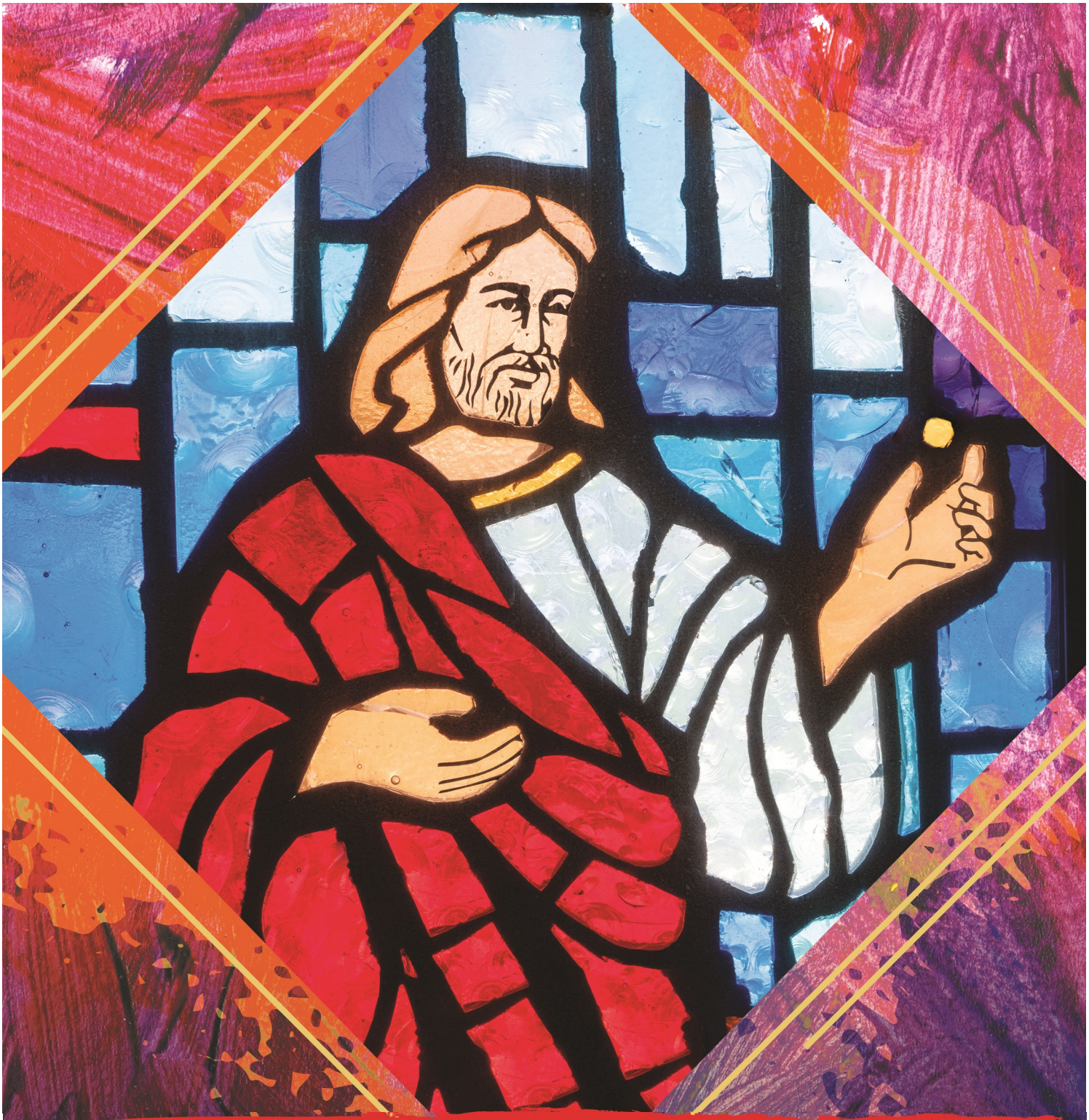
Oct 18, 2026

Holy Family Parish



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21c

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

Mass Intentions

Oct 21 - Oct 25

Wed	8:30am	SJ	Steve Slaubaugh
Thu	8:30am	HT	Lorna Nolan
Fri	8:30am	SM	Lester Wieland
Sat	5:00pm	SJ	Leslie Slaubaugh
Sun	8:00am	HT	Deceased Family Gary & LeAnn Walsh
Sun	10:00am	SM	People of Holy Family Parish

Oct 28 - Nov 1

Wed	8:30am	SJ	Howard Bohr
Thu	8:30am	HT	Sylvester & Josephine McQuaid
Fri	8:30am	SM	Jeff Latta
Sat	5:00pm	SJ	People of Holy Family Parish
Sun	8:00am	HT	Catherine Dawson
Sun	10:00am	SM	Elmo & Virginia Kron

**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 Oct 4, 2026

YTD Budget	$67,844
YTD Collection	$64,233
Difference	- $3,611

Federal ID Number: 47 0877747

Upcoming Events

Oct 19 - Monday Bible Study
6:00pm in the PLC at Holy Trinity

Oct 20 - Tuesday Women's Bible Study
2:00pm church basement at St Mary's

Oct 25 - Holy Trinity Drive-Through Fall Dinner
11:00am - 1:00pm: with online auction

Oct 25 - Monthly Collection For Charity
For local Catholic Radio Station 89.5 in Kalona

Nov 1 - Blest Art
Hand carved items for sale after Mass

Nov 10 - Pleasntview Mass
9:30am in the Friendship Center



Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher was born Eulalie Durocher on October 6, 1811, in Saint-Antoine-sur-Richelieu, Quebec, Canada. The youngest of ten children, she grew up in a deeply Catholic family and received much of her early education from religious sisters. From a young age she felt drawn to religious life, but poor health prevented her from entering a convent. Instead, Eulalie spent many years assisting her brother Théophile, a parish priest. She managed the rectory, welcomed visitors, cared for the sick and poor, and helped with parish ministry. Through this work she became increasingly aware of a serious need in French-speaking Canada: many young people, especially girls in rural communities, had little access to education or religious formation.

In 1843, encouraged by Bishop Ignace Bourget of Montreal, Eulalie joined Henriette Céré and Mélodie Dufresne in founding the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary in Longueuil, Quebec. Eulalie took the religious name Sister Marie-Rose and became the community's first superior. The new congregation was dedicated to Christian education, with particular concern for children and families who were poor or underserved.

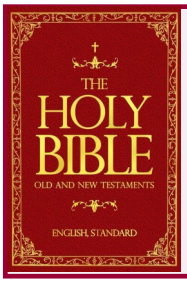
Mother Marie-Rose led the young community with remarkable energy, practical wisdom, and trust in God. The sisters opened schools and worked to form students not only intellectually, but spiritually and morally. Although the congregation began in poverty and faced many difficulties, it grew quickly. Marie-Rose herself continued to struggle with fragile health, yet she remained devoted to prayer, service, and the mission entrusted to her.

Though poor health kept Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher from the religious life she first imagined, God used her gifts to found a community whose mission would reach far beyond her lifetime.

She died on October 6, 1849—her thirty-eighth birthday—after only six years of religious life. Yet the community she founded continued to flourish and eventually spread far beyond Quebec, carrying its educational mission throughout Canada, the United States, and other parts of the world.

Pope St. John Paul II beatified Marie-Rose Durocher on May 23, 1982. Her feast day is celebrated on October 6. Her life reminds us that holiness is often found not in dramatic accomplishments, but in recognizing a real need, trusting God, and faithfully using our gifts to serve others. As she beautifully said, "Since we walk along the same path lets us extend a hand to one another.

Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, 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

29th Sunday Ordinary Time

Not Father's Soap Box

Quick history lesson to begin. The Romans were pagans and believed in a whole bunch of gods. Rome also held one of the largest empires in the world for centuries. Part of how they did that was a passive "absorption" of local gods. They didn't come in and force Zeus and Hermes to replace Thor or Isis. The attitude was "eh, throw them up on the shelf with all the rest. However…one little teeny tiny caveat…you got to 'worship' the Emperor: Caesar."

That doesn't really work well for the Jewish people who worship the One True God. This is why the census tax was a loaded question to "trap" Jesus. But Jesus, of course, bests them by sidestepping the issue with "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

We don't have a Caesar anymore, but politics always has and always will be the loaded question. And frankly, are we any different than Jesus' time? We may not worship statues of crocodiles, bears, or lions…well…its actually donkeys and elephants now.

Also just like Jesus' day, we live in the world. Part of living in a society is governance and "politics." Unless our vocation is to live as hermits or cloistered nuns, we bump into the world in some form every day. The question is, what do we do with that?

What it does not mean is that we spend hours and hours a day watching news or social media to see how our "team" is "destroying!" the other. It does not mean we cut out friends or family who hold different beliefs than us. It does not mean we fly off the handle every time we see a headline, or hear a leader's name, or when a "hot button" topic gets mentioned.

We have a duty as Catholic Christians to participate in society. St. Paul speaks of it to the early Christian communities. That does mean we vote as well as pay well informed and meaningful attention to what is going on in our local communities, state, and nation. We speak out civilly and constructively when there are clear, documented injustices, and not just random murky detailed grievances that some AI-bot tweeted about which may or may not be true. We speak out on things that are directly connected to Catholic Social Teaching. A perfect example of this is the respect and dignity of all life from conception to a natural death, especially in October which is Respect Life month.

I've heard it said, "Father, you need to speak about X more at Mass from the pulpit." I say "did Jesus comment on the Roman occupation? NO!" "Give to God what belongs to God." Eight minutes is not enough time to explain nuanced topics and the pulpit should not be "Father's personal soap-box" either. You're not going to get that from me.

We come to Mass to get away from the world and give to God what is His: adoration and worship.

HOLY TRINITY FALL DINNER

Pie Donation

Pies can be dropped off
Saturday, October 24th
between 9:00 a.m. and Noon
or
Sunday, October 25th
between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
at the Holy Trinity Parish Life Center.

Please call or text Amanda Humphrey at 319-330-7518 with any questions or to arrange to have your pie donation picked up.

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Holy Trinity Church

Drive-Through

Fall Dinner



Sunday, October 25th 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Menu
Fried Chicken & Pork Loin
Generous Sides: Beef & Noodles, Potatoes, Green Beans & Roll
And don't miss our *Famous Pies!*

Price: Free-will donations

Join us for our *drive-through* dinner!



And be sure to bid in our Online Auction: SierenAuctionSales.com

Online Auction begins October 17th and ends October 23rd at 5 PM
Payment & pickup: October 25th at Holy Trinity, Richmond

Holy Trinity Church of Holy Family Parish
571 Howard Street, Richmond (Kalona), IA 52247

Rosary
About a half hour before Mass starts at all 3 churches we pray the rosary. We encourage you to join us!

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

Collection For Charity
Our monthly collection for charity will be next weekend. Proceeds will go to local Catholic Radio Station 89.5 KMHV.

Harvest Dinner
Holy Trinity Parish of Keota will have their harvest dinner and raffle Sun Nov 8th at the parish center. Smoked pork loin, cheesy potatoes, green beans, roll, salads and desserts will be served from 11am to 1 pm. Free will offering and carry outs available.



Birthdays

Oct 1	John Becker
Oct 8	John Conway (80yrs old)
Oct 9	Torrey Gingerich
Oct 12	Richard Brenneman
Oct 13	Dotti Wojtak
Oct 15	LuAnn DeGood
Oct 15	Gary Marner
Oct 16	Grady Gingerich
Oct 17	Dennis Simon
Oct 17	Amanda DeGood
Oct 20	Dwight Duwa
Oct 21	Elsey Gingerich
Oct 24	Jill Roder
Oct 30	Maryn Gerot

Anniversaries

Oct 6	Jim & Cindy Adam (47 yrs)
Oct 12	Brian & Cindy Michael (41 yrs)
Oct 12	Ed & Joyce Mattes (58 yrs)
Oct 12	Collin & Emma Gingerich (2 yrs)
Oct 14	Haylee & Nick Osmonson
Oct 15	Terry & Mary Craft (49 yrs)
Oct 16	Gary & Sandy Marner
Oct 18	Ryan & Abbi Smit (1 yr)
Oct 21	John & Sue Hora Menage (37 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

Envelopes At The Back Of Church



Inner Conviction

Excerpts From The Diary Of St Faustina

You must seek to hear God speak to you through an inner conviction within your soul. At times you may sense that God's Voice is loud and clear, and at other times it may seem faint and confusing. There are many things that can compete with the Voice of God but if you are open, you will come to know His Voice with familiarity. This is important for your spiritual life.

Learning to hear Him speak and coming to recognize His Voice allows you to more easily walk in His ways throughout your life. Seek to know this inner conviction that His Voice presents to you. And as you learn to discern it, grow in confidence at His commands of love. Daily obedience to Him in this way must become the foundation of all that you do in life and it will become an abundant source of His outpoured Mercy (See *Diary* #1383).

How familiar are you with the Voice of God? You most likely will not hear Him speak to you in an audible way. His Voice often comes as a strong sense that we ought to do this or avoid that. He speaks by influencing our will even more than our mind. We may be attentive in our mind to what we sense, but the conviction God gives us is a spiritual sense.

Though God may speak to each person in a unique way, this inner conviction is a common experience of God's communication. Reflect, today, upon God speaking in this way and if you struggle with this goal, recommit yourself to listen. Through this habit you will discover the abundant Mercy that God has in store for you as He guides you day by day.

Lord, I desire to hear Your Voice speaking to me in the depths of my conscience. Please do speak and fill my will with a sense and a conviction of Your holy and perfect Will. May I learn to be attentive to You every day and follow Your gentle commands as the guiding light of my life. Jesus, I trust in You.

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.



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.



Habit Stacking & Unstacking

"Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day."

- 2 Corinthians 4:16

I've known about the technique of habit stacking for a long time. If I want to start a new, good habit, I usually anchor it to an already established habit. For example, I read my Bible with my morning coffee. I make phone calls to relatives while I drive. I exercise while I listen to inspirational podcasts. I read or journal before I go to sleep.

You can also use habit *unstacking* to change bad habits.

Before I talk about minor issues, let me address **addictions**. If you drink alcohol, smoke cigarettes, take recreational drugs, gamble, or view pornography, these are usually done alone or around others who have the *similar* inclinations. Honestly admit what you are doing to someone who will hold you ***accountable***. And remove yourself from situations and companions who promote these bad habits.

Now, on to unstacking venial habits:

-- If you usually relax in the evenings by binge-watching shows while eating unhealthy food, take either one of those habits out of the equation, and the other becomes less appealing.

--If you scroll on your smartphone while sitting comfortably in a chair or bed, allow yourself to use your phone only while standing up.

-- Taking out convenience factors can reduce bad habits. Uninstall apps that cater to your impulses. If you have to download and log in to use a food delivery app, online shopping site, social media site, etc., you may lose interest in it after a while.

--Try to go analog for as many things as possible. Adding a bit of friction can unshackle you from some habits.

--Create fences for yourself. Place time limits, budgets, calorie restrictions, and periodical detoxes around habits. Have accountability partners that you check in with regularly.

Changing habits can be challenging, but don't get discouraged and give up. Instead of relying on your own willpower, rely on the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen you daily.

Naomi Ruth

stewardship

Each year at tax time, we conscientiously give *"to Caesar what belongs to Caesar."*

Does my stewardship indicate that I am as faithful about giving *"to God what belongs to God"*?