Dear Padre,

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Jesus gave his disciples both bread and wine and said, "Do this in memory of me." But our priest decided that we cannot receive from the cup at Communion. Does he have the right to deny his parishioners the Precious Blood?

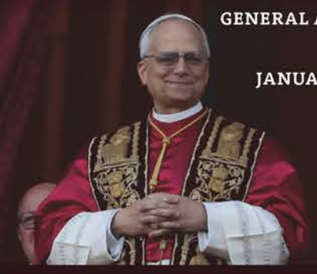
"The diocesan bishop may lay down norms for the distribution of Communion under both kinds for his own diocese, which must be observed" (*Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America,* 24). (Also see *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 283.) After the COVID-19 pandemic, many parishes did not resume Communion under both kinds. Some opted instead to make the Precious Blood available only on major solemnities. However, "Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds" (*GIRM* 281). "It is most desirable that the faithful, just as the priest himself is bound to do…partake of the chalice (cf. no. 283), so that even by means of the signs Communion may stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated" (*GIRM* 85). Still, pastors "should instruct the Christian faithful…that Christ, whole and entire, and the true Sacrament, is received even under only one species, and hence…those who receive under only one species are not deprived of any grace that is necessary for salvation" (*GIRM* 282). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

[Friendship with the Lord] is achieved first of all in liturgical and community prayer, in which we do not decide what to hear from the Word of God, but it is he himself who speaks to us through the Church; it is then achieved in personal prayer…. Only when we speak with God can we also speak about him.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JANUARY 14, 2026



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

Monday
August 3
Weekday
Jer 28:1–17
Mt 14:22–36

Tuesday
August 4
St. John Vianney, Priest
Jer 30:1–2, 12–15, 18–22
Mt 14:22–36 or
Mt 15:1–2, 10–14

Wednesday
August 5
Weekday
Jer 31:1–7
Mt 15:21–28

Thursday
August 6
The Transfiguration of the Lord
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14
2 Pt 1:16–19
Mt 17:1–9

Friday
August 7
Weekday
Na 2:1, 3; 3:1–3, 6–7
Mt 16:24–28

Saturday
August 8
St. Dominic, Priest
Hb 1:12—2:4
Mt 17:14–20

Sunday
August 9
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–13a
Rom 9:1–5
Mt 14:22–33

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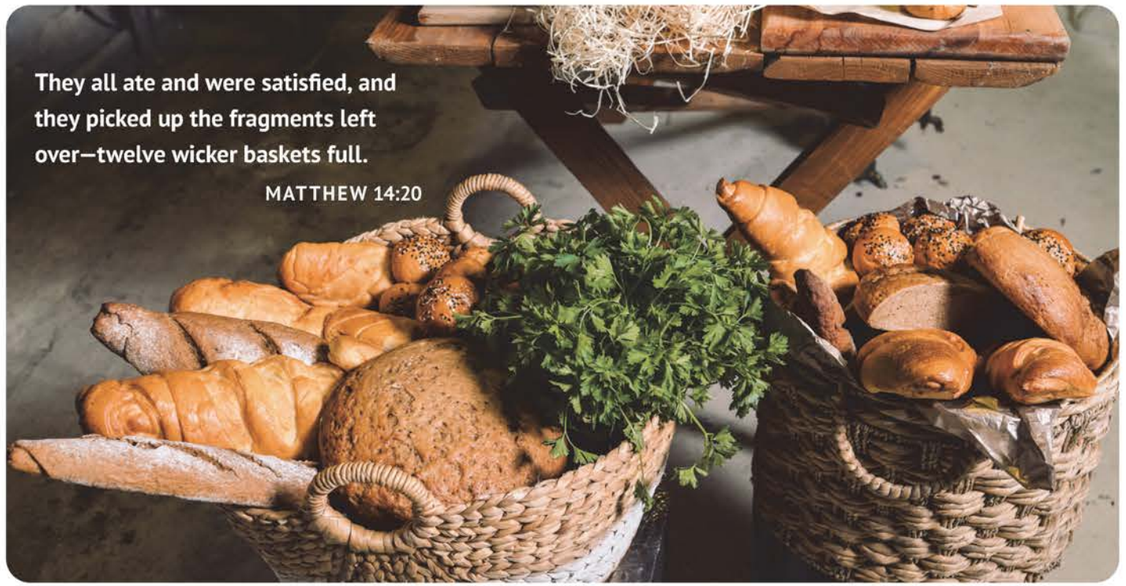

Seeing as God Sees

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

Even when the apostles think they have anticipated what is needed, they often come up short. Not a lack of preparation or a lack of talent, but something is missing, nonetheless. In the gospel, they announce to Jesus that there is not enough food to eat. The crowds are too massive. They are too far away from the resources they need. But Jesus is not concerned. He sees what they are incapable of seeing. He believes in ways they cannot even begin to comprehend.

In blessing the limited amount of food they scrounge up for him, Jesus reveals to them an abundance they were unable to see. Not only is there enough for all who have assembled, there is more than enough, beyond their wildest imaginings.

How did the apostles understand what they experienced this day? How did they react to the miraculous, overflowing abundance where there was once scarcity? How could there be something where there was nothing?

The real lesson of the gospel is not necessarily the miraculous. Rather, the real lesson of the gospel is found in the invitation to see, to hope, to anticipate that with God all is possible. Even when it seems like a dead end. Even when nothing adds up. Even when you come up short. ●

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Reflect

Do you wish you could see a certain person or situation more like the way God sees?

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Welcome to St. Athanasius Catholic Church!

Whether you are a longtime parishioner, visiting family or friends, or joining us for the first time, we are blessed by your presence. We warmly welcome all who come to pray, worship, and grow in faith with us. May you find peace, hope, and the love of Christ here.

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Independence Area Pastorate Mass Times & Intentions

August 3, through August 9, 2026

We invite you to worship with us at any of our pastorate parish locations.

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel, Eagle Center
Wed. (5) 8:00 am Loren Stiemel

Immaculate Conception, Fairbank
Wed. (5) 8:00 am Paul, Lori & Marilyn Schmitt
Fri. (7) 9:00 am John Woods

Immaculate Conception, Gilbertville
Mon. (3) 7:45 am Fr. Gossman's Intention
Fri. (7) 7:45 am Tom Delagardelle
Sat. (8) 4:00 pm L/D Members of Don Bosco Class of 1971
Sun. (9) 8:00 am Howdy & Ryan Knight
Sun. (9) 10:00 am No Intention listed

St. Joseph, Raymond
Tues. (4) 5:30 pm Deceased Family Members of KPLS

St. Athanasius, Jesup
Tues. (4) 8:00 am Merle Hershberger
Thurs. (6) 8:00 am Mary Vogel
Sat. (8) 6:00 pm Louis Kaiser
Sun. (9) 8:00 am Deceased Members of the Cletus & Margaret Steffen Family

St. John Parish, Independence
Tues. (4) 9:30 am Daniel Gallery (Oak View)
Thurs. (6) 8:00 am Jack Family
Sat. (8) 2:00 pm Wedding of Thomas Hennessy / Madison Larson
Sat. (8) 4:00 pm Richard Short
Sun. (9) 10:00 am People of the Pastorate

Sacred Heart, LaPorte City
Thurs. (6) 12 (noon) L/D Connors Family Members

St. Patrick Parish, Winthrop
Mon. (3) 4:30 pm Roy Weydert
Fri. (7) 8:00 am LaVonne Rosencrans

St. Francis, Barclay
Wed. (5) 8:00 am Special Intention

Rotating Monthly Mass Schedules
Tuesday – 9:30 am Inde Care Centers
1st Tuesday – Oak View
2nd Tuesday – BCHC - Lexington Estates
3rd Tuesday – Prairie Hills
4th Tuesday – ABCM West Village
5th Tuesday - No Mass
Friday – 9:00 am – Jesup Care Center
2nd & 4th Friday – Winding Creek Meadows
5th Friday - No Mass

St. Athanasius Sanctuary Personnel - August 8th & 9th

Saturday, 6:00 pm

Greeters- John & Linda Reuter **Servers & Cross Bearer-** Pheonix Schutte, Zoey Masteller **Music & Cantor-** Monica Bengston, Amy Peyton **Commentator-** Sue O'Loughlin **Lector-** Ann Rigdon **Eucharistic Ministers & Dishwashers*-** JoAnn Seliger, Russ Solomon, Michelle & Cece Sweeney, Gin Vogel **Ushers & Counters*-** Bernie Kremer, Gerald O'Loughlin, Joe & Justin Rohlfsen* **Gifts-** Chris & Lori Schutte **Sacristan-** Lori Schutte

Sunday, 8:00 am

Greeters- Joe & Donna Gebel, Lee & Deb Bader, Dave & Marsy Becker **Servers & Cross Bearer-** Oakley Bengston, Wyatt Fettkether, Mae Waskow **Music & Cantor-** Brett Hershberger, Todd Rohlfsen **Commentator-** Tom Youngblut **Lector-** Kim Fettkether **Eucharistic Ministers & Dishwashers*-** Tom & Ann Tempus*, John & Cindy White, Nicole Weber **Ushers & Counters*-** Fritz Kies, Adam Peterson*, Owen Peterson*, Kelly Peyton **Gifts-** Rob & Kathryn Franz **Shut In's-** Sue O'Loughlin, LouAnn Frush, Tom Smith **Folding Bulletins on Friday-** Betty Becker & Judy Corkery **Collections on Monday-** JoAnn Seliger & Karen Even

Unable to Serve?

If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled ministry, please arrange for a substitute. A list of available substitutes can be found on our parish website under Sanctuary Personnel. Thank you for your commitment and service to our parish community.

Reconciliation

- St. Athanasius: Saturdays from 5:00–5:45 p.m., before the 6:00 p.m. Mass.
- Weekdays: Before or after weekday Masses, or by appointment. To schedule a time, please contact the parish office at 319-827-6682.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a beautiful gift of God's mercy, offering forgiveness, healing, and grace. Through Confession, we acknowledge our sins, experience Christ's loving mercy, and are restored in our relationship with God and His Church.

Regular participation in Reconciliation strengthens our faith, helps us grow in holiness, and prepares our hearts to receive Jesus more fully in the Holy Eucharist. No matter how long it has been, Christ is always ready to welcome us with love and forgiveness.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
— 1 John 1:9

Sacraments

Baptism: New parents need to participate in a preparation session. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism at dbq109sec@dbqarch.org or 319-827-6682.

Marriage: Preparations take at least six months. Contact the Parish office for more information 319-827-6682.

Becoming Catholic/OCIA: Order of **C**hristian **I**nitiation for **A**dults. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic please reach out to Lori Schutte l.schutte@dbqarch.org.

Anointing of the Sick: If you or a loved one are homebound, in hospice or admitted to the hospital and need to reach Fr. Beckman, please call 319-827-6682.

Prayers for Healing and Strength

Heavenly Father, we place those who are ill into Your loving care. Grant them strength, comfort, and healing according to Your will. Fill them with Your peace and help us to trust always in Your unfailing love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Roxanne Blankenship, Tammy DeWald

Dale Kies, Joyce Lukes, Dick Mangrich

Dale Nation, Margaret Steffen, Chuck Tempus

*If you have someone in the hospital, please contact the office at **319-827-6682** and we will contact a priest for you.*

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field." (Matthew 13:44)

Discernment is the process of discovering the treasure God has placed in your life, your unique calling and purpose. It requires prayer, reflection, and openness to God's guidance, helping you recognize where He is leading you, whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony. Take time to seek His wisdom, trusting that the joy of finding His treasure is worth every effort. If you feel a stirring desire to follow God's path, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at dbqcvo@dbqarch.org.

Parish Offertory Reminder

As we continue growing together as the Independence Area Pastorate, we thank you for your faithful generosity and ongoing support of St. Athanasius Parish.

Although we now share one pastorate, each parish remains responsible for its own financial needs and day-to-day operating expenses. As a reminder all loose cash placed in the offertory collection will be directed toward the shared operating expenses of the pastorate.

If you would like your gift to be credited specifically to St. Athanasius Parish, please place your cash donation in one of the offertory envelopes available at each church entrance and include your parish name and community. If you do not currently receive offertory envelopes, please contact the St. Athanasius Parish Office, and we will be happy to provide them. Thank you for your continued prayers, generosity, and commitment to our parish family.

Get to know the Bereavement Committee

The St. Athanasius Bereavement Committee compassionately walks with families following the loss of a loved one. From helping plan the funeral liturgy and selecting meaningful readings and music to coordinating liturgical ministers and assisting the priest in preparing a personalized homily, the committee is dedicated to providing comfort and support during a difficult time. Each Fall, the parish also celebrates a Remembrance Mass to honor and remember those who have passed away during the year.

If you have questions about funeral planning or would like a loved one remembered during our Fall Remembrance Mass, please contact the St. Athanasius Parish Office at 319-827-6682.

St. Athanasius Parish News & Events

Donut Sunday

Start your Sunday with great company and a sweet treat! Following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, August 2, everyone is invited to the St. Athanasius School Cafeteria for Donut Sunday.

Let's Celebrate

We would be honored to celebrate life's special moments with you and your family!

Whether you are recognizing an anniversary, birthday, expressing gratitude, or celebrating another meaningful occasion, please contact the St. Athanasius Parish Office so we can help share in your celebration. Contact the Parish Office today at 319-827-6682.

Catholic Daughters Court #1714

All members are invited to attend the next Catholic Daughters Court #1714 Meeting on Monday, August 10, at 6:00 pm in the St. Athanasius Parish Center.

Please remember to bring your raffle tickets for the Early Bird Drawing and pick up your new program book at St. Athanasius Church. We look forward to seeing you there!

VBS Registration Is Now OPEN!

Get ready for an exciting week of faith, fun, and friendship at Vacation Bible School in the Park!

August 9–13 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Children 4 years old through those entering 4th grade are invited to join us for an unforgettable week of Bible stories, games, music, crafts, and more! **Best of all, it's FREE!**

Don't wait spots fill quickly! Use the registration link or scan the code and sign your child up today. vbspro.events/p/79b4c0

Stay Connected With Us.

New to our parish or need to update your contact information? Email us at dbq109sec@dbqarch.org to add or update your email address and stay connected with parish news, events, and important updates.

Blessed Through Baptism

With joyful hearts, we celebrate these baptisms on August 2, 2026, and welcome these children into our St. Athanasius parish family.

Congratulations to Autumn Serenity Bengston, daughter of Anthony Andrew Bengston and Laura Ann DeSutter Bengston, and Gwendelyon Rose Gipper, daughter of Dakota Michael Gipper and Cally Bengston Gipper, on receiving the beautiful sacrament of Baptism. May God's love guide, bless, and surround them as they begin their lifelong journey of faith.

Catholic Order of Foresters

The Catholic Order of Foresters youth members, their family & friends can swim free at the Laporte Aquatic Center on Sunday August 9 from 6 pm to 8 pm. This is a private pool party. You can bring in your own food & drinks. There will be life guards on duty. Any questions call Donna Delagardelle at 319 239~9945.

Booster Club Golf Outing

Join us for the annual Bosco Catholic Booster Club Golf Outing. Register your team today! Scan the QR Code or visit www.boscocatholic.org/golf for info.

Bulletin Submission Deadline

All bulletin announcements and submissions are due by **12 p.m. each Tuesday**, unless otherwise noted. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support.

Get to know Fr. Jeffrey Frieden

I said yes, and God shocked me with his blessings.

My name is Fr. Jeff Frieden, and I'm excited to be your parochial vicar (Have you figured out how to say that yet?) and the chaplain of Don Bosco High School. I look forward to meeting you, but that might take a while. In the meantime, here's a little bit about me.

I grew up in Cedar Rapids, where I graduated from Xavier High School in 2015. My family consists of my parents (Jenny and Jeff), myself, and my younger brother (Jack). After graduation, I went to Loras College in Dubuque, graduating in 2019. While I was there, I majored in philosophy as a part of the seminary program and minored in Spanish.

After graduating from Loras, I went to Mundelein Seminary near Chicago. While I was there, I studied theology, Sacred Scripture, and church history. In 2021, I did my pastoral internship under Fr. Jeff Dole at St. Athanasius Catholic Church, Jesup, and St. Francis Catholic Church, Barclay. This experience taught me a lot, and it affirmed me in my vocation as a parish priest. I'm still grateful for that.
I graduated from Mundelein Seminary and was ordained a priest in May of 2023.

Later that summer, I started as the associate pastor of Holy Spirit Parish, Dubuque. The next year, I was asked to be the chaplain of Wahlert Catholic High School and Mazzuchelli Catholic Middle School in addition to my responsibilities at the parish. When I told God that I would do anything for him, trying to convince high schoolers that I was worth talking to was not what I had in mind! Nonetheless, I said yes, and God shocked me with his blessings. I have found working with children and young people to be an incredibly life-giving aspect of my ministry, and I look forward to continuing this at Don Bosco.

In my free time, I enjoy reading and learning, especially about history. On my days off, I enjoy going home to spend time with my parents. I look forward to meeting and serving all of you. May God bless you and keep you.

In His service,

Jeffrey I. Frieden

Rev. Jeffrey I. Frieden

St. Athanasius School Activities & Events

Registration Night August 13

Welcome Wildcats! Join us for Registration Night from 4:30–6:30 pm at St. Athanasius Catholic School and get everything you need to prepare for the upcoming school year! Whether you're completing your child's registration or just have a few last-minute items to take care of, our staff will be available to help. Laptops will be available for families who need assistance with PowerSchool online registration, and you can also pick up Free & Reduced Lunch and Bus Transportation forms, sign up for Before and After School Care, and add funds to your student's lunch account.

We're here to make the registration process as easy and convenient as possible, so stop by, ask questions, and let us help you get ready for a great school year. See you soon Wildcats!

Backpack Night August 20

Join us from 4:30 -6:30 pm as we kick off a new school year! Students and families are invited to meet their teachers, visit classrooms, drop off school supplies, and reconnect with friends.

Stay and enjoy a picnic-style meal of hot dogs, chips, cookies, and lemonade on the playground (weather permitting). For more information, please contact the school office at 319-827-1314 or dhansen@saintaschool.com. We look forward to seeing you!

Be School Supply Ready

Are You Ready, Wildcats? The countdown is on! The first day of school is Monday, August 24, and we can't wait to welcome everyone back for another great year at St. Athanasius!

Be sure to check our website for the complete 2026–2027 school supply lists so your student is ready for the first day of class.
We look forward to seeing all of our Wildcats on Monday, August 24!

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IC Parish Prayer Chain Hotline – Please contact Vivian Rourke at 319-238-3225 (V) or 319-238-2083 (M).

IC Cemetery – Please contact the parish office.

Funeral Dinners: Group #3 Sept, Oct, Nov & Dec. We provide desserts & serve a catered meal.

Mass Intentions -

Please contact the office at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Independence for scheduling details. p.barreto@dbqarch.org or 319-334-7191. Checks can be mailed to St. John's Church to ATTN: Polly, 209 5th Ave. NE. Independence, IA. 50644.

Welcome!

Join us for weekday Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. All are welcome as we gather to celebrate the Eucharist and grow in faith together.

Mass Times & Intentions

Wed. (5) 8:00 am Paul, Lori & Marilyn Schmitt
Fri. (7) 9:00 am John Woods

We Lift You in Prayer

Helen Hoefer, Rick VanDaele, Denise Tobey
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Karyn Beenken, Glenda Brandt, Dick Snyder
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Virginia Joyce Cunningham, Ted Vorwald

Heavenly Father, bless all who generously support our parish. May their kindness be returned with Your abundant grace, peace, and blessings as together we build Your Church. Amen.

August Money Counters:
Tom Kleitsch & Jean Sauerbrei

Thank you for your continued support!

Immaculate Conception
Community Events, Announcements & Celebrations

Mark Your Calendars

Tues., Aug. 4 - Card Bingo- Assisted Live- Fairbank 1:30 pm
Tues., Aug. 13 - Parish Life Meeting 9:30 am
Tues., Aug. 13 - KC Meeting at Costa's in Fairbank 7:00 pm
Tues., Aug. 13 - Fatima Rosary- Mary's Garden 7:00 pm
Wed., Aug. 19 - Potluck at IC Parish Hall, Fairbank 11:30 am

Celebrating Milestone Birthdays

Join us as we celebrate the wonderful parishioners in our community who are celebrating 80 years of life and beyond. We give thanks for their faith, wisdom, and the many blessings they have shared with our parish family throughout the years. Happy birthday wishes to Irene Peyton, Joe Rubino, Dorothy A. Duffy, Jan Vorwald, and Jean Galleger.

For Your Entertainment

Join us on August 6th from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Riverside Park. Admission is free. Featured band is Wildcard. Food from Hovie's BBQ and Catering, Sweet Spinning Cotton Candy, Blended Bliss, and The Shot Shack. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and a cooler for a fun community evening.

Golden Anniversary Celebrations

Join us as we honor the couples in our parish who are celebrating 50 years of marriage and beyond. Happy Anniversary to Phillip & Anita Destival, Terry & Janet McGrane and Carl & Marilyn Rechkemmer.

Share Your Gifts. Serve Our Pastorate

There's a place for you at St. Athanasius Parish! Whether you have a passion for hospitality, music, liturgical ministry, or serving behind the scenes, your time and talents can make a meaningful difference in our parish community. Take the next step today! Contact the Parish Office to learn about volunteer opportunities and find a ministry that's right for you. We would love to welcome you into one of our many parish ministries.

WELCOME. SERVE. BELONG.

Find your place at St. Athanasius by sharing your time and talents through our Sanctuary Personnel ministries. Serving is a meaningful way to connect with fellow parishioners, strengthen our faith community, and help create a welcoming worship experience for all.

Whether through music, greeting, ushering, lectoring, Eucharistic ministry, or other areas of service, there is a place for you. Join our parish family and experience the joy of serving others.

GET INVOLVED TODAY!

Contact the Parish Office now to learn more about how to sign up.

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Director of Evangelization and Director of Operations

Each pastorate will hire a Director of Evangelization and a Director of Operations between September 2026 and January 2027. The Director of Evangelization will help lead the pastorate's mission of evangelization and forming disciples, while the Director of Operations will oversee the administrative and operational functions that support that mission.

We invite you to begin prayerfully considering whether God may be calling you or someone you know to serve in one of these important leadership roles. Both positions report directly to the pastor and require vision, initiative, and a commitment to our Catholic mission, with strong experience in supervision and leadership.

More information, including job descriptions, will be shared in the coming months. Please keep the hiring of these important roles in your prayers.

Children so often simply want to spend time with their parent or guardian, following them as they go about their day. They don't need another child-centered activity, or to be constantly entertained and distracted, they want to feel connection.

The same goes for our relationship with God, so often we go from one spiritual activity to the next, wondering why we feel so disconnected from him. Maybe instead of another activity, our souls crave a quiet moment with the Lord.

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