

Holy Family Parish

Nov 1, 2026

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O'Lord. And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them



Marvin Lawrence Simon
Oct 30, 2025
Christe Cress
Nov 15, 2025
John Francis Schneider
Nov 15, 2025
Larry Metz
Dec 1, 2025
Cindy Lee Mapel
Dec 10, 2025
Cathy (Walsh) Smith
Jan 8, 2026
Russell Lintz
Jan 7, 2026
Pauline Murphy
Jan 16, 2026
Rita Griffin
Jan 27, 2026
Shirley Ann Bohr
Feb 12, 2026
Muriel R Metz
Mar12, 2026

Leslie Slaubaugh
Mar 11, 2026
Phyllis Latta
Mar 22, 2026
Juanita Mary Latta
Apr 14, 2026
Janelle "Janie" Marek
May 9, 2026
Robert Joseph Thomann
May 11, 2026
Dayle Chalupa
May 30, 2026
Randy Kron
Jul 23, 2026
Regina Jones
Aug 1, 2026
Jeff Lintz
Sep 17, 2026
Patricia Mary Brophy
Sep 20, 2026
Randall Robert Cole
Oct 11, 2026

Mass Intentions

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

Nov 10 - Nov 15

Wed	8:30am	SJ	Sarah Secrest Lillie
Thu	8:30am	HT	Pauline Murphy
Fri	8:30am	SM	Lloyd Weber
Sat	5:00pm	SJ	Richard & Joan Horesowsky
Sun	8:00am	HT	William Riggan
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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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 Oct 11, 2026

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

Federal ID Number: 47 0877747

Upcoming Events

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 6 - Coffee Club
After the 8:30am Mass at St Mary's

Nov 11 - Patriotic Rosary
6:30pm at Holy Trinity church

Nov 17 - Pleasntview Mass
9:30am in the chapel



Saint Carlo Acutis

What does a saint look like in the twenty-first century? Sometimes he wears jeans and sneakers, enjoys video games, and knows his way around a computer. Saint Carlo Acutis reminds us that holiness is not confined to monasteries or distant centuries. It can take root in an ordinary family, a classroom, or even in front of a computer screen. Carlo was born in London on May 3, 1991, to Italian parents and grew up in Milan. Like many teenagers, he enjoyed soccer, computers, and spending time with friends. But beneath these familiar interests was an extraordinary love for Jesus, particularly in the Eucharist.

After receiving his First Holy Communion at age seven, Carlo began attending daily Mass and spending time in Eucharistic Adoration. "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven," he famously said. He also prayed the Rosary daily and received the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly. For Carlo, the sacraments were not simply religious obligations. They were the heart of his friendship with Christ.

His faith was also expressed through charity. He cared deeply about the poor, shared his money with those in need, and volunteered to help the less fortunate. His enthusiasm for technology became another means of evangelization. He created an online exhibition documenting Eucharistic miracles from around the world, hoping to help others recognize Christ's Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament. In 2006, Carlo was diagnosed with an aggressive form of leukemia. Facing his illness with remarkable courage, he offered his suffering for the Pope and the Church. He died on October 12, 2006, at only fifteen years old. His remains now rest in Assisi, a place deeply associated with his beloved Saint Francis.

Carlo Acutis's life reminds us sainthood does not require extraordinary circumstances. It begins with an ordinary life transformed by love for Christ, especially in the Eucharist, and for

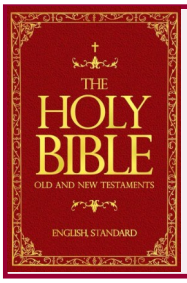
On September 7, 2025, Pope Leo XIV canonized Carlo, making him one of the Church's first saints of the millennial generation.

Saint Carlo Acutis 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!



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

Solemnity of All Saints

Stranger Things

One of my favorite events with our homeschool group was the All Saints Parties we would have. We kids would dress up as different saints and there are so many fun options. Props were common since most Saints are depicted in art with specific items. Saint Sebastian shot with arrows was a favorite for the boys. One friend's dad was an optometrist, so she came as St. Lucy with two model eyes on a tray since St. Lucy had her eyes gouged out before she was martyred.

All Saints Day follows what was known as All Hallows Eve, the vigil for All Saints Day. You can probably put two and two together and see how Halloween appeared in the secular world. As my stories above show, the Church has never shied away from the "fantastic" in that we are not afraid to portray saint and martyrs in their "glory."

Showing St. Lucy with her eyes or St. Sebastian shot with arrows or St. Paul holding a sword or St. Bartholomew holding his skin (Sistine Chapel…Michelangelo…worth a google) is not out of gore or horror like modern day Halloween. The Saints are always portrayed as the victors that they are. They overcame the trials of life and never denied the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ even to the point of death.

In a way, the Saints are stranger than any werewolf or Frankenstein's monster because they chose the "narrow way" that few find. But that narrow way includes so many walks of life such as: teachers, artists, mothers, fathers, children, hermits, soldiers, nuns, priests, bishops, popes, businessmen, farmers, missionaries, lawyers, and a barber just to name a few. The saints didn't set out to be a canonized saint with a feast day and praise. They set out to live, love, and serve Jesus Christ.

The one thing that really sets saints apart is they don't settle for less than the best. Sometimes we can look around at our life and go "eh…this is good enough. I'm a good enough person." This leads us to be pretty boring, lukewarm Catholics who just fade into obscurity. Saints say, "I'm not good enough!" Saints set out to transform themselves to be like Christ. Saints hear the calling of "be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect" not as a suggestion, but as a rule of life.

We receive that same invitation at our baptism. That desire for God ought to grow in us. If that desire is flat, stale, or missing…we had better do something about that, like, now. Holiness isn't for the perfect. Holiness is for all us imperfect, sinful human beings who are invited to be transformed into saints by our heavenly Father. Let's get to work and maybe someone will be dressing up as us for an All Saints' party a hundred years from now.



Bodily Sufferings Redeemed

Excerpts From The Diary Of St Faustina

Many people enjoy excellent health while others do not. Some experience great physical discomfort in life due to infirmity or old age. Though many look for ways to alleviate this physical discomfort, it must be said that these pains offer an opportunity for grace. First, much grace is won in the life of the person suffering when that suffering is freely embraced. Grace can also be won for the lives of others when physical suffering is offered as a prayer for their good. The way this grace is won is not so much by the suffering itself; rather, it is won through the free choice to embrace that suffering as a sacrifice. This denial of one's own will becomes an open door to the storehouse of Mercy in Heaven. God smiles upon these physical sacrifices and especially upon the free choice of their embrace. Do not hesitate to allow your physical pains and discomfort to be turned into the Mercy of God for you and for others (See *Diary* #1428).

Do you have physical pain or discomfort in your life? If so, it is normal to look for ways to alleviate it. But reflect upon this deep spiritual truth that your suffering can be transformed into grace. If you doubt this, just look at the Cross. The physical pain our Lord endured may not have matched His interior suffering, but it was part of His perfect Will to offer His physical pain to the Father for the redemption of the world. Do not doubt the value of your free embrace of every pain and discomfort. Give it to God and you will be blessed as others are blessed through this offering.

Lord, I do offer to You, this day, all the pain and discomfort I feel now and will feel in the future. Help me to embrace this suffering with a free embrace. I choose it, dear Lord, and make it my offering to You so that You can transform it into Your Mercy. Jesus, I trust in You.







Servers Wanted!

Fr Ben is on a mission to get more servers helping at Mass! Fr enjoys training the servers and spending time with them. If your young person is interested in serving at Mass, let Fr Ben know. He would be more than happy to train them!

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.

Rosaries

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

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)



November Birthdays & Anniversaries will appear in next weekend's bulletin

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.

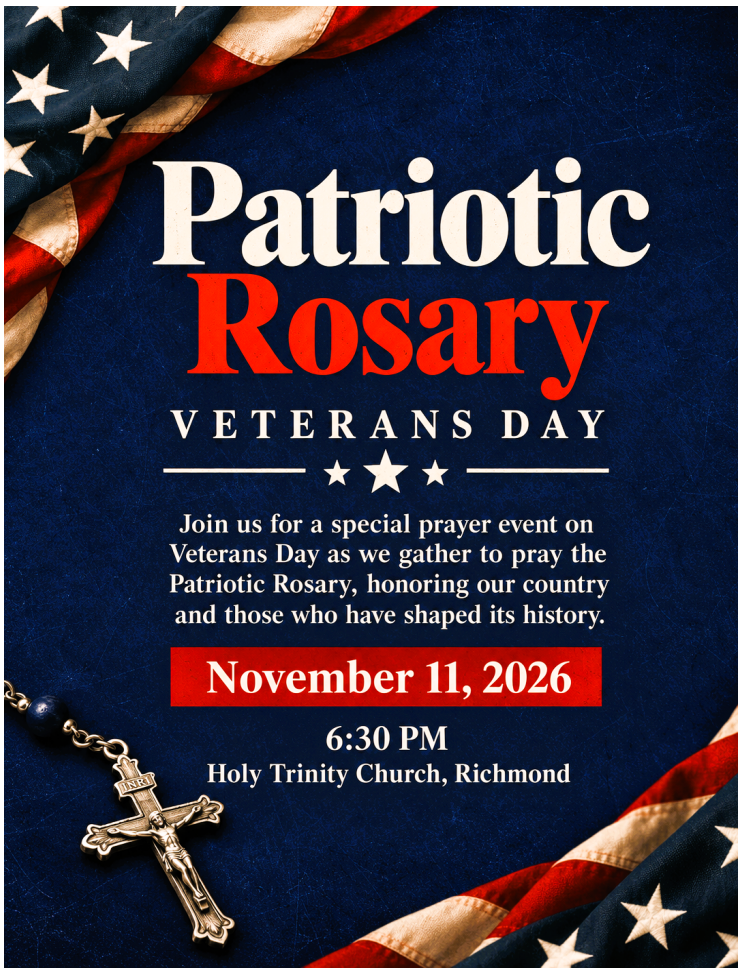
Please prayerfully consider how you can support this year's Annual Diocesan Appeal

Envelopes At The Back Of Church



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Clayton Friederich, son of Aaron and Kelly Friederich, who was baptized on Oct 18!



Spiritual Beings

"The just shall flourish like the palm tree, shall grow like a cedar of Lebanon"

- Psalm 92:13

If one were to take the above verse literally, it would imply that godly people always flourish and remain strong. But if we look at the lives of saintly people, we know that this is *not* always true from a worldly perspective.

Here is an example. David Brainerd was a godly man whose life was not easy. He was orphaned by the age of 14. He suffered from depression. He got kicked out of Yale for criticizing one of his tutors. In his twenties, David traveled through harsh conditions to preach the gospel to the Native Americans. He died at the age of 29 from tuberculosis.

Here is a quote from David Brainerd's private diary: "*I launched into the eternal world. I got so far out on the broad ocean that my soul with joy triumphed over all the evils on the shores of mortality. Time, with its gay amusements and cruel disappointments, never appeared so inconsiderable.*"

Brainerd had detached from the shallow shores of human experience and launched into the deep waters of the Spirit. He was no longer shackled to his natural inclinations. Instead, he operated in the supernatural realm. His inner life flourished like a palm tree in the desert. His soul grew strong like the cedars of Lebanon.

Most of us have had moments where we were conscious of something beyond the physical realm. These intangible, indescribable, incomprehensible experiences seemed irrelevant. Since we couldn't measure or articulate this inner awareness, we ignored it. In time, we settled for the temporal while forgetting that we were created for eternity.

Lord, show us how to live in this world, but not be of it. Teach us to operate in the supernatural realm. Remind us that we are spiritual beings having a human experience.

Naomi Ruth



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"The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest," Jesus says in today's Gospel. What wonderful good news for those who give of their time in service to others!