



## Bloom Where You Are Planted

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**I**f you could change one aspect of your life, what would that be? Financial instability? Arthritis? Addiction? A disruptive family member? Work's daily grind? Finding love? No doubt the answers are as varied as the people who answer the question.

Though the old poster advises us to “bloom where you are planted,” sometimes we can feel as if we’ve been planted among weeds—the people we’ve been given, the problems that continually pop up, the conflicts that all too often shut out the peace we seek. Just as Jesus sends disciples into every place he intends to visit, the reality for us may very well be that he sends us into the very lives we live even though we wish we could change them. Where we are is where we’ve been sent. It is in the lives we have that we

work out our salvation, for Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is at hand for you” (Luke 10:9).

St. Paul emphasized how important it is for disciples of Jesus to live out their identity as a new creation. British artist and sculptor Henry Moore made the observation that, in life, it is most important that we give ourselves over to a goal or dream, something so all-consuming that we live it morning, noon, and night. And the most important aspect of it, he said, is that it must be something we cannot possibly accomplish. For the followers of Jesus, it is the lifelong task to bloom where we’ve been planted. ●

### Reflect

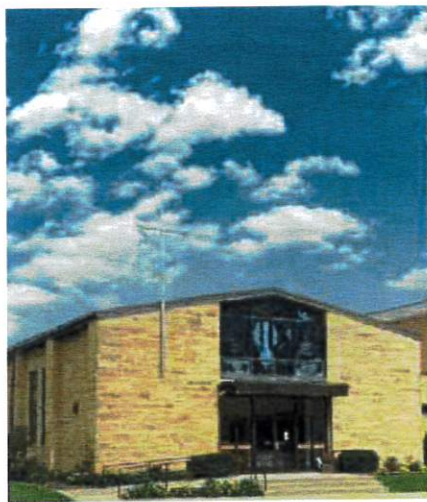
***What is the hardest part of my life right now?  
What is the most blessed?***

The Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit.

LUKE 10:1







**St. Athanasius Church**

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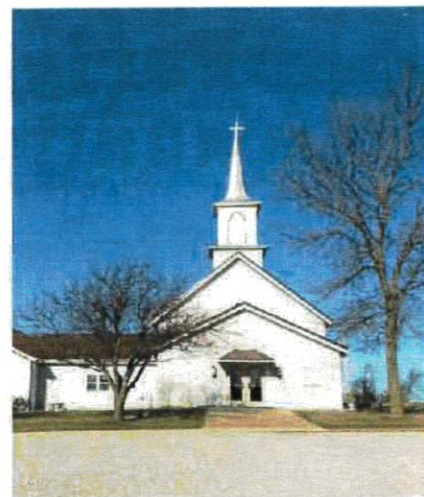
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**St. Francis, Barclay**

*"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

**Tuesday, July 8 - 5:30 pm** at St Athanasius

- Smokey Youngblut

**Wednesday, July 9 - 8:00 am** at St. Francis

- Jim and Mary Gamerding

**Thursday, July 10 - 8:00 am** at St Athanasius

- Pat Weber

**Friday, July 11- 1:30 pm** at Winding Creek

- Lois Corkery

**Saturday, July 12 - 5:00 pm** at St Athanasius

- Don Reiter

**Sunday, July 13- 8:30 am** at St Athanasius

- For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, July 13- 10:30 am** 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/OCIA:** Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic please reach out to Lori Schutte ([dbq109ff@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq109ff@dbqarch.org))

**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 – June 28 & June 29

#### St. Athanasius Parish:

Adults -	\$2,716.00
Offertory -	\$253.10
Children -	\$16.00
Memorial -	\$250.00

**Total: \$2,985.10**

#### St. Francis Parish:

Budget -	\$5,064.99
Children -	\$21.00
Offertory -	\$ 87.00

**Total: \$5,172.99**

*Thank you for your continued support!*

### Reconciliation

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

- **St. Athanasius** - Tuesday evenings at 4:30-5:15 before 5:30 pm Mass and Saturday evenings at 4:00-4:45 before 5:00 pm Mass.
- **St. Francis** – Second Sunday of the month following Mass.



A heartfelt thank you to Carla Even, Lori Corkery, Karlene Hummel, and Monica Bengston for your time and effort in cleaning the Rectory. Thanks to your generous service, the space is now fresh and welcoming for Fr. Jim as he begins his ministry at St. Athanasius. Your stewardship and care are a true blessing to our parish community! - Gin Vogel



# Journey in Faith

Trust. Transform. Together.

June 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I invite you today to embark on a new path with me—a *Journey in Faith*. This is a call from the Holy Spirit to examine how we live our Catholic faith and how we can best support our parishes, our priests, and one another for generations to come.

This work is a culmination of over a year of seeking feedback, discussion, and prayer. In addition to my own conversations throughout the diocese, I worked with an Envisioning Team, a group of 16 clergy, deacons and lay people from across the Archdiocese. Together, we reflected on where we have been as an archdiocese, where we are today, and where we want to go. I am grateful for their hard work.

Our vision is to be an engaged archdiocesan community of joyful missionary disciples, centered in our Eucharistic relationship with Jesus Christ and united through our legacy of faith. This vision will come to life through our three key priorities: evangelization, leadership formation, and pastoral planning. We must create the conditions for missionary discipleship to flourish, priests to be supported in their vocation, and every parish, school, and ministry to be part of a sustainable and spirit-filled network of evangelizing communities.

In order to achieve this vision and mission, we must address the challenges facing our archdiocese today, which include regional and archdiocesan population shifts, a decline in the importance and practice of religion in our society, and too few priests to staff 160 parishes. The net result of these challenges is that we are limited in the time, energy, and resources we are able to allocate to current ministry needs associated with sustaining and growing our Church.

*Journey in Faith* will examine the current organizational structure of parishes and schools to evaluate how they can best meet the needs of the faithful and address the challenges facing the Church today. It will be a discernment of how we will move from simply maintaining the parishes we have, towards a more mission-focused network of parishes.

You will be invited to participate in sessions at your parish to offer feedback, share ideas, and express hopes or concerns. These are real opportunities for dialogue and discernment. I ask that you approach them with an open heart and trust in God's providence. I want to hear from you.

What can you do now?

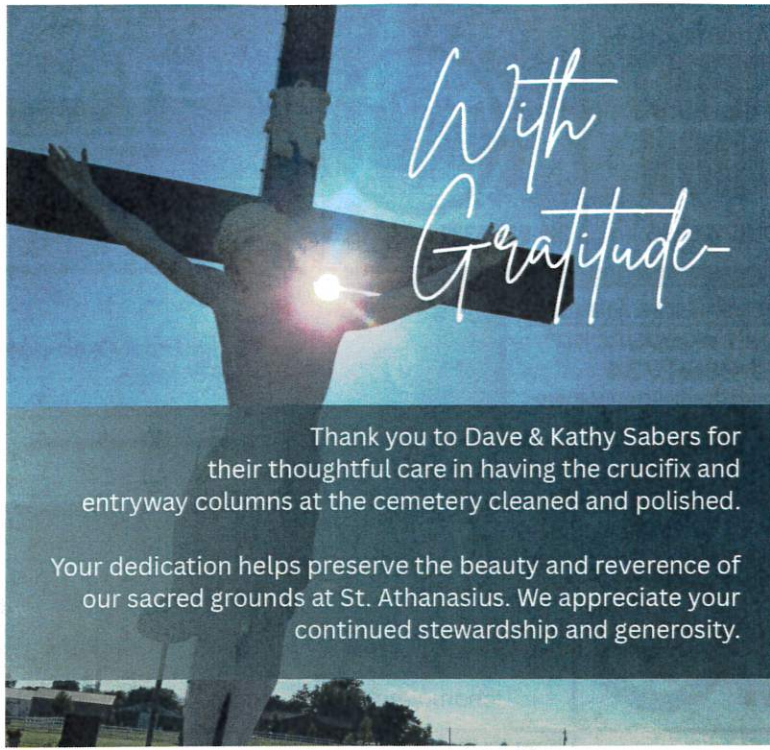
- Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance
- Stay informed through parish communications
- Support your parish through service and stewardship
- Join a small group or faith formation opportunity
- Encourage and support your parish leaders
- Pray for our Archdiocese and clergy

This journey will not be easy, but I believe it will be fruitful. I truly believe the Holy Spirit is calling us forward — to *TRUST* each other, to *TRANSFORM* our Church, and to do it *TOGETHER*. If we walk this path with courage, with faith, and with love — listening to one another and to God — we can renew our Church and build something lasting for generations to come.

With you on this Journey in Faith,

Archbishop Thomas Zinkula  
Archdiocese of Dubuque





Thank you to Dave & Kathy Sabers for their thoughtful care in having the crucifix and entryway columns at the cemetery cleaned and polished.

Your dedication helps preserve the beauty and reverence of our sacred grounds at St. Athanasius. We appreciate your continued stewardship and generosity.

## St. Francis News

### • Pies for RAGBRAI -

We are still in need of a donation of 12 pies. Please sign up on the sheet in the entry of church. They need to be to the Dunkerton Community hall on Thursday, July 24.

• **Thank you** to the Parish Council and anyone else who provided food for the meal last Sunday. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Food was good as always. Thanks to Tony Gamerdinger for the donation of the meat and Byron Manternach for grilling it.



## Welcome to God's Family!

We joyfully welcome

**Theodore Maxwell Gipper,**  
baptized on June 27, 2025,  
into the St. Athanasius Catholic  
Church community.

### Proud parents:

Dakota and Cally Gipper

### Honored sponsors:

Anthony Bengston and  
Benjamin Bengston

*May God's grace and blessings guide  
Theodore throughout his life of faith.*



## JESUP COMMUNITY WIDE

# TRUE NORTH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**Location: Land-O-Corn Pavilion**  
(Jesup City Park Pavilion)

**For students entering**  
**Pre-K - through 4th grade**

Theme is True North, Trusting Jesus  
in a Wild World

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scanning  
this code.



**AUGUST 3**  
— THRU —  
**AUGUST 7**  
**6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Don't Miss Out!**

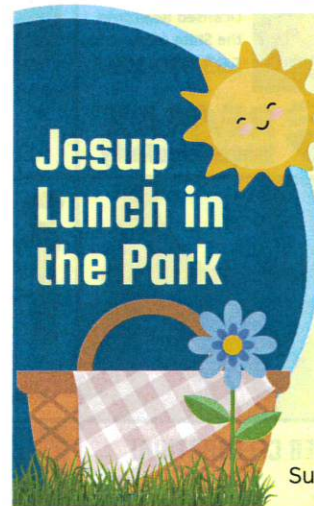
**Land O' Corn Park Pavilion**  
**Serving from 11 am to 1 pm**  
**Cost Only \$8.00**

(Includes Lemonade, Water, Coffee  
and Dessert with all meals)

### Upcoming Menus & Hosts

**Thursday, July 10th-**  
**American Lutheran Church**  
Hamburgers, Hot Dog,  
Watermelon & Chips

**Thursday, July 17th-**  
**Troop 21 Scouts**  
Sub Sandwich, Chips & Mini Acai Bowls



## A Summer Catholic Youth Program held July 13th - 18th at St. Athanasius for students entering grades 1st -12th this Fall!

Day Program is for students entering 1st - 6th grade. It will be held Monday, July 14 to Friday, July 18 from 9:00am - 2:30pm at the St. A's campus. Registration fee is \$60 per child, with a max of \$170 for 3+ children in the same family (grade 1-6).

Lunch & snacks will be provided. Evening Program is for students entering 7th - 12th grade.

It will held Sunday, July 13 to Thursday, July 17 from 6:30 - 8:45pm at the St. A's campus.  
Registration fee is \$20 per teen, with a max of \$50 for 3+ teens in the same family (grade 7-12).

Dinner is provided. **Scan the code here, and register to join!**



**SIGN UP  
TODAY!**





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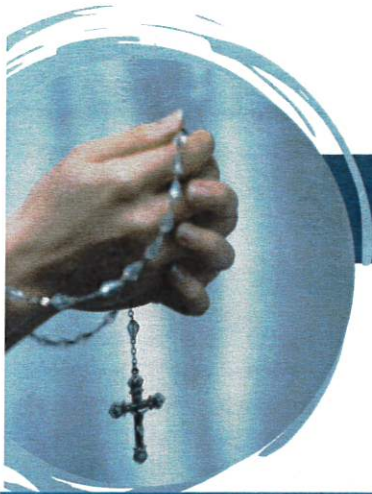
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# Praying for Our Sick

*If you have someone in the hospital, please contact the office at 319-827-6682. It's likely that Fr. Goerend 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 • Debbie Kester • Joyce Lukes  
Craig Maurer • Lynda Miller • Dale Nation • Sarah Staebell • Rosie Youngblut**

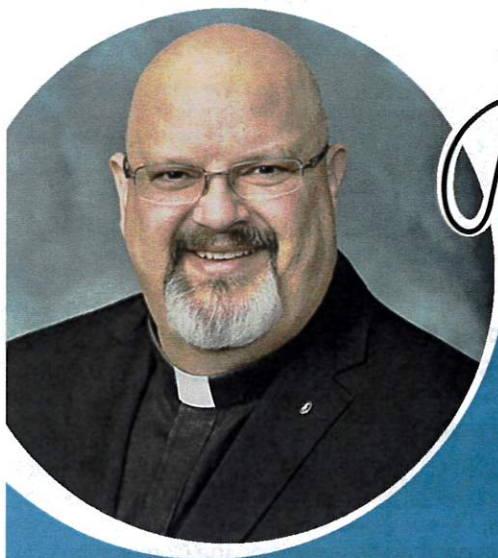
## News and Calendar of Events

- **Support the Jesup Community Summer Food Program** - The Jesup Ministerial Committee is once again organizing the Community Summer Food Program, and St. Athanasius Parish has been asked to contribute boxes of Mac & Cheese and boxed sets of granola bars this year. Please place your donations in the labeled boxes at the back of the church marked "Summer Food Program." Your generosity helps ensure that local families have access to food during the summer months.
- **The Catholic Order of Foresters Youth Members** - can go to the Lost Island Water Park on Sunday July 13 from 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm for just \$10.00. All COF adults & friends can attend for \$15.00. See Donna Delagardelle at the front entrance to pay & get your pass. Questions call Donna at 319 239-9945. Reminder, there is a \$10 parking fee at Lost Island Water Park.
- **St. Francis and Clare Catholic Worker House in Waterloo** - will celebrate its 43rd anniversary on Wednesday, July 16th with a prayer service and dinner in the parish hall at Queen of Peace Church. The celebration starts at 5:30 with a prayer service followed by dinner at 6:00 pm provided by MercyOne. For information contact Rose Quirk at [rosequirk@mchsi.com](mailto:rosequirk@mchsi.com)
- **Thank You to Our Flag Volunteers** - We extend our sincere thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the placement and removal of flags at St. Athanasius Cemetery in observance of the 4th of July. Your time, care, and helping hands are truly appreciated as we honored our nation and those who served it. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our parish community.
- **The Catholic Order of Foresters** regular meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary Center, Gilbertville.
- **SUMMER FORUM SERIES/2** - Thursday, July 10. 6:30-8:00pm. Lower Level/Majestic Moon Event Center, Waterloo. This is the second in the Waterloo Parishes' summer enrichment series for adults and young adults dedicated to the legacy of the late Pope Francis. Free and open to the public. No pre-registration. Snacks provided; bar service available. Find details about the programs and presenters in this year's series at: [waterloocatholics.org/summer-forum](http://waterloocatholics.org/summer-forum)

## Sanctuary Personnel - July 12th - July 13th

	5:00 pm - St. Athanasius	8:30 am - St. Athanasius	10:30 am - St. Francis	Folding Bulletins
<b>Greeters (Main, West &amp; East)</b>	Dave & Kathy Sabers	Tom & Marge Weber Mike & Carol Reiter Jon & Kim Fekkether	Helen Steffen	JoAnn Seliger Kitty Kaiser
<b>Servers &amp; Cross Bearer</b>	Carson Sweeney Phoenix Schutte	Oakley Bengston Gracelyn & Cora Vogel	Carol Steffen Warren Manternach	
<b>Music &amp; Cantor</b>	Brett Hershberger Keith Wieland	Brooklyn Pint Ryan Weber		
<b>Commentator Lector</b>	Lori Schutte Ann Rigdon	Diane Youngblut Tom Youngblut	Jeannine Zuck Byron Manternach	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers &amp; Dishwashers</b>	Mark & Christy Becker Michelle Sweeney	Mike Reiter, Linda Youngblut Ann Tempus	Audrey Steffen	
<b>Ushers</b>	Dave Sabers, Bernie Kremer Mike Sweeney, Gerald O'Loughlin	Tom Tempus, Tony Bengston Vince & Michelle Corkery	Tony Gamedinger Russ Zuck	
<b>To Shut In's (Sunday) Collections (Monday)</b>	Linda Youngblut, Judee Alexander, LouAnn Frush Diane Youngblut, Annette Ingles		<b>Count Collection:</b> Byron Manternach	





**Fr. Jim Goerend**

# Journey of Faith +

Fr. Jim Goerend's journey to the priesthood has been one of faith, perseverance, and purpose. After first entering seminary in the 1980s, he explored a variety of career paths, including serving as a high school teacher, but throughout the years, he continued to feel God's call to serve more deeply. That call never faded, and today we are incredibly blessed that it has led him to our St. Athanasius community.

On Tuesday, July 8th, we joyfully welcome Fr. Jim Goerend as he begins his ministry with us. Please join us for Mass at 5:30 pm, where Fr. Jim will lead us in worship as the newest shepherd of our parish. We look forward to walking in faith together under his guidance.

Please join us for a social celebration welcoming Fr. Goerend following our 5:00 pm Mass on-  
**Saturday, July 12 at 6 pm - St. Athanasius Cafeteria.**



This event will coincide with the kickoff of the Totus Tuus program and the welcoming of the new missionaries. Appetizers and beverages will be provided. All are welcome!

RICCARDO DE LUCA - UPDATE / SHUTTERSTOCK



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*The disciples were sent two by two, not individually....*

*Let us ask ourselves whether we have the capacity to collaborate; whether we know how to make decisions together, sincerely respecting those who are alongside us and taking into account their point of view; whether we do so in community, not by ourselves.*

ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 3, 2022

### Monday

July 7  
*Weekday*  
 Gn 28:10-22a  
 Mt 9:18-26

### Tuesday

July 8  
*Weekday*  
 Gn 32:23-33  
 Mt 9:32-38

### Wednesday

July 9  
*Weekday*  
 Gn 41:55-57;  
 42:5-7a, 17-24a  
 Mt 10:1-7

### Thursday

July 10  
*Weekday*  
 Gn 44:18-21,  
 23b-29; 45:1-5  
 Mt 10:7-15

### Friday

July 11  
*St. Benedict, Abbot*  
 Gn 46:1-7, 28-30  
 Mt 10:16-23

### Saturday

July 12  
*Weekday*  
 Gn 49:29-32;  
 50:15-26a  
 Mt 10:24-33

### Sunday

July 13  
*Fifteenth Sunday  
 in Ordinary Time*  
 Dt 30:10-14  
 Col 1:15-20  
 Lk 10:25-37