Dear Padre,

BOGDAN SONJACHNYJ / SHUTTERSTOCK

I'm in the OCIA program. My wife and I were married civilly. She goes to a non-denominational church but is not baptized. Someone said we would have to get our marriage "convalidated." Why? And what does that mean?

Convalidation is a legal term, but it can also be understood as good pastoral practice and even more as a wise spiritual choice. Basically, from a legal point of reference, your marriage took place outside of the canonical structure of the Church. It needs to be "regularized" and "documented" for you to move forward. Because your wife is not baptized, it cannot be a sacramental marriage, which requires baptism, but it can be made valid and recorded in official Church documentation. Such documentation is helpful, particularly if you have children and intend to raise them as Catholic. Also, if your wife ever decides to become a baptized Catholic, your marriage would automatically become a sacramental marriage when she is baptized. Nothing more is required of you. All in all, it is a good decision and a positive step in your spiritual journey. ●

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

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

God speaks to us.... [T]he first attitude to cultivate is listening, so that the divine Word may penetrate our minds and our hearts; at the same time, we are required to speak with God, not to communicate to him what he already knows, but to reveal ourselves to ourselves. Hence the need for prayer, in which we are called to live and to cultivate friendship with the Lord.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JANUARY 14, 2026

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Monday
July 27
Weekday
Jer 13:1–11
Mt 13:31–35

Tuesday
July 28
Weekday
Jer 14:17–22
Mt 13:36–43

Wednesday
July 29
Sts.Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
Jer 15:10, 16–21
Jn 11:19–27 or
Lk 10:38–42

Thursday
July 30
Weekday
Jer 18:1–6
Mt 13:47–53

Friday
July 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Jer 26:1–9
Mt 13:54–58

Saturday
August 1
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Jer 26:11–16, 24
Mt 14:1–12

Sunday
August 2
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:1–3
Rom 8:35, 37–39
Mt 14:13–21

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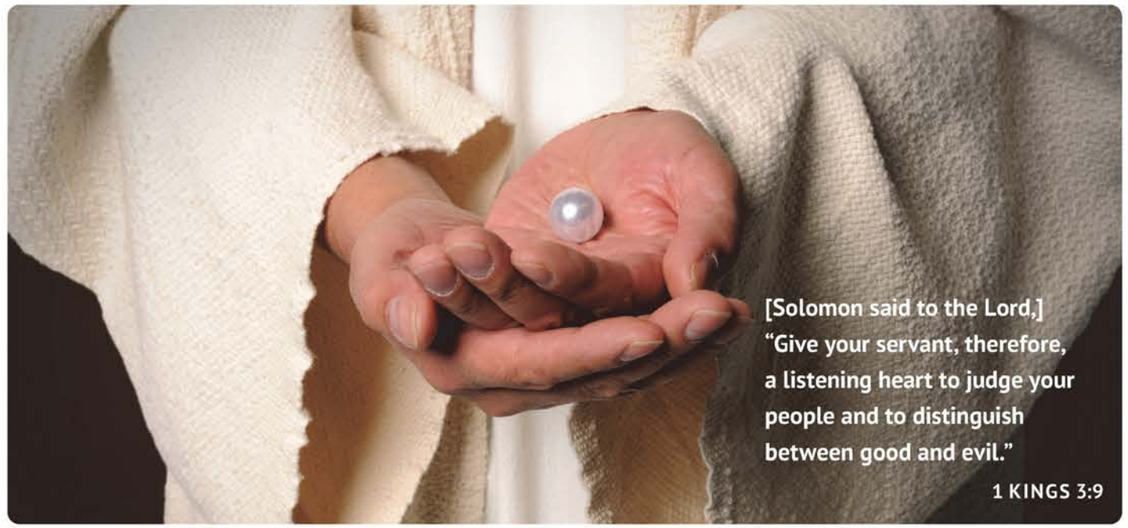
July 26, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
1 Kings 3:5, 7–12 / Romans 8:28–30 / Matthew 13:44–52 or 13:44–46



What Image of the Kingdom Will You Serve Up?

ANN M. GARRIDO

Jesus' favorite thing to talk about was a mystery he called the kingdom of God, referred to in the Gospel of Matthew as the kingdom of heaven. He was not the first to speak of it. The prophets before him spoke often of God's dream for the world. They wanted all to know what it would look like when God reigns here on earth as God already reigns in the heavens. But Jesus added to that teaching by offering vivid new images of what God's reign is like. Matthew 13 is filled with such snapshots. The kingdom of heaven will be like a mustard seed, a pearl, a measure of leaven, a hidden treasure. It will be like a sower casting out seed, a wheat harvest, a net that catches many fish.

At the end of this litany, however, Jesus offers an image of what he expects of those who have received his teaching about the Kingdom. They are to be like "the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52). It sounds as if Jesus' disciples are to act like hosts of a banquet, setting the table with stories from across time to feed their guests with whatever words and images would best help them grasp the mystery of this kingdom. They are to continue Jesus' work of developing new ways to illumine a mystery that is in the end too great for words. ●

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Reflect

What image of God's kingdom would you offer people of the twenty-first century?

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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.

Independence Area Pastorate Mass Times & Intentions

July 27, through August 2, 2026

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

St. Francis, Barclay
Wed. (29) 8:00 am Special Intention

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel, Eagle Center
Wed. (29) 8:00 am Loren Stiemel

Immaculate Conception, Fairbank
Wed. (29) 8:00 am No Mass

Immaculate Conception, Gilbertville
Mon. (27) 7:45 am Fr. Gossman's Intent.
Fri. (31) 7:45 am Arnold & Camilla Weber
Sat. (1) 4:00 pm L/D Members of Kettman Family
Sun. (2) 8:00 am
Sun. (2) 10:00 am Debbie Patterson

St. Joseph, Raymond
Tues. (28) 5:30 pm Bob & Joe Weber

St. Athanasius, Jesup
Tues. (28) 8:00 am Special Intention
Thurs. (30) 8:00 am No Mass
Sat. (1) 6:00 pm Al & Violet C
Sun. (2) 8:00 am For the people of the Pastorate

St. John Parish, Independence
Tues. (28) 9:30 am No Mass West Village
Thurs. (30) 8:00 am Cindy Krempges
Sat. (1) 4:00 pm Don Ashlock
Sun. (2) 10:00 am Catherine Crawford

Sacred Heart, LaPorte City
Thurs. (23) 12 (noon) L/D Members of the Connors Family

St. Patrick Parish, Winthrop
Mon. (27) 4:30 pm Chance Becker
Fri. (31) 8:00 am Richard Merfeld
Sat (1) 2:00 pm Wedding of Hunter Snyder & DeAnn Lentz

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

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St. Athanasius Sanctuary Personnel - August 1st & 2nd

Saturday, 6:00 pm

Greeters- Bernie & Connie Kremer **Servers & Cross Bearer-** Jenna, Jared, & Justin Berg **Music & Cantor-** Monica Bengston, Susie Sigwarth **Commentator-** Ryan Even **Lector-** Marsha McGlaughlin **Eucharistic Ministers & Dishwashers*-** Todd & Netty Rohlfsen*, John Reuter, Lori & William Schutte **Ushers & Counters*-** Ricky Weber, Kurt & LouAnn Frush*, Don Kass **Gifts-** Tom & Marsha McGlaughlin **Sacristan-** Brett Hershberger

Sunday, 8:00 am

Greeters- Tom & Connie Youngblut, Jim & Darlene Philips, Chris & Laura Weber **Servers & Cross Bearer-** Frank & Greta Weber, Kane Peterson **Music & Cantor-** Kraig Emick, Ryan Weber **Commentator-** Jack Berg **Lector-** Diane Youngblut **Eucharistic Ministers & Dishwashers*-** Adam Peterson*, Tres Sadler*, Frank & Laura Weber, Amy Peyton **Ushers & Counters*-** Vince & Michelle Corkery, Chris & Carla Even* **Gifts-** Dan & Mary Fox **Shut In's-** Kathy Masteller, Linda Youngblut, Vince & Jeanne Wellman **Folding Bulletins on Friday-** Dick & Pat Becker **Collections on Monday-** Karen Weber & Linda Youngblut

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.

St. Athanasius Stewardships

St. Athanasius Parish:

Yearly Collection Needed	**$425,000.00**
Yearly Collection Needed to 6.30.26	**$433,169.00**
Needed Weekly Amount	**$8,173.00**
Received Last Week	**$42,249.73**
Year to Date Received to 6.30.26	**$483,018.67**

Your faithful generosity is a blessing to our parish family. May God abundantly bless you for your generosity.

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.

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Journey in Faith

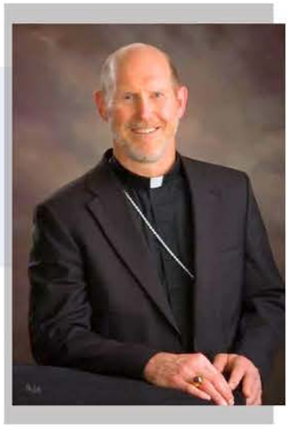
Trust. Transform. Together

In my video (dbqjourneyinfaith.org), I shared the story of a glowing ember that lost its light and warmth when separated from the fire, only to burn brightly again when returned to the other coals. The image is a simple one, but it reminds us of an important truth: we were never meant to live our faith alone. Christ gathers us for the Eucharist so that we may strengthen one another, encourage one another, and bear witness to His love in the world.

I invite you to reflect on these questions after watching the video:

- How might the Holy Spirit be inviting you to deepen your connection to the source of the fire that sustains you?
- How is your flame part of the greater fire that brings warmth and light to the whole Church?
- How might God be calling you to share your gifts and strengthen the faith of others in your pastorate?
- How is God inviting you to become a source of welcome and encouragement for others as we grow together as one Church?

Imagine the impact if all of our intentions are focused on becoming sources of warmth and light for others. I encourage you to embrace this opportunity to worship with a wider community in your pastorate and to build relationships that will strengthen our Church for years to come. Please join me in envisioning the abundant fruits that God may bring forth through our shared efforts. **From Archbishop Zinkula**



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Get to know Fr. Douglas Loecke

Doing everything I can to help you get to heaven. Nothing more nothing less.

May the peace of Jesus fill out hearts as we begin this major transition in parish life.

My name is Fr. Douglas Loecke. I grew up on a farm about two miles west of Ryan, a predominately Catholic area in southwest Delaware County. My parents, David and Deanne are both still living and enjoy great health. They live in Manchester moving about 10 years ago from the farm they moved to in 1963, the year I was born.

I have three brothers who are happily married. I am the oldest, then my brother Scott and his wife Lisa who live in West Des Moines; my brother Todd and his wife Melanie who live in Urbandale; my youngest brother Chad and his wife Charity live on the farm where we grew up. I have nine nieces and nephews whom I love deeply. They range in age from 27 to 13 years old. I was ordained in 1989, June 24, the Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist. John's statement "I must decrease so that He may increase" has been my mindset as a priest.

I graduated from West Delaware in 1981. I graduated from Loras in 1985 and from St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore. MD in 1989. My first assignment was All Saints, Cedar Rapids from 1989 to 1993. I was transferred to the Nativity in Dubuque for one year before being assigned to St. Patrick's, Cedar Falls to help a priest who had colon cancer. In 1997, I was assigned to two small parishes in Grundy County, Sacred Heart, Grundy Center and Queen of Heaven in Reinbeck. Both of those parishes were closed several years ago. In 2000, I went to Rome, Italy to earn a license in canon law. After I returned from Rome, I was assigned to the Metropolitan Tribunal part time and to the parishes of St. Francis Xavier Basilica in Dyersville and to St. Paul's in Worthington. In 2007, I was transfered to the parishes in the Casacde area along with my work in the tribunal. I was there for 13 years before moving in 2020 to St. Matthew in Cedar Rapids.

I enjoy doing many things in life. I have seven years before I reach retirement age. My 37 years as a priest have been wonderful. I feel very blessed to be a priest of Jesus Christ. I was asked by someone what I am looking forward to in this assignment. My answer is quite simple, doing everything I can to help you get to heaven. Nothing more nothing less. There is nothing that matters more to me as a priest. It is part of what I will be judged on by God at the end of my earthly journey. I will be residing in Gilbertville.

Fr. Loecke

Fr. Loecke

St. Athanasius Parish News & Events

Donut Sunday

There's always room for one more! Join us for Donut Sunday on Sunday, August 2, immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the St. Athanasius School Cafeteria.

Enjoy delicious donuts, coffee, and great conversation as we gather together in fellowship. It's the perfect opportunity to reconnect with friends, meet someone new, and invite a neighbor, friend, or family member to experience the warm hospitality of our parish community.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School 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

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Mass Intentions Information

Review these important details regarding the scheduling of Mass intentions

1. During this 6-month interim, Masses can only be scheduled from July 15, 2026 to January 15, 2027.

2. The offering for each Mass intention has been increased from $5.00 to $10, but you do have the option to give more. Mass intentions must be paid for once they are scheduled.

3. You may schedule 3-4 Masses during this 6-month interim, as this allows more people the chance to schedule a Mass for their loved ones.

4. A Mass intention can be listed as an individual “Joe Smith”; as a family “For the deceased members of the “Joe Smith family”; or as two people “For Joe & Mary Smith”. We are not allowed to do multiple Mass intentions on the same day.

5. You may stop at St. John’s Church in Independence or contact Polly at 319-334-7191 / p.barreto@dbqarch.org to schedule Mass intentions.

Please have approximate dates ready, as the date you may want could be spoken for already. You may also drop an envelope with “Mass intentions” written on the outside in your church collection basket. Please include your name and phone number so that Polly can reach you if needed.

6. If you wish to mail the Mass intentions directly to us, please include the information listed above and mail to St. John’s Church, ATTN: Polly, 209 -5th Ave NE, Independence, IA 50644.

Saint of the Day

Saints Joachim and Anne are traditionally recognized by Christian tradition as the parents of the Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus

While not explicitly named in the Bible, their story and devout legacy have been preserved in early Christian tradition. According to these accounts, Joachim and Anne were an elderly, childless couple who prayed fervently for a child. Their prayers were answered when they were blessed with Mary. Their feast day highlights the intergenerational bonds of faith and the vital role that elders and extended family play in nurturing the "domestic Church."

Baptism Blessings

We would be honored to celebrate this special milestone with your family! If you are planning a baptism or would like more information about the sacrament, please contact the St. Athanasius Parish Office. 319-827-6682.

Bulletin Online

Stay connected wherever you are! Our weekly parish bulletin is available online, making it easy to keep up with parish news, upcoming events, and important announcements anytime. Visit saintaparish.com.

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.

Immaculate Conception
COMMUNITY

IC Parish Center

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Located in the Parish Center at 405 Fairbank St
Mailing Address | P O Box 505, Fairbank, IA 50629

Parish Services

Communion To Our Sick Or Homebound Ministry – Contact Glenda Kane at 563-920-2678.

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., July 29 - No Mass
Fri., July 31 - No Mass

We Lift You in Prayer

Helen Hoefer, Rick VanDaele, Denise Tobey
Diana Snyder, Rose Kalb, Charlie Corey
Marisa Davidson, Marci Willey, Delphine Marrah
Michael McDonough, Carma Schmidtke, Dave Chase
Krayton Zimmerman, Donna Nelson, Bob Frame
Karyn Beenken, Glenda Brandt, Dick Snyder
Lindsey Ernst, Pat Vinson, Ron Babinat
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.

July Money Counters:
Glenda Kane, Lynn Plaster, & Tammy Everding

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

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

IC Pastorate Envelopes

You may place your envelopes in the offertory basket at any pastorate parish or drop them off at your parish office. Envelopes will be collected, exchanged among the parish offices, and credited to your home parish to ensure your contributions are deposited into the correct parish account.

Find Your Place Through Service & Community

We are excited to welcome IC new members to our St. Athanasius community and invite you to become more connected by sharing your time and talents through our Sanctuary Personnel sign-up. Serving in our parish is a wonderful way to meet others, build relationships, and be an active part of our faith community.

There are many opportunities to get involved, including serving as a lector, Eucharistic minister, usher, greeter, choir or music ministry member, sacristan, or assisting in other areas during Mass. Whether you are new to St. Athanasius or looking for a way to become more involved, we would love to have you join us. Your gifts and participation help create a welcoming and faith-filled experience for everyone who enters our church.

Thank you for being part of the St. Athanasius Parish family. We look forward to welcoming you and serving alongside you!

BE PART OF OUR WELCOMING FAITH COMMUNITY.

St. Athanasius Parish invites you to share your time, talents, and gifts with our parish family. Serving is a meaningful way to meet fellow parishioners, build lasting connections, and help create a welcoming and faith-filled experience for everyone who gathers with us.

GET INVOLVED TODAY!

Discover where your gifts can make a difference. There is an opportunity for everyone to be part of our vibrant faith community. Contact the Parish Office now to learn more and sign up to serve!

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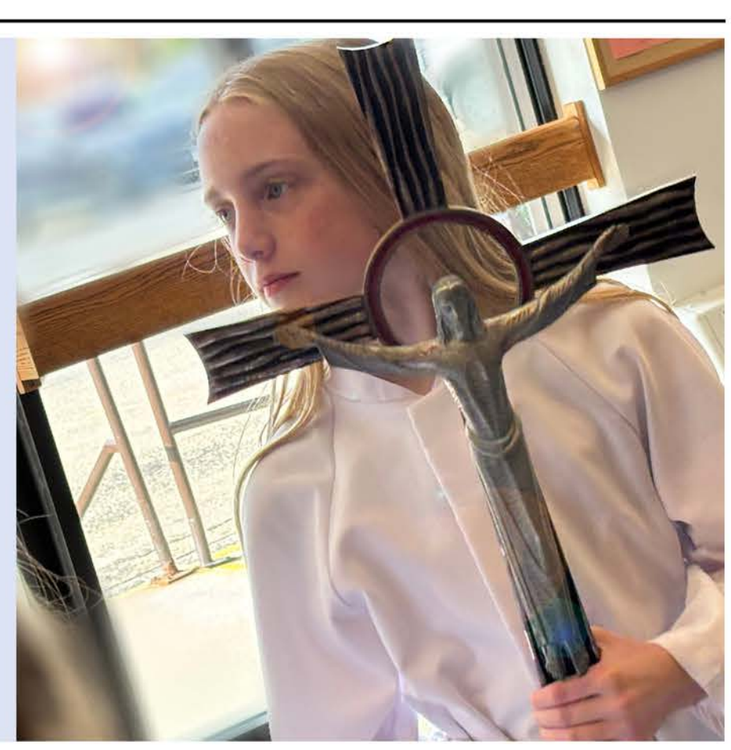

Prayers for Healing and Strength

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.

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

Prayer List Renewal Starting July 29th

To help keep our prayer list current and up to date, we ask that all existing and new prayer requests be reviewed and resubmitted by Wednesday, July 29. Names not resubmitted by this date will be removed from the list. Thank you for your understanding and for helping us continue to keep all those who are ill and in need of God's healing in your prayers. Please contact our Parish office at 319-827-6682.

Journey in Faith: Tithing

As we continue this new chapter within the Independence Area Pastorate, we are grateful for the continued generosity and faithful support of our St. Athanasius parishioners. While we are now united as one pastorate, each parish continues to maintain its own financial responsibilities and operating expenses. Beginning the weekend of July 18–19, any loose cash placed in the offertory will be designated toward the shared expenses of the pastorate.

To ensure your gift is credited appropriately, please place loose cash in the offertory envelope provided at each entrance and include your parish name and town. If you are not currently receiving church envelopes, please contact the St. Athanasius Parish Office so envelopes can be provided. Your continued generosity helps support the mission and daily operations of St. Athanasius Parish. Thank you for your faithful stewardship and commitment to our parish community.

"You give them something to eat." (Matthew 14:16)

Jesus calls us to respond to the needs of His people. How is He inviting you to serve and nourish those around you? Reach out to the Vocation Office at dbqcvo@dbqarch.org.

Weekend Reflection

"Do not be afraid. In times of your own chaos or inner turmoil, do not be afraid to stand up against evil and regain control of your life. Tip your flag of triumph toward God as he stands there, waiting for you with his treaties of peace and forgiveness."

Christopher de Vinck | Simple Wonders

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!

Welcome to St. Athanasius

We are excited to welcome Steve Farrell to the St. Athanasius Catholic School family!

Steve joins our school with a passion for helping young people grow both academically and athletically. He and his wife, Lexie, along with their son, Jeremiah, call the Cedar Valley area home.

Throughout his career, Steve has coached cross-country, wrestling, football, track and field, and strength and conditioning, emphasizing character, discipline, confidence, and a strong work ethic. His background in education and coaching reflects his commitment to creating positive learning environments where students are encouraged to grow, persevere, and reach their full potential.

Steve is also a leader in the wrestling community as the co-founder of Iron Sharpens Iron, the nation's largest team wrestling camp organization. Through coaching, teaching, and organizing athletic events, he has impacted countless student-athletes and communities by fostering excellence both on and off the field.

Please join us in giving Steve a warm St. Athanasius welcome. We are excited to have him as part of our school community and look forward to the many ways he will inspire and encourage our students throughout the coming school year.

"I am passionate about helping young people grow through athletics and education.

Steve Farrell-"