



On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

JOHN 20:1



Bit by Bit

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

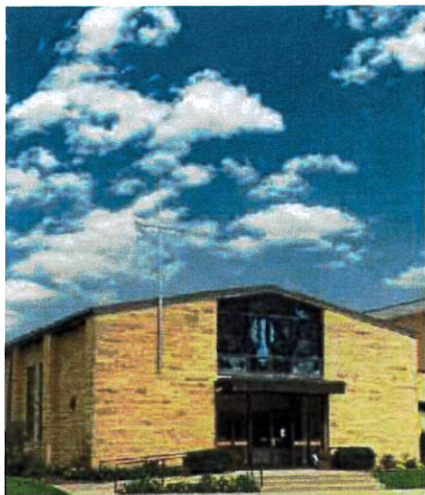
Looking for proof of the resurrection is like looking for proof of love. Sometimes, we realize only gradually—bit by bit—that we are loved. John's Gospel abounds with images of light and darkness. So when this Sunday's Easter Gospel recounts Mary of Magdala going to the tomb early in the morning while it was still dark, the gospel is not simply marking the time of day. It's noting that what was taking place was before they believed in the resurrection, when they were still in the dark. All sorts of hints about the resurrection begin to occur: Mary sees the stone rolled away, Peter and the other disciple go to the tomb and find the burial cloths. They see the cloth that had covered his head rolled up and set aside. No apparition of Jesus, no men in white garments, no angels. Only hints that with the resurrection of Jesus,

God has made all life new and destined for resurrection.

What, then, might one do who is plagued by doubts? Look for hints of resurrection, of life coming about where one expects only death (as if to symbolically enter the tomb). What types of hints? Going for counseling, as frightening as that may be, and finding peace. Talking through a problem in marriage. Finding that empty-nesting gives way to new life. Discovering retirement's gifts. Making a dreaded move to a new city or school. The resurrection of Jesus means God makes all life new. We only need to see it and discover that, bit by bit, it leads to faith. ●

Reflect

What are the hints of resurrection surrounding me? Have I missed any?



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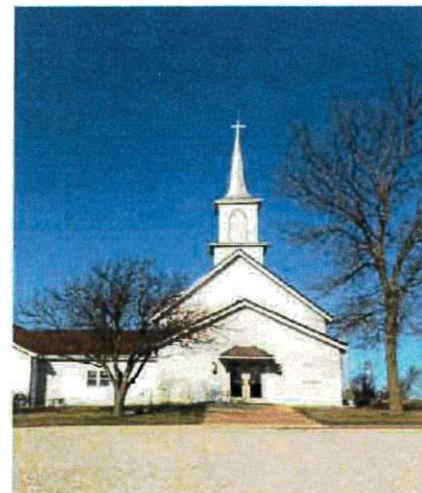
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St. Francis, Barclay

"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 22 - 5:30 p.m. at St Athanasius

- *Louis & Maxine Schares*

Wednesday, April 23 - 8:00 a.m. at St Francis, Barclay

- *Katherine Wellner*

Thursday, April 24 - 8:30 a.m. at St Athanasius (school Mass)

- *Bob & Rick Fernald*

Friday, April 25 - 1:30 p.m. at Winding Creek

- *Richard & Jean Cook*

Saturday, April 26 - 5:00 p.m. at St Athanasius

- *For members of the Chris & Ida Becker family*

Sunday, April 27 - 8:30 a.m. at St Athanasius

- *Deceased members of the Anthony Delagardelle family*

Sunday, April 27 - 10:30 a.m. at St Francis, Barclay

- *For the People of the Parishes*

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/OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation for Adults formerly known as RCIA (Rite of ...) the name has changed, but the meaning is the same. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic please reach out to Lori Schutte (dbq109ff@dbqarch.org) or anyone on our OCIA Team (Tom Youngblut, Connie Youngblut, Marsha McGlaughlin, Darlene Phillips, Vicki Staebell, Sue Weber-Baumgartner and Tom Tempus).

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 – April 5th & 6th

St. Athanasius Parish:

Adults -	\$3,962.37
Offertory-	\$381.46
Children -	\$6.00
Easter -	\$100.00
Adult Faith	
Formation -	\$257.00
Rent -	\$150.00
Liturgy -	\$20.00
Maintenance -	\$45.00
Rice Bowl -	\$25.00

Total: \$4,946.83

St. Francis Parish:

Budget -	\$600.00
Children -	\$20.00
Offertory -	\$19.00
Easter -	\$150.00

Total: \$789.00

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!



Reconciliation

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

• **St. Athanasius** - Saturday at 4:00-4:45 p.m. before 5:00 p.m. Mass.

• **St. Francis** – Second Sunday of the month following Mass.

Priest Appointments

Fr John Gossman will retire again to Gilbertville in July. St Athanasius and St Francis, Barclay will welcome

Reverend James Goerend, currently from New Hampton.



St. Athanasius News

Last weekend collection will be for the Fire Foundation of Northeast Iowa. Brochures are available in the main entry of the church for more information about this foundation.



St. Athanasius School Calendar

- **April 21** - No School / Professional Development
- **April 23** - Dress down day
- **April 24** - Student of the Month Mass at 8:30

We are seeking a Music Ministry Leader

We are seeking a Part Time 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.

A Humble Act of Love and Service

The washing of feet, a ritual rooted in the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper, holds deep meaning in the Catholic Church. This powerful gesture is more than tradition—it is a call to serve others with humility and love.

Thank you to our volunteers:

John Reuter, Ian Farrell
Dick Kester, Gerald O'Loughlin
Vince Corkery, Ben Bader
Brett Hershberger, Charlie Weber
Ryan Weber, Fritz Kies, Joe Demuth
and Bernard Kremer



Faith Formation News

SAVE THE DATE

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

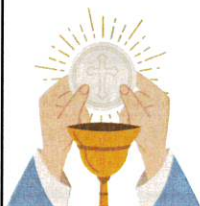
1st - 6th grade will be Monday, July 14 thru Friday, July 18 from 9 a.m - 2 p.m. 7th - 12th grade will be Sunday, July 13 thru Thursday July 17 from 6:30 p.m-9 p.m
Registration coming soon.

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

- **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.
- **Coffee & Donuts** will be served after Mass next Sunday in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome.



WHEN GOD BREAKS THROUGH



Coming soon Traveling International Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition.

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Immaculate Conception, Gilbertville

Sunday, April 27th from 9 am-5 pm in St. Mary Center

St. Athanasius, Jesup

Sunday, May 4th from 9 am-5 pm in school gymnasium

St. Francis, Dunkerton

Sunday, May 11th from 8 am-4 pm in the Parish Hall

We would like to Thank: Father Gossman, the mass servers, the choir, Kraig Emick, Ann Rigdon, Ryan Weber, and JoAnn Seliger for the beautiful funeral Masses in honor of Richard and Jean Cook! Also a thank you to Marsha McLaughlin, Kitty Kaiser, Connie Kremer, and Kris Kayser for their help in the planning of the funerals.

Thank you to Gin Vogel, Parish Society, everyone that brought food, and or helped with the dinner after the burial. St. Athanasius held a special place in Richard and Jean's life!

-Mike and Cindy Cook and their families

Children's Offering

My Good Deed Was...

- "helping my science class."
- "Helping someone when they fell."
- "I cleaned up after myself so my mom or dad did not have to".
- "HELPING MOM CLEANN THE GAPDEN."
- helping MoM in the garden

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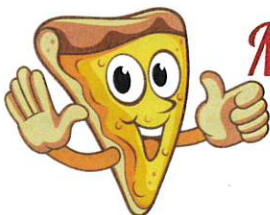
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Praying for Our Sick

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.

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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** - Upcoming Events: Tuesday, April 22nd CDA Blood Drive at the American Legion 1-5:30 p.m. Monday, April 28th Financial Review prior to CDA banquet 6 p.m. in the St. A's Lunchroom. Speaker Troy Belmer, Alive and Running, Suicide Prevention.
- **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.
- **The Jesup Ministerial Committee** - is asking for donations for the Community Summer Food Program. This year St Athanasius is asked to donate MAC and Cheese and boxed sets of granola bars. We may have 25 families involved in the program with 5 weeks of delivery. So the need will be increased for donations. Please feel free to place your donations in the box in the back of the church marked "Summer Food Program". The summer food program starts in June through August. Thank you again for your generous donations.
- **The Annual ACCW Joint Parish Spring Bake Sale**, next weekend, **Saturday, April 26 & Sunday, April 27**, after all Masses at Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph. Proceeds from the bake sale go to the Waterloo Deanery Council of Catholic Women and our parishes. Some of the profits are used to purchase layette items. Baked goods may be brought to either parish as you attend Mass. If you don't have time to bake, we ask that you make a cash donation. Please designate the parish you belong to. If you have questions, please contact Paula Winkers at 319-822-4586 or Karen Rottinghaus at 319-342-2694. Volunteers are welcome. Thank you for helping make this a successful bake sale.
- **Parish Elections** - There is 1 open seat on the Pastoral Council, 1 on the Joint Faith Formation, 1 School Board and 1 on the Bosco School Board. If you are interested in running for a position, please fill out the candidate form, found at any of the church entrances and return to the Parish Office by Tuesday, May 6th.
- **Rice Bowls** - If you have a rice bowl, please turn in any money that you have saved to the Parish Office.

Sanctuary Personnel - April 26th - 27th

	5:00 pm - St. Athanasius	8:30 am - St. Athanasius	10:30 am - St. Francis	Folding Bulletins
Greeters (Main, West & East)	Special	Special	Volunteer	Bernie & Connie Kremer
Servers & Cross Bearer	Phoenix Schutte Claire Junge	Jenna, Jerad & Justin Berg	Steffen's	
Music & Cantor	Monica Bengston Sue O'Loughlin	Brett Hershberger Todd Rohlfen		
Commentator Lector	Laura Weber Special	Laura Weber Special	Byron Manternach Scott Koppmann	
Eucharistic Ministers & Dishwashers	Lori Schutte, Gin Vogel Gerald O'Loughlin	Lori Schutte, Netty Rohlfen Linda Youngblut	Marilee Kajewski	
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Dear Padre,

I was baptized as a baby, but I never really went to church. Lately, I've been attending Mass. Are there steps I should take before I receive Communion?

The first step is to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation (confession). This is a wonderful opportunity to be officially welcomed back into full practice with the Church. After such a long absence, it is important to examine your conscience and celebrate the forgiveness of the Lord before you receive holy Communion.

I would also recommend that you “beef up” your understanding of what it means to be a practicing Catholic. You might do this by participating in your parish’s process for the Christian Initiation of Adults (called OCIA or sometimes RCIA). The Liguori Publications program, *Journey of Faith*, is one resource used by many parish communities. Another possibility is to use some of the resources offered online, such as Bishop Robert Barron’s *Word on Fire* website, which has a fine reputation.

I am happy you have responded to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit within you and answered the call to deepen your spiritual practice and journey. The Church needs you. The people of God welcome you. You are beloved among us, and your response in faith is a powerful witness, a reminder to those who may be tempted to take for granted the gift of faith. Thank you. ●



A candidate and his sponsor sit for a photo after an Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) class. LOS ANGELES TIMES VIA GETTY IMAGES

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday

April 21
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:14,
22–33
Mt 28:8–15

Tuesday

April 22
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:36–41
Jn 20:11–18

Wednesday

April 23
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:1–10
Lk 24:13–35

Thursday

April 24
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:11–26
Lk 24:35–48

Friday

April 25
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:1–12
Jn 21:1–14

Saturday

April 26
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13–21
Mk 16:9–15

Sunday

April 27
Second Sunday
of Easter /
Sunday of
Divine Mercy
Acts 5:12–16
Rv 1:9–11a,
12–13, 17–19
Jn 20:19–31

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We welcome the Easter message: “Peace be with you!” Brothers and sisters, let us allow the peace of Christ to enter our lives, our homes, our countries!... Let there be a decision for peace.... Please, please, let us not get used to war!... May the leaders of nations hear people’s plea for peace.

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