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*"My soul proclaims
the greatness of
the Lord;*

*my spirit rejoices
in God my savior."*

Luke 1.46-47



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Celebration of Sacraments

Baptism Please contact the parish office to register for the required Baptism class, to schedule a Baptism or for more information. Next Baptism preparation class is scheduled for **Aug. 12, 2024**. 7:00 p.m. (Note date is subject to change).

Reconciliation Contact the parish office to schedule an appointment to celebrate this Sacrament of God's forgiveness.

Marriage Contact the parish office at least six months before intended wedding date.

July 14, 2024

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13

In several different ways the readings today express the same truth: Amos says, "the Lord took me from following the flock. . .Go, prophesy. . ." Paul declares, "God chose us in him (Christ);" and Jesus "summoned the Twelve and began to send them out. . ."

God takes the initiative on our behalf. God begins the process of our being graced in Christ. God chooses, calls, summons—we respond.

Once God starts the process of befriending and gracing us God provides what is needed to continue our life's tasks.

Whether we are called to special ministry (as were Amos, Paul and the Twelve) or to life as herdsmen, traders, merchants, spinners or nowadays, sitters at computer desks, the grace we need to do life's work is available to us.

The vast majority of us are not given power over the "unclean spirits" in others as were the twelve. Sufficient for us that we are sealed with the Holy Spirit of Jesus and live "holy and blameless in his sight. . .full of love."

Next week's readings:

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Monday, July 15—Pray for vocations

Tuesday, July 16—Mass

5:15 p.m. +Herbert and Naomi Gossman

Sacristan: Stan and Connie Kepros

Wednesday, July 17—Mass

8:00 a.m. +Donald Sebastian

Music: Jed Becker

Sacristan: Roger and Elaine Kleve

Thursday, July 18—Mass

9:00 a.m. +Elsie and Joe, Jr. Busta

Sacristan: Stan and Connie Kepros

1:00 p.m. Mass at Accura +Ed and Joyce Barloon

Friday, July 19—No Mass

Saturday, July 20—Mass

4:00 p.m. +Chuck and Michael Pierce

EMHCs: Steve and Terry Duerre, Marlene Quinn

Alanda Meyer, Becky McGee

Lectors: Terry Duerre

Servers: Lily Godman

Music: Joe Wacha, Wendy Schatz

Greeters: Joe and Lynn Rose

Hosts: Steve and Terry Duerre

Ushers: Steve Duerre, Ray Schwarzhoff, Joe and Lynn Rose

Sacristan: Steve and Terry Duerre

Sunday, July 21—Mass

8:00 a.m. +Herbert and Naomi Gossman

EMHCs: Joyce Jirak, Julie Haskovec, Barb Martinek

Connie Sindelar, Patti Guyer

Lectors: Ken Hubka, Roge Kleve

Servers: Garrett Vobr, James Kach

Music: Dee Hosek, Wendy Schatz

Greeters: Mike and Rachel Gooder

Hosts: Mike and Rachel Gooder

Ushers: Ken Hruska, Cody Kerian, Dale Lickteig,

Tom Mullen

Sacristan: Marvin Lensing

10:00 a.m. +Ronald and Marie Kreitzer

EMHCs: Sheila Slifka, Don and Kris Dietzenbach

Gary Langreck, Michelle Midthus

Lectors: Gary Langreck, Kayla Head

Servers: Hadley and Harper Riehle, Charlie Klimesh

Music: Katie Schatz, Wendy Schatz

Greeters: Don and Kris Dietzenbach

Hosts: Don and Kris Dietzenbach

Ushers: Don and Kris Dietzenbach, Matt Daley Family

Sacristan: Sheila Slifka

Allow the Spirit to lead you in the moments of the day.

Bible Study is held on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the Joseph Room. The group will study the readings for the upcoming weekend. Everyone is welcome.

Table of Plenty will begin the weekend of July 20-21. You may bring your extra produce to share to the front entrance of the church on Saturdays after 3:00 P.M. through Sunday morning, 10:00 A.M. All produce left after 10:00 mass will be donated to the local food pantry. You may take produce and make a donation. All donations are given to the local food pantry.

In Memory

Elsie Busta; Joe Busta, Jr.

Missalettes (July)

Stewardship of Prayer

Please pray for the sick of our parish, including the following and those listed in the Book of Petitions.

Parker Byrnes	Dianne Kovarik
Makiah Pierce	Dean Dietzenbach
Tom Rouchka	JoDene Van Dyke
Arlene Kuennen	Joyce Kapler
Bill Smith	Don Neubauer
Liz Yount	Dan Pahl
Connie Frana	Ron Scanlan
Kenny Hebrink	Kevin Neuzil
Mary Stejskal	John Gossman
Paula Growden	Pat Smith
Randy Smith	Brenda Anding
Janice Ries	Shelly McAllister
Stu Gordon	Ethan Pepera
Lisa Peter	Colleen Voves
Ellie Lorenzo	Leona Herold
Deb Wilkins	Dick Franks
Betty Linderman	Marinus Mlady
Lonnie Dishinger	Raymond Beachy
Audrey Grinhaus	Sue (Lorenzo) Larson
Matt Duerre	Axel Heller

Our sympathy...

*Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Richard Bruening**. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.*

We are pleased to pray for the sick, if you would like to add a name, please call the parish office after receiving permission from the person to have their name published; however, to preserve space if a person has recovered and can be removed from the prayer list, also please contact the parish office.

Ministry of Prayer Network: *If you would like to serve on this Prayer Network, please email the office at: DBQ047S1@dbqarch.org. When a request is received, you will receive an email asking for your prayers for the immediate need. If you have an urgent need for prayer, call the office at 563 547-3565 to activate the prayer network.*

Stewardship of Offering

July 7, 2024

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income

Needed each week:	\$ 10,750.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 4,450.20
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 787.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 568.28

Today's readings are about being chosen and sent. The prophet Amos was chosen by the Lord and sent to use his talents for the people of God. The Gospel recounts the story of the sending of the twelve disciples; and in the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that we, too, are chosen. For what have I been chosen? To whom have I been sent?

Knights of Columbus will meet on Tues., July 16, 7:00 p.m., KC Room.

Parish Council will meet on Thursday, July 18, 7:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

Notre Dame Catholic School is looking for a Playgroup Associate. This job could be part-time or full time. For more information, call Katie Schmitt, principal, at 563 547-4513 or email kschmitt@nd.pvt.k12.ia.us

Notre Dame Parish Picnic: Join us on Thursday, August 1st in the Parish Hall for our Parish Picnic! Food, beverages, and games will be provided. Come and go as you wish! Hosted by the Notre Dame Family Ministry Committee. Contact Brian at the Parish Office with any questions!

Scrip Program (includes Dollar Fresh, HyVee, Pinter's, Ruppert's Ace Hardware, Fareway, Fisk's, Subway, Casey's, A & W, Sue-Z-Q, Atomic Pizza, Plantpeddler and Kwik Star.) Cards available at parish office.

Married Couples. Would you like to relive the excitement, romance and passion from your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information call Denise and Greg at 563-920-9419 or sign up at wwme.org. Upcoming dates are September 27-29 in Dubuque, IA and November 8-10 in Holstein, IA

Check out our website: notredamecresco.com You can now contribute to Notre Dame Parish through the website using your checking account or credit card. Also register as a new parishioner of Notre Dame Parish on the website. For more information, call the parish office.

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Accepting New Counseling Clients via Telehealth
If you know of anyone struggling with their brain health during this time, our Catholic Charities Counselors are accepting new clients from any location in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The telehealth process allows our counselors to meet with clients remotely via computer or other devices. Counseling provides individuals, couples, and families the ability to work out their challenges before they become a crisis, helping to maintain emotional health and strengthen relationships. Contact us at [563-588-0558](tel:563-588-0558) to be connected to one of our licensed professionals.

Radio Rosary is broadcast every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. on KCZQ 102.3 FM. Sponsors are welcome to support this broadcast. Cost is \$30.00 per broadcast. If you are interested in contributing towards this Radio Rosary, please contact the parish office, 563 547-3565. Thank you!

Thank You

We are grateful for all the volunteers who offer their time and talent as good stewards for the betterment of the parish. This week we thank the Song Leaders.

We welcome Ava Bethany Wurzer, daughter of Andrew and Bethany Wurzer; and **Adelynn Marie Martinek**, daughter of Dalton and Alexis Martinek, who were baptized at Notre Dame on July 7.



Totus Tuus (Totally Yours), is a week-long Catholic summer program for grades 1-12. This summer program seeks to inspire in young people a true longing for holiness, a deep desire for daily conversion, and an openness to their vocation, by challenging them to give themselves entirely to Jesus Christ through Mary, and by continually strengthening their prayer lives in imitation of her. Missionaries (college-aged students and seminarians) engage the youth of the parish with skits, songs, games and inspiring, interactive teaching. Participants entering grades 1-6 are invited to attend our day program from **July 29 -Aug 2**. Our day program goes from **9AM-2:30PM**. Parents or caregivers will drop their child(ren) off in the parish hall (church basement) each day. Participants are expected to **bring their own lunch** each day except for Friday (nothing containing peanuts please). Parents or caregivers will then pick their child(ren) up at 2:30PM in the parish hall. If participants need to be excused or will arrive late for a day during the week that is alright (just let Brian McGee know: b.mcgee@dbqarch.org). Participants entering **grades 7-12** are invited to attend our night program from **6:30-8:45PM** in the school library. The night program will go from **July 28-Aug 1** and will include a meal each night. For more information or to register, go to the parish website: notredamecresco.com or call Brian McGee at the parish office. Cost is just \$15/student or max of \$45/family.

Divine Word College Annual Benefit Golf Outing will be held on Friday, July 26 at Timberline Golf Course south of Peosta, IA. A 4 person, 18 hole best shot format beginning at 1:00 p.m. Cost \$80 includes golf, cart, prizes and dinner. Proceeds will assist Divine Word students with educational expenses. For more information in playing or sponsoring the outing may contact Mark Singsank at 563 876-0097 or singsank@dwci.edu

26th Annual Steeple Day Sat., July 27, Our Lady of Lourdes, Lourdes, IA. 10:00 a.m. Tractor Pull—for more information call Tom Shatek 641 330-8626 or Dennis Smith 641 330-8843. 11:00 a.m. Kids Pedal Tractor Pull—for more information Brad Shatek 641 330-8643. 11:00 a.m. Garden Tractor Pull—for more information Bryce Stumme 641 229-0174. 11:30—1:00 Bingo in church hall. Cash Raffle. Food provided by Reno's Roadkill Smokhouse. Proceeds go towards purchase and installation of playground equipment.

When you love God, when you truly live your faith, people will ask, "What makes you different?" or, "Who or what inspires you to live the life you lie?"

People will be attracted to you and your way of life; they will want what you have. Why? Christ is attractive and there is nothing more attractive in a human being than virtue.

When Christ was on the earth people wanted to be with Him. If He was in the synagogue teaching, or walking down the street, or eating at someone's house, whatever He was doing people wanted to be with Him. When you live the faith people will want to be with you.

Why? It will no longer be you that lives, but Christ that lives in you.

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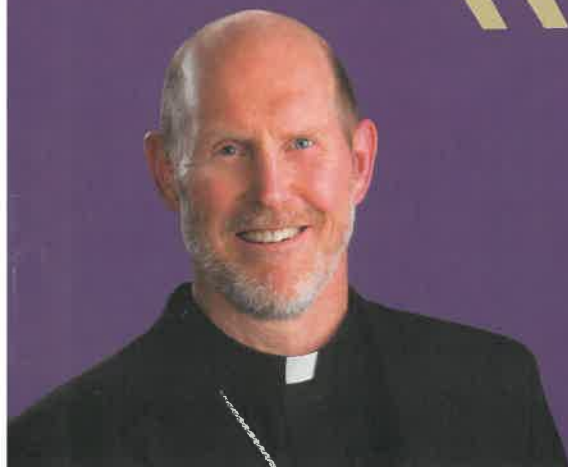
IMPACT REPORT



I encourage you to read this report in full, not only to learn about what we've been able to accomplish through ArchdioceseOne, but also to understand the scope of our remaining needs for these beneficiaries, and the work that will be required to solidify the foundations of the church in the Archdiocese of Dubuque for the generations of Catholics to come.



Most. Rev. Thomas R. Zinkula
Archbishop of Dubuque



CATHEDRAL of ST RAPHAEL

Thanks to the generosity of donors to ArchdioceseOne, necessary repairs to the Cathedral of St. Raphael and its campus have been made to ensure the structural integrity of the buildings.

In Phase 1 of the project, which took place during the summer and fall of 2021, the old parking lot was removed and cisterns were installed underground to help redirect water away from the Cathedral church and rectory, helping to alleviate the issue of water pouring the basement of both buildings during heavy rains. Repairs were also made to the foundations of the church and the rectory during this phase. After work was completed underground, replacement of the parking lot and sidewalks commenced.

Phase 2 addressed repairs to the exterior of the campus buildings. Repairs were made to the bells and steeple on the Cathedral tower, replacing the sheet metal on the top portion of the tower. The new metal was then repainted to match the limestone on the lower portion. The Cathedral stained glass windows, particularly the ones in the Cathedral Center, were also repaired. Tuckpointing was completed to repair the exterior brick. This phase also saw the roof of the Cathedral being replaced on the Cathedral, Cathedral Center, and the rectory.

As the amount contributed to the appeal allows for the continuation of Phase 3, future work will include necessary indoor repairs, such as fixing damage to the plaster due to leaks in the roof, repainting, etc.



\$2,443,894

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**CATHEDRAL OF
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In the past year alone, Catholic Charities staff has tirelessly served 1,250 clients in the Immigration Legal Services program, a remarkable achievement made possible in part by the generous support provided by donors to the ArchdioceseOne special appeal.

Since the beginning of the appeal, the demand for the vital services Catholic Charities provides has continued to surge, witnessing a 75% growth since 2019 beyond the exponential growth that had already taken place before the appeal began.

Events such as civil unrest in countries like Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, Venezuela, along with the parolees from Afghanistan and the war in Ukraine have only compounded the demand for Immigration Legal Services in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. These events have further highlighted the need for this ministry in more communities across the archdiocese.

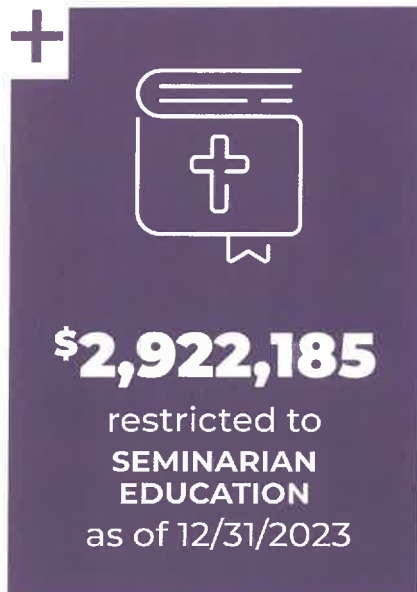
PRIEST RETIREMENT

Thanks to our archdiocesan community's support of priest retirement through donations to ArchdioceseOne, we are pleased to announce that over \$2.4 million will be allocated to the Priest Pension Plan over the next five years, along with a substantial portion of the unrestricted funds donated to ArchdioceseOne.

However, since the launch of the appeal in 2019, there have been some significant additional strains placed on the Priest Pension Plan, including a noteworthy increase in the pension amount to match the salary increase for active priests as well as other economic factors. This means that we must remain committed to seeking additional funds to ensure pension benefits for all of our retired priests now and in the future.



SEMINARIAN EDUCATION



Between the kickoff of the ArchdioceseOne special appeal in the fall of 2019 and December 31, 2023, we've been blessed to have nine seminarians ordained as priests in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Thanks in part to donations to the Seminarian Education Endowment during ArchdioceseOne, these new priests are not burdened with the tuition, or room and board expenses that come with studying at a seminary.

As we continue to pray for more men to consider the vocation of priesthood, and costs to educate our seminarians continue to rise, we need to continue building up our Seminarian Education Endowment to ensure that there are adequate funds to support our future seminarians.

NEXT STEPS



1 Continue collecting pledges and recurring gifts to the special appeal, as well as accepting new gifts for the beneficiaries.



3 Establish a plan to meet the remaining unmet needs of the beneficiaries.



2 Communicate the ongoing needs of the four beneficiaries and their ministries.



4 Report back to donors the impact they have made on the beneficiaries of the appeal and their goals.

INCOME | EXPENSE REPORT



Total Amount Donated to ArchdioceseOne
Below are the individual sums that were raised

\$17,419,311*

Unrestricted Amount	\$8,374,705
Seminary Education	\$2,922,185
Priest Retirement	\$2,421,796
Immigration Legal Services	\$1,256,731
Cathedral of St. Raphael Church & Campus Repairs	\$2,443,894

*financials as of December 31, 2023

In addition to the pledged and received funds total shown above for ArchdioceseOne as of 12/31/23, we also have non-pledged commitments to the beneficiaries of ArchdioceseOne. The total of non-pledged commitments to ArchdioceseOne equals **\$1,809,524** across the four beneficiaries.

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$1,401,180**



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