Oct 25, 2026

Holy Family Parish



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

Mass Intentions

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

Nov 4 - Nov 8

Wed	8:30am	SJ	Phillip Smith, Jr.
Thu	8:30am	HT	Marian McQuaid
Fri	8:30am	SM	Rosie Wieland Pedersen
Sat	5:00pm	SJ	Jeff Lintz
Sun	8:00am	HT	People of Holy Family Parish
Sun	10:00am	SM	Marvin Simon

**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 11, 2026

YTD Budget	$72,690
YTD Collection	$70,541
Difference	- $2,149

Federal ID Number: 47 0877747

Upcoming Events

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

Nov 3 - Tuesday Women's Bible Study
2:00pm church basement at St Mary's

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



Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

When we think of saints, we often imagine people who accomplished extraordinary things: great missionaries, brilliant theologians, or courageous martyrs. Yet one of the Church's most beloved saints reminds us that holiness is often found in doing ordinary things with extraordinary love. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, affectionately known as "The Little Flower," was born in France in 1873. At fifteen, she entered a Carmelite convent, where she spent the remainder of her short life in prayer and community. She died of tuberculosis in 1897, at just twenty-four years old.

Life in the convent, however, was not always peaceful or easy. Thérèse struggled with the personalities and habits of some of her fellow sisters. One sister particularly irritated her, while another made distracting noises during prayer. Rather than avoiding these women or expressing her frustration, Thérèse deliberately responded with patience, kindness, and even a smile. She recognized that loving people who were difficult to love was itself a path toward holiness.

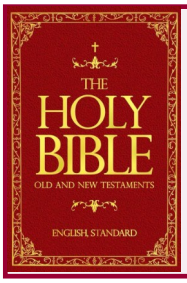
These daily struggles helped shape what Thérèse called her **"**Little Way"—a path to God through small acts of love, humility, and complete trust in His mercy. Thérèse understood that holiness did not require extraordinary accomplishments. A kind word, patiently enduring an inconvenience, or quietly performing an unpleasant task could become an offering to Christ. What mattered was not the greatness of the action, but the love with which it was performed.

Holiness does not always require doing something extraordinary. Sometimes it begins with a smile, a little patience, or choosing kindness when irritation would be easier.

Perhaps most importantly, Thérèse recognized her own weaknesses. Rather than becoming discouraged by her imperfections, she trusted completely in God's mercy. Like a small child reaching toward a loving father, she believed God would lift her where she could not climb on her own. In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II declared Thérèse a Doctor of the Church, recognizing the profound wisdom of her simple spirituality.

Her message speaks directly to our everyday lives. We all encounter difficult personalities, frustrating situations, and moments when patience seems impossible. Thérèse reminds us that these very experiences can become opportunities for grace.

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux 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

What's Love Got To Do With It?

What is love? Oh that burning question that countless philosophers, poets, artists, and countless music albums have pondered…stay tuned for the "break up album" to see how they were wrong.

Oftentimes love is used synonymously with "I like." "I love cake. I love warm, sunny days. I love the (fill in your favorite sports team)." Love here is a basic liking or affection toward something. It's passing, fleeting, or may change based on our likes or dislikes changing. We wouldn't use love mentally in this same context for other things like family. We would say "I love you, Mom" with very different intent.

That raises an interesting distinction: intent. Words can be meaningless if there is no intent behind them. Saying "I love cake" doesn't carry any obligation or duty. If cake is a desert option, I can choose it…or something else. Because I said "I love cake" doesn't mean I always pick or eat cake.

"I love you" carries weight when it is directed to a person. Now there are duties and obligations. A man and a woman may start as acquaintances, move to friendship, and eventually romantic interest. When "I love you" enters the scene, there is a lot of contexts for that. Now, "I love you" says "I want to spend my life with you and only you. I want to give myself totally to you." Marriage is the sacrament that seals that love before God. It's a public, life-long promise with the fruit of that love personified in children.

But what if the intent isn't there? If we treat love like the first example of mere affection, a fit of emotion, or worse, used for my own gain, then "I love you" is the biggest lie we can ever tell. Many of our friends, neighbors, or even ourselves have been hurt deeply by these lies in the name of love.

Coming full circle, loving God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves fits that image of marriage. God showed us love by sending His Son, Jesus. Jesus shows that love by giving Himself totally to the Father's will for love of us. Nothing we did earned that love. Furthermore, Jesus died for all! Not just a few "goodish" people. Therefore, we ought to think of giving ourselves totally to God.

That is personified in how we love our neighbors (which is everyone). We don't always have to "like" them, but we ought to love them as brothers and sisters loved by God as well. I can't say "I love you God" and blow leaves in the neighbor's yard to get even for something he did.

Love takes sacrifice. It means not letting my schedule, passions, emotions, wounds, or hurts interfere with giving myself to God and to my neighbor. Love is bigger than me: it is God Himself.



The Enormity of Small Acts of Love

Excerpts From The Diary Of St Faustina

Do you want to do amazing things in this world? Do you sometimes have grandiose ideas and dreams? Sometimes we have more secular dreams of wealth and fame, and sometimes we may have dreams of doing extraordinary things for God and for the Church. But these do not have to be dreams because each and every one of us is called to extraordinary things. The problem is that we often misunderstand what "extraordinary" is all about. So what is it about?

It's especially about doing small things with extraordinary love. Every one of us can do this every day all day. Our lives are filled with opportunities to do "small things." It may be cooking or cleaning, shuttling kids here or there, caring for the yard, completing tasks at work, or daily casual conversation with others. Every one of these tasks offers us an opportunity to love with extraordinary love. And if you do every small act with great love, then your love will be great and God will do extraordinary things through your life, bestowing His Mercy on many (See *Diary* #1310).

Think about the small things you have to do today. How can you do these simple tasks with exceptional love? Many things we do are done with distaste or indifference. We can fail to see value in the small monotonous activities of our day. This is a mistake. Look for ways to do everything as an act of love and as an offering to God. Be devout and intentional in each opportunity you have and your dreams of greatness will become a reality on account of the Mercy of God shining through your life.

Lord, I give to You, this day, every small act I perform. Help me to find value and meaning in even the smallest service. I pray that my love for You will increase in countless small ways so that I may be a holy instrument of Your abundant Mercy. Jesus, I trust in You.

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

Coffee Club

We will have Coffee Club after the 8:30am Friday Mass at St. Mary's Nov 6

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)





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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



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Cale Colbert, son of James and Jenny Colbert, who was baptized on Oct 11th!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Matthew Flathers, son of Scott and Allison Flathers, who was baptized on Oct 4th!

Overwhelmed

"Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer!"

- Psalm 61:2

For the past few days, I have been feeling overwhelmed. I feel like a glass that is filled to the brim. There is a bulging dome of liquid over the edge that is held together by surface tension. I'm trying my best to hold my emotions together. One more drop and things will reach a tipping point, causing me to break down and cry.

At this point, it doesn't matter what these last drops are. They are not the cause of my overwhelming emotions. There has been a steady stream of trials building up over a long time. I acknowledge this so as not to blame the next trigger for my meltdown.

When I am exhausted and confused, I dare not try to figure out my next step. I'm as disoriented as a drunk person who hasn't slept in days. This is not the time to look to others for direction either. Humans, however well-intentioned, are often biased by their own traumatic experiences. I have learned to depend on God to hold my hand and lead me through the wilderness.

"Even in the midst of our worst times, God has not abandoned us. We may feel overwhelmed by our problems and sorrows — but God is never overwhelmed, nor do they take Him by surprise." (Billy Graham)

The Lord is aware of every detail of my life. Nothing comes my way unless HE allows it. Even when things are at their worst, the Lord will not abandon me. I shall cry out to God when I am overwhelmed. He alone understands my challenges. I shall look to Him for guidance.

Lord, I'm overwhelmed
I can't take any more
Jesus, help me now
Show me the way.

Naomi Ruth



stewardship

We fulfill the commandment to love our neighbor when we exercise good stewardship — joyfully sharing our gifts of life, abilities, and resources to meet our neighbor's need.