



Embrace the Darkness

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

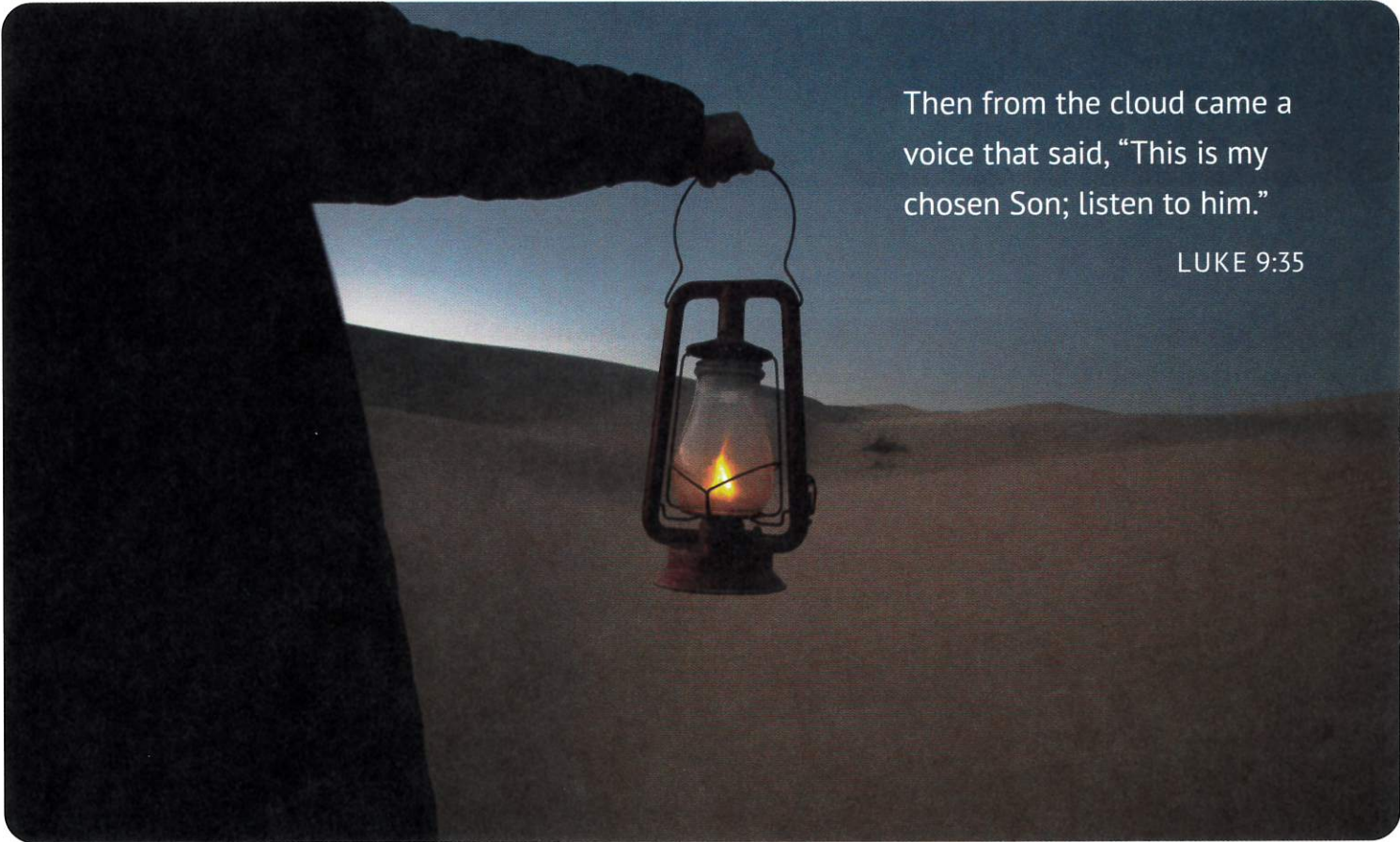
The darkness can be unsettling. As a child, my nightly bedtime ritual included checking beneath my bed as well as in the dark hall closet. One could never know what denizens of harm might be lurking there, hidden in the shadows. As adults, the darkness we fear is no longer what lies hidden about our home. Rather, the darkness we attempt to escape is the unknown forces that have the power to overturn our lives. It is the death of someone we love that plunges us into fear and loss, forcing us to somehow make our way, alone and unsure. It is the frightening medical diagnosis that has the ability to dismantle our planned future. It is the financial security that dissolves before our very eyes. In such darkness, we grope blindly to find our way.

The Book of Genesis notes that a trance came upon Abram, a terrifying darkness that enveloped him. The gospel relays how Peter, James, and John became frightened atop Mt. Tabor when they found themselves in a cloud that obscured their sight. Yet, the darkness became for each of them a place in which they came to know their God in a totally new way; it set them on a new path of faith. It is then that we, too, are forced to surrender trust in our own wisdom.

Unable to see clearly what is in store for us, we can only rely on a new path, trusting that we will be accompanied by our God. ●

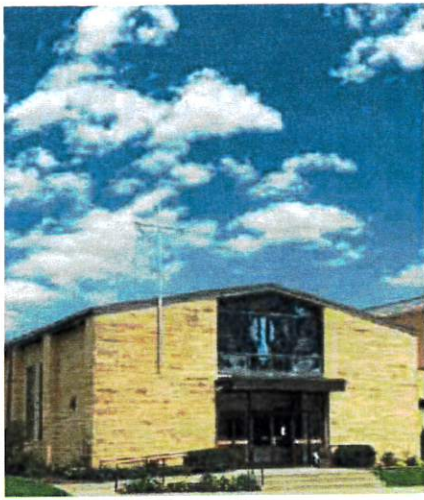
Reflect

When has life's darkness brought me to a new and deeper faith in God?



Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

LUKE 9:35



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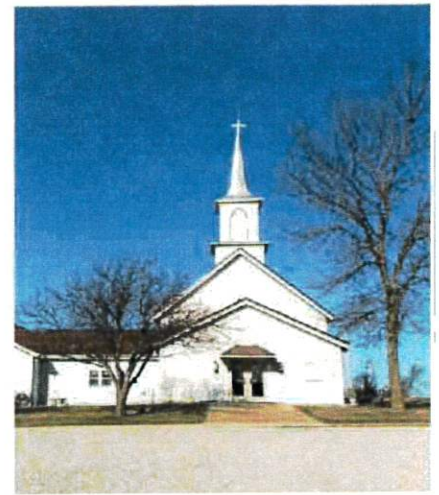
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St. Francis, Barclay

"We, the people of St. Athanasius, are a faith community called to pray and worship together, to witness and teach the Gospel, and to serve and minister to others."

Mass Times & Intentions

Please Note: If school is delayed or cancelled for the day, Mass will NOT be held at St Athanasius.

Tuesday, March 18 - Special

Wednesday, March 19 - Special

Thursday, March 20 - 8:30 a.m. at St. Athanasius
- Diane Delagardelle McGrane

Friday, March 21 - 7:45 a.m. at St Athanasius
- Ray N Youngblut

Saturday, March 22 - 5:00 p.m. at St. Athanasius
- Kenny Kerkove

Sunday, March 23 - 8:30 a.m. at St. Athanasius
- Joseph Bader

Sunday, March 23 - 10:30 a.m. at St. Francis, Barclay
- For the People of the Parish

Sacraments

Baptism: New parents need to participate in a preparation session. Please contact the Parish Office to set up a session or schedule a Baptism.

Marriage: Preparations take at least six months. Contact the Parish office for more information.

Becoming Catholic/RCIA: If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Lori Schutte at dbq109ff@dbqarch.org.

• Next RCIA session is March 16th.

Anointing of the Sick: If you or a loved one are homebound, in hospice or admitted to the hospital, please call 319-827-6682 or Fr. Gossman at 319-290-5342.

Stewardship – March 8th & 9th

St. Athanasius Parish:

Adults - \$3,512.00
Children - \$35.00
Offertory - \$360.48

Sacramental
Offering - \$200.00
Flowers - \$90.00
Maintenance - \$610.00

Total: \$4,807.48

St. Francis Parish:

Budget - \$760.00
Children - \$20.00
Offertory - \$16.00

Total: \$796.00

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your generosity
and continued
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Reconciliation

By appt, call 319-827-6682, or scheduled times listed.

- **St. Athanasius** - Tuesday at 4:30-5:15 p.m. before 5:30 Mass and Saturday at 4:00-4:45 p.m. before 5:00 p.m. Mass.
- **St. Francis** – Second Sunday of the month following Mass.

Children's Offering

My Good Deed Was...

- "not breaking lenten promise."
- "playing with my cousins."
- "onloading The dishwasher."
- "helping people up when they fall."

Please join us for a Communal Penance Service to be held on

Tuesday, March 18th at 6:30 p.m.



St. Athanasius School Calendar

- **March 17** St. Patrick's Day / Parent Teacher Conferences 3:15-7:00 pm
- **March 18** Early Dismissal / Parent Teacher Conferences 1:15-5:00 pm
- **March 19 - 24** Spring Break
- **April 2** Early Dismissal/ Personal Development

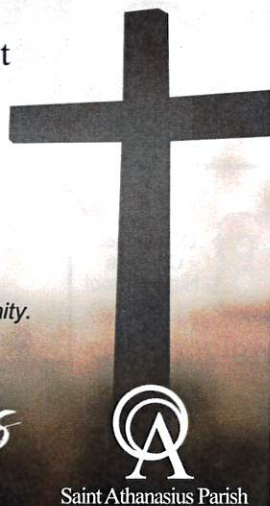
Don Bosco News: 2nd Chance Prom Party is Saturday, March 15 from 7 pm-11pm at the Elks Club, Waterloo, IA. Live music by Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, cash bar, auction items, and vote prom queen & king. This fundraiser supports the DB girls locker room project. Tickets are \$40 per person. Call the Bosco Catholic School system for more information.

We invite you to join us in our upcoming *Stations of the Cross* events, commemorating Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man.

- **Wednesday, March 19th at 6:30 p.m.**
-Hosted by Catholic Daughters of the Americas
- **Wednesday, March 26th at 6:30 p.m.**
-Hosted by Youth Faith Formation

Watch for more upcoming dates for this opportunity.

Stations OF THE Cross



Saint Athanasius Parish

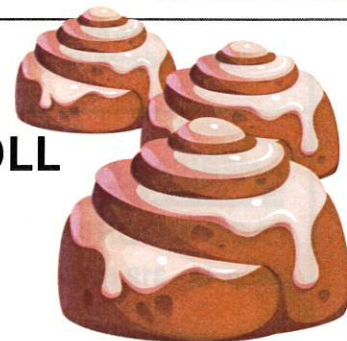
St. Francis News

- **Stations of the Cross** - will be after the 8:00 am Mass on Wednesday mornings.
- **Mass Cancellation** - For all two hour delays or school cancellations in either Dunkerton or Jesup, there will not be Mass at St. Francis that day. Watch KWWL TV or check our Facebook page for updates.



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Deadline for orders is **Monday, March 24th**. Pick up for orders is **Sunday, March 30th**, 8-10 a.m. at the South entrance of the St. Athanasius school gymnasium.



Faith Formation News

- **March 19** - No YFF
- **March 26** - Free Family meal night starting at 5:45 p.m. - The menu will be pulled pork, homemade mac & cheese and dessert. YFF students will be doing the Stations of the Cross for Young Christians starting at 6:30 p.m.



UPDATE only 12 spots remaining, get your tickets ASAP! On Sunday, March 30th at 1 p.m. the Faith Formation Commission has organized a watch party for *The Chosen*, Season 5, Part 1. This will take place at Marcus Theaters Crossroads in Waterloo. The cost is \$6 a ticket and must be paid for in advance. Cash or check can be dropped off in the Parish office or you can Venmo @StAthanasius-School with the description 'Chosen tickets'. You can contact Kris Kayser or Lori Schutte with questions.

RCIA Candidates

Continue praying for our RCIA Candidates as they journey closer to being Confirmed in the Catholic faith.

Standing L to R, Sierra West, Todd Rowell, Archbishop Zinkula, Matt Stahl and Fr. Gossman



ORDER A CHEESE, VEGGIE PIZZA OR LOBSTA ROLL EVERY FRIDAY

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Saint Athanasius FUNDRAISER

Half of all proceeds is directed to the school.

PIZZAS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ORDERING & PICK UP IN THE ST. ATHANASIUS PARKING LOT.

The CHOSEN LAST SUPPER

PART ONE - MARCH 28
PART TWO - APRIL 4
PART THREE - APRIL 11



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Pick up some delicious treats at the CDA Bake Sale!

Sunday, March 23rd, 2025

8:00 am - Noon

St. Athanasius School Cafeteria

FREE WILL DONATION



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for volunteer
sign-up
information.



Proceeds donated to the
**Jesup & Don Bosco
Scholarship Fund.**

2024 Scholarship Winners:
Jesup - Isabelle Weber & Hannah Bovy.
Don Bosco - Hannah Thome, Katey Schmit
& Emily Naughton.



Praying for Our Sick

If you have someone in the hospital, please contact the office at **319-827-6682**. It's likely that Fr Gossman will visit.

Dear God, we place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.

**Deb Andrews • Greg Barber • Erin Jeffries • Debbie Kester • Joyce Lukes
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News and Calendar of Events

- **Annual Meeting** - The St. Athanasius Credit Union Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 16 at 5 p.m. in the St. Athanasius cafeteria. Door prizes and a light lunch will be provided. We look forward to seeing you.
- **St. Athanasius Second Collection** - next weekend will be for the prevention of Domestic Violence.
- **Flower Donations for Easter** - Please use your envelope or put in a plain envelope your donation for Easter flowers along with the name of the person/family you are donating in memory of and drop into the collection basket during Mass or leave at the Parish Office. Donations must be turned in by March 30.
- **The Catholic Order of Foresters Youth** - can skate & get skate rental for \$4.00 on Sunday March 16 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 at Young Arena Waterloo. If you have your own skates then it would all be free. Adults and friends can skate for \$9.00 unless they have their own skates, then the price is \$5.00. The doors open at 12:30 pm. It is recommended to be there early because when they have their quota they will not accept anyone else in the doors. Also recommend kids wearing a helmet because they have no Equipment to aid in skating! See Donna Delagardelle there or Call 319 239-9945 if questions.
- **Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church** - Waterloo, is hosting a HUGE, huge, Spring Garage Sale on Thursday, March 20 from 9-5, Friday, March 21 from 9-5, and Saturday, March 22 from 9-11.
- **Knights of Columbus #8227** will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday March 26th in the basement of Jesup City Hall. Social at 6 p.m. with the meal at 6:30 and then scheduled meeting. Contact Brett Hershberger (319 327 3185) to make a reservation.
- **SAVE THE DATE** - Agnus Dei Ministry will present a concert featuring the middle and high school choirs from the Bosco Catholic School System and Cedar Valley Catholic Schools on Sunday, April 6, at 2:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in Gilbertville. This is a free event.
- **Catholic Daughters Court #1714 Upcoming Events** - CDA Stations of the Cross Wednesday March 19th 6:30 p.m. in St. A's Church. Domestic Abuse Prevention collection at St. A's March 22nd and March 23rd. CDA Bake Sale in conjunction with the KC breakfast in Jesup Sunday March 23rd. Save the Date for our Blood Drive Tuesday April 22nd in the Jesup American Legion 1-5:30 p.m. and our CDA Banquet Monday April 28th at 6 p.m. in St. A's Luncheonroom.
- **CDA National Scholarships** - National CDA is offering scholarships. Three Graduate Scholarships for an undergraduate who wants to pursue a graduate degree. Also two scholarships for an 8th grade student who will be attending a Catholic High School. All scholarships are due before April 1st. Application forms are available in the main entrance of St. Athanasius Church. If you have questions please contact Monica Bengston at 319-415-5275.

Sanctuary Personnel - March 22nd - 23rd

	5:00 pm - St. Athanasius	8:30 am - St. Athanasius	10:30 am - St. Francis	Folding Bulletins
Greeters (Main, West & East)	Dick & Jeanette Kester	Josh & Alissa Becker Dan & Mary Fox Vince & Michelle Corkery	Alice Steffen	Rita Smith Mary Fox
Servers & Cross Bearer	Phoenix Schutte Zoey Masteller	Ben, Lane & Nick Tempus	Alexis Kajewski Carol Steffen	
Music & Cantor	Monica Bengston John Beierschmitt	Brooklyn Pint Nancy Weber		
Commentator Lector	Lori Schutte Ian Farrell	Ann Rigdon Jack Berg	Tony Kajewski Scott Koppmann	
Eucharistic Ministers & Dishwashers	Todd Rohlfson, Karen Even Mark Becker	Dave & Marcy Becker Mark Kies	Marilee Kajewski	
Ushers	Dick Fratzke, Bernie Kremer Don Kass & Gerald O'Louehin	Joe Thoma, Denis Weber Bob & Joan Venem	Helen Steffen Alice Steffen	
To Shut In's (Sunday) Collections (Monday)	LouAnn Frush, Sue O'Loughlin, Linda Youngblut Betty Becker, Judy Corkery		Count Collection: Tony & Marilee Kajewski	

Dear Padre,

Does the Church teach how we should dress to go to Mass? Maybe I'm just old-fashioned, but the way some people dress seems very disrespectful.

Church teaching, dogmas, doctrines, and creedal formulations are not the specific resources to consult in order to answer this question. It is properly a matter of discipline and practice, although the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* does direct that “bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey respect” (1387). There are many commentaries on what exactly “respect” might mean.

It would be very difficult to establish a universal dress code. The many different cultures, climates, and particular circumstances of a specific Catholic community make a dress code unmanageable. It seems that you judge the local practice not up to your standards. Your judgment may be correct, or you may have unreasonable expectations. There was a time when “Sunday best” was the established norm. In other communities, the expectation would be “business casual” as a bare minimum. Now, it seems standards and practices are very fluid and flexible. All of this being said, it is ultimately a pastoral concern, not doctrinal or dogmatic. Try not to allow how other people dress distract you from your purpose at Mass. While they may not look like you imagine they should, their prayer might be genuine and heartfelt. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

After the labors of each day, it will do us good not to switch off the light in the room without placing ourselves in the light of God.... Wonder at the boundless love of God, who never tires of us and has the power to transfigure our days, to give them a new meaning, a new, unexpected light.



ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 13, 2022

UNSPLASH

Monday

March 17

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10

Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

March 18

Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20

Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

March 19

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a,

12-14a, 16

Rom 4:13, 16-18,

22

Mt 1:16, 18-21,

24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Thursday

March 20

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10

Lk 16:19-31

Friday

March 21

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-

13a, 17b-28a

Mt 21:33-43,

45-46

Saturday

March 22

Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday

March 23

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15

1 Cor 10:1-6,

10-12

Lk 13:1-9

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