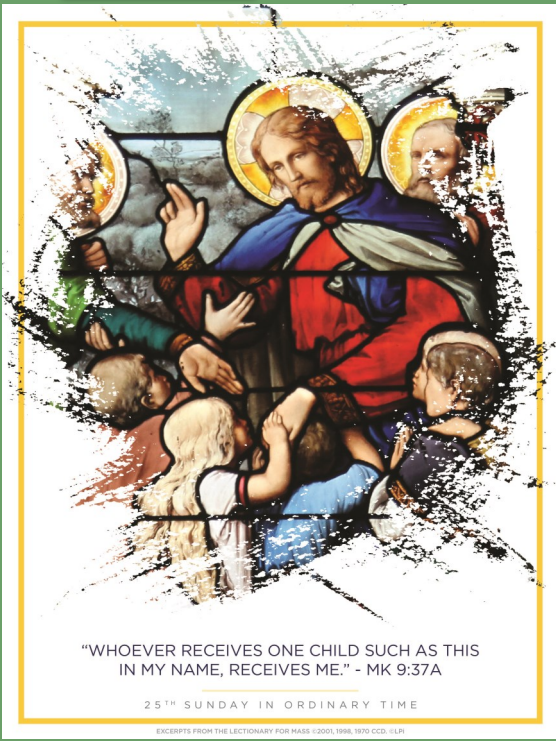
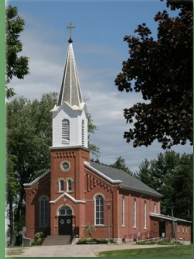


St. Catherine, St. Donatus,
St. Joseph & Sts. Peter & Paul
Catholic Churches
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 19, 2021



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Reconciliation

Saturdays at SJ, 8:10-8:45 AM; 3:00-3:30 PM; Sundays at SPP 7:00-7:30 AM

Baptisms-Parents must be registered members of one of the parishes and attend a Pre-Baptism Class. Expecting families please contact the parish office at 872-3234 to schedule a class for St. Catherine, St. Donatus, St. Joseph and Sts. Peter & Paul.

Weddings-Arrangements should be made at least 8 months prior to the marriage by contacting the St. Joseph Parish office. One or both of the parties needs to be a registered, practicing member of one of our parishes or a parish where they reside. The latest time for a wedding at St. Joseph is 1:30 p.m. if held on Saturday. In addition to the pastor/deacon, other priests/deacons may preside at weddings with pastor's permission.

Pastoral Care

Call the parish office for Anointing of the Sick, Holy Communion, and visits to the homebound. If no answer, call Deacon Loras Weber at 563-599-6717.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Adults who wish to become Catholic should call the office.

Mass Schedule

Saturday (vigil)

- ◇ 4:15 PM St. Joseph
- ◇ 5:30 PM St. Catherine (May - October)

Sunday

- ◇ 8:00 AM Sts. Peter & Paul
- ◇ 8:00 AM St. Donatus (May - October)
- ◇ 10:15 AM St. Joseph

Daily Mass/Holy Days--See inside

The community of St. Catherine, St. Donatus, Sts. Peter & Paul, and St. Joseph Parishes has been called to a holy life by our loving Father in REVERENT WORSHIP. We are empowered with the Holy Spirit to experience FREEDOM IN CHRIST. We seek to live out our lives through the LOVE OF CHRIST. -Mission Statement

A MESSAGE FROM FR. MILLER/OTHER

Friends

Peace be with you.

This weekend is Catechetical Sunday, which leads me to three separate thank yous. First, I want to thank those who are teaching our renewed Faith Formation Program and the vision that Julie Schmidt has brought to it to help parents feel comfortable about sending their kids back to Faith Formation classes. Last year was a difficult year and, even though I'm grateful to those of you who ensured that your children grew in faith by virtual means, I'm also sure many of our Faith Formation families felt left out. I hope the hard work Julie and our volunteers have put in is starting to make up for what you missed out on.

I also want to thank our excellent staff and faculty at Marquette Catholic School for their catechetical leadership. I am continually impressed with the faithfulness you show in your lessons and your lives. Our little town is blessed by your presence here, your leadership, and your fidelity to excellence in education. I know, sadly, some people in our community think this town is too small to have two schools but I'm glad that parents who want their children raised in a faith environment have that option with the great educators that you are. And I'm humbled by the sacrifices you make in teaching at a Catholic school and missing out on the financial perks that come with teaching in a public school. You are in my daily prayers and I always have an open ear for you.

Lastly, and possibly most important of all, I want to thank the parents who are the first, best, and most influential teachers of the faith to their kids. I thank you for bringing your kids to church and for talking about what happened there afterwards. I thank you for teaching your children to pray. And if you're reading this thinking to yourself that you don't do those things or don't do them enough, that's okay. It's NEVER too late to start. Kids notice change better than they notice the status quo anyway. Thank you for doing what you can to be the first catechists in your kid's lives.

And now for something completely different. For the past several weeks, I've been preaching on the second reading for Mass from the letter of St. James. There's a fun fact that I can't really work into a homily that you should know: It should be called either the Book of Jacob or, even better, the Book of Yakov. For some reason, the Greek name *Jacobus*, which was itself translated from the Hebrew name *Yakov*, got translated as "James" in English. This is, in part, because, when the Bible was translated from Greek into Latin, they translated *Yacobus* (Greek) into *Yacomus* (Latin) and one of the first English Bible translators used the Latin translation and decided James not *Jacobe* was the correct translation for *Yacomus*. It's sort of like a giant example of the telephone game we played as kids. The other reason it was translated as James was, when King James was "sanctioning" the English translation of the Bible (The King James Version), he wanted to see his name mentioned somewhere and especially liked that his name would be connected to a person referred to as a "brother of the Lord". So he cemented for English speakers that *Yakov*

Message from Fr. Miller continued

would be called James. The weakness is that we don't connect St. James to St. Joseph's father, Jacob, or the Old Testament patriarch named Jacob. It inhibits us from seeing connections between the Old Testament and the New. For instance, James, the relative or step brother of Jesus, shares his name with Jacob, the man who was called upon to sacrifice his son, Isaac. I'll do my best to point these connections out in the bulletin if and when I see them.

The Annual Life Chain will be on Sunday, October 3rd. This is a great way to prayerfully spread the message of LIFE in our community with pro-life signs from 2pm - 3pm (signs will be provided). Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. hosts two Life Chains: at Beckman Catholic High School along Highway 136 in Dyersville, and on the bend of Bluff Street and Highway 20 in Dubuque. Feel free to bring a chair if you cannot stand the whole hour. Please join Dubuque County Right to Life in spreading the pro-life message to our community.

Springbrook Community Blood Drive will be on Monday, September 27th 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Springbrook Firehouse. MASKS AND APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED. To schedule your appointment, please contact Dan Zeimet at 563.872.3674 or online at www.bloodcenter.org. Please eat before donating and bring photo ID. Last date to donate elsewhere: 8/02/21. Group Sponsor Code: 2312

Jackson County Walk to End Alzheimer's

Every dollar you raise through Walk allows the Alzheimer's Association to provide 24/7 care and support while accelerating critical research. Join the Jackson County Walk on Saturday, Sept. 25th, Maquoketa YMCA at 9:00 a.m. or Bellevue Felderman Park at 1:00 p.m.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

After the last year plus of pandemic life many of us are looking for a fresh start. Consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience. Upcoming dates and locations are October 22nd - 24th in Coralville, IA and November 19th-21st in Holstein, IA. Register at lowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 with any questions.

YOUTH GROUP/ EPIC/HS FF/CONFIRMATION

- Wednesday, Sept. 22 & 29 - Youth Faith Formation-meet in Kruse Center & Kieffer Hall 3:15-5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 29 - Family Faith Formation-meet in Kruse Center & Trinity Hall 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 29 - Home Study Faith Formation-parent (s) work with child(ren) at home on assigned lesson.
- Wednesday, Oct. 6 - Youth Group Meeting in SJ rectory basement 7:30-9:00 p.m.

September - Month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary

OTHER

St. Catherine/St. Donatus Parish News

The 2021-22 St. Catherine/St. Donatus K-10 Faith Formation Program is holding its first session with students this Sunday, September 19, in St. Donatus Parish Center following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Donatus Church. All K-10 students from our parishes who are not attending a parochial school are asked to register and attend this program. Sessions will be held usually on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month following the 8 a.m. Mass held either at St. Donatus (September-October) or St. Catherine (November-April) parish. Please contact Marybeth Wagner, program director, at dbq181ff@dbqarch.org for registration information, forms, and a calendar. We welcome **all** to join us and are looking forward to a great year.

There will also be an opportunity for pre-schoolers and their parents to meet together on the 3rd Sunday of the month, **including this Sunday**, during the Faith Formation sessions in the months of September-November and January-March. Please join us in St. Donatus Parish Center after Mass. No registration is necessary for this program.

Our **Monthly Special Collection designee** for September is the organization "**Vision to Learn.**" The local **Vision to Learn** program provides free eye exams and free eyeglasses to students in Dubuque and Jackson Counties. Vision to Learn is a Mobile Eye Clinic that takes an optician and optometrist to schools and other programs, with the goal to help children to read at grade level by the end of third grade. Envelopes for donations to our monthly designees can be found, once again, at the end of each of our pews and placed in the regular collection basket at either parish any weekend of this month. Thank you for supporting those in need.

Tee Up for ServeHaiti

Tee up for Serve Haiti Golf Fundraiser, Sunday, October 3rd at Bellevue Golf Club. \$50/person. Includes golfing, cart, dinner, & prizes. Four person best shot. Nine holes shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. To register call Cindy Broders 563-495-4523 or Dave Broders at 563-495-0529. If you are not interested in golfing, dinner will be provided by Kalmes Restaurant for \$20/person. All proceeds go to ServeHaiti's health, water, education, & economic development programs in Grand-Bois, Haiti.



Through the waters of Baptism we welcome Willow Grace LuGrain, daughter of Anthony & Alecia LuGrain, who is being baptized this weekend at St. Joseph's.

Stewardship Quote ... Today's second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts, and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the psalmist, "Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness."

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

St. Catherine

Adult Contributors	
Envelopes.....	\$565.00
EFT (Auto Deposit)	\$350.00
Offertory.....	\$13.03
Total.....	\$928.03

St. Donatus

Adult Contributors	
Envelopes.....	\$566.00
EFT (Auto Deposit)	\$530.00
Offertory.....	\$122.00
Votive.....	\$33.00
Summer Collection.....	\$500.00
Special Monthly Collection.....	\$5.00
Total.....	\$1756.00

St. Joseph

Adult Contributors	
Envelopes.....	\$3560.00
EFT (Auto Deposit)	\$3134.00
Youth.....	\$3.00
Offertory.....	\$301.33
Votive.....	\$56.00
Total.....	\$7054.33

Sts. Peter & Paul

Adult Contributors	
Envelopes.....	\$415.00
EFT (Auto Deposit)	\$126.00
Offertory.....	\$247.73
Votive.....	\$6.00
Total.....	\$794.73

Each year, the Catholic Church in the United States designates the third Sunday in September as "Catechetical Sunday" – a day on which to celebrate and pray for the Church's mission to teach the Gospel to all people. This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 19, 2021 and will focus on the theme "Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed." Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. Happy Catechetical Sunday! Thanks to all catechists in our community!



Congratulations to Sarah Kloft and Alex Vandegrift who were married this weekend at St. Donatus Parish.

A MESSAGE FROM BROTHER STEPHEN/OTHER

Blessed Brother Scubilion Rousseau

You likely have not heard of Blessed Brother Scubilion. Since he was a member of the Religious Order to which I belong and is a good example of what the De La Salle Christian Brothers stand for, I have opted to introduce him to you in this bulletin column.

Jean Bernard Rousseau was known in the French village of Burgundy, as a young man devoted to his faith and as a generous catechist intent on teaching the truths of the gospels and the practices of the Catholic Church. When a teaching order of religious men opened a school in the area Jean was drawn to get to know them. The Order was the Brothers of the Christian Schools (De La Salle Christian Brothers).

Since he already was a catechist, was prone to religious devotion, and had a desire to teach youth the truths of the gospels and the Catholic Church it was not a surprise that he would join the Christian Brothers. He did just that in 1822 and thereafter was known as Brother Scabilion. For ten years he was assigned to teach in elementary schools in France. In 1833 he was assigned to the Island of Reunion in the Indian Ocean. It was there that he dedicated his life for the next thirty-four years, until his death in 1867, to catechetical ministry with the enslaved on that island. His kind demeanor, creative and innovative teaching skills, along with the respect he had for his students endeared his students to him and he to them. He remained a loyal and effective catechist all his professional life. He is remembered as "catechist of the slaves."

Brother Scubilion never tired of creating special programs, arranging flexible schedules, or generating creative techniques to accommodate the needs of his students, no matter their age. He lived and taught them to live a life consistent with Christian doctrine and morality. He taught them what was required of them to receive the sacraments of the Catholic Church.

His attentiveness to those he served did not wane after their emancipation in 1848. He was always a teacher, a Brother, and an inspiring example of God's presence in their lives.

When age and health issues caused him to slow down, as far as he was able he visited the sick, promoted Church vocations, and even had miraculous medical cures attributed to him. When he died, April 13, 1867, everyone on the Island of Reunion considered him a Saint. On May 2, 1989, Pope John Paul II (now Saint John Paul II) declared him Blessed. Blessed Brother Scubilion is one miracle away from being named a Saint in the Catholic Church.

Blessed Brother Scubilion was laser focused on teaching the truths of the gospels and the practices of the Catholic Church. He was a devout disciple of Jesus Christ persistently placing himself in the holy presence of God and reminding his students that they too live in God's holy presence.

How do you place yourself in the holy presence of God? What in your life, your presence to others, might be a reminder of the holy presence of God for those around you?

LITURGICAL ROLES

St. Joseph - Saturday, September 25 at 4:15 PM

Lector: Angela Burken **Eucharistic Minister:** Patty McClimon, Andy Bishop, Sue Kieffer, Kim Moore
Lead Rosary: Judy Moran **Sacristan:** Dick/Marie Zeimet
Servers: 3 Volunteers **Ushers:** Tim Daugherty, Loras Deppe, Ethan DeSotel, Dick Zeimet

Sunday, September 26 at 10:15 AM

Lector: Marcine Tracy **Eucharistic Minister:** Melissa Brinker, Kristie Pffiffer, Monica McHugh, Melissa Sturm **Lead Rosary:** Don/Lucille Usher **Sacristan:** Carolyn Weber
Servers: Jacklyn Pataska Moore, Patrick Dunn, Juli McHugh
Ushers: Joe Kettmann, Volunteer, Ron Ries, Isaac Sturm

Sts. Peter & Paul - Sunday, September 26 at 8:00 AM

Lector: Chris Kilburg **Eucharistic Minister:** Sue Ties **Server:** Kalyn & Kinsley Skrivseth **Lead Rosary:** Anita Griebel
Ushers: Trevor Stillmunkes, Jamie Michels, Rod Jacobs, Randy Kilburg

St. Donatus - Sunday, September 26 at 8:00 AM

Server: Kori Kintzle **Lector:** Tom Draus **Eucharistic Minister:** Pat Draus **Ushers:** Mark Heitz & Cody Heitz

St. Catherine - Saturday, September 25 at 5:30 PM

Lector: Francis Weber **Eucharistic Minister:** Vicki Weber
Ushers: Randy Helmle & Scott Weimerskirch

St. Catherine Steak Fry

Steak Fry on Sept 25th at the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$20.00 and available from Joe Kies, Roger Manders or JoAnn Herrig. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Serving from 5:30-7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

We will also be hosting the Lunch Stand at Schuster's Pumpkin Patch on Oct 9 & 10th with our chili cook off and chicken & dressing sandwiches and again on Oct 16 & 17th with our soup bar and brats. Pies and desserts are needed both weekends as well as workers to help in the lunch stand. Chili's and soups are needed each day also, so start working on your favorite recipes. I like to have 10-12 crockpots each day! Any questions call JoAnn Herrig 563-451-6082 or email herrig5@netins.net.

Sts. Peter & Paul's, Springbrook, Iowa Fall Breakfast

Will be held on Sunday, October 17, 2021. Menu: Pancakes (Regular & Blueberry), Scrambled Eggs, Rope Sausage, Ham, Applesauce, Rolls, & Beverages Serving from 7:00 am – 12:00 Noon: Dine In or Carry Out Adults: \$9.00; Children (5-12 years of age): \$5.00; Children (age 4 and under): FREE. **Raffle Items:** \$100 Bill, \$100 Preston Meats Certificate & \$100 Fareway Gift Card, plus, a 50/50 Donation Drawing.

Raffle Chances and Work Schedules will be available in the back of church Sunday, September 26th for you to pick up.

Sunday, September 26th will be a Donut Sunday!



MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

Monday, September 20

5:30 PM - SJ For the People

Tuesday, September 21

8:25 AM - SJ For the People

5:30 PM - SC For the People

Wednesday, September 22

8:25 AM - SJ † Tom & Rita Daugherty; † Lillian Knake
† Barb Hostert & Robert Koos

10:00 AM - Mill Valley Care Center

† Lloyd Stecklein

Thursday, September 23

8:00 AM - SPP For the People

Friday, September 24

8:00 AM - SD For the People

8:25 AM - SJ † Jeremy Theisen

† Butch Sieverding & Family

Saturday, September 25

4:15 PM - SJ Living Members of the Rosary Society
† Lucille Bormann

† Carl, Leona & Joe Kieffer

† Darlene Manders & Niko Stielow

5:30 PM - SC † Ray & Rosie Tigges

Sunday, September 26

8:00 AM - SD † Deceased Members of the Ambrosy
Family; † Donnie Capesius

8:00 AM - SPP † Peter Sprank

10:15 AM - SJ † Dave Kueter; † Jeremy Theisen

† Allan Heiar; † Collin Long

AREA EVENTS

- ◆ **St. Joseph Parish, Preston** will be hosting their **Fall Festival** on Sunday, September 26th from 11 AM to 2 PM. There will be a Kalmes' Chicken & Ham dinner with all the fixings; also raffles, basket auction, bingo, bake sale, children's games, ice cream and car show.
- ◆ **Bellevue Knights of Columbus 1354 Breakfast**, Sunday, October 12 at the KC Hall serving from 8 until noon. All you can eat hash browns, ham, eggs, pancakes, milk, orange juice, & Coffee. Adults \$9; Ages 6-12 \$5; 5 and under are free.



Card Party at St. Joseph's Bellevue

St. Joseph's Church in Bellevue will be hosting their monthly euchre card party Sunday, Sept. 19th. It is recommended but not mandatory that people wear masks. Lunch will be served first at 6:00 p.m. with cards to follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Fr. Kruse Parish Center. Cost is \$3 and includes lunch and prizes. All are welcome.

Join us on October 10, 2021 for an informational meeting regarding our upcoming 9/11 remembered pilgrimage scheduled for June 6-13, 2022. The meeting will be at 11:30 at the Fr. Kruse parish center at St. Joseph Church in Bellevue. Light snacks will be provided. Flyers for the trip are located in the back of church or you can contact Mary Johnston at blesu45@gmail.com or 319-560-5138 or go to www.pilgrimages.com/johnston to download a flyer.