



Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?

LUKE 6:41

Blindsided

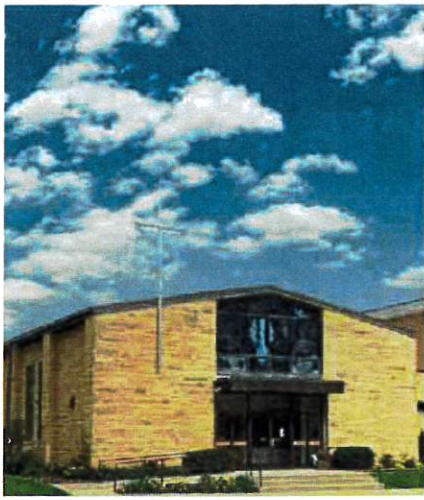
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There are days when the darker side of who we are rises up and slaps us in the face. One evening, I decided to go to see a film. I bought a ticket, made my way into the theater, and found a seat that would give me an unobstructed view of the screen, one that had patrons on either side of the open seat in front of me. Fairly sure that no one would sit in front of me, I felt good about my maneuver. A few minutes before the film began, a group of four walked down the aisle, looking for a string of open seats in the crowded theater. One of them stopped at my row and asked if I would move down a seat. Immediately, I realized my predicament. If I moved, I'd be behind someone tall, with my vision of the screen blocked.

I'd spend the film gazing through someone's head. I said no. The woman who had asked was taken aback, said so, and then moved on. Just as quickly, I found myself shocked by my own selfishness. Where had that come from? Was I really not who I thought I was? I discovered that there are hidden pieces of who we are that seldom come to light, and when they do, we cringe. If we are fortunate, the Lenten journey we begin on Ash Wednesday might reveal to us what it is that lives in our hearts. ●

Reflect

What can I do for Lent that may help me see myself more clearly?



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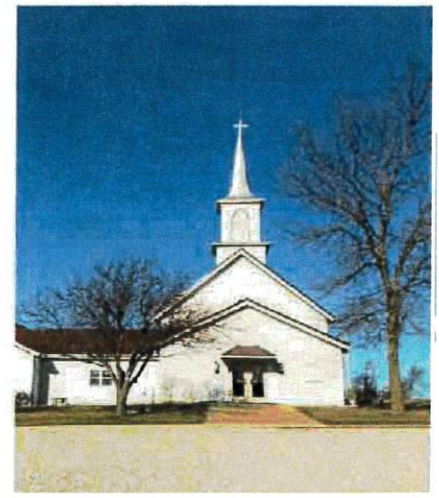
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St. Francis, Barclay

"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 4 - NO DAILY MASS

Ash Wednesday, March 5

- 8:30 a.m. at St. Athanasius (School Mass)
- 5:00 p.m. at St Athanasius- For the People of the Parish
- 7:00 p.m. at St Francis, Barclay

Thursday, March 6 - 8:30 a.m. at St. Athanasius

-Joseph Bader

Friday, March 7 - 7:45 a.m. at St Athanasius

-Jane Story

Saturday, March 8 - 5:00 p.m. at St. Athanasius

-Ray Youngblut

Sunday, March 9 - 8:30 a.m. at St. Athanasius

-Dick Youngblut

Sunday, March 9 - 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 will be 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 – Feb. 22nd & 23rd

St. Athanasius Parish:

Adults -	\$1,687.00
Children -	\$28.00
Offertory -	
(House of Hope)	\$341.00
Memorial -	\$125.00
Maintenance -	\$5.00
Rent -	\$110.00
Candles -	\$28.00
NCYC -	\$1,800.00

Total: \$4,124.00

St. Francis Parish:

Budget -	\$1,000.00
Children -	\$17.00
Building	
Improvement -	\$25.00
Last Weekend	
Collection -	\$195.00

Total: \$1,237.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Reconciliation

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

- **St. Athanasius** - Tuesday at 4:30-5:15 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.

Upcoming Meetings

March 4 - Faith Formation at 7:00 p.m. Parish Center

March 4 - School Board at 6:30 p.m.

March 6 - Liturgy Committee at 2:00 p.m. Parish Center

March 11- Don Bosco School Board at 6:30 p.m.

March 13 - Finance Committee at 6:00 p.m. Parish Center

March 13 - Pastoral Council at 7:00 p.m. Parish Center

St. Athanasius School Calendar

- **March 4** - School Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- **March 5** - Ash Wednesday School Mass at 8:30 am & All-School Retreat with early dismissal at 1 p.m.
- **March 11** - Butter Braid parent pick up from 3-5 p.m.



Faith Formation News

St. A's Faith Formation Commission is organizing a watch party for **The Chosen, Season 5** and will be renting out its own theater space on Sunday, March 30th at 1 pm at Marcus Theaters Crossroads, Waterloo. The cost will be \$6 a ticket and must be paid in advance. In order to know how much theater space we need, RSVP's will need to be turned in by Monday, March 10th. Contact Lori Schutte at dbq109ff@dbqarch.org

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 12th at 6:30 p.m.**
-Hosted by St. Athanasius Liturgy Committee
- **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

- **Thank you** to the Knights of Columbus for being liturgical ministers last Sunday.
- **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.



DONUT 
sunday

Join us Sunday, March 2nd after Mass hosted by the Liturgy Committee

If you are new to our parish, we invite you to join us for a social meet and greet. **All are welcomed to attend.**

Welcome to the St. Athanasius Church Family!



Last weekend, Max Masteller, son of James and Chelsi Masteller was baptized. His godparents are Paul Youngblut and Liz Eichorn. Congratulations!

 **Knights OF Columbus**

Omelette Breakfast! 

All you can eat Omelette, Hash Browns, Whole Hog Sausage, Toast, Fruit Cup, and Beverage.

Sunday, March 23rd, 2025

8:00 am - Noon

St. Athanasius School Cafeteria

FREE WILL DONATION
Carry-Outs Available!!

 **BONUS!**
Pick up some delicious treats at the CDA Bake Sale!

St. Athanasius Fish Fry

Ash Wednesday

March 5th 5-7 pm

Fish dinners plus- Mac & cheese dinner also available!

St. Athanasius

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Parent Teacher Organization

Held in the St. Athanasius Cafeteria and hosted by St. Athanasius PTO.



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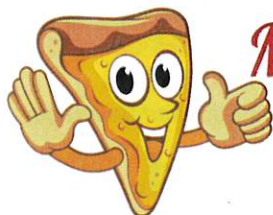
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Praying for Our Sick

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 • Keith Curry • Erin Jeffries • Debbie Kester
Joyce Lukes • Linda Lukes • Craig Maurer • Dale Nation • Sarah Staebell
Jean Welter • Rosie Youngblut**

News and Calendar of Events

- **All flower donations for St. Athanasius Parish** - must be turned in prior to March 30th. Please direct your donations to the Parish Office. Thank you.
- **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.
- **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** - Meeting Monday March 10th 6 p.m. in the St. A's Parish Center. Our speaker is from the Northeast Iowa Food Bank. (If you would like to bring an item for the food bank they are in need of peanut butter, tuna and box meals.) 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 Lunchroom.
- **Lent for Life Rice Bowls** - are available at the entrances of church this weekend. Learn more at crsricebowl.org about how your money stays local and works around the world.

Ash Wednesday	8:30 am - St. Athanasius	5:00 pm - St. Athanasius	
Greeters (Main, West & East)	School Mass	John & Cindy White	
Servers & Cross Bearer	School Mass	Jenna, Jerad & Justin Berg	
Music & Cantor	Kraig Emick	Brett Hershberger Nancy Weber	
Commentator Lector	School Mass	Rob Franz Annette Ingles	
Eucharistic Ministers & Dishwashers	School Mass	Ann Tempus, Frank Weber Nicole Weber	
Ushers	School Mass	Carla & Chris Even	

March 8th -9th	5:00 pm - St. Athanasius	8:30 am - St. Athanasius	10:30 am - St. Francis	Folding Bulletins
Greeters (Main, West & East)	Gary & Marge Weber	Bob & Michelle Thoma Lee & Deb Bader Tom & Connie Youngblut	Volunteer	Bernie & Connie Kremer
Servers & Cross Bearer	Kale Harrold Caroline Stone	Frank & Greta Weber Drake Federspiel	Murch's	
Music & Cantor	Monica Bengston Todd Rohlfen & Keith Wieland	Brooklyn Pint Ryan Weber		
Commentator Lector	Dick & Jeanette Kester	Dan Fox Kim Fettkether	Christie Drake	
Eucharistic Ministers & Dishwashers	Kathy Masteller JoAnn Seliger & Gin Vogel	Judee Alexander, Deb Bader Ashlyn Ackerman	Herb Murch Colleen Jensen	
Ushers	Gary & Rita Smith Bill & Norm Delagardelle	Fritz Kies, Don Lellig Adam & Owen Peterson	Mike Smith Carol Steffen	
To Shut In's (Sunday) Collections (Monday)	Marcia Sproul, Vince & Jeanne Wellman, Linda Youngblut JoAnn Seliger, LouAnn Frush		Count Collection: Helen & Alice Steffen	

Dear Padre,

Does pregnancy qualify as an exemption from abstinence and fasting in Lent?

Yes, it does. Just to be clear, abstinence is not eating meat on the Fridays of Lent and applies to Catholics over the age of fourteen. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine are obligated to fast, that is, eat only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not add up to a full meal. In addition to children and elders, exemptions from these disciplines include pregnant or nursing women and the physically or mentally ill, including those with chronic illnesses, like diabetes.

It is presumed that mature Catholics will seek balance and integration in the practice of the faith and will routinely make careful, informed decisions and apply them to spiritual practice. Obviously, being informed and aware of what the Church teaches, why the Church teaches something, and how it is to be applied and understood will only enhance a person's discernment.

The health of an unborn baby is a clear responsibility and of the utmost importance. Maintaining a healthy and balanced diet during pregnancy and adjusting any habitual practices that may endanger the health of the baby should be a primary concern. While exempt from fasting and abstinence, a pregnant woman may want to observe Lent by adopting another penitential discipline, something that would do no harm to the baby but would still be in the spirit of Lent. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
March 3	March 4	March 5	March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9
<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday after</i>	<i>Friday after Ash</i>	<i>Saturday after</i>	<i>First Sunday of</i>
Sir 17:20–24	Sir 35:1–12	Jl 2:12–18	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>Lent</i>
Mk 10:17–27	Mk 10:28–31	2 Cor 5:20–6:2	Dt 30:15–20	Is 58:1–9a	Is 58:9b–14	Dt 26:4–10
		Mt 6:1–6, 16–18	Lk 9:22–25	Mt 9:14–15	Lk 5:27–32	Rom 10:8–13 Lk 4:1–13



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What Jesus says is true: we always find reasons for blaming others and justifying ourselves. And very often we complain about things that are wrong in society, in the Church, in the world, without first questioning ourselves and without making an effort to change.... Every fruitful, positive change must begin from ourselves. Otherwise, there will be no change.

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