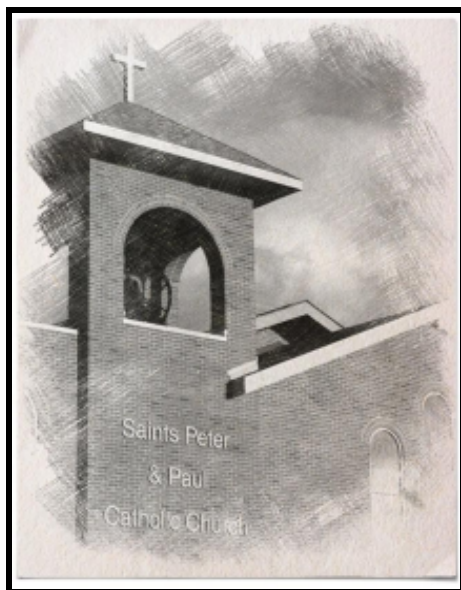


September 27, 2026



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today: Rosary, 8:10 a.m.; Mass, 8:30 a.m.;

Parish mission, 6:00 p.m.

Mon, Sept 28: Romero House meal prep, 9:00 a.m.

Tues, Sept 29: NO Eucharistic Adoration & Prayer

Wed, Sept 30: Faith Formation Classes, 6:45 p.m.

Sun, Oct 4: Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Presentation of Confirmation

Candidates; Breakfast/bars following Mass;

Parish mission, 6:00 p.m.

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Please keep in your thoughts and prayers: Luci Hepler, Joan Eslick, Diane Nicholson (Nancy Bailey's sister-in-law), Mikaela Hunter (Nancy & Rick Schreier's niece), Bill Sumners, Marlene Weigel, Cooper Weigel (Chuck & Diana Weigel's grandson), Tim Kadolph, Deloris Weigel, Mel Stalzer (Jay Stalzer's father), Janis Crisman, Tucker Hammes (Ted & Terri Hammes' grandson), Paul Weigel, Red Snyder, Betsy Marmaras (Jean Kuhl's daughter), Kirk Coughlin, Randy Siebens, Angela Brunner (Judy Brunner's daughter), and CSM Carl Johnson (Steve & Valerie Gramlich's son-in-law).

Today's Mass intention is for Dennis Van Zuuk (Father of Robin Hink).

Stewardship Reflection: "Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..." *Philippians 2:3*

Sts. Peter & Paul and Ames Area Pastorate Information

Green donation envelopes are now located at the ends of each pew. **ALL monetary donations** that you wish to go directly to Sts. Peter & Paul **NEED to be in a green envelope** with Sts. Peter & Paul circled. *Those of you who use the green giving envelopes with your number may continue to do so; please let Alexa know when you need more.* **Any loose cash not in an envelope will be directed to the Ames Area Pastorate expenses.**

Another option is electronic donation, which is a great, hassle-free way to donate to Sts. Peter & Paul Church. Electronic fund transfer (EFT) forms are available on the tables in the Narthex and social hall.

Adoration Schedule Changes: There will not be Tuesday Adoration on September 29th nor October 6th. **The next all-day Adoration** will be Friday, October 9th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The last time slot will be at 4:00 p.m. with evening prayer beginning at 4:15 p.m. Please visit <https://bit.ly/4jfnADj> to sign up. Tuesday Adoration returns to normal on October 13th. If ever in doubt, visit [ssppgilbert.net](https://www.ssppgilbert.net) to view the parish calendar.

Our turn to volunteer at Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry is coming up! We are volunteering at the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry on Saturday, October 10 from 9:30am-12:15pm. If you are interested in helping, please sign up

here: <https://bit.ly/4z2Bsul> or contact Katie Hermanson or Kathy Wellik. Thank you for supporting those in need in our community.

The October Breakfast Committee invites everyone to breakfast on the 1st and 4th Sundays in October. The 1st weekend we will have French toast, sausage, and fruit. On the 4th weekend we will have baked goods. We look forward to seeing everyone!

SCHOOL OF PRAYER: Prayer changes everything. Join Paul and Darcie Tallman for a 6-week kickstarter using Little by Little: A Guide to Going Deeper in Prayer — to deepen your prayer life and make it real. All adults are welcome!

Contact darcietallman@gmail.com to join and get your copy of the book. School of Prayer will meet in the St. Louis Room at St. Cecilia, accessed by the South Parking Lot near the Burke Chapel entrance.

Meetings are Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30pm on the following dates: Oct. 7 & 14, Nov. 4 & 18, Dec. 2 & 16.

Volunteer Opportunity: Churches in the Story City area are taking turns serving meals on Wednesdays at the Story City Community Center. We have an opportunity to help during the month of October. If you sign up, you would help serve the food from 10:30 to 12:00. No food preparation as the meals are catered. Please sign up at <https://bit.ly/4dftVQ8>

If you would like to eat lunch as well, make sure to RSVP with the office at 515-733-4917 by 2:00 pm Monday each week. Contact Tim Kadolph with any questions at 515-291-1468.

The 2026 Ames Crop Walk is Sunday October, 11th at 1:30 p.m. at Ada Hayden Park in Ames. Call or text 515-520-9482 with any questions.

You're warmly invited to join us for the next two evenings of

The 99 Experience

Session 2 – September 27 ~ Session 3 – October 4

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Ryan McIntosh and Lucas Wuebker will continue guiding us through Phase One. Whether you're just exploring or already feel at home in the faith, these evenings are a beautiful chance to grow together.

Sign up (it only takes a moment): <https://bit.ly/4rgkyFT> or grab a spot on the signup sheets in the social hall.

Questions? Reach out anytime to Karen Wirth at **515-231-2028** — she'd love to hear from you.

Session 2 – Facilitated by Ryan McIntosh

Church is our home; it is where we grow deeper in our faith, embrace the sacraments, and find peace, mercy, and a never-ending supply of love. I am excited to share with you how I was invited home and know that you too may have a story of coming home that you would like to share as well. It is through these stories that we will learn how to evangelize.

Session 3 – Facilitated by Lucas Wuebker

"Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important." — C.S. Lewis

In session 3 of The 99 Experience, we will undertake the question of "Why?" Why we need God, why we are Catholics, and why we ought to bring Christ to the world. This time will be used to seek answers to fundamental questions, write new questions, and begin wondering about the wideness of God in his love, mercy, and plan for us. Looking forward to seeing you there!!

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Knights of Columbus (“The Knights Corner”)

To join: www.kofc.org/joinus (Council # 15060) or contact Rick Schreier, Jeff Wellik, or Gary Bailey

Campaign for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities – During the month of October, the Knights will be conducting their annual Campaign for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (CPID) Drive, a.k.a., Tootsie Roll Drive. The donations go to support Special Olympics – Iowa, the Arc of Story County, and other organizations that support persons with intellectual disabilities.

Did you know that in the 1970’s Special Olympics – Iowa was in danger of closing its doors? Luckily, the Iowa Knights of Columbus came through with much needed support. Every year they are one of the biggest providers of financial support to Special Olympics – Iowa. In fact, in recent years, the Iowa Knights of Columbus has donated over \$50,000 annually to them. That is in addition to what each of the 200+ individual Iowa councils donate through their “Tootsie Roll Drives.”

So, get ready! After Mass on each Sunday, October 4 and October 11, Knights will be distributing Tootsie Rolls and seeking donations. Please consider helping!

Ministry Schedule - Sunday, October 4th (8:30 a.m.)

October Sacristans are John & Niki Stinn

Greeter: Joyce & Arnold Wirth (upstairs), Cheryl Larson (downstairs)

Ushers: Melody Family

Lectors: Donna Stinn, NEED 1 MORE

Altar Servers: Julianne Schwartz, Heath Mallon, Silas Trask

Gift Bearer: Joyce & Arnold Wirth

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Deacon Ron, Deacon Joel, NEED 3 MORE

Money Counters: Cheryl Larson, NEED 1 MORE

Sound Technician: Jay Stalzer

**Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to view the ministry schedule on Realm. You will still need a Realm account and will be prompted to log in before the link will take you to the correct site page.*



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*Oh Mary, "Mother of the Living, to
you do we entrust the cause of life."*

Evangelium vitae

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

LIFE CHAIN– RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY 10/4/26

after 11 AM Mass across from STA. Peaceful, prayerful demonstration for hope and reparation ~1 hour.

MOTHER OF LIFE LITANY– available on media table English or Spanish STC narthex. While supplies last. Also prayed Saturdays after noon Rosary STC Burke chapel.

FREE PRO LIFE BUMPER STICKERS– on media table STC narthex. Simple way to help save a life. While supplies last.

CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH ARTICLES– USCCB resources on media table STC narthex.

GROWING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR UNBORN AND HARM TO WOMEN– be educated on the abortion pill and save lives. Take action flier on media table STC narthex. Did you know Ames Obria clinic has already saved a life using abortion pill reversal (APR)?

HOPE AFTER ABORTION– hurting after abortion?
hopeafterabortion.com

Compiled by STC Sanctity of Human Life Committee

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