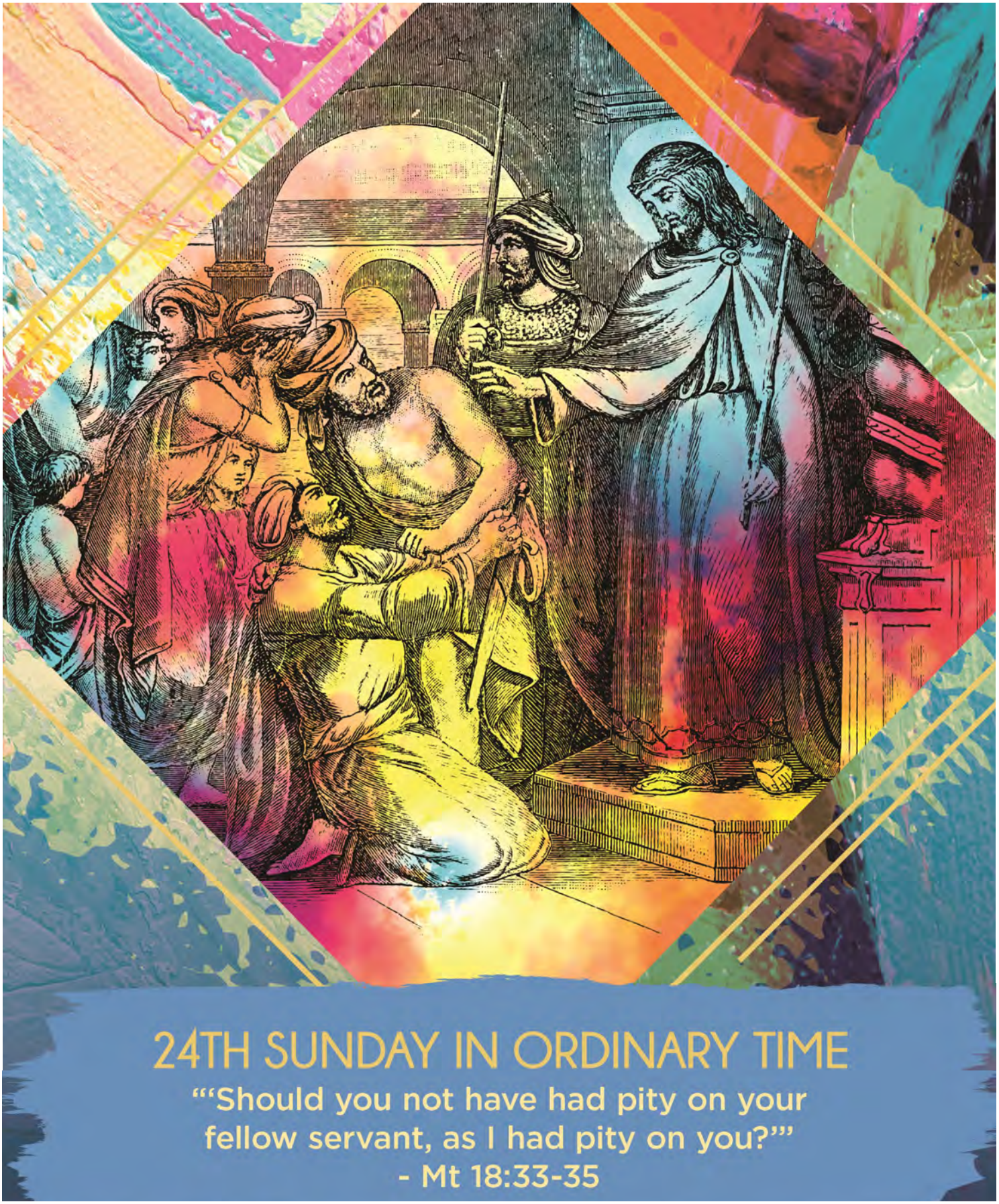
Sep 13, 2026

# Holy Family Parish




*"To Know God and Make God Known Through Word, Worship, Fellowship, and Service"*

## Mass Intentions

**Sep 16 - Sep 20**

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| Wed | 8:30am | SJ | Communion Service |
| Thu | 8:30am | HT | Pauline Murphy |
| Fri | 8:30am | SM | Bob Wieland |
| Sat | 5:00pm | SJ | People of Holy Family Parish |
| Sun | 8:00am | HT | Dean Tucker |
| Sun | 10:00am | SM | Bob Duwa |

**Sep 23 - Oct 3**

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| Wed | 8:30am | SJ | Phillip Smith, Jr. |
| Thu | 8:30am | HT | Emmett Nolan |
| Fri | 8:30am | SM | WOW Bible Study |
| Sat | 5:00pm | SJ | Joe Doyle |
| Sun | 8:00am | HT | People of Holy Family Parish |
| Sun | 10:00am | SM | Edwin & Marjorie Hora |

**PV = Pleasntview in Kalona*

**Friday Eucharistic Adoration**

Adoration and Confession is every Friday following the 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's *except on first Fri of the month when we have Coffee Club*

## New Parishioners

**To register please go to website and find the registration form under the New Parishioners tab. You can also call the office 319 648-2331.**

## Confession

- **Fri 9:00am - St Mary's**
- **Sat 4:00pm - St Joseph's**
- **Sun 7:15am - Holy Trinity**



## How To Financially Support Your Parish

If you're considering year-end giving, now is a meaningful time to support the Holy Family Parish - and potentially receive a tax benefit in return. For those age 70½ or older, a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA offers a smart, impactful way to give. A QCD allows you to make a direct, tax-advantaged contribution to the Parish that can:

- Reduce your taxable income (even if you don't itemize)
- Satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)
- Must be made directly out of your IRA
- Directly support your parish

A person can take out more than their Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). For example, if a person was required to take out $500 from their IRA, but wants to take out $800 from their IRA to give to charity, they can. The 2026 IRS limit a person can use from their IRA is $111,000.00 with no more than $55,000.00 going to one charity. Consult with your tax or investment advisor.

**To report child abuse contact:** Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178. If the abuse involves clergy or church personnel, also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Davenport at 563-349-5002 or vac@diodav.org.



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Finance Committee

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|---|---|
| Jim Hauth | Claude Greiner |
| Heather Stumpf | Cindy Michel |
| Bret Hochstetler | Marcy Musser |

**ACH Withdraw**

**ACH withdrawal is a way to transfer money from your bank account and deposit it as a donation to the parish. To learn more contact Dcn Derick 319.936.0927.**

**Mass Offerings**
**As of Aug 30, 2026**

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| YTD Budget | $TBA* |
| YTD Collection | $38,195 |
| Difference | +$TBA* |

**New Fiscal Year Budget In Progress*

## Upcoming Events

**Sep 19 - Iowa Eucharistic Procession**
9:30am - at St Patrick's in Iowa City

**Sep 26 - Christ Our Life Bus Trip**
One day bus trip to COL in Des Moines

**Sep 27 - Monthly Collection For Charity**
Proceeds will go to the Laboure Society

**Oct 4 - St Joseph's Fall Dinner**
Save The Date: more info to come

**Oct 13 - Pleasntview Mass**
9:30am in the Friendship Center

**Oct 25 - Holy Trinity Fall Dinner**
Save The Date: more info to come



## St Frances de Chantal

(1572–1641)

St. Jane Frances de Chantal discovered that holiness does not mean escaping life's difficulties, but learning to love God faithfully in the midst of them. Born into a prominent family in Dijon, France, Jane married Baron Christophe de Chantal at the age of twenty. Their marriage was happy, and together they had six children, four of whom survived infancy. Jane devoted herself to her family, household, and the poor living near their estate. Her life changed dramatically, however, when her husband was accidentally killed in a hunting accident after only nine years of marriage.

Widowed at twenty-eight with four young children, Jane entered a period of profound grief and spiritual struggle. She eventually met St. Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, who became her spiritual director and close friend. Francis helped Jane understand that holiness was not reserved for monks and nuns. God could be found and loved within the ordinary circumstances—and even the painful circumstances—of everyday life.

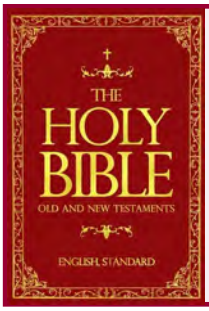
**What if the circumstances you wish God would change are the very circumstances through which he is shaping you? St. Jane Frances de Chantal shows us that even after life takes an unexpected turn, God may still be writing the most important chapters of our story.**

In 1610, after ensuring that her children were cared for, Jane and Francis founded the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary. Unlike many religious communities of the time, the Visitation initially welcomed women who were older, widowed, or unable to endure the rigorous physical demands of other orders. The sisters emphasized humility, gentleness, prayer, and loving service.

Jane eventually faced another deep loss when Francis de Sales died in 1622. Yet she continued their work, guiding the rapidly growing Visitation Order. By the time of her death in 1641, dozens of Visitation monasteries had been established.

St. Jane Frances de Chantal's life reminds us that sanctity is often formed through change, grief, responsibility, friendship, and perseverance. God did not remove every sorrow from her life; instead, through those sorrows, he gradually transformed her heart and taught her how to love more deeply.

**St Frances de Chantal, Pray For Us!**




## Bible Study Groups

- **Bible Study** (Men & Women's)
  Mondays 6:00pm at Holy Trinity
- **Women's Bible Study**
  Tuesdays 2:00pm at St. Mary's



# Fr Ben's Weekly Reflection

### 24th Sunday Ordinary Time

## Library Books

My siblings and I checked out a lot of books from the library as kids. Stopping by the library was a regular thing. Mom instilled in us that we take care of library books since they are not ours. Thinking back, it's kind of funny how often times, those library books would be more beat up than our own books. Honestly, to replace a "damaged" library book would probably be an upgrade to the quality of some books. Yet we treated them like new since they were *library* books. They almost had an extra layer of reverence and respect.

If we treat books that may cost $20 to replace with such reverence, why can't we do that with people? We are **all** "banged up library books" that God finds invaluable as Jesus explains in his parable. God, the King in the parable, sees the huge debt of Original Sin we owe. Yet despite that, He forgives it no questions asked through Baptism. He doesn't want to replace us with something better.

And yet…that's how He sees each person. But in our fallen nature, we go out and treat others worse than dirt at times. Peter's initial question is on forgiveness. How often in our own pride do we hold everything against someone else? "It's all his fault." "I'm not forgiving her until she says she's sorry." "Remember what you did in 1980??"

Sometimes, it's legitimate. Sometimes we have been wronged. Sometimes the other person is placing unrealistic blame on us for problems in their own life. I'm not talking about those situations.

I'm talking about the situations we can control and ask forgiveness for and forgive. We need to say, "I honestly need to get over myself." This is one of the biggest challenges in small town and small-town parish life. Everyone knows everyone and things that happened 10, 20, 30 years ago take on a life of their own. How can we treat others poorly through gossip, slander, not forgiving, and then say we are good Christians?

Saint Paul is constantly hitting back on this same topic in the early Church communities. Jesus stresses that forgiveness is seventy times seven! That's 490 for those doing math. But in Scriptural terms, 7 is the number of perfection. So, 70 times 7 is infinite perfection multiplied.

We must forgive our brother and or our sister from our heart. "But I'm struggling to forgive." Good! It takes time and forgiveness is healing. Not everyone will receive it well, but Jesus didn't say, "forgive only if you know the other person will say I'm sorry." If you have been holding on to something, this Gospel is the reminder to let it go. Forgiveness is the way Christ commands and lived Himself on the cross.



## The Response Of Silence

*Excerpts From The Diary Of St Faustina*

At times it can be helpful to speak openly and thoroughly to God about what we experience in life. You may feel compelled to talk and talk and talk. And God will listen. But there are other times when words seem quite insufficient. In fact, there are times when words appear to be counterproductive. In those moments the greatest blessings come through silence. We must realize that silence is a language. In fact, communication with God, in moments of silence, has potential to be far deeper than words can bring us. Do not be afraid of silent communication with God. Do not feel as though you must speak or even hear what He has to say. Simply being silent, in His presence, knowing that He is there may be exactly what your soul is in need of in those moments (See *Diary* #1200).

When you pray, do you feel as though you must speak continuously to our Lord? Do you feel as though you must talk continuously, saying this prayer or that one? Or are you content simply being in His presence in the silence? Ponder today your experience of being silent in the presence of God. Try to discern the unique and profound language God speaks this way. Try to commit yourself to these prolonged moments of silent communication with God and then look at the fruit they bear in your soul. If you discover that you are more at peace, gain a new level of clarity in life, or have grown in a certain confidence, then you can be assured that these good fruits in your life have come to you from God through the Mercy of His Heart, communicated to you in silence.

*Lord, I desire to seek You and know You. Help me to hear You speak through the silence. Help me to understand this deep language of love and to allow You to transform me through this form of prayer. I love You, dear Lord, and I desire to rest in Your Heart. Jesus, I trust in You.*







### Day Lilies

Gina Snyder is selling day lilies with the proceeds going to St. Mary's Garden Project. pictures and plant fans available later this month and at our Labor Day celebration

### Caregivers Support Group

If you are caring for a family member or friend, you are invited to join the Caregivers Support Group at Pleasantview in Kalona. For more info contact Jessica Janecek (866) 516-2421 .

### Rosaries

There are knotted handmade rosaries at the back of church for those who would like one.

### Food Pantry

Nonperishable items are needed for Wellman Food Pantry. You can drop them off at the back of St Joseph's church any time.

### Birthdays

**Sep 1** Grant Friederich (7yrs old)
**Sep 5** Nathan Michel
**Sep 6** James Colbert
**Sep 12** Jesse Hammes
**Sep 12** Tanner Troyer
**Sep 14** Randy DeGood
**Sep 14** Mary Langr
**Sep 15** Pat Troyer
**Sep 16** Nate Robinson
**Sep 16** Matt McClellen
**Sep 16** Jerry Becker
**Sep 17** Bri Wilson
**Sep 18** Aiden Nebel (4yrs old)
**Sep 18** Katrina Strabala
**Sep 21** Charlie Williams (78yrs old)
**Sep 21** Evan Watts (4yrs old)
**Sep 23** Lucas Troyer
**Sep 24** Jackson Robinson
**Sep 24** Amelia Meller (13yrs old)
**Sep 25** Kim Cranston
**Sep 25** Tate Stumpf (18yrs old)
**Sep 29** Ren Askling (5yrs old)
**Sep 30** Dan Snyder







### Anniversaries

**Sep 7** Larry & Jan Marek (63 yrs)
**Sep 10** Randy & Barb Eash (43 yrs)
**Sep 14** Doug & Shelly Michel
**Sep 28** Joseph & Christina Taormina (30 yrs)

## ADA

As we begin this year's Annual Diocesan Appeal, we are reminded that these ministries continue because of the generosity of faithful Catholics across our diocese. Every gift to the Appeal helps support priestly and diaconate formation, faith formation for all ages, family ministries, pastoral outreach, and resources that strengthen every parish.

**Please prayerfully consider how you can support this year's Annual Diocesan Appeal**

**A special Thank You to our volunteers and businesses who assisted with the Mary Garden**

**Volunteers:**
Jim Rose
John Bush
Brian Hayes
Beth Cody (Project Coordinator)
Jesse Hammes
Rollin Secrest
Dan Snyder (Facilities Manager)
Michael Burns
Colton Wilson
Bryan Horesowsky
Wes Horesowsky (Supervisor)



**Businesses:**
Musser Concrete
Josh Murphy
Stumpf Construction
Blake Hershberger Enterprises
Kyle Schnoebelen Family
Klein Electrical Services

stewardship

**Stewardship is not optional "None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master," as St. Paul says.**




## Centering Question

*"You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you: Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God"*

- Micah 6:8

My sis and I talk daily on the phone. She often asks profound questions that require deep thinking. Here is a recent example: *"The question I center most of my days on is: What do I want today, and how do I get it? Lately I've been wondering what if I center my days on the question:* ***What do I have today, and what is God asking me to do with it?****"*

This question reminded me of a cooking show I once watched on TV. The contestants were given random ingredients and asked to come up with a recipe of their own using only what was given to them during the competition. The judges would taste their creations, and the best dish would win the prize.

Most of us center our days around getting what we want. We want health, so we exercise and eat right. We want beauty, so we buy stylish clothes, accessories, and cosmetics. We want wealth, so we find ways to make money. We want others to validate us, so we post self-promoting images on social media. We want love, so we try to please others.

Our centering question becomes the axis on which our choices revolve. ***What if we centered our lives on doing God's will with whatever we've been given?***

Here are some of the things I've been given today: The Bible, health, faith, abilities, a home with a large yard, a mower, friends, good neighbors, some discretionary time, sorrow, anxiety, empathy, compassion, nice weather, a laptop, books, solitude, and silence.

*Lord, what are You asking me to do with these ingredients?* Thus far today, I studied several sections of Scripture and wrote out any insights that the Holy Spirit provided. I went to water a friend's garden while she is away on vacation. I prayed for someone who is in the hospital. I talked to a friend who is going through a tough time. I mowed the yard. I talked to my parents. I helped a neighbor with his hearing aid. I listened to some podcasts while I exercised and did household chores.

Did I use what I have been given to do God's will today? I don't know. But my sister's question has helped me to examine the central tenets that influence my daily choices.

*Lord, I want my days to revolve around You. Help me to do what is right, to love mercy, to walk humbly with Jesus. Enable me to lead a God-centered life and become the person You created me to be.*

*Naomi Ruth*



### Women's Spiritual Counselor

If you or a loved one experiencing a major illness, going through a divorce, or other life difficulties and could benefit from spiritual counseling contact (319) 936-0927.