

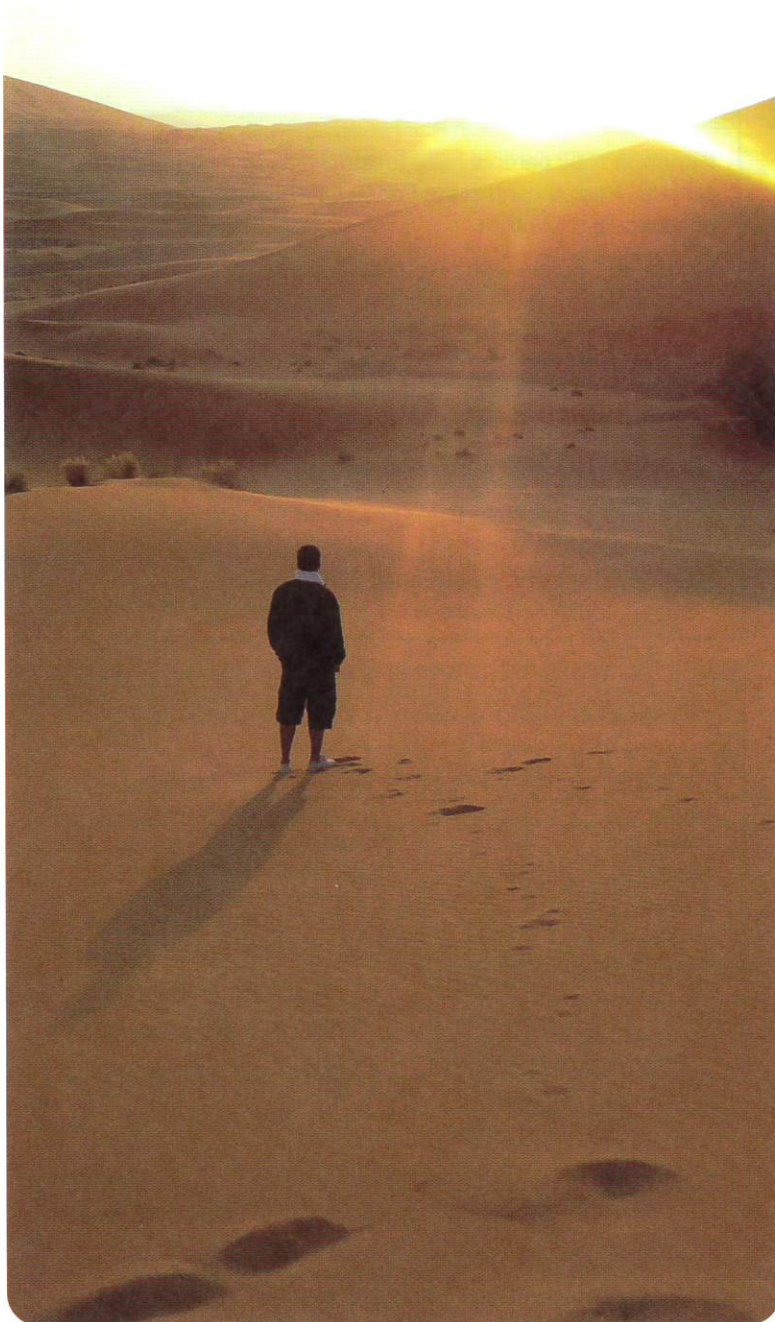


Living in Fantasy

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Filled with the Holy Spirit,
Jesus returned from the Jordan
and was led by the Spirit into the desert
for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.

LUKE 4:1-2A



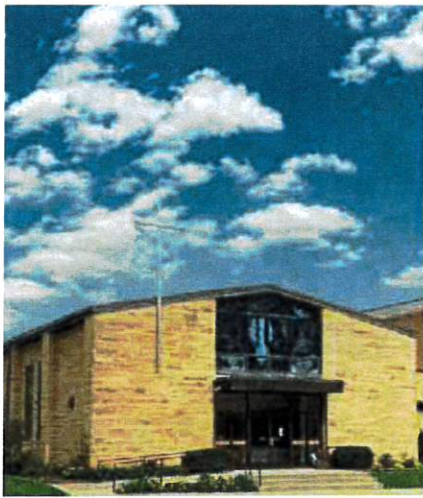
I *f I Were a Horse* by Elizabeth Bridgman is a children's story about Jenny, who daydreams about being a horse and then accepts her true reality, as she realizes no one will recognize her as a horse. In the end, she finds that she likes herself as she truly is.

The story may also be a metaphor for our human fantasy about sin, by which we try to redefine the world on our own terms, only to realize that life does not go so well when we do this. It is our stealing by which we pretend that something belongs to us rather than to another. It is our lying that attempts to redefine truth in terms of what we want life to be, rather than in what life really is. It is our addictions that redefine the source of meaning and life not as God, but as ourselves and our wants. Lent brings us face to face with who we are—which is not a horse (real or otherwise), but, by God's design, is a daughter or son of God.

The temptations Jesus experienced in the desert were temptations to define life on his own terms, just as we are often tempted to do. Yet, Jesus was the one who got it right. For him, stones were stones, not bread. Power and glory were God's, not his. He would not put God to the test, thinking he could manipulate God and get God to do what Jesus wanted. Jesus was the faithful one. ●

Reflect

What about my life do I struggle to accept?



St. Athanasius Church

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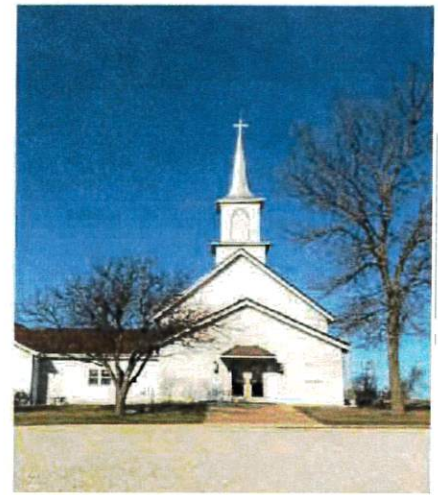
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St. Francis, Barclay

"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 11 - 5:30 p.m. at St Athanasius
- *Smokey Youngblut*

Wednesday, March 12 - 8:00 a.m. at St Francis, Barclay
- *Katherine Wellner*

Thursday, March 13 - 8:30 a.m. at St. Athanasius
- *Maxine Schares*

Friday, March 14 - 1:30 p.m. at Winding Creek

Saturday, March 15 - 5:00 p.m. at St. Athanasius
- *Laurie Sabers*

Sunday, March 16 - 8:30 a.m. at St. Athanasius
- *For the People of the Parish*

Sunday, March 16 - 10:30 a.m. at St. Francis, Barclay
- *Ronald & Arlene Wenthold*

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 – March 1st & 2nd

St. Athanasius Parish:

Adults -	\$2,385.00
Children -	\$25.00
Offertory -	\$307.75
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Maintenance -	\$10.00
Donut Sunday -	\$97.00
IRA -	\$919.00
Rent -	\$40.00

Total: \$3,883.75

St. Francis Parish:

Budget -	\$950.00
Children -	\$31.00
Offertory -	\$58.00

Total: \$1,039.00

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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.

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

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



Upcoming Meetings

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 11** Butter Braid Pick up for delivery 3-5:00 pm
- **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

Deepest Condolences

Louis Johnson entered into Eternal rest on February 24, 2025. Our deepest condolences are with his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Thank you to Fr Gossman, the Mass servers, organist and choir for the beautiful Mass for my husband, Louis Johnson.

Also, thank you to the Parish Society and Gin Vogel for preparing and serving the meal.

Anita Johnson

Welcome to the St. Athanasius Church Family!

Last weekend, Camryn Ciesielski, daughter of Rodney and Katelyn Ciesielski was baptized.

Her godparents are Emily & Ryan Mahoney and Kirstie & Carter Schares. *Congratulations!*

St. Francis News

- **Thank you** - to those who joined us for our Mardi Gras Potluck. Great food, fun and fellowship. Thanks to those who coordinated this event. Looking forward to next year.
- **Last Weekend Collection** - this month will be given to Don Bosco High School. This replaces a parish breakfast. Please be generous.



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

Faith Formation News

- **March 12** - YFF class at 6:15 p.m.
- **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. Please join us!

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 p.m. 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. You may also pay by Venmo at: @StAthanasius-School (Mark as FFC event)

The CHOSEN LAST SUPPER


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



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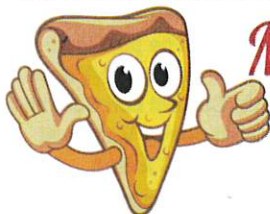
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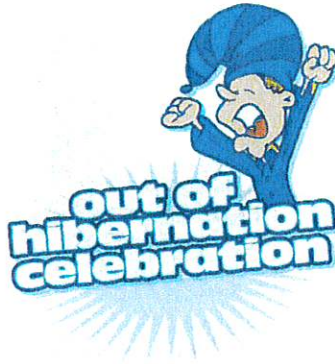
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OUT OF HIBERNATION | 2025 Event Ticket Order Form

Event Date: Saturday, April 5th

Location: St. Athanasius Gym

Social | 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Dinner | 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm [Catered by Starbecks BBQ]

Live Auction | 8:00 pm

Raffle Drawings | 9:00 pm

Please complete and return this order form, along with payment, to St. Athanasius school office to request tickets for the annual Out of Hibernation Event!

Dinner Tickets

Price: \$30 each

Quantity

Social Auction Tickets

Price: \$20 each

Quantity

Raffle Tickets

Price: \$2 each

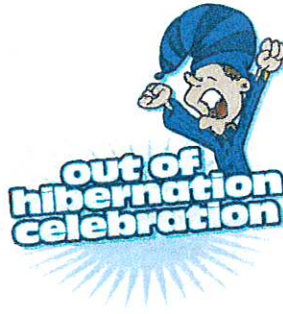
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Select social auction option you'd like your tickets applied towards:

- Archery bow with accessories (customizable!)
- Lifetime 10' Tamarack Angler Kayak with paddle
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Please make checks payable to: St. Athanasius School



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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.

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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.
- **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.
- **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 Luncheon.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Lost & Found** - A man's blue sweater was left in the school luncheon after Special Persons day. Please claim at the Church parish office during office hours 8-4.

Sanctuary Personnel - March 15th - 16th

	5:00 pm - St. Athanasius	8:30 am - St. Athanasius	10:30 am - St. Francis	Folding Bulletins
Greeters (Main, West & East)	Bill & Jeanette Delagardelle	Tom & Marge Weber Chris & Laura Weber Dave & Marcy Becker	Volunteer	LuAnn Frush Annette Ingles
Servers & Cross Bearer	Kaden Pint Carson Sweeney	Nora Franzen Gracelyn & Cora Vogel	Murch's	
Music & Cantor	Monica Bengston Susie Sigwarth	Brooklyn Pint Kim Fettkether		
Commentator Lector	Mark Becker Dick Fratzke	Carol Reiter Mike Reiter	Byron Manternach	
Eucharistic Ministers & Dishwashers	Marcia Sproul, Christy Becker Michelle Sweeney	Connie & Tom Youngblut Mary Jean Bloes	Maynard Murch Nancy Steffen	
Ushers	Mike Sweeney, Kurt Frush Joe & Pat Goblirsch	Kelly Peyton, Tony Bengston Tom Tempus & Bob Thoma	Mike Smith Tony Gamedinger	
To Shut In's (Sunday) Collections (Monday)	Judee Alexander, Mary Jean Bloes & Kathy Masteller Linda Youngblut & Cindy White		Count Collection: Andy & Donna Schares	

Dear Padre,

Who decided that fish isn't meat? I really dislike fish; also, it bugs me when my friends eat lobster for dinner on Fridays in the name of "sacrifice."

Latin is the official language of the Catholic Church. Canon law, as written in Latin, states that we must abstain from *carne* (meat), a word that refers to warm-blooded animals that walk on the ground. By that definition, fish is allowed.

You make an excellent point about the lobster dinners and the nature of sacrifice. In the document "Questions and Answers About Lent and Lenten Practices," the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops states, "While fish, lobster, and other shellfish are not considered meat and can be consumed on days of abstinence, indulging in the lavish buffet at your favorite seafood place sort of misses the point. Abstaining from meat and other indulgences during Lent is a penitential practice. On the Fridays of Lent, we remember the sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday and unite ourselves with that sacrifice through abstinence and prayer."

As we enter Lent, we must remember that our acts of penance should be more than thinking about just giving something up, like meat. Our fasting isn't just an external discipline—sacrifice for the sake of checking a box. It's supposed to be a sacrifice that leads us closer to God. When we take that deeper step ourselves, then we can invite our friends to go deeper, too. ●

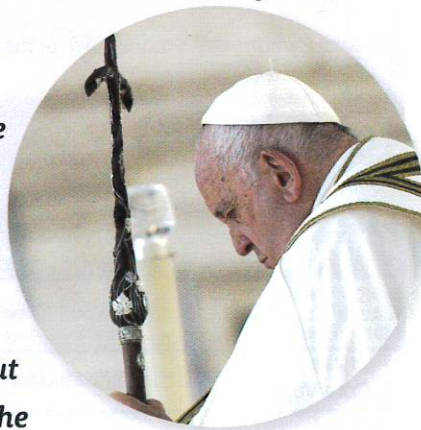


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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus opposes the attractions of evil...by responding to temptations with the word of God, which says not to take advantage...to obtain privileges. Because true happiness and true freedom are not found in possessing, but in sharing; not in taking advantage of others, but in loving them; not in the obsession of power, but in the joy of service.



VATICAN MEDIA

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 6, 2022

Monday March 10 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Mt 25:31-46	Thursday March 13 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Mt 7:7-12	Saturday March 15 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48
Tuesday March 11 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15	Friday March 14 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26	Sunday March 16 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1 Lk 9:28b-36
Wednesday March 12 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32		

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