Nov 15, 2026

Holy Family Parish



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more." - Mt 25:20

Mass Intentions

Nov 17 - Nov 22

Tue	9:30am	PV	People of Holy Family Parish
Wed	8:30am	SJ	Joe Donald Martinez
Thu	8:30am	HT	Emmett Nolan
Fri	8:30am	SM	Lester Wieland
Sat	5:00pm	SJ	People of Holy Family Parish
Sun	8:00am	HT	Richard & Robert TeBockhorst
Sun	10:00am	SM	Edwin & Marjorie Hora

Nov 25 - Nov 29

Wed	8:30am	SJ	Mike Bower
Thu	8:30am	HT	No Mass - Thanksgiving Break
Fri	8:30am	SM	No Mass - Thanksgiving Break
Sat	5:00pm	SJ	Steve Slaubaugh
Sun	8:00am	HT	People of Holy Family Parish
Sun	10:00am	SM	Dutch Latta

**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 Nov 1, 2026

YTD Budget	$87,228
YTD Collection	$96,419
Difference	+ $9,191

Federal ID Number: 47 0877747

Upcoming Events

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

Nov 26 - Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner
11am - 1pm - Holy Trinity PLC

Nov 29 - Collection For Charity
Local School Backpack Programs

Nov 30 - Monday Bible Study
6:00pm in the PLC at Holy Trinity

Dec 1 - Tuesday Women's Bible Study
2:00pm church basement at St Mary's

Dec 4 - Coffee Club
After the 8:30am Mass at St Mary's



St Laurence O'Toole

Some saints are remembered for extraordinary miracles. Others show us how holiness can take shape in the ordinary demands of leadership, service, and forgiveness. Saint Laurence O'Toole offers a beautiful example of a life in which prayer and action were inseparable. Born in Ireland around 1128, Laurence knew suffering early. At only ten years old, he was handed over as a political hostage to a rival ruler and endured harsh treatment. Eventually, he found refuge at the monastery of Glendalough, where he discovered a vocation to religious life. By age twenty-five, he had become its abbot.

Laurence's faith was never confined to the monastery walls. When famine struck, he sold valuable monastery possessions to buy food for the hungry. He understood that the Church's treasures are meant to serve people, especially those who have the least. In 1162, Laurence became Archbishop of Dublin. His responsibilities grew enormously, but his devotion to prayer did not diminish.

Kidnapped as a child, caught in the violence of war, and surrounded by political turmoil, Saint Laurence O'Toole had every reason to lose hope. Yet through prayer, compassion, and an unwavering trust in God, he became a powerful witness to Christ's love.

He rose early to pray the Divine Office with his community and often remained afterward in silence. He also made time to return to Glendalough for solitude. Amid the noise and competing demands of the world, he knew he needed to listen for God's voice. His prayer was reflected in his care for the poor, the sick, and homeless children.

Laurence lived in a time of violent political conflict. During the Norman invasion of Ireland, he sought to protect the people of Dublin and worked tirelessly for peace. He could not end every conflict, but he refused to give up on reconciliation. He died in 1180 while traveling on another mission of peace and was canonized in 1225. Saint Laurence reminds us that contemplation is not an escape from the needs of others. Prayer opens our hearts to recognize those needs and gives us the courage to respond. His life invites us to ask: Does my prayer make me more patient, generous, and willing to seek peace? And do I make room for silence so that my service flows from a relationship with Christ?

May Saint Laurence O'Toole inspire us to pray deeply, serve generously, and become instruments of Christ's peace in our families, parish, and community.





Fr Ben's Weekly Reflection

33nd Sunday Ordinary Time

A Two Commandment Sin

"The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence" is the common saying for wishing we had some other life. Or you could say "watch out for the green-eyed monster." These both boil down to simply being "green with envy." Maybe the problem is just green…I don't know. However you want to put it, we can waste a lot of our lives on envy or wistfully pining away on our past or what others have.

It's not explicit, but this Sunday's Gospel speaks to this point. One servant gets 5 talents (if gold, worth about $20 million from a conversion website I found) while one servant gets 1. The servant with one buries the talent and pouts. The other two get to work for their master to grow his wealth and get rewarded.

Envy is a serious sin that leads to coveting (sinful desiring). This sin gets two commandments dedicated to it: "thou shall not covet your neighbor's wife" and "thou shall not covet thy neighbor's goods." We could argue "I was only looking, I didn't do anything." Sorry, Jesus expanded envy and coveting when He said "a man who looks at another woman with lust in his heart has already committed adultery with her." This goes both ways of course and also applies to goods. Ultimately, the longer we stay in our envy, desires, and coveting, the more trapped we become.

The saints are good examples of the faithful servants in the parable. I like the lives of the saints and this weekend (November 14th) is a new one I didn't know about, Saint Laurence O'Toole. He was the first native Irish bishop of Dublin in 1162AD. He was a monk who didn't want to be bishop but eventually accepted. He spent most of his time reforming the Church in Dublin as well as negotiating peace with Norman invaders. Not very flashy and mostly forgotten in a time when you have St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Bonaventure, and other big "five talent" saints. He was faithful to his calling where he was at as a "one" or "two talent" saint.

Saints are not sad. Saints also didn't spend their lives longing to be someone else or live a different life. Saints rolled up their sleeves and got to work where they were at. That is what we are supposed to do too. The longer we envy that promotion our co-worker got or the yields our neighbor got in the field right next to ours, the more stuck and miserable we will be.

Doing the work and living the life we have been given is the treasure the Master has given us. Let's not waste it or our time and get to work faithfully being disciples of Jesus Christ.



The Depths Of God's Love

Excerpts From The Diary Of St Faustina

Imagine if someone gave their life for you because they loved you. They were put into a situation where they knew you would lose your life if they did not freely give theirs. As a result, they chose to step forward in confidence, giving their life in exchange for yours. In order for someone to do this they would have to have an incredible depth of love for you, so much so that they valued your life over their own. This depth of love may be rare but it does exist and we haven't far to look to find it. We only need to look at a crucifix to be made aware of this reality.

We easily become so familiar with the Crucifixion of our Lord that we overlook the fundamental fact of His perfect love. He valued your life more than His own. He did not hesitate to die a horrible death so that you could live. This fact should not escape your daily notice. It is not some far away sublime idea; it's a practical reality that has absolute consequences in your life. Jesus' death is the only reason that you can live eternally in Heaven. This is an act of Mercy that should leave us with eternal gratitude (See *Diary* #1485).

Spend time today pondering the Crucifixion of our Lord. Try to see it not as some far away event that has only an inspirational influence on your life. See it instead for what it is. Without the free gift of Jesus on the Cross you would be lost for eternity. It's as simple as that. His act of love was an exchange of His life for yours. The depth of His love for you is more than you will ever fathom. Ponder this truth today and rejoice that you are loved to such an absolute extent.

Lord, I will never fully understand the depth of Your perfect love. In my small way I thank You with all my heart and choose to accept the total gift of Your death on the Cross. Help me to never doubt Your love for me, dear Lord, and help me to love You in return. Jesus, I trust in You.

Book Of The Dead



At the back of each church there is a Book of The Dead. You are invited to write the names of any loved ones who have passed from this life to the next.

During the Prayers Of The Faithful we will pray for "All those who are listed in the Book Of The Dead at the back of church."

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

You are invited to a

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 26
11 am - 1 pm

RSVP by 11/23

Call Joyce @ 319-656-3276



All donations will be given to local charities

Birthdays

Nov 3	Greg Buchmayer	
Nov 6	Avery Shalla	(22yrs old)
Nov 11	Larry Wieland	
Nov 12	Brandee Kleopfer	
Nov 12	Brian Sieren	
Nov 13	Kara Troyer	
Nov 13	Doug Yotty	
Nov 14	Chris Brenneman	
Nov 15	Jenny Herzberger	
Nov 16	Julie Robinson	
Nov 18	Janice Wieland	
Nov 21	Bo Yotty	
Nov 22	Colton Wilson	
Nov 28	Jax Gerot	

Anniversaries

Nov 11	Brian & Michele Sieren	
Nov 20	Mariellen & Charlie Bower	(61 yrs)
Nov 20	Riley & Courtney Sieren	(5 yrs)
Nov 20	Rollie & Carolyn Rourke	(56 yrs)





ADA

Goal -	$52,778
Collected -	$37,504
Difference -	$15,274

71%

Thank You to all who have donated to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. If you have not donated, please prayerfully consider doing so. Envelopes at the back of church.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's Annual Diocesan Appeal

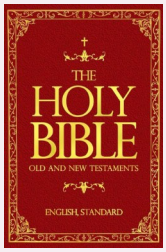


Congratulations!

Congratulations to Lucy Marie Schneider who was baptized today at St Mary's church of Holy Family Parish! Lucy is the daughter of Cody and Brittnee Schneider.

Holy Trinity Fall Dinner - Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Holy Trinity Fall Dinner and to the donors and bidders for the Auction. A special thank you to Brenneman Pork for donating the pork, Sieren Auction Sales for donating the online auction, Randy Berg for cooking the pork and to all of the volunteers who helped to make this event a success in serving 739 meals. We could not have done this without you!



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



Disciple Maker Index (DMI)

This 10–15-minute survey can be accessed through an online link. The survey will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses are confidential.

Paper surveys will also be available for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online

Emery Celtic Cross

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

- Galatians 6:9

A few decades ago, Liam Emery planted trees in the forests of Donegal, Ireland. He planted 3000 Japanese larch trees in the shape of a giant Celtic cross that can only be seen from an aerial view. These trees were planted in a forest of conifers. These outer trees are evergreen and don't drop their needles during autumn. But the larch trees that make up the 100-meter cross are deciduous. They turn a golden color in the autumn, creating a spectacular Celtic cross.

I love these types of stories, but the part that really impressed me was that Liam Emery never got to see the cross that he had planted. He died before the trees he had planted were mature enough to change colors. The first time a pilot noticed it was in 2016. The cross is not evident to anyone looking at it from the ground level. Only people flying overhead in this rural part of Ireland would ever see the results of Emery's efforts.

Are you planting seeds of goodness in this world? Do you get tired and discouraged because your work doesn't yield tangible results? Or maybe those around you may not be able to appreciate what you are doing.

You may not see the harvest you expect in your lifetime, but ***don't give up***. Keep doing what is good, and leave the outcome to God's timing. Remember that there are heavenly realities that are beyond our earthly perspective. Trust in God, even when His promises are not evident...***yet***.

Lord, grant us the grace to plant seeds of goodness everywhere we go. Protect us from discouragement when we can't see any positive changes. Teach us to trust Your promises. Grant us a heavenly perspective.



Naomi Ruth