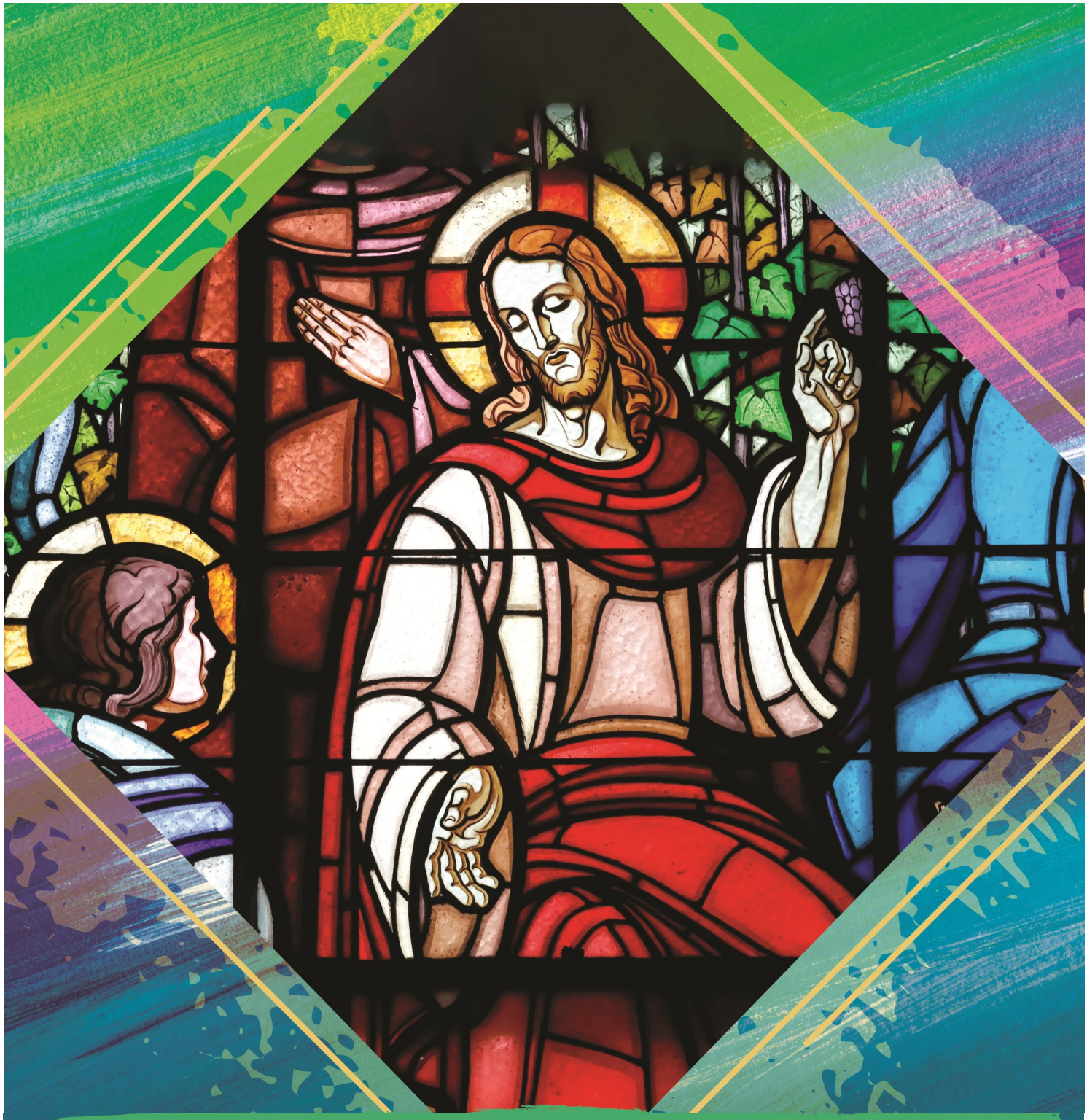
Sep 20, 2026

Holy Family Parish



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"“Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.”" - Mt 20:1, 8

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

Mass Intentions

Sep 23 - Sep 27

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

Sep 30 - Oct 3

Wed	8:30am	SJ	Leslie Slaubaugh
Thu	8:30am	HT	Louise Sattler
Fri	8:30am	SM	Randi Yeggy
Sat	5:00pm	SJ	Marv Roder
Sun	8:00am	HT	Jim Shalla
Sun	10:00am	SM	People of Holy Family Parish

**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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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 Sep 6, 2026

YTD Budget	$TBA*
YTD Collection	$43,884
Difference	+$TBA*

**New Fiscal Year Budget In Progress*

Upcoming Events

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

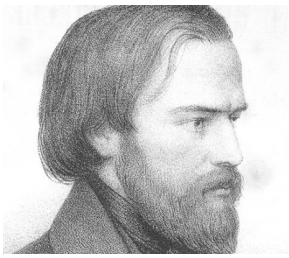
Sep 27 - Monthly Collection For Charity
Proceeds will go to the Laboure Society

Oct 3 - Coffee Club
After the 8:30am Mass in Riverside

Oct 4 - St Joseph's Fall Dinner
11:00am-1:00pm: Pork Loin & Chicken Dinner

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

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



Blessed Frédéric Ozanam

Blessed Frédéric Ozanam was a man who believed deeply in the dignity of every human person and in the call of every Christian to put faith into action. His love for Christ led him especially to the poor of Paris, and through the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, his spirit of charity continues throughout the world today. Frédéric was born into a large Catholic family, the fifth of 14 children, though only three survived to adulthood. As a teenager, he experienced serious doubts about his faith. Prayer and study alone did not seem to resolve them, but through long conversations with Father Noirot of Lyons College, Frédéric gradually rediscovered confidence in the truth of Christianity.

In 1831, he went to Paris to study law at the Sorbonne. There he encountered professors and students who openly criticized the Catholic faith. Frédéric defended the Church intellectually, but an encounter with another student challenged him even more deeply. After Frédéric spoke about Christianity's contribution to civilization, the student asked what Christians were actually doing to prove the faith they professed. The question pierced Frédéric's heart. He realized that Christianity could not be defended by words alone. Faith had to become charity.

What if someone challenged you to prove your faith—not with words, but with the way you serve others? Blessed Frédéric Ozanam took that challenge seriously, and his response became a worldwide movement of charity.

Frédéric and several friends began visiting poor families in the neighborhoods of Paris, bringing food, assistance, companionship, and respect. Their small effort eventually became the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, placed under the patronage of the great apostle of charity. Frédéric believed that in serving the poor, Christians encounter Christ himself.

He also worked to renew Catholic intellectual life, encouraging the famous Dominican preacher Father Jean-Baptiste Lacordaire to preach at Notre Dame Cathedral. Frédéric later became a respected professor of literature at the Sorbonne, married Amelie Soulacroix, and became the father of a daughter, Marie.

During the social upheaval of 1848, Frédéric and his fellow Vincentians helped care for thousands of unemployed and suffering Parisians. He also advocated publicly for justice for the poor and working classes.

Frédéric died on September 8, 1853, at only 40 years of age. His life remains a powerful reminder that our faith is most convincing when it becomes love in action—when we recognize Christ in the poor and generously place ourselves at the service of others.

Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, Pray For Us!



Visitors and Newcomers Welcome!

Located at the back of church you will find visitor gift bags with blessed crosses as well as other helpful information. Please do not hesitate to introduce yourself!



Fr Ben's Weekly Reflection

25th Sunday Ordinary Time

No A.I. Algorithm Needed

I have been reading Pope Leo's first encyclical "Magnifica Humanitas". While he does address AI, he central theme is the human person. The subtitle is the best summary: "on safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence."

In paragraph 165, Pope Leo, quoting Pope Saint John Paul II, says "The family is the primary social good. Founded on the enduring union between a man and a woman, it is the first environment in which all persons develop their potential, become aware of their dignity and learn the earliest forms of truth and goodness, internalizing the habits that prepare them for life in society. As the first natural society…the family is the fundamental and irreplaceable cell of every community organization."

I bring up this paragraph because I counted that I have done around 20 baptisms in the year I have been at Holy Family. This is super exciting and noteworthy for a parish our size. One of the essential wedding vows sometimes overlooked is the promise to accept children openly and raise them in the faith.

The Church has always recognized the family as the cornerstone of society. Marriage is a sacrament for this very reason. Jesus Christ Himself established marriage as holy, not just a societal contract for "eh…as long as this works." Marriage is directed for the good of the husband and wife and for the raising of children. No AI algorithm can do what Pope Leo outlined. Only in a family are those values instilled and children raised as children of God.

There is a "joke" people say that "I grew up in a good Catholic family." It generally means someone was one of 5, 6, 7 or 10+ kids. I squirm a little at that as a "joke" since large families are nothing to be ashamed of or weird. The "American dream" of one boy, one girl, a dog, a cat, and a suburban house with a white picket fence may by my/our planned family…but when does anything go according to plan? Every child, (and every baptism), is a great joy! A new child of God!

That doesn't mean every Catholic family **has** to have as many kids as possible. God provided for that in what the Church has developed as Natural Family Planning (NFP) for working with God's plan. There are many resources available on it.

But it **does** mean, as Catholic families, we should be open to life whenever God plans to bless a marriage in that way. I have known amazing Catholic couples with no children, one child, two children, 4 children, 6 children, and 9 children. The common thread is being faithful to the vows made in marriage.

So let us celebrate our families and the gift of children. Every new life is a gift to be received.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Kipton Sieren, son of Nate and Macy Sieren, who was baptized at St. Mary's Sep 7.

Holy Family Parish Announces:

Pork Loin & Chicken Dinner

Sunday, October 4, 2026 11 AM–1 PM

WELLMAN
St. Joseph's Church



Buffet-Style Meal includes:
Delicious marinated grilled pork loin *and* broasted chicken, homemade dressing, noodles, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, cranberry salad, rolls, desserts, and drinks

Adults $18, Children (4-10) $10.00

Free Delivery of dinners in Wellman
Sponsor a Shut In or a Family in Need
Text Brenna Goode: 319-541-1974 by Sat. Oct. 3
Or phone St. Joseph's: 319-646-2244
on Sunday, Oct. 4, 8–11 AM

Dine-In Seating
with walk-out basement and handicapped chair lift in vestibule

Drive Thru Dinners available
enter 6th Avenue, located west of Parkside Activities Center

And don't miss our Live Auction!
Following dinner (around 1 PM) will be an exciting live auction of numerous items. Thank you to everyone for their generosity in supporting our autumn fundraiser!

Join us for a delicious Harvest Meal!

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
210 11th St, Wellman, IA 52356

Proceeds will be used for upkeep of our church

Collection For Charity

Our monthly collection for charity is next weekend Sep 27. Proceeds will go to the the Labouré Society The Labouré Society is based out of St Paul, MN and helps those in seminary pay off any student debt they may have incurred before the seminary to become a priest.

Auction Items

St Joseph's is in need of donations for their live auction which follows the Fall Dinner. Items can include: "themed" baskets of goodies, talent you have, baked goods, crafts, services, gift cards, toys, monetary donation, etc. Please contact: Junell Duwa 319 -330-8882. Thank You

Thank You

Thank You to all who purchased day lilies. We were able to raise $600

Coffee Club

We will have Coffee Club after the 8:30am Friday Mass at St. Mary's Oct 2

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



The Response Of Silence

Excerpts From The Diary Of St Faustina

Many of the great saints, including Saint Faustina, experienced an interior darkness in their relationship with God. This is quite a mysterious experience. As a soul grows intimately close to God there are numerous consolations and feelings of love along the way. However, there comes a point on the spiritual journey when God hides Himself.

This is not on account of any sin on the part of the person; rather, it's God's way of entering much deeper into the person's life so as to sustain them without the help of emotional or even spiritual consolation. The soul is plunged into a darkness that can be quite painful. But in this darkness, the person is invited to know God with a new silence and surrender. The communication it receives on this new level is beyond words and beyond human experience. There is a knowledge of God and His Divine Will, but not an experience of Him. The soul is invited through this darkness to choose God and His Will despite the absence of any feelings or spiritual consolations (See *Diary* #1235).

Most likely your prayer life has not brought you to this experience of darkness. But even though few enter into this level of communion with God, it's good to be aware of it and to understand the experience that the great saints had. Knowing that this is the path of holiness will allow you to set aside desires to *feel* the love of God in exchange for a desire for God Himself. God is not a feeling; He is a Trinity of Divine Persons. Seek to love Him no matter what you feel and your relationship will grow deeper than you could ever imagine.

Lord, at times I do not understand Your perfect love for me. When I feel close to You I am so very grateful for this experience. However, I pray that you give me the grace to love You even when I do not sense Your presence. Please purify my faith, dear Lord. Jesus, I trust in You.





In God's Pocket

"Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity, because the days are evil."

- Ephesians 5:15-16

I'm used to hearing about older people having debilitating health issues. I figure, someday, I will be in the same situation. However, I don't think about it too much because I am mostly healthy right now.

A few months ago, a family friend suddenly collapsed and went into a coma that lasted for weeks. He is currently in a rehabilitation hospital which provides full-time care. This got my attention because he is about a decade younger than I am.

Death doesn't scare me, but prolonged suffering does. Watching others suffer the consequences of my choices is even worse. Unlike death, debilitating illnesses force us to sit in the mess as we remain on this earth.

I have previously considered what I would do if I had only a few months left to *live*, but this was different. What choices would I make if I only had a short time left of *functional ability?*

The first thought that popped into my head: *I would want to be **in God's pocket***. I would want to be under God's influence--where every choice and action is guided by the Lord.

Next, I would ***not*** want to add to the mess of this world--not cause any more damage to people or the environment. And finally, I hope to use whatever time of functional ability I have to express God's love to others as I draw closer to Him.

Lord, thank You for giving me the health to walk, speak, read, write, drive, cook, clean, and do daily functions. Enable me to live with wisdom and purpose. Help me to know You and make You known. Teach me to use every opportunity diligently. Grant me the courage to serve others and be a channel of Divine love.

Naomi Ruth

Rosary Project

The Social Action Commission has made knotted rosaries and placed them at the back of church. If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving a rosary, please feel free to take one.



stewardship

Good stewards follow the advice of St. Paul and conduct themselves — by wise use of their time and talents — in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ.