Nov 22, 2026

Holy Family Parish



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." - Mt 25:38-40

Mass Intentions

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

Dec 2 - Dec 6

Wed	8:30am	SJ	Pam Bender
Thu	8:30am	HT	Sharon Stumpf
Fri	8:30am	SM	Randi Yeggy
Sat	5:00pm	SJ	Jeff Lintz
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 Nov 8, 2026

YTD Budget	$92,074
YTD Collection	$100,614
Difference	+ $8,540

Federal ID Number: 47 0877747



Upcoming Events

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 Charles Borremo

When plague swept through Milan in 1576, fear emptied streets and drove many of the wealthy to safety. Archbishop Charles Borromeo chose a different path. He stayed, bringing food, spiritual comfort, and practical help to people whom others were afraid to approach. It was a remarkable choice for a man born into privilege. Charles (1538–1584) came from a powerful Italian family, and his uncle, Pope Pius IV, made him a cardinal while he was still in his early twenties.

Yet Charles gradually came to see the Church not as a source of status, but as a place where he was called to give his life in service. The Church of his day was struggling with division, scandal, and the urgent need for reform. Charles helped bring the Council of Trent to its conclusion and, as Archbishop of Milan, worked tirelessly to put its reforms into practice. He established seminaries, improved religious instruction, visited parishes, and called priests to take their pastoral responsibilities seriously.

What does it take to renew the Church? Saint Charles Borromeo reminds us that the answer begins with how we love the people God places before us.

He also knew that reform could not simply be imposed from above. Charles adopted *Humilitas*—"humility"—as his motto. He lived simply, devoted himself to prayer, and demanded no sacrifice from others that he was unwilling to make himself. He believed bishops should live among their people, know their struggles, and lead first by example.

During the plague, those convictions were tested. Charles organized relief, gave generously from his own resources, and made sure the sick and dying were not abandoned. He showed that the Church's mission is not merely to proclaim Christ's love, but to make that love visible.

His example speaks to our own parish life. We may not face a plague, but we encounter people who are lonely, discouraged, grieving, or in need. A visit to someone homebound, a word of welcome at Mass, or a quiet act of generosity can become a powerful witness to the Gospel.

St Charles reminds us that lasting renewal begins not with grand plans, but with hearts changed by prayer and expressed in charity.





Fr Ben's Weekly Reflection

Solemnity Of Christ The King

Groupie Or Disciple?

This year, two movies came out. One was unseen footage from "The King" Elvis Presley's life and shows. The other was a biopic called "Jackson" on "The King of Pop," Michael Jackson that made over $1 billion at the global box office. It goes to show we love our celebrities. These can range from sports stars to politicians, philanthropists, and celebrities. We know so much about them and some people take that to the extreme from buying all the merchandise, stalking celebrities, or doing obnoxious things for their attention. But do they return the favor?

We know they don't. They don't know us and a lot of the public stuff is just for the cameras. Case in point, there is an animated movie called "Megamind" which is a spoof on superhero movies. The Superman-like hero called "Metroman" is greeting the cheering crowds and someone shouts "I love you Metroman!" He replies back "and I love you random citizen!"

Why do we invest so much time, energy, and resources into celebrities, stars, and heroes who don't know us? They care we exist so long as we buy their brand products, but that's about it. We complain maybe about "all those rich millionaire, billionaire, trillionaire CEOs grumble grumble…", but no one seems to bat an eye at the celebrity and athlete bank accounts.

On the flip side, how much time to we take to get to know the true King, Jesus Christ? He is the One famous person who actually **does** know our name. He **does** care about us. He **does** answer our needs like a shepherd tending to the sheep of His flock.

Pope Leo on his trip to South America made a great comment encapsulating Christianity: "everyone toward Christ, everyone with Christ, everyone like Christ." This is what it means to be disciples of Christ the King. Unfortunately, it is easier to be a "groupie" or a fan than it is to be a disciple. If we can name the whole team of the 1973 championship team, can we name the twelve apostles? If we can sing every Taylor Swift song, can we recount Jesus' "greatest hits" and teachings?

This is why we are doing the Discipleship Maker Index. It's not to shame ourselves, but to take a 10-15 minute honest look at how I am doing as a disciple. We have been averaging around 350 people at our weekend Masses so that's the **minimum** number I'm hoping we get. We have around 600 households in our parish. That's a lot of current and potential disciples in our parish.

If you have not done yours yet, please do it soon. I am asking you directly. If we say Jesus Christ is King, being a disciple is how we live it out.



A Mother's Love

Excerpts From The Diary Of St Faustina

It's true that no earthly image can fully reveal the perfect love of God. God is transcendent and His love is beyond what this world can contain. But nonetheless, there are many things in this world that do reveal aspects of the love of God. One such image is that of a mother's love. Though God has been revealed to us as the Father in Heaven and the Son of God came as a man, we can discover much about the love of God from a mother's love. In fact, it is even appropriate to understand that God is like the tenderest mother to us. Motherhood is sacred because it is part of the natural design of God for humanity. He puts into a mother's heart a powerful love for her child, offering unwavering commitment.

Though no mother is perfect except our Blessed Mother, it's good to look at the beauty of a mother's love when using it to understand God. The tenderness and unconditional acceptance of a mother stand out as two aspects that reveal the love of God. God does love you with a perfect motherly love. Though this may not be the most common way to speak of His love, it is of great benefit to ponder this beautiful revelation from creation (See Diary #1490).

How do you see God? Reflect upon your image of God and rely first upon the various images in Scripture. But also ponder the many natural means through which God communicates His love. Ponder, today, especially the love that a mother has for her newborn infant. Reflect upon the unique and powerful draw she has and her unwavering commitment. The Lord loves you infinitely more. Always find comfort in this love.

Lord, I thank You for loving me with a perfect love. I thank You for the gift of motherhood and for the way that You reveal Your unconditional and tender love for me through this gift. Help me to always know of this love and to seek You as an infant seeks a mother. 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

Collection For Charity

Our monthly collection for charity will be next weekend. Proceeds will go to local school back-pack programs.

Rosaries

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

Fr Okumo Birthday

Fr. Richard Okumo is turning 75 this month and he will be honored after the 11:00am mass at St. Thomas More - Iowa City on Nov 29. He invites his friends from the area and parishioners of the parishes where he served to join him in a cake and punch reception from 12:00pm - 1:00pm



Disciple Maker Index (DMI)

Holy Family Parish is on a journey to know, love and serve Christ better and thrive! WE WANT TO HEAR FROM OUR PARISHIONERS! **Complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey today**. The survey assesses our unique strengths and opportunities. Share your perspective now to help strengthen Holy Family Parish and better prepare us for the future! For the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey you can use this QR Code

Please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.

Paper surveys will available at the back of church for those who do not want to do the survey online

Flowering Deserts

" The wilderness and the parched land will exult;
the Arabah will rejoice and bloom"

- Isaiah 35:1

The Atacama Desert in Chile is the driest place on earth. In August 2026, severe winter weather brought a rare snowfall to this region. This was followed by El Niño rains in September. The same weather phenomenon that produced devastating floods in other regions of the world provided a miracle in this desert. The extra precipitation allowed seeds and bulbs that had remained dormant for decades to sprout and bloom. The Atacama Desert was covered in wildflowers for a few weeks in October of 2026.

I read an article about the flowers in the desert on the news. The pictures were so unbelievable that I wondered whether they were AI generated. Thus, I researched this phenomenon thoroughly before writing this post.

One of my favorite images was a close-up of wildflowers growing in the cracks of dry sand. As I sat staring at this picture, I felt hope growing within me.

There are times when my life feels as dry as a desert. I continue to remain faithful, trusting God and surrendering my life to Him. I do get discouraged when I can't see any signs of growth or change.

The severe weather worldwide led to wildflowers blooming in the Atacama. We couldn't see the seeds that lay dormant in the dry cracks in the sand. God's promises are like these invisible seeds and bulbs. At the proper time, God will make them evident to all who are observant.

Even when circumstances seem impossible, don't give in to despair. Be strong and courageous. The Lord will come with vengeance; with divine retribution, He will come to save you. **Expect God to fulfill His promises at just the right time.**



Naomi Ruth