Nov 8, 2026

# Holy Family Parish



## 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You know neither the day nor the hour."
- Mt 25: 13

## Mass Intentions

**Nov 10 - Nov 15**

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| 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 |

**Nov 17 - Nov 22**

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| 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 |

**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 25, 2026**

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| YTD Budget | $82,382 |
| YTD Collection | $85,900 |
| Difference | + $3,518 |

*Federal ID Number: 47 0877747*

## Upcoming Events

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

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

**Nov 26 - Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner**
Save The Date - More info to come

**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. John Leonardi
**(1541–1609)**

St. John Leonardi began his working life preparing medicines, but he eventually came to see that the deepest wounds of the human heart required a different kind of healing. Born in Diecimo, near Lucca, Italy, in 1541, John was the youngest of seven children. As a young man, he trained as an apothecary, the forerunner of today's pharmacist. Although he was qualified to practice his trade, John felt increasingly drawn to the priesthood. After studying theology, he was ordained in 1572. He brought to his ministry both the patience of a healer and a conviction that faith should shape everyday life. He devoted special attention to teaching children and young people the truths of the Catholic faith.

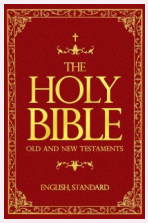
The Church of his day was undergoing the reforms inspired by the Council of Trent. John believed that genuine renewal could not be accomplished simply by changing rules or institutions. It had to begin with hearts turned toward Jesus Christ. In 1574, he gathered a community of priests dedicated to prayer, Christian education, and pastoral service. This community eventually became the Clerics Regular of the Mother of God. John's efforts were not always welcomed. He faced criticism, resistance, and setbacks, yet remained determined to serve the Church rather than divide it. He encouraged his fellow priests to live with integrity, trusting that a holy example could accomplish more than harsh words. His friendship with St. Philip Neri and his devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary helped sustain him through difficult years.

**He began by preparing medicines for the body, but St. John Leonardi devoted his life to bringing Christ's healing to souls. His example reminds us that the renewal of the Church begins with the conversion of our own hearts.**

His vision also reached beyond Italy. Working with others, he helped lay the groundwork for the Church's organized missionary formation, hoping that the Gospel would be proclaimed to people far from Rome. In 1605, he appealed to Pope Paul V for a deeper renewal of Church life, particularly through the formation of clergy and the instruction of children.

When an epidemic struck Rome, John cared for the sick despite the danger. He contracted the illness himself and died on October 9, 1609. Canonized in 1938, he is honored as the patron saint of pharmacists. His life reminds us that lasting reform begins not with pointing out the faults of others, but with allowing Christ to heal and transform our own hearts through prayer, service, and faithful daily living.

**St John Leonardi 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

## 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

### What Are We Preparing For?

November is a loaded month and really feels like the "build-up" month to the Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, New Years time-warp. The "preparation creep" to-do lists for these things gets earlier and earlier. Cue also the obligatory "let's pause and give thanks", "count your blessings," and "Jesus is the reason for the season." Those reminders themselves just become morphed into the rest of the preparation stream. We feel it. In a way, "be prepared" starts to feel less like a good thing and more like Scar's menacing "Be Prepared" villain song from the Lion King.

Liturgically, November readings are preparing too, and we get the first one this weekend: the five wise and five foolish virgins. Rather than doom, the purpose of the preparation is to enter the wedding feast. It's a joyful event. Be prepared! Stay awake! The hour isn't known.

Both the wise and foolish fall asleep since that is basic human nature. No fault there. But the wise know that like the phrase "this will only take a couple minutes" means it's going to be an hour-long conversation, the bridegroom probably isn't coming on time.

What are we preparing for? In the Church, we are building up toward the end of our liturgical year and liturgical new year. The end is the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. November is focused on the second coming or the end of our lives at death, whichever comes first. Jesus Christ, King of the Universe is there at the end no matter what. But again, this is not doom, but the arrival of the bridegroom. His arrival, if we are prepared, is a joyful occasion.

We think about death at Halloween with skeletons and spooks, and death is scary to think about. However, we know it is going to happen. We aren't going to live forever. Using this time to prepare our lives is what this time is for. The most powerful example of this is conversion.

Conversion means change, or turning, from one way of life to another. A foolish life is living without thinking about our actions. Preparing asks: "Is this a good, moral choice that leads me to relationship with Jesus Christ and the Will of the King or is this my will? Will this lead me to heaven…or the other place?" Since we are not good judges of our own actions, being prepared is taking the advice from the wise and prudent. These are the Saints, the Church, the Scripture, our bishops, the pope, and other religious leaders who are seeking the welcome the King and Bridegroom.

Conversion happens daily if we choose it. It isn't always dramatic, but we need to prepare. That can be one thing to cross off our preparation to-do list.



## Windows To God's Mercy

*Excerpts From The Diary Of St Faustina*

Saint Faustina was asked to have an image of Jesus painted with rays of Mercy flowing from His Heart. She did so and Jesus affirmed to her that many souls would be drawn to Him through this image. It's interesting to think about the importance that Jesus and Saint Faustina gave to this image. Indeed it speaks volumes regarding the Mercy flowing radiantly from His wounded Heart. It's also insightful to think about this in a more general way, namely, that a sacred image of any sort can become a source of Mercy. But the reason for this is that sacred art speaks a language. It communicates the Gospel message and meditating upon a sacred image opens your heart to hear God speak in a new way (See *Diary* #1379).

Reflect upon the Gospel images that you have in your home. Do you have many or very few? Do not shy away from filling your home with sacred images reflecting the message of the Gospel. Additionally, it is important to spend time in prayer with these images. Take a moment today to find the image of Divine Mercy that our Lord asked Saint Faustina to have painted. Spend quiet time looking at it and "listening" to it. What does God say to you through this image? He will certainly speak the fundamental message of His Mercy in that the rays of blood and water shine forth from His wounded Heart in a radiant way. These rays cover the Earth and shine on you day and night. But what else does God say to you through this image? Spending time prayerfully gazing upon this image and others will allow you to hear God speak of the mysteries of His love.

*Lord, I know that any representation of You is but a drop of water compared to the reality. Help me in my prayer to be drawn into the reality of Your perfect love and Mercy as I meditate upon the sacredness that holy images represent. May I meet You, dear Lord, through these treasures of art and grace.*
*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."***

### Thank You

Thank You to those who donated to our Monthly Collection. We raised $724 for our local Catholic Radio Station 89.5 KMHV.

### 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.

### Rosary

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

## Birthdays

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| 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

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| 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) |



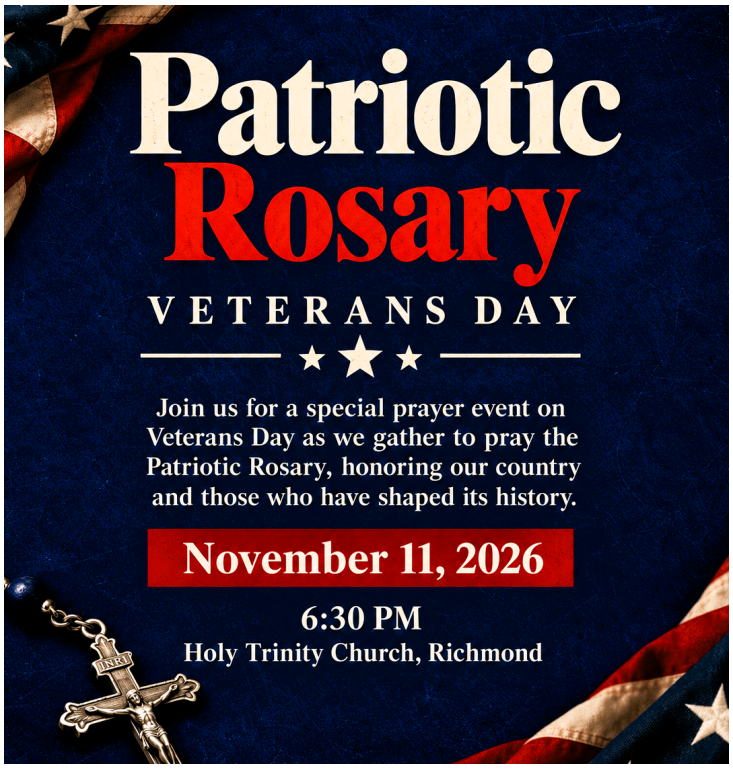

## ADA

Goal - $52,778
Collected - $36,803
Difference - $15,974

# 70%

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.

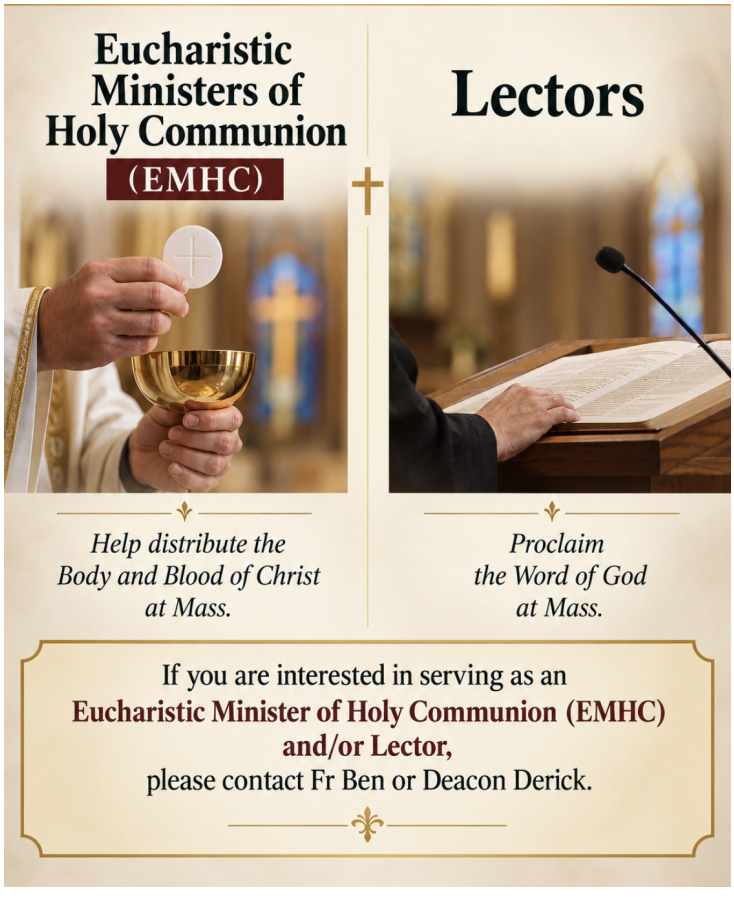
**Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's Annual Diocesan Appeal**




## 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.**




## Rockets

*"Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials"*

- James 1:3

If Gravity is the invisible force that keeps us earth-centered. In order to go above the earth's atmosphere, spaceships have to be launched with rockets full of propellant fuel. But rocket launchers are also used as weapons to attack aircraft.

Adversity can act as fuel in our lives. It often drives us to work hard and be self-reliant. This can move us forward like gasoline in a car, but it still keeps us earthbound. Trials can also make us angry and bitter. This can make us into weapons of attack. But suffering that is pointed toward Heaven can propel us beyond Earth's gravitational pull. It can launch us into the spiritual realm, allowing us to grow in enduring faith.

Pain can strip away our pride and detach us from worldly independence. This can make us miserable if we fix our eyes on all that we have lost. But this can also be an opportunity to trust God. If our heart posture is directed toward the Lord, suffering can free us from the illusion that we are the masters of our own lives.

Tribulations can be part of God's plan for our lives. Our natural human instincts drive us to seek comfort and avoid adversity. This is why the voluntary sacrifice of Jesus seems offensive to many. But the Bible tells us that fiery trials make us partners with Christ in His suffering. This leads to an eternal perspective and allows us to participate in God's glory.

*Lord, I don't like suffering. But if I have to go through fiery trials, please point me towards Heaven. Do not allow me to waste any of my pain on earthly concerns. Instead, elevate my perspective so that I may see Your glory.*

*Naomi Ruth*

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX

## Disciple Maker Index (DMI)

*The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey at Holy Family Parish*

The Disciple Maker Index is designed to invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship and help parishioners grow in their faith.

The 10–15-minute survey can be accessed through an online link beginning Nov 10 and 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.

*Thank you for helping with this important project and please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.*

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