

As [Jesus] rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road.... They proclaimed: “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.”

LUKE 19:36, 38

The Emptying Process

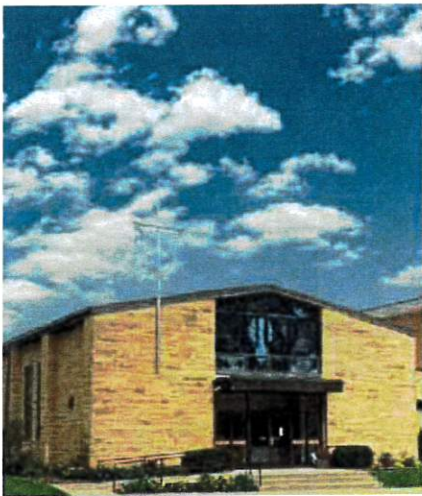
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We like to fill life with good things—good friends, good times, good jobs, good memories. They are all graced moments of life. Life is also marked by an emptying process. Friends move away, good times come to an end, jobs become boring. Saint Teresa of Kolkata (Mother Teresa) once noted how even God can’t fill what is already full. The emptying process may very well be the action of God in our lives, emptying us to make room for God’s gift of resurrection and life in its fullest.

Holy Week is the story of such a process—one long saga that begins with Palm Sunday as it focuses on how Jesus willingly emptied himself even unto death. The story moves on to Holy Thursday and the gift of the Eucharist to sustain us in the emptying. On to Good Friday, where, once more, a narration in stark liturgical strokes tell of the emptying of Jesus. Finally, the Easter Vigil and the Feast of the Resurrection, the culmination of a journey through death into life. We tell this weeklong story because the story of Jesus is also our story—more of God working in us rather than our own doing. The Jesuit theologian Karl Rahner once noted that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well. Our willingness to learn that lesson, again and again, is how we begin to share in the resurrection, even as we live our lives today. ●

Reflect

How does my faith help me through times of emptiness?



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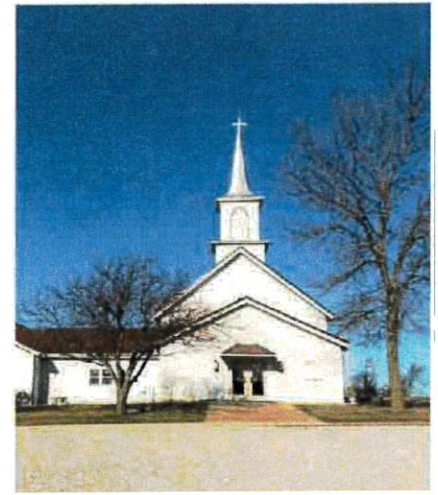
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St. Francis, Barclay

"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

Tuesday, April 15 - No Mass

Wednesday, April 16 - 8:00 a.m. at St Francis, Barclay
- John & Berniece Heuer

Thursday, April 17 - 7:00 p.m. at St. Athanasius -Holy Thursday

Friday, April 18 - 3:00 pm at St. Francis, Barclay - Good Friday
7:00 pm at St. Athanasius - Good Friday

Saturday, April 19 - 8:00 pm at St Athanasius - Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 20 - 8:30 am at St Athanasius - Easter
10:30 am at St Francis - Easter

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 April 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.



Reconciliation

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

- **St. Athanasius** - Saturday at 7:00-7:45 p.m. before 8:00 p.m. Mass.
- **St. Francis** – Second Sunday of the month following Mass.

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

Wednesday, April 16th at 6:30 p.m.
-Hosted by Knights of Columbus

Stations OF THE Cross



Saint Athanasius Parish

Stewardship – April 5th & 6th

St. Athanasius Parish:

Adults -	\$2,257.00
Last Weekend	
Collection-	\$356.00
Children -	\$32.21
Maintenance -	\$5.00
ACCW -	\$20.00
Offering -	\$500.00
Donuts -	\$200.00
Easter -	\$100.00
Flowers -	\$95.00

Total: \$2,934.21

St. Francis Parish:

Budget -	\$562.00
Children -	\$20.00
Offertory -	\$34.00
Building Improvement -	\$445.00

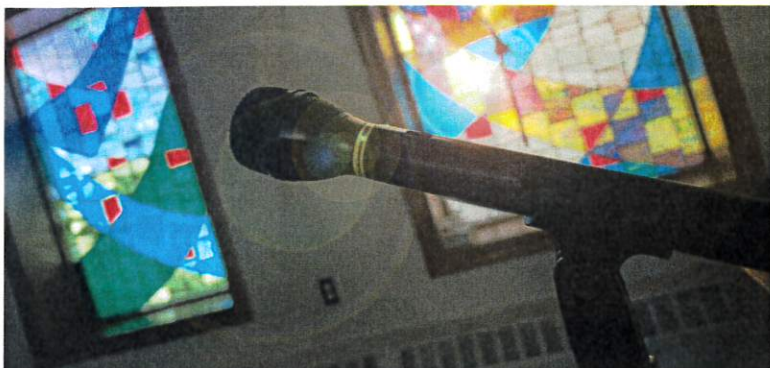
Total: \$1,061.00

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!



St. Athanasius School Calendar

- April 13- Palm Sunday / Start of Holy Week
- April 15 - ISASP Testing 3rd & 4th (Writing) 8:30 - 9:40
- April 18 - Good Friday No School



We are seeking a Music Ministry Leader (Part-Time)

We are seeking a Music Ministry Leader to help grow youth involvement in our parish music ministry. This part-time position offers the opportunity to inspire and guide young musicians while also supporting the training of cantors and other music ministry participants.

If you have a passion for music and a heart for service, we would love to hear from you! Please submit your resume to the Parish Office or email it to dbq109sec@dbqarch.org.

Faith Formation News

SAVE THE DATE

St. Athanasius will be hosting TOTUS TUUS once again this summer, July 13-18!

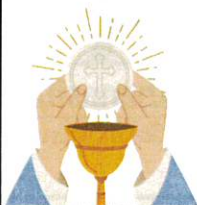
1st - 6th grade will be Monday, July 14 thru Friday, July 18 from 9 a.m - 2 p.m. 7th - 12th grade will be Sunday, July 13 thru Thursday July 17 from 6:30 p.m-9 p.m
Registration coming soon.



Congratulations to our Class of 2025!

Sunday, May 4th will be the Mass for our graduating Seniors. Please join us.

First Communion Retreat for our St. A school and YFF students will be on Saturday, April 26th from 9 am-noon. Parents and students should meet in the lunchroom.



First Communion will be celebrated at our regular mass times this year. Saturday, April 26 at 5 pm and Sunday, April 27 at 8:30 am.

St. Francis News

- **Stations of the Cross** - will be after the 8:00 am Mass on Wednesday mornings.
- **Meetings** -Finance Meeting followed by a Pastoral Council Meeting on Thursday, April 24th.
- **Last Weekend Collection** - this month will be given to the Dunkerton Food Bank. Please be generous.
- **Good Friday Service** - will be at 3:00 pm here at St. Francis.



Coming soon Traveling International Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition.

Join us and explore modern and historical miracles of the Eucharist. Draw closer to God through these displays of His intense love for you! Examine where faith meets modern science. Interactively experience the catalog of miracles compiled by modern-day teen saint, gamer, and programmer, Blessed Carlo Acutis. Family-friendly! This exhibit is free.



Immaculate Conception, Gilbertville

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St. Francis, Dunkerton

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The washing of feet, a ritual commemorating Jesus's example of service at the Last Supper, is a significant practice in the Catholic Church, symbolizing service to others.



Thank you to our 12 volunteers:

John Reuter, Ian Farrell
Dick Kester, Gerald O'Loughlin
Vince Corkery, Ben Bader
Brett Hershberger, Charlie Weber
& Ryan Weber.

Children's Offering

My Good Deed Was...

- "Letting my brother chose what we were watching."
- "Offered to help my grandparents with chores".
- "Helping a friend at school."
- "Using nice manners."
- "Passing out envelopes."

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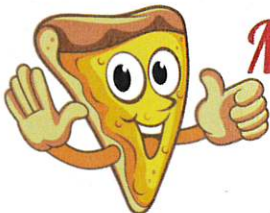
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THROUGH HIS MIRACLES, PAST AND PRESENT

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Exhibition

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WHEN GOD BREAKS THROUGH



What is a Eucharistic Miracle?

Eucharistic miracles are extraordinary phenomena which manifest the Real Presence of Jesus in consecrated (blessed) bread and wine, in a way that we can discern with ordinary senses. This can be as simple as a floating host or as astonishing as a host becoming human heart tissue. Each miracle is approved by the Catholic Church only after intense scientific scrutiny.



Who is Blessed Carlo Acutis?

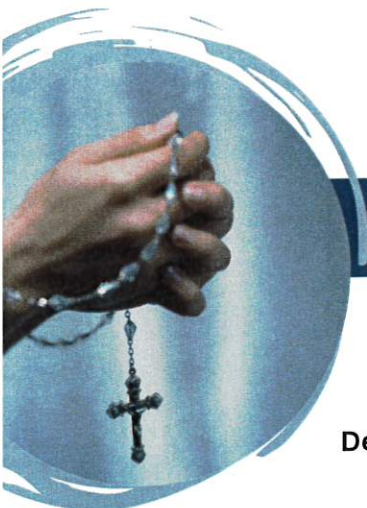
A modern-day saint in the making, Blessed Carlo Acutis, was an Italian teen known for his kindness, volunteer work with the poor, and his love of Christ. Carlo died of leukemia in 2006 at 15 years old and was beatified in 2020. During his short but extraordinary life, he was moved to promote love of Jesus through devotion to the Eucharist. He developed a website chronicling over 100 Eucharistic miracles. The website became a traveling exhibit making its way around the globe.



About the Exhibition

The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition contains an extensive collection of photographs and records of Eucharistic miracles throughout the world and through history. The exhibit invites participants to deepen their understanding of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Explore the exhibit in groups or using a self-guided tour via your personal smartphone and earbuds.

Blessed Carlo Acutis, the first millennial to be considered for sainthood, will be canonized by Pope Francis on April 27, 2025



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 • Katie Balvanz • Greg Barber • Erin Jeffries • Debbie Kester • Joyce Lukes
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News and Calendar of Events

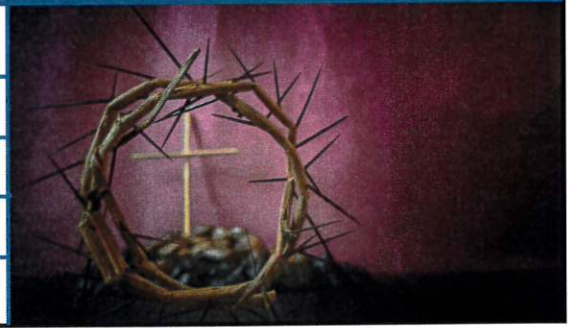
- **KC Scholarships**- The Knights of Columbus Council 8227 Jesup, is offering scholarships to graduating seniors from Don Bosco High School and Jesup Community High School. For more information and applications contact your Guidance Counselor.
- **Catholic Daughters Court #1714 Upcoming Events** - Catholic Daughters Court #1714 Upcoming Events - Monday April 28th CDA Banquet 6 p.m. in St. A's Lunchroom. Please RSVP Monica 415-5275 or Nancy Kies 415-8819 by April 11th. Speaker-Troy Belmer, Alive & Running, Suicide Prevention. Menu-minute steak dinner and dessert \$10. April 22nd CDA Blood Drive at the American Legion 1-5:30 p.m.
- **Jesup KC's #8227** - will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday April 23rd in the basement of Jesup City Hall. Social beginning at 6 p.m. followed by our meal at 6:30 and then our meeting. Please make your reservations by Monday April 21st to Brett Hershberger at 319 327 3185. Thank-you
- **CDA Scholarship**- submission deadline extended to April 30: Two \$250 scholarships will be awarded to Catholic students within the court community wishing to continue their education. Completed applications may be mailed to CDA Court St. Pius X #1714, %Darlene Phillips, 334 Purdy St., Jesup IA 50648 and will be accepted if postmarked by April 30, 2025. Application forms are available at the Jesup and Don Bosco High Schools or from St. A, St. Francis and IC parishes.

Holy Thursday 7pm St. A

Good Friday 7pm St. A

3:00 pm - St. Francis

Greeters (Main, West & East)	John & Linda Reuter	Tom & Marge Weber
Servers & Cross Bearer	Kane Peterson, Kaden Pint Charlie & Carson Sweeney	Frank & Greta Weber Drake Federspiel, Kale Harrold
Music & Cantor	Kraig Emick Keith Wieland	Kraig Emick Will Fettkether
Commentator Lector	Michelle Sweeney Sue O'Loughlin	Rob Franz Kim Fettkether
Eucharistic Ministers & Dishwashers	Nicole Weber John & Cindy White	Linda Youngblut Tom & Connie Youngblut



Sanctuary Personnel - April 19th - 20th

8:00 pm - St. Athanasius

8:30 am - St. Athanasius

10:30 am - St. Francis

Folding Bulletins

Greeters (Main, West & East)	Todd & Netty Rohlfen	Josh & Alissa Becker, John & Cindy White, Dave & Marsy Becker	Alice Steffen	Betty Becker Judy Corkery
Servers & Cross Bearer	Phoenix Schutte, Ben, Lane Nick Tempus	Wyatt Fettkether Gracelyn & Cora Vogel	Murch's	
Music & Cantor	Monica Bengston Easter Vigil Singers	Brett Hershberger Bailey Federspiel, Will Fettkether		
Commentator Lector	Mike & Carol Reiter, Tom Youngblut & Dick & Jeanette Kester	Dan Fox Annette Ingles	Maynard Murch Tony Kajewski	
Eucharistic Ministers & Dishwashers	Marsha McGlaughlin Connie Youngblut, Gin Vogel	Mary Jean Bloes Deb Bader, Ashlyn Ackerman	Nancy Steffen	
Ushers	Mark Becker, Bill Delagardelle, Norm Delagardelle, Dick Fratzke	Carla & Chris Even Don Lellig, Kelly Peyton	Mike Smith Tony Gamerdinger	
To Shut In's (Sunday) Collections (Monday)	Vince & Jeanne Wellman, Amy Peyton/Tom Smith, MaryJean Bloes Karen Emick, Annette Ingles		Count Collection: Andy & Donna Schares	

Dear Padre,

I'm thinking about going to the Easter Vigil, but why does it have to be so long?

When an event seems long, it may have to do with our expectations. If we go to the Easter Vigil and expect it to be like a Sunday Mass, then it will seem long. The typical parish Easter Vigil lasts two to three hours. There are some communities who vigil all night. Why does it have to be so long? Because this is one night of the year when we Catholics tell our whole story.

There are four parts of the Vigil. Part One is the *Lucernarium* (Light) when we gather around the paschal fire from which the paschal candle is lit. Then follows the passing of the light to members of the congregation, who are holding candles. By candlelight, we hear the Exsultet—the Easter Proclamation, sung only on this night. Part Two is the Liturgy of the Word, when we take our time listening to readings, singing psalms, and reflecting on salvation history. Part Three is the Sacraments of Initiation, when new members are welcomed into the Church, baptized, and confirmed, and all renew their baptismal promises. And Part Four is the Liturgy of the Eucharist, when new members receive holy Communion for the first time. The Easter Vigil is rich with meaning, solemn as well as joyful, and to fully experience it, we must take our time. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We are preparing to celebrate the victory of the Lord Jesus Christ over sin and death.... But today, there is a war.... Christ bore his cross to free us from the dominion of evil. He died so that life, love, peace may reign.... What victory is there in planting a flag on a pile of rubble?

ANGELUS, ROME, APRIL 10, 2022

Monday

April 14
Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1–7
Jn 12:1–11

Tuesday

April 15
Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1–6
Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

Wednesday

April 16
Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4–9a
Mt 26:14–25

Thursday

April 17
Thursday of Holy Week
(Holy Thursday)
Chrim Mass:
Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9
Rv 1:5–8
Lk 4:16–21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1–8, 11–14
1 Cor 11:23–26
Jn 13:1–15

Friday

April 18
Friday of the Passion of the Lord *(Good Friday)*
Is 52:13–53:12
Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9
Jn 18:1–19:42

Saturday

April 19
Holy Saturday
(Easter Vigil)
Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a
Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18
Ex 14:15–15:1
Is 54:5–11
Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4
Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28
Rom 6:3–11
Lk 24:1–12

Sunday

April 20
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37–43
Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8
Jn 20:1–9