







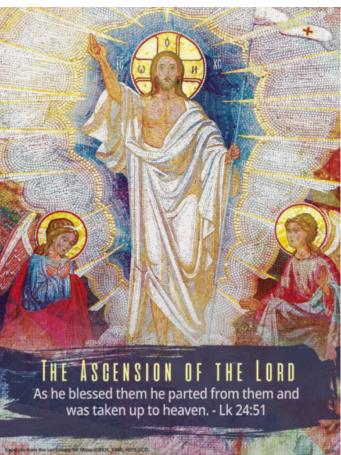


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 St. Joseph, Farley: Nicholas and Brooke Allen and daughter, Octavia

Nate and Emilia Weber, Luci, Silas and



Abel

The Pastorate Office will be closed on Monday, May 30 in honor of Memorial Day.



We extend our sympathy to the families of:

- Ron Blume of St. Patrick, Epworth
- Debra Vonderhaar, fiancé of Dave Bries of St. Patrick
- Carol Vaassen, step-mother of Ben Vaassen of St. John, Placid
- Paul J. Kluesner of St. Patrick
- Arthur Wille, brother of Margie Behnke of St. Clement

LIVE THE LITURGY

We all have our ideas of who God is. We have to remember, however, that our ideas of God often do not capture who God really is. God is a wonderful mystery whose identity is inexhaustible. This makes life an exciting journey in search of belief, love, glory, and unity. Displaying all of the tenderness of a real love story, we hear from Jesus that God wants nothing more than for the world to believe. The same depth of affection given to Jesus, God the Father desires to share with us. Receiving this love gives the believer an even greater understanding of what gives us purpose and meaning. With God's unconditional love as our anchor, we can endure the greatest of hardships knowing that we carry the hope of glory within us. Sharing in the same incredible eternal destiny and glory that God gave His Son, we can all be one just as Jesus and the Father are one. Why is understanding all of this important? Because given the myriad choices of what can possibly define us, we now have the primordial truth of who we are given to us by God. We know, beyond doubt, where to look for true happiness and where our lives will end.

Ascension of the Lord May 29, 2022

FROM THE PASTOR

He is Risen! Alleluia. We continue to move through the Easter season. This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension, which was transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter in our Archdiocese several years ago. The feast recalls the event of Jesus ascending to heaven, preparing the disciples to receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and to continue the work of the church.



Other items to note:

- Fr. Kruse recently had surgery to repair his leg after a fall at his home. He is recovering, taking physical therapy and looks forward to returning to ministry in a few weeks. If you would like to send a card, please mail it to the pastorate office and I will get the cards to him.
- Casey Flack and Jeff Frieden were ordained to the transitional diaconate at the Cathedral in Dubuque on May 27. Keep them in your prayers.
- Ben Valentine was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese at the Cathedral in Dubuque on May 28. Please pray for him.
- This past Tuesday, May 24, I celebrated my 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. I'm amazed at how fast 25 years has gone by.
- This Sunday, May 29, will be the last 9:00 AM liturgy at St. Patrick in Epworth. Very few attend this liturgy and there are not enough ministers willing to serve. St. Patrick will still have the 7:30 AM liturgy.
- Memorial Day is this Monday. Memorial Day masses are at St. Joseph Church, Farley at 8:30 AM and at the cemetery in Centralia at 9:30 AM, weather permitting.



Please welcome our newly baptized:

 Griffin James McDermott, son of Amanda and Garrett McDermott to St. Joseph.



Are you interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister or a lector in our Pastorate? Contact Krystal Smith at k.smith@dbqarch.org or 563-590-2547 for more information.



This will be the last weekend to donate to the St. Elizabeth Social Justice Committee food pantry collection. Most needed items include body wash, bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dish soap,

laundry detergent, dryer sheets, multipurpose spray cleaner and sanitizer wipes. Bins are in all the pastorate churches.

Question of the Week

What can I do for my neighbor to show the love that God has for me?

Thank You!

Thank you to all who sent cards or who showed up at my 25th anniversary of priesthood celebration! I experienced again, and you showed the seminarians present, that priesthood is anything but a lonely life! I was humbled by the appreciation and affection expressed!

They say you don't get to choose your family — true also for priests assigned to parishes. But I wouldn't choose other than having been part of the parish family of St. John the Evangelist! Grateful for the blessing you are to me!



TIME AND TALENT

St. Clement—Two people gave six hours of time cleaning the church for Easter services.

St. Patrick— One person spends two hours each week as needed caring for flowers and plants in church.

St. Joseph—One person gave two hours of time working on mats for the homeless and sending cards to homebound and ill.

St. John, Peosta—Six women gave 12 hours of time to a Women of Service meeting.

St. John, Placid—One woman gave two hours of time to a Women of Service meeting.

FINANCE

Stewardship Giving for May 22

St. Clement	\$2,766
St. Joseph	\$6,572
St. Patrick	\$5,194
St. John, Peosta	\$3,190
St. John, Placid	\$1,089

Growth & Improvement

for May 22

St. Clement	\$100
St. Joseph	\$100
St. John, Peosta	\$ 50
St. John, Placid	\$ 25

Debt to the Archdiocese

as of April 30, 2022

St. Patrick \$92,529.60

WEEKLY ROSARY

Farley

June 4 at 4:00 PM—Dorothy Schieltz June 5 at 9:00 AM—Janet Hingtgen



Peosta

June 5 at 9:00 AM—Kevin & Kelly Clemens

Make Your Donations Count!

Where do you work? Many companies offer Employee Matching Gifts-donations a company makes to match its employee's charitable contributions. Check with your human resources department to see if they have a matching gift program. If they do, please consider making a pledge and having your employer match it, typically dollar-for-dollar!

Here is a list of companies in the area that have a matching program. There may be others, so be sure to ask at work.

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ST. JOSEPH—FARLEY NEWS

JulyFest is Sunday, July 10. The committee is looking for donations of 2 beef and 4 hogs. If you are interested in making a donation of meat or helping with the processing cost, please call Tracey Gruhn 563-590-7169.

ST. JOHN - PLACID NEWS

Church Cleaning—Joann Koopman, Molly Brehm, Jillena Gloeckner, Delores McDermott, Jenny Vaske, Kelsey Then



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Would you like to experience a Service Trip with other adults from the St. Elizabeth Pastorate?

St. Elizabeth Pastorate Social Justice Committee is planning an adult service trip to Williamsburg, Kentucky. The group will be doing some construction work including building stairs and organizational projects in the store of the Friendship Center. The trip is open to men and women. We will drive to Kentucky on Monday, October 3, work Tuesday through Friday, returning Saturday, October 8. There will be a cost for each person to pay for food and accommodations. If you are interested in going and would

like to find out more, please call Alice Vontalge, 563-590-8141 or Jim Koetz, 563-451-9234. An informational meeting will be held at Shannon Hall, St. John Church, Peosta on Thursday, July 14 at 6:30 PM.



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #1460 held May Crowning at mass celebrated by Father Phil Kruse on May 17 at St. Joseph Church.



Bulletin Information: Email office@stelizabethpastorate.com

Submission deadline is Tuesday at noon.

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WEEK OF MAY 29, 2022

Mon: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33 **Tues:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/ls 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/ Lk 1:39-56

Wed: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn

17:11b-19

Thurs: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/

Jn 17:20-26

Fri: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19 **Sat:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25 **Sun:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7,

12-13

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., May 30 8:30 AM	Memorial Day Farley	† Joe, Verena, Allen & Ernie Kluesner
9:30 AM	Centralia Cemetery	† Bernard, Rosie, Ann Burds & Beth Hoefer families
Tue., May 31	Visitation of th	e Blessed Virgin Mary
6:30 AM	Peosta	† Clem & Rosemary Schmitt
Wed., June 1	St. Justin, Mart	tyr
6:30 AM	Peosta	For the Pope, Cardinals, Bishops, Priests & Religious
8:00 AM	Farley	† Rev. John Ptacek
ADORATION at Peosta following Mass until 12:00 noon for vocations ADORATION with RECONCILIATION at Placid 8:30-10:00 PM		

Thu., June 2	Ss. Marcelli	inus & Peter
6:30 AM	Placid	† Don Casey
8:00 AM	Epworth	† Harold Klostermann (Anniv.)
RECONCILIATION at Epworth 8:30-9:00 AM		

ADORATION at Epworth following Mass until 12:00 noon

Fri., June 3	Ss. Charles Lwanga & Companions	
8:00 AM	Bankston	Dan & Judy Gotto
		Family
8:00 AM	Farley	† Molly Boever
ADORATION at Bankston 7:00-8:00 AM, RECONCILIATION 7:15-		

7·45 AM

ADORATION at Farley following Mass until 11:30 AM

Sat., June 4

4:00 PM Farley For the People of the Pastorate
4:00 PM Peosta † Rev. Ken Stecher (Birthday)
4:00 PM Placid † Patty Lawler
RECONCILIATION at Farley 3:15 PM-3:45 PM

Sun., June 5 7:30 AM	Pentecost Epworth	† Deacon Jim Kean & deceased of the Kean Family
9:00 AM	Bankston	† Rita Riniker
9:00 AM	Farley	† JoAnn Schmitt
9:00 AM	Peosta	† Janaan Heinze Laird (Birthday)
9:00 AM	Placid	† Mary Mormann
NO 9:00 MAS	SS AT EPWORTH	l

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: For pre-baptismal preparation or to schedule a baptism, contact Lynne McDermott. At least one parent should be a registered member of the pastorate.

MARRIAGE: Contact the Pastorate office at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date. At least one of the parties must be a registered member of the pastorate.

PASTORATE PRAYER LINE

Direct prayer intentions to: Donna Gibbs at 563.744.2006 or email step.prayerline@gmail.com, Kim Koetz at 563.451.4024 or email kkoetz@yousq.net or Mary Rauen at 563.581-1828 or email rickandmaryr@aol.com.

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SUMMER FAITH FORMATION

SIGN UP SOON—Summer Faith Formation has two opportunities for classes—June 6–16 at Seton Catholic School in PEOSTA OR July 11-21 at Seton Catholic School in FARLEY from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Registration forms are available on the pastorate website by clicking on "Online Forms" under the General Information section on the Home Page or contact the Pastorate Office.



We are in need of teachers for these programs. If you are interested, please contact Jim Hammerand or Mindi McDermott.

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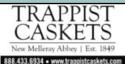
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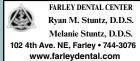
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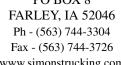














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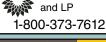
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