

WELCOME TO THE CHARLES CITY AREA PASTORATE

Sunday, August 9, 2026

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Charles City Area Pastorate
Parishes*

Holy Family, New Hampton

Holy Name, Rockford

Immaculate Conception, Charles City

Immaculate Conception, North Washington

St. Boniface, Ionia

St. Mary, Greene

St. Mary, Roseville

St. Michael, Nashua

Holy Family Parish Office Address

313 W. Court St.

New Hampton, Iowa 50659

641-394-2105

**HOLY FAMILY
PARISH HOURS**

MON & WED. 8 AM-4:30 PM

TUES & THURS. 8 AM-1 PM

FRIDAY 8 AM-NOON

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MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the Holy Spirit
through prayer, sacraments and
scripture, our archdiocesan
mission is to share the Gospel of
Jesus Christ, thereby
transforming our communities
to become more like HIM in
thought word, and deed.

Dear Padre

August 9, 2026

I am in my third year of sobriety. Can I still become a eucharistic minister if I do not partake in Christ's blood?

Yes. Your personal sobriety practice has nothing to do with your eligibility for service as a minister of the Eucharist. Some would even argue that your commitment to sobriety is a powerful witness of your commitment to living a responsible and mature Catholic life. Instead of an obstacle to ministry, it is a shining example and witness of the power of God's grace at work in your life.

Practically, since ministers of the Cup are often required to consume any remaining Precious Blood after holy Communion is distributed, it might be a good personal practice to make sure there are enough ministers present to perform this necessary step in ablution. If everyone is informed in advance, it contributes to the shared sense of reverence and respect that is required of a eucharistic minister. ●

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

MONDAY

August 10
St. Lawrence,
Deacon and Martyr
2 Cor 9:6-10
Jn 12:24-26

TUESDAY

August 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Ez 2:8-3:4
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

WEDNESDAY

August 12
Weekday
Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22
Mt 18:15-20

THURSDAY

August 13
Weekday
Ez 12:1-12
Mt 18:21-19:1

FRIDAY

August 14
St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr
Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63
or 16:59-63
Mt 19:3-12

SATURDAY

August 15
The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
1 Cor 15:20-27
Lk 1:39-56

SUNDAY

August 16
Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6-7
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
Mt 15:21-28

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Prayer for the Feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

O Most Holy Mother of God, on this eve of your solemnity, we rejoice in your glorious Assumption into Heaven. Body and soul, you were lifted into the arms of your Son. Intercede for us, dear Mother, that we may keep heaven as our final goal and one day share in your eternal joy. Amen

CHARLES CITY PASTORATE

Pastoral Office	641-394-2105
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St. John's School of Religion	641-394-2105
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Deacon: John Schwennen	319-239-5728
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Social Media: Chris Vital	
Custodian: Dave Roethler	
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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, 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. p.m. in the Reconciliation Chapel at Holy Family, New Hampton.

Immaculate Conception, Charles City Saturday 2:45-3:45 pm
St. Mary's, Greene Saturday 7:15 pm until all heard.

Aquí tienes la traducción al español: Reconciliación de 2:45 a 3:45 p.m. el sábado en la Capilla de la Reconciliación en Holy Family, New Hampton. Reconciliación el domingo desde las 12:30 p.m. hasta que todos sean escuchados en la Capilla de la Reconciliación en Holy Family, New Hampton.

Si lo prefieres, también puedes usar el término **Confesiones** en lugar de "Reconciliación", ya que es muy común en los boletines de las iglesias católicas hispanas.

¿Te gustaría que **cambie el formato** para un boletín o prefieres **traducir más horarios** de la iglesia?

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 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 50468
Roseville, St. Mary	2397 Highway 14, Marble Rock, IA 50653

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

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 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 **Chickasaw Mutual Insurance-Randy Nosbisch**. Please patronize our advertisers. Let them know you appreciate their support of the parish bulletin.



MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR: Nothing has perplexed me more as a Catholic Priest than when the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) in 1992, decided to remove the Mass obligation for the Feast of the Assumption when it fell on Saturday or a Monday. This change was approved by the Vatican and became effective on January 1, 1993. This change in Catholic practice in America also included two other Holy Days: January 1 (Feast of Mary-the Mother of God) and November 1 (Feast of All Saints).

The Catholic Bishops of America made this decision in 1992 to reduce confusion for the faithful and to address practical issues in parish scheduling, especially in light of declining clergy in America and that fact that many Catholics were not attending consecutive Masses on Saturday nights and/or on Mondays.

In keeping with this ruling by the USCCB and the Vatican there will be no special Masses on the Feast of Mary's Assumption (August 15, 2026) in our parishes here in the Charles City Area pastorate. Even without the obligation to attend Mass to celebrate the feast of Mary's Assumption on August 15, 2026, this feast does offer us an opportunity for prayer, thanksgiving, and a renewed devotion to the Blessed Mother.

The celebration of Mary's assumption into Heaven is that moment when God brought Mary, body and soul, into heaven. This feast is a reminder of the hope that we share as followers of Christ: that we too one day will leave this world and experience the gift of eternal life.

There are numerous accounts of Marian apparitions throughout the history of the church. Lourdes and Fatima are two of the most profound apparitions. I will address Lourdes in December, but it is appropriate to recall the message of the Blessed Virgin at Fatima in 1917. The Blessed Virgin Mary in 1917 appeared to three shepherd children six times. During these apparitions Mary spoke about the need for prayer—especially the daily Rosary—penance, and conversion of the heart, promising peace to the world if her requests were heeded. Our world today needs other those words when it come to world peace.

One of the great devotees of Mary was Archbishop Fulton Sheen. On September 24, 2026, Fr. Ray, Fr. Chris and I will be attending the beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen in St. Louis. Archbishop Sheen here in America was one of the 20th Century's most eloquent defenders of the Catholic faith. His preaching on radio and television reached millions, yet at the heart of his apostolic ministry was a profound devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

For Archbishop Sheen, Mary was not merely an object of piety, she was the surest path to Christ. His writings and words reflect an unwavering confidence that true love for Jesus flows through his mother, the New Eve and Mother of all believers

Bishop Sheen's devotion began at the dawn of his life. On the day of his baptism as an infant of St. Mary's Church in El Paso, Illinois, his mother laid him on the altar of the Blessed Mother and consecrated him to Mary. Later in life he recalled that moment: "As an infant may be unconscious of a birthmark, so I was unconscious of the dedication—but the mark was always there....I was drawn to her (Mary) like a magnet, I was drawn to her (Mary) before I knew her but never drawn to her without Christ."

This early consecration was not symbolic but formative, shaping the priest, bishop and evangelist he would become. Bishop Sheen's love for Mary also expressed itself in his frequent pilgrimages to Marian shrines. He visited Lourdes in France more than thirty times and made numerous pilgrimages to Fatima in Portugal, where Our Lady's message of prayer and reparation deeply influenced his preaching. He urged the faithful to see the Rosary not merely as devotion but as a spiritual compass pointing to peace, the conversion of hearts, and the triumph of Christ in a troubled world.

In a world often marked by darkness and confusion, Bishop Sheen's words remain a guiding light: "On dark nights we are grateful for the moon; when we see it shining, we know there must be a sun." In celebrating Mary, she was always pointing to the Sun of Justice, Christ our Lord.

PASTORATE NEWS

Mass Intentions: Steps to take to have a Mass said for someone:

1) Call Janice Shultz at 641-823-4145. She will collect your name and number, whom the Mass Intention is for, and dates you are looking for. Thank you to everyone for being so patient in your requests and with the new collective intentions guidelines that came out from the Archdiocese. Two Masses each week may be celebrated with two collective intentions in each Pastorate.

2) Mass Intentions are \$10 each. You can put the money in an envelope in your pew and mark it to go to Greene. Please be sure that it is clear that it is for a Mass Intention and has your name and the dates and name the Mass is being said for. **Checks made payable to St. Mary Church** as this is where the Mass Intention Account is held. Or you can mail your payment to: **St. Mary Greene, Attn: Janice Shultz, PO Box 480, Greene, IA 50636.**

Thank you: Dear Parishioners, Tim and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your prayers this past year. On June 25, 2025, I was diagnosed with terminal metastasized stage 4 pancreatic cancer. An Oncologist at Mayo estimated I had six months. After 21 chemo sessions at Mayo every other week and 5 days of high-dosage radiation I was informed recently that my tumor is no longer life threatening. I truly believe your continued prayers and treatments are what caused this amazing result. My tumor shrunk from 4.9 cm down to 1.6 cm and the 3 spots on my liver are no longer visible. I will be forever grateful to all of you. Kind regards, Tim and Terry Lynn Rausch

August CDA Meeting: Join us on August 18 at 5:30 at Hynes Hall for our Opening Dinner & Installation of Officers Meeting. We will be installing our new Financial Secretary! New members welcome, see you there!

Christ Our Life Catholic Conference: September 26 & 27 at the Casey's Center, Des Moines. Two days of world-class speakers for a faith-filled, life-changing event in Des Moines. Go to ChristOurLifeIowa.com for complete information. Let's Believe...Live ...and Celebrate Our Faith!

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.

HOLY FAMILY

Construction in Progress!!! The Gathering Space is undergoing multiple construction projects. The women's restroom is still under construction. The men's restroom is now a **"Family" Restroom** with a lock for the door.

Carpet insulation is in progress!! **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!!!

Come Sing With Us! Whether you've sung in choirs before or simply enjoy singing, we'd love to have you join the choir at St. Joseph's. No auditions are required—everyone is welcome! If you can read music and sing a vocal part (soprano, alto, tenor or bass), we especially encourage you to consider joining us. Experienced singers help strengthen each section and provide support for those who are newer to choral singing. Please come join us at our first rehearsal on Wednesday, Sept. 2nd at 7 PM in the Gathering Space. Give it a try---you'll find a friendly group and a rewarding way to share your gifts in worship. For more information, contact Betsy Zenk, choir director.

Are you Available??? Many opportunities available at our Charles City Area 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 the Pastoral Office 394-2105.

August 2, 2026	Budget Report			
	Holy Family Parish, New Hampton	Immaculate Conception, NW	St Boniface, Ionia	Pastorate
Adult Weekly Envelopes Annual Collection Needed *	\$625,401.92	\$41,576.08	\$39,172.12	
Adult Weekly Envelopes Annual Collection Needed to 08.02.2026	\$60,134.80	\$3,997.70	\$3,766.55	
Amount Needed Each Week from Adult Weekly Giving Envelopes	\$12,026.96	\$799.54	\$753.31	
Amount Received last week from Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$11,891.00	\$170.00	\$297.00	
Adult Weekly Envelopes - Year to Date Recd to 08.02.2026	\$50,897.33	\$1,010.00	\$2,393.00	
Difference	-\$9,237.47	-\$2,987.70	-\$1,373.55	
Pastorate Offertory				\$1,249.90
Offertory Collected designated to Church	\$178.00	\$20.00	\$2.00	
Hispanic Mass Offertory designated to Church	\$318.00			
*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.				

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.

AREA NEWS & EVENTS

Cookies for Cancer August challenge & special: Cookies any variety 15/\$10. Contact Rose Ann Schwickerath at 641-557-8530.

Czech Days: Holy Trinity Parish of Protivin, welcomes all of you to their 48th Annual Czech Days celebration on August 14th, 15th, & 16th. For a full listing of events you may visit Christourhopeccluster.com or CzechDays.com

New Hampton Community Blood Drive: Tuesday, August 25th, 12:00 PM-5:30 PM, New Hampton Community Center, 112 East Spring St, New Hampton. Appointment are encouraged call 800-287-4903 or visit lifeservebloodcenter.org. Sponsored by LifeServe Blood Center. Care for yourself. Care for Your Community.

Holy Family parish volunteers needed to help at the canteen. Contact the Pastoral Office at 641-394-2105.

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.

Save the Date! Saturday, September 19, 5:00pm – CDA Bee Cool BINGO at Hynes Hall, New Hampton. Free family bingo event. More details to come!

AmeriCorps Seniors FOSTER GRANDPARENTS NEEDED:

We are looking for individuals 55 years and older interested in becoming a mentor and/or tutor for area children. Our volunteers serve in the schools, preschools and daycare centers in Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Mitchell and Chickasaw County. No experience needed. For more information please call 641-257-6327.

Married Couples: Does gardening give you a sense of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day, you lovingly planted the seeds of a lifelong relationship. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you the “gardening tools” you need to help your marriage grow and blossom. For information call Denise and Greg - 563-920-9419 or register at wwme.org. Upcoming dates are October 9-11, 2026 in Epworth and February 12-14, 2027 in Dubuque.

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, Iowa _____ 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

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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. Due by Wednesday, August 19, 2026.** 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 a 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.

FAITH FORMATION

The Journey of a Lifetime

IMPORTANT DATES



REGISTRATION
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AUG 1



**FREE
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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*





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

Meet Some New Faces!



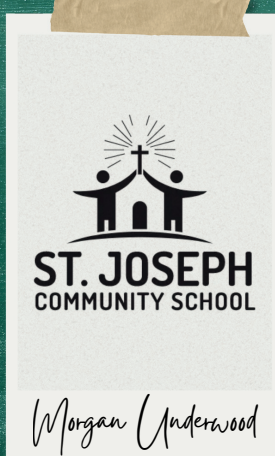
Angie Beck

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Principal**



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Teacher**



Morgan Underwood

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Tori Sorensen

PE Teacher

Save the Date *Welcome Back Day!*

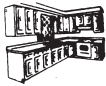
Hey Current Panther Families,
Join us on Wednesday, August 19 for
our Annual Welcome Back Day. It is
also picture day! We can't wait!

 Wednesday, August 19, 2026

 Enter through the Gathering Space

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



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Charles City Pastorate Mass Schedule

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

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026

12:05 PM-Holy Family-Dorothy Schmitz

12:05 PM-IC-Charles City-Dan Barrett

2 PM-11th St. Chautauqua Nursing Home

5:30 PM-IC-North Washington-Dan Heying & Steve Dvorak

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026

8:30 AM-Holy Family-Jennifer Marsh

8:30 AM-IC-Charles City-Tom Fisher

2 PM-NH Rehab-

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026

12:05 PM-Holy Family-Jim Laures & Leah Schwickerath

12:05 PM-IC Charles City-Lola Boss

7 PM-St. Mary-Roseville-Bob & Pat Schmitt 60th wedding Anniversary

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026

12:05 PM-Holy Family-William Marshall Murphy

12:05 PM-IC-Charles City-Constance McNeilus

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026

4 PM-Holy Family- Wayne Tenge

4 PM-IC-Charles City-Bjelica Family

6 PM-St. Mary-Greene-Raymond Smith

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026-20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM-IC-Charles City-Sharron Miller

9 AM-Holy Family-David Rasmussen & Duane & Marge Quirk

10 AM-IC-Charles City-Fr. Bernard Grady

11:30 AM-Holy Family Spanish Mass-Ed Soucek

Good News!

August 9, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a / Romans 9:1-5
/ Matthew 14:22-33

MIGUEL DULICK

In the first reading, Elijah is ready for anything—a whirlwind, an earthquake, a fire—because “the Lord will pass by” (1 Kings 19:11). But God comes tiptoeing, with a tiny whisper. Elijah, a giant of a prophet, covers his face like a child and wraps himself in the word of the Lord. Ordinarily, at this point, a homily would move on to the gospel. But in the second reading, from Romans, we are brought up short. Paul, a giant himself, would love a reassuring whisper from God. He is in utter agony, for the doubtful salvation of “my own brothers,” the Jews. Such is his distress that he wishes he could offer himself in exchange, even to the extent of being “accursed and separated from Christ” (literally, “anathema”) for “my kin.” (See Romans 9:3.) His anguish is heartbreaking, especially since it seems to be a prayer he has repeated over and over. Paul was no doubt thinking of Moses, who dramatically offered his own life to save the Israelites from God’s judgment after the golden calf: “[Lord,] if you would only forgive their sin! But if you will not, then blot me out of the book that you have written” (Exodus 32:32). Paul’s faith told him that Christ had opened the door of salvation to everyone, and even rejection by the chosen people could not close it. In fact, it confirmed its universal promise. A paradox perhaps, much like when Jesus walked on water, as we hear about in today’s gospel. ●

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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 Carnes, 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.

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REST IN PEACE: Please remember those in your prayers who recently died: