St - New Hampton 641.394.3016 FamilyDentistryNewHampton.com	Northeast Iowa Handyman LLC Service with Integrity Steven Lensing (owner) stevenlensing63@gmail.com many types of plumbing & home repair Insured and Licensed 641-330-3553

Advertising Space Available For Rent
 Contact Becky at Good Shepherd Cluster
 Pastoral Office 641-394-2105

GOOD SHEPHERD MASS SCHEDULE

Charles City Pastorate Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026

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

4 PM-IC-Charles City-Pat Levenhagen

6 PM-St. Mary-Greene-Deceased members of the Ewen Family

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

8:30 AM-IC-Charles City-Frascht & McQuillan Families

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

10 AM-IC-Charles City-Don Sullivan

11:30 AM-Holy Family Spanish Mass-Joe & Rose Knobb Family

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026 Bulletin News Due at Noon

10:30 AM-Holy Family-Dorothy Schmitz Funeral

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026

12:05 PM-Holy Family-Peggy Lester

12:05 PM-IC-Charles City-Bud & Norman Rottinghaus

5:30 PM-St. Boniface, Ionia-Leo, Rita & Bob Rasing

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026

8:30 AM-Holy Family-Cletus & Eleanor Schwickerath

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

2 PM-NH Rehab-

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026

12:05 PM-Holy Family-Chuck Laures

12:05 PM-IC Charles City-Jerome Foxen

7 PM-St. Mary-Roseville-Richard Gabel

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2026

12:05 PM-Holy Family-Eugene Sr. & Ruth Schultz

12:05 PM-IC-Charles City-Sekander Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026

4 PM-Holy Family-Rocky Burgart & Herb & Marceile Christoph

4 PM-IC-Charles City-Ken & Fran Schmitt

6 PM-St. Mary-Greene-John Engels

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM-IC-Charles City-Tucker Cassidy

9 AM-Holy Family-Jim & Arlene Holthaus Family & Marian Burgart

10 AM-IC-Charles City-Norbert/June Gilbert

11:30 AM-Holy Family Spanish Mass-Louis Marzen Family

Good News!

August 2, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 55:1-3 / Romans 8:35, 37-39

/ Matthew 14:13-21

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

Even when the apostles think they have anticipated what is needed, they often come up short. Not a lack of preparation or a lack of talent, but something is missing, nonetheless. In the gospel, they announce to Jesus that there is not enough food to eat. The crowds are too massive. They are too far away from the resources they need. But Jesus is not concerned. He sees what they are incapable of seeing. He believes in ways they cannot even begin to comprehend.

In blessing the limited amount of food they scrounge up for him, Jesus reveals to them an abundance they were unable to see. Not only is there enough for all who have assembled, there is more than enough, beyond their wildest imaginings.

How did the apostles understand what they experienced this day? How did they react to the miraculous, overflowing abundance where there was once scarcity? How could there be something where there was nothing?

The real lesson of the gospel is not necessarily the miraculous. Rather, the real lesson of the gospel is found in the invitation to see, to hope, to anticipate that with God all is possible. Even when it seems like a dead end. Even when nothing adds up. Even when you come up short. ●

© 2026 Liguori Publications. Imprimi Potest: Fr. Kevin Zubel, CSSR, Provincial, Denver Province, the Redemptorists. Liguori Publications, a nonprofit corporation, is an apostolate of the Redemptorists. To learn more about the Redemptorists, visit Redemptorists.com. No part of this work may be used in any form without the prior written permission of Liguori Publications. Scripture texts in this work are taken from The New American Bible, Revised Edition © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, DC. All Rights Reserved. Printed in USA. Visit Liguori.org or call 800-325-9521.

