

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER BASILICA - SS. PETER & PAUL - ST. PAUL - ST. BONIFACE - ST. JOSEPH

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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

St. Francis: Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm After the 6:30 am morning Masses Before the 5:15 pm Mass on Wed. Before the 8:30 am Mass on First Fri.

St. Boniface: 9:30 am before Sun. Mass

St. Joseph: 7:30 am before Sun. Mass

SS. Peter & Paul: 6:30 pm before Sat. Mass St. Paul: 8:30 am before Sun. Mass

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

For those who are free to marry, marriage preparation takes at least six months. Contact a priest for further information.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents expecting the birth of their first and second child must participate in a preparation session, preferably six months prior to birth.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. All are welcome.

Monday: 7:00 - 8:00 am (Basilica) Tuesday ~ Wednesday:

8:00 am-8:00 am (Beckman) WEDNESDAY: 4:00-5:15 pm (Basilica) THURSDAY: 9:00 am-2:00 pm (Beckman) FRIDAY: 7:30 am-8:30 am (Basilica)

MESSAGE FROM FR. CHRIS

Hello! My name is Fr. Christopher Podhajsky. I'm honored to be named by Archbishop Jackels as your new pastor. Allow me to tell you a little about myself.

I was raised in Traer, Iowa (25 minutes south of Waterloo) and attended North Tama Community School and High School there. My father was a farmer, but we lived on the south edge of town and he drove to the farm every day.

I am blessed to be the eldest of 6 children: 5 boys and one girl. I'm graced to be closer to my sister here in Dyersville, as she lives with her family in Galena, Illinois and her children attend Catholic schools in Dubuque.

My vocation calling happened during my senior year of high school. Before that, I was set to attend Iowa State and learn some form of engineering. There was a one-day retreat



engineering. There was a one-day retreat offered on a Wednesday during the school year and my mother wanted us to go. I had encountered the priest who was leading it beforehand. He was very charismatic. So, free day off school and we wouldn't be bored: win, win.

Of course I had been thinking about what I was supposed to do with my life. Since 8th grade we were encouraged in school to choose classes to prepare for college to do...something. So I had been praying, off and on, with all the inconsistent discipline of a teenager, asking God, "What do you want me to do? I'll do what You want; what do you want me to do?" I wanted Him to tell me.

At one point during the retreat, we were in the church, and the priest asked us to pray for ten minutes. Being a senior and really not sure about what I was going to major in, the above prayer dominated my time: What do you want me to do?

After the ten minutes were up, the first thing the priest commented on is how we actually prayed. He was used to working with youth from Chicago or St. Louis, where requests were not always heeded. The next thing he said was, "Someone in here is being called to the priesthood."

It hit me like a thunderbolt. Also scared the you-know-what out of me. But I couldn't sleep well. The idea burned inside. It took me a couple months to work up the courage to tell my parents. Once I did, I slept like a baby, and everything changed.

I attended Loras College (not Iowa State) from 1991 through 1995, graduating with honors with a degree in Philosophy. I don't know what I would have used that degree for if I hadn't entered seminary; but I would have known "why". And then attended St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore. I did take a year off in there, but eventually was ordained in July of 2001.

Since then, I have had the pleasure of serving in St. Joseph's Parish in Mason City and St. Edward's in Waterloo as an associate pastor. As pastor I've served in: Eagle Grove, Clarion, and Belmond in Wright County for 3 years; 12 years in Immaculate Conception and St. Wenceslaus parishes in Cedar Rapids; 2 years in Postville, Monona, and McGregor in northern Clayton County; and now here for 3 wonderful weeks (so far).

I never would have foreseen becoming pastor of the Spires of Faith Cluster. I never saw myself worthy of such a great position. It is an amazing honor to serve our five beautiful parishes in the area. And to come in with two outstanding priest brothers who are so talented as well. I do still kind of wonder, "How did I get here?" Each of you is a blessing I do not deserve. We never know where God will take us in life. Thank God for the 21 years of priesthood so far. Thank God for the wonderful people with whom I've been so blessed to walk. I look forward to continuing to thank God together with you and whomever God gives me for a good while to come.

Liturgies

D-St. Francis • E-St. Joseph • NV-St. Boniface P-Petersburg • W-St. Paul

6:30 am	D	gust 8: sт. Dominic Richard Nadermann Arthur, Abbie, Gary & Gus Mormann
6:30 am	D	gust 9: ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS Cheryl Gaul Christopher Reinert
7:30 am	W	August 10: ST. LAWRENCE Matthew Gaul Reynold & Albertha Soppe, Andy & Lars Soppe & Bev Holz
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8:30 am	D	Marita Oberbroeckling

Saturday, August 13: SS. PONTIAN & HIPPOLYTUS

2:00 pm	Ρ	Wedding: Allison Purvis/Brian Bagge		
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		Jack Nelson		
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8:00 am	Е	Mike Fessler; Laverne Offerman
8:30 am	D	Lois Burkle
9:00 am	W	Lloyd Manternach; Steve Koch
10:00 am	NV	Helen Westhoff
10:30 am	D	For the People
12:00 pm	D	Spanish Mass

This week we will welcome many visitors to our area for the Beyond the Game events at the Field of Dreams! Hopefully our hospitality will be enormous as we offer them tours of our cluster churches, patience on our roads, smiles as we encounter them at the various events, and prayers for safe journeys. What a wonderful opportunity for us to see the face of Christ in these visitors and for them to witness our love for Christ and His people.

Thanks for those who are volunteering in so many ways. Thanks for just being present in our churches and answering questions. At the basilica, tours and brief organ concerts will be offered on the hour on Wednesday and Thursday 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Souvenirs will be available for purchase as well. Water will be available outside of church along with information about worship.

Spires of Faith Parishes

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families of: Antonette Otting, Marilyn Klein, Leo Klostermann, Rose Feldman, Fred DeShaw, Mary Ellen Lakeman, Ronald Fangman & Georgene Pettinger



CD OF A MEETING ~ Tuesday, August 9th at 6:30 pm in Columbus Hall. Business meeting followed by Movie and Popcorn night. The movie "Breakthrough" is based on a true story about a mother's love and the power of her faith and prayer.

PRAYER OF ST. CLARE ~ Thursday is the memorial of St. Clare, patroness of our Spires of Faith Cluster. May her devotion to the poor, to the Eucharist, and to chastity inspire us. 'God of Mercy, You inspired Saint Clare with the love of poverty and the Blessed Sacrament. By the help of her prayers, may our Cluster grow in unity to accept love and care for each other. May our devotion to the Blessed Sacrament imitate that of Saint Clare and lead us to our heavenly home. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

Items needed: glue sticks, bottles of glue, Crayola crayons, markers, colored pencils, watercolors, rulers, pens, pencils, folders, scissors, spiral notebooks, composition books and backpacks.

SUPPLIES WILL BE GIVEN TO SCHOOLS IN HAITI, A FRANCISCAN MISSION IN MISSISSIPPI, OUR AREA SCHOOLS AND THE FOOD PANTRY.

Marked containers will be placed at all Church entrances in our cluster parishes.

Faith Formation

YOUTH GROUP ~ Sunday, August 14th - Tubing at Manchester White Waters park from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Need: tubes if you have them, water shoes and a life jacket. All students will also be required to fill out and bring the liability waiver form: https://tinyurl.com/4cxrz8by.

FALL FAITH FORMATION ~ Registration is now open for Fall Faith Formation in Earlyille. Visit our website: spiresoffaith.com/faith-formation/youth for more information.

ADULT BIBLE/BOOK STUDY ~ Are you interested in hosting or joining a study with others in our cluster? There will be new bible/book study groups available soon! Please call Tami at 563-875-7325 if you are interested.

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE ~ Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers over the weekend for our cluster students and chaperones. The conference in St. Paul was an amazing experience again this year!



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD ~ This fall, our Cluster will offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to children ages 3-6. The space will be set up with a variety of high-quality materials that will aid the children in their understanding of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and of the gift of the Eucharist. We are looking for skilled carpenters and seamstresses within our Cluster to help with the creation of some of these materials including: a prayer table, small kneeler, a small altar, small altar clothes in all liturgical colors, small tabernacle with lock and key, etc. If you are interested in sharing your gifts with this ministry please contact Chelsea Evett at chelseaevett@gmail.com or 563-543-1394. There are many items to be made, so much help is needed and appreciated!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ~ If the priest does not hand out sheets during the liturgy, they will be available at the church entrances.

CAMP KALEIDOSCOPE ~ Hospice of Dubuque is excited to offer a free camp for grieving children ages 7-17 who have experienced the death of a loved one. **August 16, 2022 from 9 am - 3 pm** at Swiss Valley Nature Center. Fun activity stations will help educate, empower and equip children with healthy coping skills. Email bootsm@hospicedubuque.org or call 563-582-1220 for more information.

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St. Francis Xavier School

TEACHER OPENING ~ Full time art teacher for the 22-23 school year. Please contact the school principal, Mr. Smith, at <u>psmith@xavier.pvt.k12.ia.us</u> if you are a certified art teacher and are interested in applying for the position.

EXTENDED CARE ~ Openings for Before and After School Associates beginning this August. Hours available are Monday-Friday from 3:15 - 4:30 or 6:00 pm, and/or Wednesday's 6:30 - 8:00 am. If interested, email Peter Smith (psmith@xavier.pvt.k12.ia.us) or Nancy Schlueter (n.schlueter@xavier.pvt.k12.ia.us). For any questions, call the school office at 563-875-7376.

Beckman Catholic

MLB RAFFLE ~ Thank you to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket, your support of Beckman is appreciated. The lucky winner of the tickets to the Field of Dreams game is Shirley Olberding! Congratulations, enjoy the game.

JOB OPENING ~ 7-12 school counselor for the 2022 - 2023 school year. Qualified applicants must have lowa 7-12 school counselor certification or be able to obtain certification prior to the start of the school year. To apply, interested applicants may complete the Teach lowa application. Please contact Marcel Kielkucki, principal, at 563-875-7188 or <u>mkielkucki@beckmancatholic.org</u> with any questions.

St. Joseph

Finances

Budget received 7/31/22\$	940.00
Weekly Adult Budget needed\$	2,575.00
Offertory\$	50.00
Youth\$	3.00
Fiscal YTD Needed 7/1/22-7/31/22 \$ Fiscal YTD Received Regular\$ Fiscal YTD Grain\$ Fiscal YTD IRA\$ YTD ahead + \$	12,875.00 9,035.00 <u>7,110.00</u> 3,270.00

CHURCH BELLS ~ Our new church bell system is up and running! You will notice that the new system is a little different than the old one. It has a wider variety of Catholic songs, so you might hear some new ones! The biggest difference is the Angelus. At noon and six it rings 3 times, pauses, rings 3 times, pauses, rings three times, pauses, and then play fast bells for a minute followed by various songs. The fast bells are a "call to prayer", reminding us to stop what we are doing and pray. There is also a "call to Mass" that rings before Mass on Thursday, Friday and Sunday. It plays fast bells symbolizing it is "time for Mass". Please have patience as we learn about the system and make adjustments.

PARISH FISH FRY ~ FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

*Invite your friends - Drive Thru Only

*Serving Dinners Only - includes 4 pieces of fish, french fries, homemade coleslaw, homemade tartar sauce and a roll. Dinners will be \$15.00

*Please come at your scheduled time to work. If you are not able to, PLEASE find someone to fill in for you. *Help is needed on Thursday at 1:00 in Dunkel Hall.

**Homebound Delivery:* We will deliver in the town of Earlville between 4:30-6:30 to homebound residents. Call Jane at 563-920-2996 by 3:00 on Aug 12th to have meals delivered.

HELP NEEDED ~ St. Joseph Childcare Center is looking for caring, fun loving, dependable childcare associates. Hours are flexible. No nights or weekends. Call Katie at 923-2068. Must be 16 or older. LITURGICAL ROLES • SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 8:00 AM SERVERS: Dominic Pugh & Preston Salow READER: Margaret Hogan MUSIC: Tami Kelchen COMMUNION MINISTER: Andrew Recker GREETERS: Craig & Heather Geistkemper HOMEBOUND COMMUNION: Karen Dabroski & Marian Tauke

FALL FAITH FORMATION ~ Registration is now open for Fall Faith Formation in Earlville. For more info visit: spiresoffaith.com/faith-formation/youth.



SS. Peter & Paul

Finances

Budget received 7/31/22 Weekly Adult Budget needed Offertory	\$	1,200.00 3,000.00 127.00
Fiscal YTD Needed 7/1/22-7/31/22 Fiscal YTD Received Regular Fiscal YTD IRA Fiscal YTD Grain YTD short	\$ \$	15,000.00 9.103.50 200.00 5.696.50

LITURGICAL ROLES • SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 7:00 PM USHERS: Nancy Burkle, Daryl Kruse & Jason Gaul SERVERS: Jordan Duddeck & Gabrielle Westhoff READER: Terry McGovern COMMUNION MINISTERS: Lois Kruse, Sandi White, Isabell Kruse, Bob & Lynn Radabaugh GIFTS: Pete & Kim Gaul SACRISTANS: Mark & Sandi White

RANDY'S MARKET ROUNDUP ~ August 8th - 21st. We are partnering with Randy's Market in Dyersville for a fundraising opportunity. Simply shop at Randy's anytime from August 8th - 21st, round up your total to the nearest dollar and all proceeds will come right back to SS. Peter & Paul Parish.

GOLF OUTING ~ Thank you to everyone who took part in our parish golf outing last weekend. We are grateful for the businesses and individuals who donated money, auction items and prizes. We are also thankful for everyone who participated by golfing and purchasing from the silent auction. Thank you to Lone Pine Country Club for allowing us to use the facility. Lastly, we want you to know that we appreciate the support behind this event and hope fun was had by all!

SECOND COLLECTION ~ This weekend we will take a second collection to help cover our insurance premium.

St. Francis Xavier

Finances

Budget received 7/31/22\$ Weekly EFT\$ Offertory\$ Youth\$ IRA\$	11,523.00 995.00 1,210.48 12.55 6,340.44
Fiscal YTD Needed 7/1/22-7/31/22\$ Fiscal YTD Received Regular\$ Fiscal YTD IRA\$ Fiscal YTD Grain\$	
YTD short - \$	23,072.13

LITURGICAL ROLES • SAT. AUG. 13 & SUN. AUG. 14

DOOR LOCKER: Paul Rahe WEEKLY ADULT SERVER 8/8-12: Al Gibbs 5:00 PM SACRISTAN: Michelle Pasker 5:00 PM READER: Cathy Wolfe 5:00 PM SERVERS: Autumn Domeyer

5:00 PM COMMUNION MINISTERS: Cathy Wolfe, Bob

Gleason & Sharon Gudenkauf

7:00 AM SACRISTAN: Dan Steffen

- 7:00 AM READER: Scott DeSousa
- 7:00 AM SERVERS: Emma Schlarmann & Mason Smith

7:00 AM COMMUNION MINISTERS: Ron Kruse, Lyle

Theisen & Clair Riesberg

8:30 AM SACRISTAN: Mark Singsank

8:30 AM READER: Mark Singsank

8:30 AM SERVERS: Preston Britton, Nathan, Ryan, Jacob, & Andrew Schlarmann

8:30 AM COMMUNION MINISTERS: Elizabeth Schlarmann, Mark & Shirley Singsank

10:30 AM SACRISTAN: Carl Schwendinger

10:30 AM READER: Sherry Kronlage

10:30 AM SERVERS: Sienna Steffensmeier & Colin Engelken **10:30 AM COMMUNION MINISTERS:** Jim Derr, John Zewen & Sherry Kronlage **BINGO** ~ There will not be BINGO this Thursday, August 11th due to the MLB game. We will resume again next week Thursday, August 18th at 7:00 pm in the Xavier Church Hall (Basilica Basemen).

MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT ~ St. Francis Xavier church and school seek a full-time maintenance assistant who will work with the director of maintenance for the school, parish, and cemetery. Please contact Fr. Chris at the basilica 563.875.7325 or c.podhajsky@dbqarch.org for a job description and application.



St. Paul

Finances

Budget received 7/31/22 \$	5,833.00
Weekly Adult Budget needed \$	3,673.00
Offertory \$	106.00
Summer Collection \$	300.00
Christmas \$	250.00
Fiscal YTD Needed 7/1/22-7/31/22\$Fiscal YTD Received Regular\$Fiscal YTD Received Grain\$Fiscal YTD Received IRA\$YTD short-	18,365.00 12,293.00 1,200.00 4,872.00

LITURGICAL ROLES • SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 9:00 AM

SERVERS & CROSS: Natalie Besler, Brooke & Kylie Monahan GREETERS: Jerry & Karol Digmann

USHERS: Chuck Roling, Alan, Bob & Steve Besler **READER:** Patrick White

Music: Children's Choir

COMMUNION MINISTERS: Herb & Mary Recker

SACRISTAN: Paula White

RECORDERS: Nancy Werner & Dave White

WELCOME FOR FR. PHILIP AGYEI ~ There will be a social next week after Mass in the Chapel.

CONGRATULATIONS ~ Cody & Brittany Kelchen on the baptism of Saylor Jade!

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT ~ Thank you to all who played and attended. The tournament was a great success!

ST. PAUL GOLF OUTING ~ 34 golfers! With a profit of \$2,284.29.

St. PAUL PARISH FESTIVAL ~ AUGUST 21ST Deep fried chicken by Far Fry, fries, coleslaw, homemade bread, assortment of homemade pies, cakes, bars, and cookies, milk and coffee served from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Adults: \$15, Children 5-10: \$10, Children under 5: Free. 8 piece chicken: \$20, 1 lb. of fries: \$5. Carryout dinners will be available.

Silent Auction & Country Store: Items needed. Contact Kevin & Dawn Davis at 563-543-1238 or Chris & Johnna Lansing at 563-542-2635.

Parade: Beginning at 12:00 noon. There will be a new prize category for side-by-sides this year. Please contact Sue Burger at 563-580-3819 or Jenna Peters712-210-6946 for entries.

Lunch Stand & Games: 12:45 pm - 5:00 pm. Please submit your festival cash donation: Couples \$20 Single \$10. Place in collection basket or mail to: Festival Donations, 104 3rd St. SW, Dyersville.

Raffles: Will be available in church August 7th . Due to mailing regulations we are not able to mail the raffle tickets, so please spread the word to pick up your tickets and help sell!

UPCOMING EVENTS ~

August 14th - Welcome Fr. Philip Agyei August 21st - Parish Festival

St. Boniface

Finances

Budget received 7/31/22\$ Weekly Adult Budget needed\$ Offertory\$	2,577.00
Fiscal YTD Needed 7/1/22-7/31/22\$ Fiscal YTD Received Regular\$ Fiscal YTD IRA\$ Fiscal YTD Grain <u>\$</u> YTD short - \$	7,947.00 2,800.00

LITURGICAL ROLES • SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 10:00 AM USHERS: Charles Deutmeyer, Craig Recker & Danny Goebel SERVER: Morgan Schulte READER: Karen Ries COMMUNION MINISTERS: Paige Ungs, Zelda Kluesner, Dave Krapfl, Angie Kronlage & Henry Kruse SACRISTANS: Karen & Dale Ries

COMMUNION MINISTERS ~ Since we will not be offering precious blood, please note that we will only need 3 ministers for communion even though 5 are listed.

SECOND COLLECTION ~ This weekend we will take a second collection to help cover our insurance premium.

LABOR DAY FUNDRAISER & SILENT AUCTION ~ We are putting together a virtual silent auction again this year. Start thinking of items to donate. If you have any questions, contact one of the officers. Thank you.

CEMETERY CHAPEL ~ Our beautiful chapel is in immediate need of eight new upper windows followed by paint. We recently improved the cemetery with a new concrete driveway and committed to a used utility tractor. Donations toward this necessary and costly maintenance would be appreciated. Memorials and donations may be made at the cluster office. Please call 875-7325 with any questions.





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