



From Anger to Peace


FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

At this point in history, we are a nation filled with much anger. Given all that is taking place, one might conclude that it comes from a fear of losing control—fears due to the waves of immigrants seeking asylum, to a changing economy, to political alliances, to artificial intelligence, resulting in our inability to sort truth from untruth. Fears also due to strained relationships with non-Western nations, to urban violence and the abundance of guns, to the conflict between pro-life and pro-choice allegiances, and, for some, to what is perceived as conflicted thinking within the Catholic Church. There is no shortage of what may be fueling our anger. How can faith help us respond in a life-giving way?

Saint John writes that “whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith” (1 John 5:4). This is not to say that we can easily make the world respond in ways we want, but rather that the world has no power over the person who places all trust in God’s presence among us. It was the risen Lord who once brought peace to the disciples behind doors locked out of fear. Might not our faith help us who have locked ourselves behind doors of mistrust and anger? If only we allow ourselves to trust God. Yet, we should not simply shrug off all cares or involvement in life; on the contrary, with faith and trust, we recognize we are not the only players in shaping the events of the world. ●

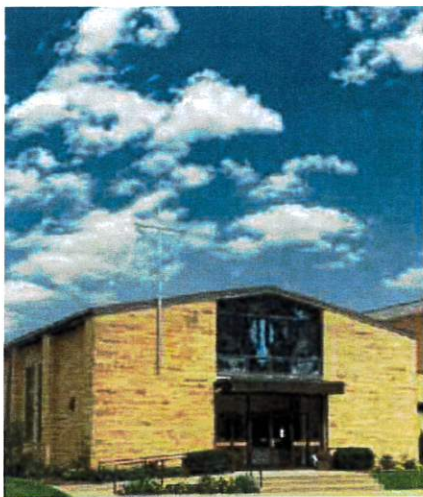
Reflect

***Do I bring my faith to the news of the day;
do I pray for peace?***

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[Jesus] said to [the disciples] again,
“Peace be with you. As the Father
has sent me, so I send you.”
And when he had said this, he
breathed on them and said to them,
“Receive the Holy Spirit.”

JOHN 20:21-22



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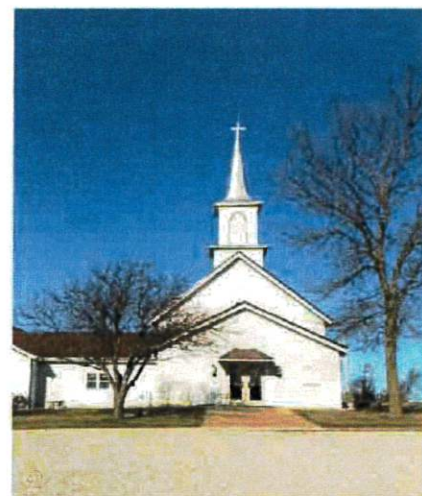
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St. Francis, Barclay

"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 29 - 5:30 p.m. at St Athanasius

- Richard Youngblut

Wednesday, April 30 - 8:00 a.m. at St Francis, Barclay

- Art, Rosie, Ken, Char Kass

Thursday, May 1 - 8:30 a.m. at St Athanasius (School Mass)

- Gary Sadler

Friday, May 2 - 7:45 a.m. at St Athanasius

- Frank & Elizabeth Schaefer family

Saturday, May 3 - 5:00 p.m. at St Athanasius

- Angie Brown Linder

Sunday, May 4 - 8:30 a.m. at St Athanasius

- For the People of the Parishes

Sunday, May 4 - 10:30 a.m. at St Francis, Barclay

- John & Berniece Heuer

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 McLaughlin, 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 19th & 20th

St. Athanasius Parish:

Adults -	\$7,845.06
Offertory-	\$577.00
ACCW Dues -	\$10.00
Sacramental	
Offering -	\$100.00
Memorial -	\$380.00
Rice Bowl -	\$124.92
Good Friday -	\$152.00
Easter -	\$6,865.00

Total: \$16,203.98

St. Francis Parish:

Budget -	\$4,160.00
Children -	\$35.00
Offertory -	\$123.00
Easter -	\$1,860.00

Total: \$6,188.00

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.

Upcoming Meeting

- May 1 at 2:00 p.m. Liturgy Committee
- May 7 at 1:00 p.m. Social Justice Committee
- May 8 at 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee
- May 8 at 7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council
- May 13 at 6:30 p.m. Don Bosco School Board

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 30** - 6:00 pm Band Concert 5th-8th St. A's & IC @ Don Bosco HS
- **May 1** - 3-8 Mile Run in PE @ Jesup Track
- **May 2** - Spring Visit Day (PS visits Pre-K, Pre-K visits K and incoming PS come to meet Mrs. Weber)
- **May 5** - Teacher Appreciation Week
- **May 6** - School Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Don Bosco School Calendar

- **April 26** - Prom-Grand March 6 pm \$1
- **May 8** - Get ready for high school 8th Grade Parent meeting 5:30, DB gym. Students may attend.
- **May 14** - Middle School & High School Concert/Awards
- **May 18** - Baccalaureate 10 am, Graduation 11 am

2025 Bosco Plant Sale

Mark your CALENDAR!

Saturday and Sunday
May 10 and 11
9 AM to 5 PM

Congratulations to Our First Communicants!
We joyfully celebrate and extend our congratulations to all the students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend.



Jason Berg, Charlotte Brunscheon, Henrick Hammerly, Kodie Jaquith, Colin Junge, Kooper Knaack, Tressa McRae, Finley O'Loughlin, Joanna Phillips, Quinn Rolfsen, Oliver Schmit, Maddux Sickles, Casey Thoma, Hank Waskow, Brady Weber, Louis Weber, Scarlett Weber, Mila Wissink & Kace Youngblut

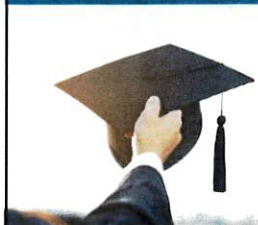
We are seeking a Music Ministry Leader



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.

Faith Formation News

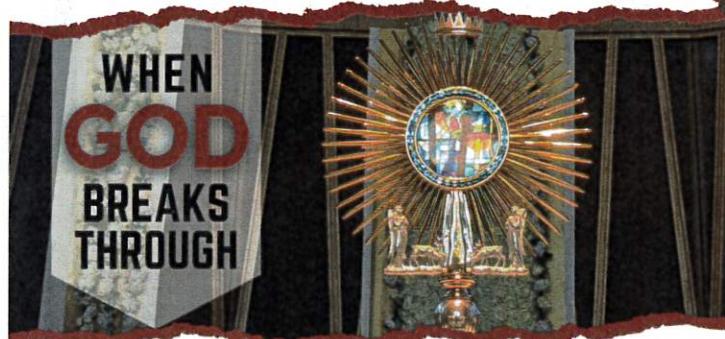


Congratulations to our Class of 2025!

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

St. Francis News

- **Last Weekend Collection** - this month will be given to the Dunkerton Food Bank. Please be generous.
- **Coffee & Donuts** will be served after Mass this morning in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome.
- **Sign Up Sheet** for helping with the Eucharistic International Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition is available on the table in the entry of church. Please take time to sign up to help.



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

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

The Parish Society would like to thank everyone that came and helped with Spring Cleaning in our church. Many hands did make light work!



Welcome

With Joy and Gratitude, we welcome new members to our St. Athanasius Parish Family.

L to R, Sierra West, Todd Rowell, Fr. Gossman, Matt Stahl

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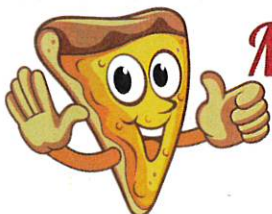
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Praying for Our Sick

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 • Katie Balvanz • Greg Barber • Erin Jeffries • Debbie Kester • Joyce Lukes
Linda Lukes • Craig Maurer • Dale Nation • Sarah Staebell • Rosie Youngblut**

News and Calendar of Events

- **Catholic Daughters Court #1714 Upcoming Events** - 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.
- **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 20 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 boxes 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.
- **Parish Elections** - There is 3 open seat on the Pastoral Council, 1 on the Joint Faith Formation, 2 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.
- **The Catholic Order of Foresters** - Youth members can see any movie at the Waterloo Crossroads Theatre that start showings between 12:00 p.m. and 3:55 p.m. on Sunday May 4. Each Youth will receive \$8.00 credit toward the movie's price which will cover most movies. Please see Donna Delagardelle at the entrance to sign in. If questions call 319 239-9945.
- **Rice Bowls** - If you have a rice bowl, please turn in any money that you have saved to the Parish Office.
- **DUELING PIANOS** -MAY 3RD AT 6:00PM, MAJESTIC MOON. Join Blessed Sacrament at a fun and entertaining night out! Enjoy an Italian dinner, beer, wine and music from "STICKY FINGERS", Mick Staebell. For tickets, go to <https://blessedsacramentwaterloo.org/>
- **Seasonal Changes** - The heat will be turned off in the church on April 28th. Please dress accordingly.

Sanctuary Personnel - May 3rd - 4th

	5:00 pm - St. Athanasius	8:30 am - St. Athanasius	10:30 am - St. Francis	Folding Bulletins
Greeters (Main, West & East)	Dave & Kathy Sabers	Dan & Mary Fox Lee & Deb Bader Vince & Michelle Corkery	Volunteer	Dave & Marcia Sproul
Servers & Cross Bearer	Briley Nolta, Kale Harrold Caroline Stone	Kane Peterson Nora Franzen, Oakley Bengston	Koppmann's	
Music & Cantor	Monica Bengston John Beierschmitt	Kraig Emick Amy & Grace Peyton		
Commentator Lector	Dick Fratzke Mark Becker	Ann Rigdon Ann Tempus	Byron Manternach Christie Drake	
Eucharistic Ministers & Dishwashers	Dick & Jeanette Kester Kathy Masteller	Dave & Marsy Becker Michelle Corkery	Sue Koppmann	
Ushers	Bernie Kremer, Gerald O'Loughlin Kevin & Denice McCombs	Adam & Owen Peterson Bob Thoma, Joe Thoma	Mike Smith Tony Gamerdinger	
To Shut In's (Sunday) Collections (Monday)	Sue O'Loughlin, LouAnn Frush, Linda Youngblut Betty Becker, Judy Corkery		Count Collection: Koppmann's	

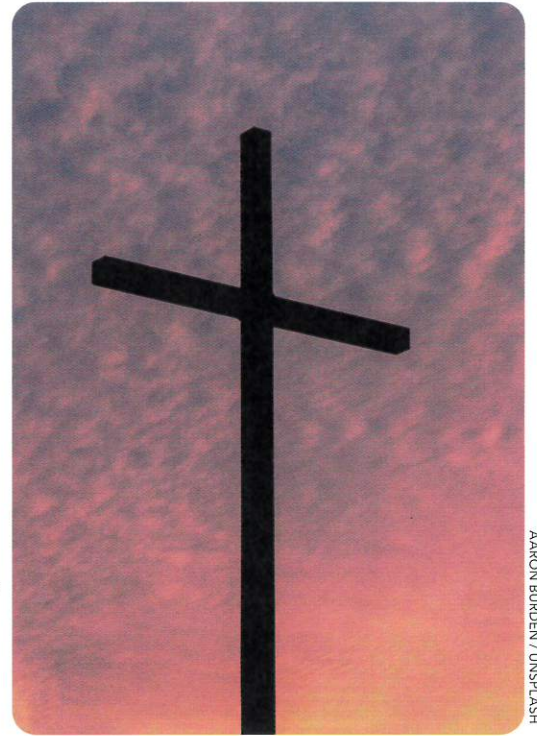
Dear Padre,

How do we maintain our faith in a world that shames religion and creates doubt in our beliefs?

I would respond to your question with one of my own: “When has it ever been different?” In what place has there been universal praise and acceptance of the practices of faith and belief? When has there been a time when there is no doubt? This is a good question for this Sunday, when we hear about St. Thomas, the doubting disciple.

Many years ago, unanimity might have been understood as the norm in a tight-knit neighborhood community of people with the same experience and belief. However, in the wide world today that is so connected and disconnected at the same time, sameness and uniformity cannot be assumed. It may cause unease, or even fear, to learn that someone disagrees with you, perhaps even someone you love, but it should no longer be a surprise or considered out of the ordinary.

Doubt can help a person grow in faith and belief. Even though doubt is challenging, it is often a necessary experience in order to be strengthened and to persevere. Doubt is not something that should cause us to quiver in fear, but rather to rejoice in hope, in the confidence that what we believe is worth living and has something to teach us. ●



AARON BURDEN / UNSPLASH

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4
<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Sts. Philip and James, Apostles</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>
Acts 4:23–31 Jn 3:1–8	Acts 4:32–37 Jn 3:7b–15	Acts 5:17–26 Jn 3:16–21	Acts 5:27–33 Jn 3:31–36	Acts 5:34–42 Jn 6:1–15	1 Cor 15:1–8 Jn 14:6–14	Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41 Rv 5:11–14 Jn 21:1–19 or 21:1–14



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us ask ourselves: at home, in my family, at work, in my community, do I foster fellowship, am I a weaver of reconciliation? Do I commit myself to defusing conflict, to bringing forgiveness in place of hatred, and peace in place of resentment? Do I avoid hurting others by not gossiping, which always kills?

HOMILY, ROME, APRIL 24, 2022