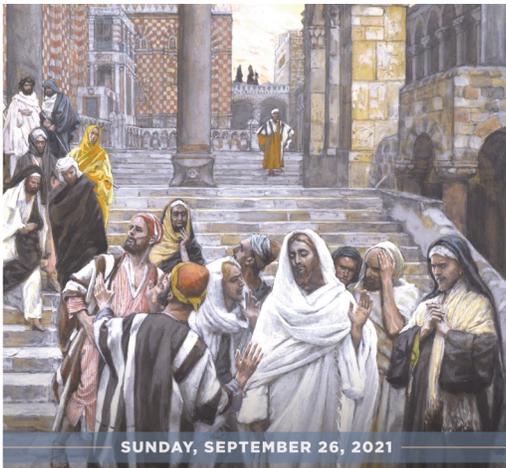


St. Catherine, St. Donatus,
St. Joseph & Sts. Peter & Paul
Catholic Churches
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 26, 2021



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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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

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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.

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.

As we enter into the milder days of Autumn, I have found my life quite busy. I normally don't use this column as a "life update" because there always seems to be something more pressing to report. However, today seems like a good day to let people know some of the things happening in my life. This past Sunday, Fr. Dave graciously agreed to celebrate the 10:15 Mass at St. Joe's so I could quickly go home to be with my family for a meal and conversation. We gathered in the garage of my Mom's new house in Marshalltown so we could enjoy the waning warmth of summer. It was nice to catch up with all of my brothers and sisters (aside from one brother-in-law who was covering work for a colleague whose son had died) and many of my nieces and nephews. After our gathering, I hurried back to Bellevue to teach 6th grade Faith Formation. That's right, I'm teaching again. I'll admit my classroom management skills need some work but, aside from one of the kids picking a scab on his leg, there was no blood and I think everyone learned a little about looking things up in the Bible.

Monday, as you may know, is my day off. I spent some time in the morning reflecting on the life of Jacques Marquette for Friday and then headed to Dubuque to help a friend get a desk (one of the perils of owning a truck!). I also went to see a movie and then attended part of the Dubuque Community School Board Meeting. It was a very contentious meeting about whether they should mandate the use of masks in schools and a close friend who is also on the school board asked if I would come and support her. After an hour, it was obvious that the meeting was going to be long so I decided it would be good to beat the coming storm front to Springbrook.

Tuesdays are generally hectic and this one was no different. I started this morning by meeting with the leadership at Marquette to get an update on what's happening in school. I needed to write a letter to the parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul in Springbrook before I wrote this bulletin column. I also generally have a build-up of email communications and phone messages that need response. Believe it or not, these take quite some time to finish so it took me until 4:00, at which time I went to prepare for 5:00 altar server training and Mass at St. Catherine, before having a very fun meal with some parishioners of St. Catherine.

Wednesdays generally continue to be catch up days with work and tomorrow appears to be no different. The bulletin gets sent in at the latest at noon so Denise needs this column, at the absolute latest, before then. This one was submitted on Tuesday, thank goodness. However, assuming everything goes according to Hoyle, I had the 8:25 Mass at St. Joes and then had a meeting with an engaged couple before continuing to read about the life of Jacques Marquette. I taught the Faith Formation kids how to altar serve from 3:00 to 4:15 before having a meeting with another parishioner. Then, when that was done, I needed to get outdoors so I went to St. Joe's cemetery to work on

Message from Fr. Miller continued

taking down two trees there. I know that you may be asking yourself why Fr. Dennis is cutting down trees and the answer is because it's an accomplishable goal. It has a beginning, a middle, and an end. Most of my other jobs don't so it's nice to think that this does. It also provides some firewood.

Thursdays start differently than other days because I stay in Springbrook. Granted, I start every day by praying in my upper room in Springbrook but, on Thursdays, I stay for Mass there. I generally take my time with breakfast after Mass before heading to my office in Bellevue. I spent all day studying Jacques Marquette aside from some communications that trickled in.

On Friday, I drove to St. Donatus and, for the first time in months, celebrated Mass while Fr. Dave celebrated School Mass in Bellevue before heading to his day off. I stayed in St. Donatus for a freshman renewal day for Marquette students. I focused the day on the life of Jacques Marquette by talking about his life and his prayer regiment. We ate at Kalmes' for lunch (I tried to get the kids to try Wiener schnitzel but none of them took me up on the offer!) and concluded the day by walking the stations and having Mass in the beautiful Pieta Chapel on top of the hill.

It was, therefore, an unusual week beginning and ending with education and filled with letters to write and emails to respond to in the middle. But, thankfully, there was also a lot of prayer in between, in the morning, afternoon, evening and at Mass for you all and for the kids. Please pray for me and I'll keep doing the same for you.

YOUTH GROUP/ EPIC/HS FF/CONFIRMATION

- Wednesday, Sept. 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.

St. Catherine Schuster's Pumpkin Patch

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 Herring 563-451-6082 or email herrig5@netins.net.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
First Friday Adoration, Friday,
October 1st 8:45 - 11:00 a.m.



OTHER

St. Catherine/St. Donatus Parish News

The 2021-22 St. Catherine/St. Donatus K-10 Faith Formation Program has begun, but it is not too late to join us. 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@dbq-arch.org for registration information, forms, and a calendar. We welcome **all** to join us and are looking forward to a great year.

All ladies of St. Catherine and St. Donatus parishes are invited to gather together on **Monday, September 27, at 1:00 pm at St. Catherine Parish Center.** We will share prayer and reflect on passages in the book Into His Likeness: Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ by Edward Sri. Free copies of this book can be found in the back of church. (You don't have to have read the book to join us.) We will meet outside if it is nice so bring a lawn chair and something to drink if you like. Otherwise we will meet in St. Catherine Parish Center. Any questions? Please call Judy Lochner at 556-6643 or Marybeth Wagner at 582-0058.

Our **Monthly Special Collection designee** for September is the organization "**Vision to Learn,**" a Mobile Eye Clinic which provides free eye exams and free eyeglasses to students in Dubuque and Jackson Counties, 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.

THANK YOU to all the parishioners who agreed to be interviewed to share their thoughts about the Mass in the video presented last Sunday before the 8 a.m. Mass at St. Donatus, and to Tricia Kilburg for putting it all together. Very inspiring! We hope to be able to post the video on-line, so watch for information about this.

The Liturgical schedule for St. Donatus is being updated for our November through April Mass dates. We have had several people drop off the list and we are in high need for additional volunteers for the various roles, especially lectors and money counters. In the words of St. James who has spoken to us the past several weeks: "May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having faith that does nothing in practice." Serving a role at Mass is such an easy way to be a faithful steward of God! Please contact Julie Heitz (call, text) at 563.258.2610 if you or any family member would be willing to fill any role.

Bellevue Bread Basket

The Bellevue Bread Basket served the following in Sept. - 31 families and 63 persons. The next Bellevue Bread Basket will be Thursday, October 21, 2021.

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

St. Catherine

Adult Contributors	
Envelopes.....	\$435.00
Offertory.....	\$62.00
Total.....	\$497.00

St. Donatus

Adult Contributors	
Envelopes.....	\$745.00
Offertory.....	\$84.00
Votive.....	\$14.00
Special Monthly Collection.....	\$45.00
Total.....	\$888.00

St. Joseph

Adult Contributors	
Envelopes.....	\$3661.00
EFT (Auto Deposit)	\$652.00
Youth.....	\$13.00
Offertory.....	\$419.07
Votive.....	\$27.00
Total.....	\$4772.07

Sts. Peter & Paul

Adult Contributors	
Envelopes.....	\$2170.00
EFT (Auto Deposit)	\$451.00
Offertory.....	\$123.53
Votive.....	\$16.00
Total.....	\$2760.53



Through the waters of Baptism we welcome Emery Ann Anderson, daughter of Jeff & Shannon (Sprank) Anderson and Nevaeh Gianna Rowan, daughter of Robert & Eleisha (Reeg) Rowan, who are being baptized this weekend at Sts. Peter & Paul.

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

A MESSAGE FROM JULIE SCHMIDT/OTHER

Catechist Corner from Julie Schmidt

What a great beginning of our Faith Formation year so far! We have over 100 students attending Faith Formation classes in our Sunday, Wednesday or Home Study programs. This can only be accomplished by the dozens of adults who assist with our programs, from teaching to serving the evening program meals. As we always say, it takes a village to raise a child- at home and in our faith. Thank you for your assistance!

We have completed server training for the elementary and middle school grades at Marquette and in our Faith Formation program. I look forward to seeing more and more of our young people assisting in our weekend Masses. If you have a child (grade 3 and older) who is interested in getting on the regular weekend to serve Mass at any of our four parishes, please contact the rectory office and Denise or Dee will get you pointed in the right direction.

Also, if you know of a middle school or high school student who would like to learn more about becoming a lector, usher or musician, or a Confirmed high school student who would like to be trained as a Eucharistic Minister, please contact me at the rectory or through email (dbq012s@dbqarch.org).

It is no secret that we must have our young people taking part in their faith now and in the future in order to sustain the existence of the Catholic church. Please take a moment each day and pray for our young people, that they may continue to develop a more meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ and, like the Apostles, bring in others along the way.

The St Catherine's Cemetery Road Project will be finished as soon as Steve Weber Concrete finishes the last part of the road. All extra monies will be used as improvements are needed for cemetery only. Once the road is finished and bills are paid, we will give you the final amount that is left in the cemetery fund.

St. Joseph Cemetery Work Day

Help is needed at the St. Joseph Cemetery on Sat., October 2nd to fill in low spots and do some general ground keeping duties. Work begins at 8:00 a.m. and will finish around 10:00 a. m. Please bring a shovel and rake if you have them.

We will only be doing cleaning and ground work. NO STONE REPAIR.

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 Kalms Restaurant for \$20/person. All proceeds go to ServeHaiti's health, water, education, & economic development programs in Grand-Bois, Haiti.



LITURGICAL ROLES

St. Joseph - Saturday, October 2 at 4:15 PM

Lector: Judy Moran **Eucharistic Minister:** Sue Kieffer, Cortney Kueter, Leonard Ernst, Rhonda Petesch

Lead Rosary: Marilyn Ploessl **Sacristan:** Bob/Molly Ploessl

Servers: Adleigh Kettmann, Tate/Paige Kueter **Ushers:** Steve Engelman, Perry Feller, John Kieffer, Terry Mueller, Bob/Molly Ploessl

Sunday, October 3 at 10:15 AM

Lector: Carolyn Weber **Eucharistic Minister:** Jacob Sturm, Dahlia Beauchamp, Matt Tracy, Julie Schmidt **Lead Rosary:** Gene/Joan Gerardy **Sacristan:** Kris Carrier **Servers:** Juli McHugh, Patrick Dunn, Jacklyn Pataska Moore **Ushers:** Dan Jacobs, Jerry Marshall, Steve Schmidt, Loras Sieverding, Glen Sprank, Jacob Sturm

Sts. Peter & Paul - Sunday, October 3 at 8:00 AM

Lector: Jack Tebbe **Eucharistic Minister:** Missy Banowetz **Server:** Jacob Litterer, Connor Thomas **Lead Rosary:** Helen Zeimet **Ushers:** Kevin/Darin Banowetz, Jim Banowetz, Jr. Steines

St. Donatus - Sunday, October 3 at 8:00 AM

Server: Myles Herrig **Lector:** Ana Herrig **Eucharistic Minister:** Elise Kilburg **Ushers:** Dan Weber, Mike Theisen

St. Catherine - Saturday, October 2 at 5:30 PM

Lector: Mark Wagner **Eucharistic Minister:** Linda Noel **Ushers:** Craig Cannon & Mark Cannon

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood in the United States. Thank your priest for answering the call to the priesthood! Pray this prayer by St. Charles Borromeo for your priest and all priests. "O Holy Mother of God, pray for the priests your Son has chosen to serve the Church. Help them, by your intercession, to be holy, zealous, and chaste. Make them models of virtue in the service of God's people. Help them be pious in meditation, efficacious in preaching, and zealous in the daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Help them administer the Sacraments with love and joy." Amen.

Sts. Peter & Paul News

****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. 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** are available in the back of church **this weekend** for you to pick up. **Every family is asked to donate** items for the bake sale. **All parishioners are asked to donate \$5.00** toward the meat. **Cooking sausage** will take place on Thursday, Oct. 14 at 5:00 p.m. **Set up will start** at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 14. All help is appreciated.

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

Monday, September 27

5:30 PM - SJ For the People

Tuesday, September 28

8:25 AM - SJ For the People

5:30 PM - SC For the People

Wednesday, September 29

8:25 AM - SJ † Tom & Rita Daugherty

† Clara Michels & Family

† Don Capesius & Maurice Sturm

10:00 AM - Mill Valley Care Center

† Lloyd Stecklein

Thursday, September 30

8:00 AM - SPP † Glenna Kueter

† George & Alverda Gonner Family

Friday, October 1

8:00 AM - SD For the People

8:25 AM - SJ † All Members of the William & Algean
Gerlach & Frank & Frances Kilburg Families

Saturday, October 2

1:30 PM - SPP Wedding of Josh Blake & Taylor
Schwager

1:30 PM - SJ Wedding of Cory Weinschenk & Megan
Freund

4:15 PM - SJ For the People

5:30 PM - SC † Carl Weimerskirch; † Jim Mauss

Sunday, October 3

8:00 AM - SD † Donnie Capesius

8:00 AM - SPP † Lucille Franzen

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS CONTINUED

Sunday, October 3

10:15 AM - SJ † Steve & Stan Kilburg

† Joseph & Millie Hager, Diane Hager,
Glenn Hager & Roger Hager

† Orville, Rosemary, Lynn & Lavonne
Roling & Cletus Kilburg

October is Respect Life Month. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 2nd -3rd, Dubuque Co. Right to Life will be sponsoring 'Life Saver Sunday.' Candies will be handed out, and all donations will be used by DCRTL for educational purposes, dedicated to preserving and fostering life from conception to natural death. Thank you for your support.

Join us on Oct. 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 a.m. in Kieffer Hall 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 blessu45@gmail.com or 319-560-5138 or go to www.pilgrimages.com/johnston to download a flyer.

AREA EVENTS

- ◆ **Bellevue Knights of Columbus 1354 Breakfast,** Sunday, October 10 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.