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August 24, 2025

Strive to enter through the narrow gate,
for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter
but will not be strong enough.

Luke 13:22-30

Mass Times & Intentions

**TUES. Aug. 26/ 8:30 AM, St. Patrick: Terri Holub &
Elaine Williamson**

WED. Aug. 27/ 8:30 AM, St. Patrick: Amy Price

THURS. Aug. 28/ 8:30 AM, St. Stephen: Harold Kolda

FRI. Aug. 29/ 6:00 AM, St. Patrick: Holy Souls in Purgatory

SAT. Aug. 30/ 4:00 PM, St. Patrick: For the People

SUN. Aug. 31/ 8:00 AM, St. Stephen: Joe Carpenter

SUN. Aug. 31/ 10:30 AM, St. Patrick: Alice Redmond

Reconciliation: 3:30 p.m. on Saturday at St. Patrick; 7:30 a.m. on Sunday at St. Stephen or by appointment.

For all other Sacraments, please, call or stop in either parish office.

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Summer Hours
Tues. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
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From Fr. Sean Smith

Dear Friends in Christ,

This week is the final installment of the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) taken directly from the *Journey in Faith* website, dbqjourneyinfaith.org:



How will *Journey in Faith* support our priests?

By ultimately reducing the number of parishes each priest must serve, the new structure aims to:

- Allow more time for pastoral care and sacramental ministry as the faithful unfold their gifts in leadership
- Build stronger relationships with parishioners
- Foster vocational discernment
- Prevent burnout

If priests will be celebrating fewer Masses, what else will they be doing?

The majority of our pastors currently serve more than one parish, which limits the amount of time and energy they can spend celebrating the other sacraments, caring for their parishioners and staff, helping us form our faith, teaching us to grow deeper in our relationship with Jesus and reaching out to those who have left the Church or who are not Catholic. We anticipate they will be able to spend more time and resources caring for people as the administration and governance of pastorates is streamlined and coordinated. Last but certainly not least, we hope it will give them a better work-life balance.

How can I get involved?

All parishioners will be invited to provide verbal and written feedback through a series of meetings and surveys. No final decisions have been made. All feedback and ideas are important. During the fall of 2025 the focus will be on “who”: which parishes will be grouped together in pastorates. During the fall of 2026, the focus will be on “how” the newly formed pastorate can promote evangelization and grow in vibrancy through enhanced collaboration.

What can I do now?

- Pray for the Holy Spirit’s guidance
- Be open to change and trust in God’s providence
- Stay informed through parish communications
- Support your parish through service and stewardship
- Join a small group or faith formation opportunity
- Encourage and support your parish leaders
- Pray for our Archdiocese and clergy

Where can I learn more?

Talk to your pastor or local Journey in Faith Team members, check parish bulletins, and/or visit the Journey in Faith website at dbqjourneyinfaith.org for updates, timelines, and resources.

+Peace,
Fr. Sean

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	Aug. 30 4:00 p.m. St. Patrick	NO MASS	Aug. 31 8:00 a.m. St. Stephen	Aug. 31 10:30 a.m. St. Patrick
Lector	Marcia Finn		David Allen	Paul Johnson
Children Liturgy	N/A		N/A	Julie Corpstein Hannah Greif
Eucharistic Ministers	*Barb Capron Larry Huinker Suzanne Marek *clean vessels		Denise McGovern Diane Brecht Lori Rochford	*Kimberly Keister Linda Bonifazi-King Michael Dehner *clean vessels
Altar Servers	Isaac Sievert Jonah Wagner		Hazel Ward Nevaeh Klima	Finley Clark McCoy Clark
Greeters	Jolene Huinker Larry Huinker		Don Hogan Karla Hogan	Linda Bonifazi-King Dale King
Ushers	Keith Doyle Michael Finn		Don Hogan Karla Hogan	Rick Cook Jeff Fliehler
Sacristan	Loretta Holzinger		Gifts: Joe & Emily Ruley and Family	Rosann Hurt
Rosary	Rick Delagardelle		Deacon David Sallen	Sandy Heims

St. Patrick News



LET US PRAY FOR...

Mary Barnes, Dale Breon, Matthew Corpstein, Jordan Darrow, Mike Fitzsimmons, Amanda Gardner, Dan Gilmore, Patty Gilmore, Nancy Haefner, Bob Holland, Esther Hudson, Jennifer Jeffrey, Matthew Jennings, Alvin Johnson, Cheryl Leiferman, Lavonne Ludwig, James McIntyre (grandson of Patty Gilmore), Shannon McManus, Morgan Meyer, Dennis Moss, Sharon Nakielski, Ember O'Donnell, Angie Osterkamp, Deb Paustian, Barb Rumsey, Edith Schwers, Elaine Secrist, John Secrist, Candy Shada, Cooper Sievers, Samuel Simko, Catherine Skarbek, Robert Skarbek, Caro Thompson, John K. Tigan, Mary Jo Yotty, those homebound and in care centers, those listed in our Prayer Intention Book



Our Sanctuary Lamp will burn for
Terri Holub & Elaine Williamson
 the week of August 31
Christ be our light
shine through the darkness

WE ARE IN NEED OF CATECHIST

ASSISTANTS

For our 2025-2026 Faith Formation Year!

Responsibilities include:

- Support the catechist in fostering a calm, prayerful, and nurturing atmosphere for the children.
- Aid the children with lessons or activities while ensuring a positive and engaging learning environment.

Benefits Include:

- You will enhance your faith while playing a vital role in the spiritual growth of children.
- This position can be taken on as a paid role, silver cord hours, or as a volunteer opportunity.



Please call
 319-462-2141
 for more information



We are in need of jars and lids!
 If you have any extras you're willing to donate, please bring them to the church basement. Thank you for your generosity!



“Building on Our Past, Securing Our Future” Program

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing about the upcoming *“Building on Our Past, Securing Our Future”* Program at St. Patrick Church. This effort is very important as we move forward with the mission and vision of St. Patrick Church. We, as a parish family, have changed so many lives in our community! In order to continue our mission and ministries, we encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the work we do. Our special Commitment Weekend will be celebrated on September 20 & 21.

If you have any questions regarding the *“Building on Our Past, Securing Our Future”* Program, please feel free to contact the parish office.




Thank you to all those who helped with the Sweetcorn processing on Monday. Many hands make light work was certainly on display!





Calling All Men!
 TMIY Is For You!!
 Want to know more?
 Here We Go!!!!
 Saturday, September 6 at
 6:00 am
 SEE YOU IN 2 WEEKS!!

The kingdom of God is among us. Indeed, it is here now. For where the King is, there is His Kingdom. Let us live with an eternal perspective. May we become the men we need to rebuild the kingdom! Join us for food, fellowship and faith. All men are welcome.

FAITH IN ACTION

BINGO WITH RESIDENTS OF ANAMOSA CARE CENTER

Last Friday, the Faith in Action youth group visited the Anamosa Care Center, bringing joy through a fun game of bingo. Their cheerful presence and kindness created a heartwarming atmosphere, bridging generations and embodying the spirit of fellowship. This event highlighted the power of compassion and community in God's love.






Thank you



St. John, Coggon | St. Joseph, Prairieburg | St. Stephen, Central City

LET US PRAY FOR...

Don Beranek, Anita Besler, Pat Cameron, Ruby Drexler, Karen Dunlap, Lauren Foss, Glenda Grant, Jean Greif, Barb Heller, Diane Korte, Carol Kouba, Steve Kueter, Cheryl LloydRyan, Skip Powers, Dan Reiter, Sharon Reiter, Zora Ronan, Bert Shulista, Steve Walker, Janet Weber, Sam Weller, James Weighton, Kenneth Zieser,

FAITH FORMATION 2025-2026

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

SIGN UP NOW

K-9TH GRADES- WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 6:45-8:00PM

CONFIRMATION- 10-12TH GRADE SUNDAYS 8 (MASS)- 10:30AM

[HTTPS://WWW.MYSCHOOLSYSTEMS.COM/ARCHDBQ/DBQC08/REGISTRATION.PHP?WHO=STUDENT](https://www.myschoolsystems.com/archdbq/dbqc08/registration.php?who=student)

QUESTIONS CONTACT EMILY AT DBQ034RE@DBQARCH.ORG

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER




Parish Visitor Reminder:

Please call the office or Monica if you would like Monica to sit in prayer with you or bring you the Blessed Sacrament on a regular basis or to schedule a special time for you.
Monica: 319-438-1979.



St. Stephens Ladies Guild meeting is on September 3 at 9:00 am.

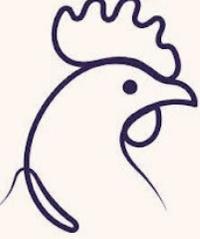


Check out the North Linn Catholic Cluster FACEBOOK page! click link below [NorthLinnCatholicCluster](https://www.facebook.com/NorthLinnCatholicCluster)

Or scan this QR code with your smart phone camera and click on the link that pops up on your phone. Make sure to LIKE the page and follow.




A HUGE Thank you

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS THAT HELPED WITH NIBL'N, BID'N, AND PIE! IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU!!!

Faith formation is still looking for the following positions to be filled for our 2025-2026 Faith Formation Year:

- *2-3 Wednesday night Catechists
- * 2 Wednesday night Hall Monitors
- * 1-2 Sunday Confirmation group leaders

NLCC Youth Faith Formation




GRADUATING SENIORS CONNECT HERE

signupnc.newmanministry.com




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Knights of Columbus September Meeting will be held on September 1st at St. John's in Coggon at 7:10 PM. (Yes, the meeting will be on Labor day)



CPID Tootsie Roll drive'

The North Linn Catholic Cluster Knights will be handing out tootsie rolls and collecting money at local area businesses Friday & Saturday (5th /6th of September). Collections after Mass will be on the 6th at St. Josephs 7th at St. Stephens, and 13th at St. Johns. Please support our Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (CPID) - 100% of the money raised goes to Discovery Living and Camp Courageous, both of which operate on donations. If you wish, you can mail checks to the North Linn Catholic Cluster, P.O. Box 496, Central City, IA 52214, payable to the North Linn Knights of Columbus, marked "CPID".

Thank You and God Bless!




All Parish News

Weekly Offerings--8/18

St. Patrick--\$2,480.85
 St. Joseph--\$524.00
 St. John--\$723.00
 St. Stephen--\$3,884.00
 Mt. Olivet Cemetery \$
 St. Joseph Cemetery \$

Weekly offerings can be made through automatic ACH withdrawals. Forms can be found on the parish websites. Completed forms can be mailed, dropped off or put in the collection basket at Mass.

Scripture For The Week: Aug. 25 - Aug. 31

Mon. 8/25 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10 Matthew 23:13-22
Tues. 8/26 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 23:23-26
Wed. 8/27 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:27-32
Thurs. 8/28 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13 Matthew 24:42-51
Fri. 8/29 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 Mark 6:17-29
Sat. 8/30 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, Aug. 31 Readings

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
 Luke 14:1, 7-14

Eucharistic Adoration
St. Stephen Catholic Church
Central City
Thursday, August 28
5:00- 6:00 PM



St. Isidore Parish Festival Sunday, August 24, 2025 Springfield, Iowa

Maidrites, Coleslaw, Kids 5 and under eat
 Chips, Cookies, free! Serving 11:00 am -
 Lemonade or 12:30 pm
 Bottled Water all for For more information visit:
 \$10.00 StIsidoreSpringville.org

Jones County Senior Expo September 9th, 2025 9:30 AM- 11:30 AM

Lawrence Community Center
 600 E Main St., Anamosa, IA

Join us Sept 9th for lunch, conversation, door prizes, healthcare resources, blood pressure checks and hear Sheriff Greg Graver speak about scams affecting our seniors! You won't want to miss it!



Jones County Elderly Consortium



The Week Ahead

Mon. 8/25 8:00 a.m. First Day of School: SP
 Tue. 8/26 8:30 a.m. Rosary: SP
 Wed. 8/27 9:00 a.m. Coffee Club: G & G

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate...” (Luke 13:24). We cannot see what God sees, and God’s love is much wider than our expectations. How can you be less judgmental toward your spouse, and help them to “enter through the narrow gate? This takes work, courage and humility.

Hope for Caregivers

During this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has encouraged us to focus on “the hope that does not fade.” Hope is an especially important ingredient for healthy living as caregivers, who face stress, isolation, and sometimes ask where God is in their situations. This group is for anyone caring for a child, parent, spouse, or loved one with a chronic illness or disability. Through Scripture, prayer, and discussion, the group will affirm and encourage each other. Zoom connection will be offered for those who are not free to meet in person. We will meet on August 18 (and on the third Monday each month) from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Clare Room at St. Pius X. Questions or more information: marthahanley2@gmail.com.

Faith Forward: Keeping Young Catholics Connected

Did you know that nearly 80% of Catholic high school seniors drift away from their faith after graduation? Many don't reject their faith — they just never get connected to a new Catholic community to help sustain their faith.



Parent Engagement: Parents are invited to commit to ensuring their child gets connected.

Are you a high school senior or parent? Sign up today to make sure you (or your child) stay connected to a Catholic faith community after graduation!

Parishioners, want to help? Join us in praying for our seniors and encouraging them to stay connected.

Visit www.newmanconnection.org/faith-forward to learn more!

The Eucharistic Miracle of Silla, Spain 1907

Reprinted from Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition
<http://www.miracolieucaaristici.org/en/Liste/list.html>

The Eucharistic miracle of Silla happened in 1907. Some Hosts, stolen by unknown thieves, were recovered in perfect condition and were hidden under a stone in a little garden not far from the city. Even today it is possible to adore the miraculous Hosts: they remain intact since almost one hundred years ago. The Hosts are preserved in the church of Our Lady of the Angels in Silla. Still today it is possible to adore the uncorrupted Hosts preserved in the church of this town at the outskirts of Valencia.



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