



St. Benedict Parish



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**SUNDAY,
MAY 1, 2022**

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Deadline: Wednesdays, 8:00am
Email to: k.valkosky@dbqarch.org

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Counseling: 563-382-1231
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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Mass: 5:30pm
Sunday Masses:
7:30am, 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday: 5:30pm, Church
Wednesday & Thursday: 7:00am, Church
Fridays through the school year: 9:00am, St. Ben's School

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:30-5:00pm, Confessional
Sunday: 9:00-9:30am, Confessional
Other times, by appointment

PARISH COMMUNICATION

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

If you are new to the parish or are moving, please call the Parish Office, 563-382-9631

BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE

For all preparation and to make arrangements, call the office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A Family of Faith: Life in Christ, September–May

CONFIRMATION

Grades 9-11, varying Wednesdays, 7:00pm, Classroom

RCIA

For inquiry into the Catholic Faith, please call the office.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Catholic Daughters-Joan Leuenberger
Knights of Columbus (decorahknights.org) -Tom Hartman
ACCW-Julie Vulk

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FINANCIAL REPORT

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BUDGET FOR APRIL.....	\$79,445
Received April 1-9.....	\$16,483
Received April 10-16.....	\$14,383
Received April 17-23.....	40,859
Received April 24-30.....	\$6,419
Short in April.....	-\$1,301
YEAR TO DATE BUDGET.....	\$602,155
YEAR TO DATE RECEIVED.....	\$605,675
YEAR TO DATE OVER.....	\$3,520

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells Peter again and again,
"If you love Me, feed my sheep."
He says the same to each of us, "If you love Me, use the gifts
I have given you to serve your brothers and sisters"

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER HERTGES

The new priests' assignments (effective July 12th of this year) were revealed early last week and are on the Archdiocesan website. However, I also wish to make some hard-copy versions available near the main entrances of the church. With the untimely demise of *The Witness* in October 2020 I am deeply concerned that the laity within the Archdiocese of Dubuque no longer have easy access to information and news; especially pertaining to the whereabouts of priests. You can access the Archdiocesan page [here](#).

You will quickly notice that our Decorah Deanery is in for some changes this July, as is a significant portion of the Archdiocese with a huge percentage of priests receiving new assignments and responsibilities. Please pray for all those affected as assignments changes are a big deal for the priests involved in addition to parishes and/or academic institutions affected. I am quite happy and grateful to be remaining at St. Benedict's!

Speaking of St. Benedict Parish, we have had two baptisms in the Easter Season thus far, and I have made the decision that we will once again offer parents the option of having their children baptized *during weekend Masses* as we did in pre-pandemic times. Here again, this is presented to parents and families as an option, but will still permit baptisms outside of Mass as well. I will heed the discretion and wishes of parents as we did prior to March of 2020.

Finally, I am *deeply humbled and grateful* for how well our parish has continued to remain engaged these past two tumultuous, challenging, and downright bizarre years of the Coronavirus Pandemic, but I am firmly convinced that we have more than enough opportunities for adult and youth faith formation currently and I am not in favor of adding anything else. I fear our parish may be, or will become, a bit too "busy."

For the time being, I would like us to just remain where we are in order to catch our breath so to speak, whereby we may discern how the Spirit moves St. Benedict Parish spontaneously; especially as people have been returning to church in greater numbers, which is truly a beautiful sight to behold from my side of the altar!

I am also not ashamed to admit to anyone that I have been feeling very exhausted spiritually and physically for some months now trying to navigate these past two years; on a personal level and as your pastor. Many other people I speak with in our parish and wider community feel the same regarding their own lives. There is always a balance between being active and maintaining one's inner cloister that should be nourished and fortified by and through the Church's teaching, sacraments and very presence, but not utterly consumed by excessive programming, good and worthy as it may be.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

9:00am Mass, School: Deceased Members of the Keune Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

5:30pm Mass, Church: Jerry Samuelson

SUNDAY, MAY 1 | FAMILY WEEKEND

7:30am Mass, Church: The People
10:00am Mass, Church: Herb & Charlene Zweibohmer and Joe Weis
11:00am Family of Faith at Coffee and Rolls
6:00pm Final StBenYouth for the year

MONDAY, MAY 2

7:00am-8:00pm Adoration, Church
6:30pm Mass, Mediacom Channel 15
8:00pm Benediction, Church

TUESDAY, MAY 3

5:30pm Mass, Church: Jacob Z. Sadler & William J. Sadler

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

7:00am Mass, Church: Jerry McEnany
7:30am Coffee after Mass, GS

THURSDAY, MAY 5

7:00am Mass, Church: Elaine Seifert

FRIDAY, MAY 6

9:00am Mass, School: Richard & Amanda Sensor

SATURDAY, MAY 7

5:30pm Mass, Church: Armella Zweibohmer

SUNDAY, MAY 8

7:30am Mass, Church: Tom & Doly Lynch and The People
10:00am Mass, Church: Chris Donn

CDA NEWS

The annual CDA Lifesaver Campaign will take place after all masses this weekend. All funds go to preventing domestic abuse locally and at the state level.

A big THANK YOU to all those who helped with our Salad Luncheon. Gratitude to all members who donated their time, treasure, delicious salads and other food, and especially to the planning committee who put this together on such short notice. Also, thanks to those who came and ate. This event has traditionally been our biggest fundraiser and supports all our charitable work.

Our election cycle is yet another thing disrupted by COVID. So believe it or not, elections will be held at our May meeting. All current officers who began their service in January have agreed to run again. Additional nominations for the positions of Regent, Vice Regent, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, or Treasurer are due to Joan Leuenberger by Wednesday, May 11th.

AREA NEWS

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PLAN MARCH FOR LIFE

April 30th, Prayer Garden, 10:00am Mass, Speakers at noon, March at 1:00pm.

8TH GRADE CLASS FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST

May 1st, 8:00am-noon. Free will donation for their D.C. trip.

DRIVE THRU CHICKEN DINNER

May 1st, 11:00am-1:00pm. South Winn Country Club, \$14.00.

NEIA PRO-LIFE MEETING

Tuesday, May 5th, 10:15am, St. Benedict Classroom.

MAY FELLOWSHIP

All are welcome! May 6th, 9:30am Program and refreshments, Congregational Church Fellowship Hall

OSSIAN CITYWIDE GARAGE SALES

May 6-7th. Pick up your flyer at Casey's Store in Ossian

GUTTENBERG GERMAN BAND FREE POLKA CONCERT

May 7th from 2:00-4:00pm in the PIVO Event Center, Calmar

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

May 26th, 12:30-5:30, Stone Ridge Church. 800.287.4903

...FATHER HERTGES CONTINUED

On May 1st, Msgr. Cletus Hawes will celebrate his 95th birthday and 70th Ordination Anniversary!!! Help him to celebrate with a card sent to 2423 Wexford Hollow Drive Lansing, IA 52151

The first year of the pandemic starkly revealed just how over-scheduled (and overly-controlling) our society has become, and how excessive outward activity can be a sign, or a disguise, for inner emptiness and/or a certain lack of focus or an unhealthy retreat into distractions from what our real responsibilities are.

As life is gradually becoming more "normal," I fear that there is now the tendency to fall back into this mode of being, for a variety of reasons. If the parish becomes too heavily laden with offerings, people may not have the time or energy to be genuinely salt and light with their own lives and families outside the parochial sphere.

This also applies to parish staff and volunteers of our parish overseeing the aforementioned groups and offerings. There is a difference between being an *active* parish and a *busy* parish! Balance is an integral aspect of overall discipleship; and the parish should strive to model this for people not losing sight of Martha and Mary!

I feel these words are definitely in order as we enter the month of May and just two weeks after having Faith Formation Commission and Pastoral Council meetings where I made these sentiments known. What is more, this is still my ongoing vision for our parish and remains consistent with my modification of "Leadership Night" that I made almost immediately after becoming your pastor in July of 2018.

Have a great week!

GIVING TREE THANK YOU

Thank you for everything! -Family #1

Thank you for the great Christmas gifts for my family. It means a lot to me. -Family #2

Thank you for all that you gave my family. We appreciate it so much. -Family #3

Thank you! Everything was great. -Family #4

Translation: First of all, we thank God for setting in our path people as good as you all are. May God bless you for coming together to make so many families happy in these very special days. Thank you very much for all the help you gave us. You are all such kind angels. Thank you. -Family #5



BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Calvin Jacob Humpal, the son of Jacob & Kaitlyn Humpal, baptized April 24, 2022.

Hudson Elias Trusty, the son of Levi & Morgan Trusty, baptized April 30, 2022.

Briah Jean Donnay, the daughter of Mariah and Brenden Devine-Meyer, baptized May 1, 2022.

We welcome you all to God's family!!!

PARISH NEWS

USING THE LORD'S GIFTS WISELY

Establishing a will is not expensive. But not having one may cost your family a great deal. All are encouraged to be good stewards of resources by using the Lord's gifts wisely. If you would like more information about leaving a legacy gift to St. Benedict Parish/School, please contact the Parish Office at 563-382-9631 or stbenedict@stbenedictcc.com.

BABY BOTTLE FUND DRIVE

The NEIA Pro-Lifers will once again be hosting their Baby Bottle Fund Drive from Mother's Day through Father's Day. Filling a baby bottle with coins, cash or a check will help provide road signs, baby models, and Pro-Life speakers that will change lives and save babies. Checks can be made out to NEIA Pro-Lifers, which is a 501C(3) organization.

ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL



Tuesday, May 3
6:30-7:30am
St. Benedict's Church

UNDAUNTED: AM A Gathering for Men

- Start your day in peace and quiet
- Come and go as you please
- Content:
 - Adoration
 - Reconciliation
 - Optional time to chat with coffee starting at 7:00am

"What will convert America and save the world? My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer." St. Mother Teresa

ON TO NATIONALS
 Congratulations to our St. Ben's NHD students advancing to Nationals in Washington DC!!! Ryan Northup, Garrett See, and Tommy Sexton for their Group Exhibit, and Vivian Searcy for her Individual Performance. We congratulate all 23 St. Benedict students who participated in the state competition last Sunday!



There are 3 easy steps for parishioners to download the FORMED App.

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 "St. Joseph the Worker Cluster, (The parishes of St. Peter, Clermont; Holy Name, West Union; St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette; and Immaculate Conception, Sumner) has a job opening for a Cluster Faith Formation Director to oversee and coordinate the parish Faith Formation programs. A full job description is available at www.stjosephtheworkercluster.com. Resumes accepted until May 14th."

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