

St. Catherine, St. Donatus,  
St. Joseph & Sts. Peter & Paul  
Catholic Churches  
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 10, 2021



**28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves,  
"Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said,  
"For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.  
All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

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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, Ss. 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 part of the pilgrimage I'm leading next June, we plan to go to Broadway and see the musical *Come From Away*. At the time I put this together, I had no idea that Apple TV would be showing a filmed version of the play on their live streaming service. I've watched it twice since it was released on September 10 and have found it a very satisfying experience each time. Still, it will be even better live. Just as a general warning if you decide to watch it, it is a musical. I know musicals aren't everyone's cup of tea and that this musical suffers from some concessions to modern sensibilities that can be a bit annoying. However, overcoming the clash between small town hospitality and the skepticism associated with traveling is very heart warming for me. And, if you don't want to know about the musical before you go, you may want to stop reading here and either watch the Apple TV version or wait until after we see it on Broadway because I'm going to have some spoilers here..

There's a question that nags at me whenever I watch the play: Would we do the same? If you have no idea what I'm talking about, imagine if a number of visitors approximately equaling the population of your town were trapped there for five days. Gander is a town of nine thousand people and, because of American airspace being closed in the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, thirty eight planes carrying about seven thousand people were diverted there. At first, the town people set up temporary places in school gyms and local halls to move the "plane people" off the planes into somewhere they could stretch their legs, clean up, get some real food, and spread out. They fed them and set up phones for them to call their loved ones. When it became clear that the plane people weren't going to be leaving for a few days, they invited them into their homes to shower and get a good night's sleep and even invited them to become honorary Newfoundlanders or "Come From Aways" as the locals call them. .

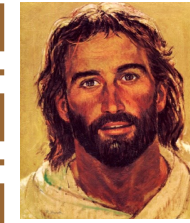
Would we offer any such hospitality if people were trapped in our towns?

It's tempting to say that we absolutely would do this. Everyone reading this lives in a small town (Yes, even people from Bellevue), smaller than Gander. We generally look after our neighbors and care about building strong communities. Still, treating people from North and South America, Europe, Africa, Asia and (especially) the Middle East as neighbors the way the people of Gander displayed on that day is, at least in my estimation, Christ-like.

I worry that we've allowed the worst behaving people to shape how we feel about people truly in need. We hear about people asking for money who waste it on drugs and alcohol so we stop giving money to anyone in need. We hear about hitchhikers kidnapping people and so we drive casually by without offering to help. We hear about the horror of human trafficking and believe pretty much any weird object placed on or near a car is a sign of someone

## Message from Fr. Miller continued

trying to carry out an abduction. How can we overcome fear of the worst case scenario to be a channel of God's peace?



### CEW (Christian Experience Weekend)

A Christian Experience Weekend for women will be held on November 5-7, 2021, and for men on November 19 - 21, 2021, at the Sugar Creek Retreat Center. Each weekend will begin at 8:00 PM on Friday and end at 4:00 PM on Sunday.

The Christian Experience Weekend is an adult renewal experience which offers participants a better understanding of old and new aspects of their Christian life. It is open to anyone over 18 years of age. Attendance is limited and advance registration is required. Registration forms and additional information are available in the back of church or call Denise Michel, 563-581-3625 or Jeff Nieland at 319-480-3446.

### YOUTH GROUP/ EPIC/HS FF/CONFIRMATION

- Wednesday, Oct. 13 - Youth Faith Formation- meet in Kruse Center & Kieffer Hall 3:15-5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 13 - Family Faith Formation-meet in Kruse Center & Trinity Hall 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 13 - Home Study Faith Formation-parent (s) work with child(ren) at home on assigned lesson.
- Sunday, Oct. 17 - Confirmation Sponsor meeting at St. Joseph Church, from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 17 - EPIC Movie - meet in Kruse Center - 3:00-5:00 p.m. Bring snacks/drink/comfy chair/blanket.
- Sunday, Oct. 17 - High School Faith Formation Class in Fr. Kruse Center from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 17 - Middle School Faith Formation Class, check in Fr. Kruse Center from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 17 - Youth Group will carve pumpkins at Kruse Center at 6:30 p.m.

### **St. Catherine Schuster's Pumpkin Patch**

We will also be hosting the Lunch Stand at Schuster's Pumpkin Patch on Oct 16 & 17th with our soup bar and brats. Pies and desserts are needed 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](mailto:herrig5@netins.net).

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
HOLY HOUR for Vocations  
Saturdays 8:00 a.m.— 9:00 a.m.



# OTHER

## St. Catherine/St. Donatus Parish News

Our **Monthly Special Collection designee** for October is the Dubuque Rescue Mission, which "has been serving Christ in the poor for 75 years," helping the needy through love and faith by providing shelter for homeless men, hot meals to all who are hungry, vouchers for clothing and household items, and city bus passes for job searches. They depend on the generosity of local churches and individuals to be able to provide these ministries. Envelopes for donations to our monthly designees can be found 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.

**This year St. Catherine/St. Donatus Faith Formation program are reaching out to families with preschoolers** to discuss ways to lead your child(ren) in learning about the practices of our faith. So **please join us next Sunday, October 17**, in St. Donatus Parish Center after the 8 a.m. Mass. We will be talking about ways to teach children about prayer and why we pray. No registration is necessary. Future sessions will be held on Nov. 21, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, and March 20. Just come and join other families to share ideas of passing on the faith to your child(ren).

**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. 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.



Survivor of 1994 Rwanda Genocide and best selling author of "Left to Tell" IMMACULEE ILIBAGIZA will host a retreat at Resurrection Church on Friday, Nov 5th from 5-9pm, and Saturday, Nov 6th from 9a-1230. To register

for this retreat, go to [Immaculee.com/Collections/Retreats](http://Immaculee.com/Collections/Retreats). (Click on Dubuque, IA retreat) For more information, contact Diane Link @ 563.590.5686 or [dmlinkrn@gmail.com](mailto:dmlinkrn@gmail.com) or Laurie Ready at 563-451-9565 or [LaurieReady@gmail.com](mailto:LaurieReady@gmail.com). A block of rooms are reserved at Holiday Inn Express \$109/night, 563-556-4600, and Hampton Inn \$99/night, 563-563-690-2005. You must mention "Immaculee Retreat at Resurrection" to get the discounted rate.

## St. Donatus Breakfast

Planning has begun for St. Donatus' 58<sup>th</sup> annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast which will be held November 7, 2021! Envelopes for each family will soon be in the back of church and will include important information about the breakfast. Please take your envelope when available in order to keep our postage costs down. The donation list is also posted at the back of church. If you have any questions, please contact Dina Theisen or Missy Gregorich.

## STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

### St. Catherine

Adult Contributors	
Envelopes.....	\$1395.00
Offertory.....	\$18.00
Clarity Clinic.....	\$58.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1471.00</b>

### St. Donatus

Adult Contributors	
Envelopes.....	\$1962.00
Offertory.....	\$78.00
Votive.....	\$30.00
Dubuque Rescue Mission.....	\$12.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2082.00</b>

### St. Joseph

Adult Contributors	
Envelopes.....	\$2978.00
EFT (Auto Deposit) .....	\$652.00
Offertory.....	\$389.75
Votive.....	\$67.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4086.75</b>

### Sts. Peter & Paul

Adult Contributors	
Envelopes.....	\$3540.00
EFT (Auto Deposit) .....	\$981.00
Offertory.....	\$191.70
Votive.....	\$9.00
Energy Needs.....	\$380.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$5101.70</b>

## 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 date November 19th-21st in Holstein, IA. Register at [Iowa-wwme.org](http://Iowa-wwme.org) or call 563-608-3305 with any questions.



## Card Party at St. Joseph's Bellevue

St. Joseph's Church in Bellevue will hold their monthly euchre card party Sunday, Oct. 17th. 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.

## October is Respect Life Month.

At Birthright of Dubuque, we believe it is the right of every woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born. If you have this same passion for life, would you considering joining us in our work? We provide free, non-judgmental, confidential services to pregnant women in our community. To find out more about volunteering with us, please contact Angie Breitbach at 563-590-9064.



# A MESSAGE FROM JULIE SCHMIDT/OTHER

## Catechist Corner from Julie Schmidt

As I continue to serve in my new role at our parishes, I am so excited to see so many more of our parishioners, young and "wise", take the next step in their faith journey by serving our parishes in so many ways. When we first opened up after the COVID shut down, we asked parishioners who would be willing to serve in some of our Mass ministries to contact the office, and a small number of you stepped up to the plate. Thank you!

Now that we are back in full swing with musicians, lectors, servers and Eucharistic ministers, we are still working from that small "COVID times" list, so we are once again looking to boost our numbers! We have been made aware that some of you are wanting back on the regular schedule for these Mass ministries, and if that is the case no matter which of the four parishes, please contact the rectory office by calling 563-872-3234 or emailing Denise and Dee at [dbq012sec@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq012sec@dbqarch.org).

If you haven't served in these ministries and would like to be trained as a lector, server, or EM, please contact one of the priests or myself (Julie Schmidt [dbq012s@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq012s@dbqarch.org)) and we would be happy to get you trained and on the regular weekend Mass schedule. Those wanting to be involved with music ministries, please contact the rectory office and we will put you in touch with the correct people.

Take some time this week and pray about whether God is calling you or your children to take this next step in your/their faith journey! The best way to feel a part of a community is to BE part of a community!

## Sts. Peter & Paul News

**Sts. Peter & Paul's, Springbrook, Iowa Fall Breakfast** will be held on Sunday, October 17, 2021. Serving from 7:00 am – 12:00 Noon. Adults: \$9.00; Children (5-12 years of age): \$5.00; 4 & Under-FREE. **Cooking sausage** will take place on Thursday, Oct. 14 at 5:00 p.m. **Set up will start** at 6:00 p.m. All help is appreciated.

## Sts. Peter & Paul Scrip News!

The Hy-Vee scrip cards will work at the new Dollar Fresh store in Maquoketa!! If you have any questions in regards to scrip, please don't hesitate to ask one of the volunteers!

## TEC

Do you know a junior or senior in high school who could use a weekend away for faith renewal in a relaxed and fun atmosphere? The Archdiocese of Dubuque is offering three TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) weekends this year in Dubuque, Bellevue, and Dyersville. Registration information can be found in the brochures in the back of all four churches. Please contact Julie Schmidt if you have questions, [DBQ012ym@DBQarch.org](mailto:DBQ012ym@DBQarch.org).

**Dan Schutte Concert**, Sinsinawa Mound Center, Sinsinawa, WI Friday, October 15, 7 p.m. in the Queen of the Rosary Chapel. This concert will be available both in person and via livestream. For more information go to [www.sinsinawa.org/MoundCenter/events](http://www.sinsinawa.org/MoundCenter/events)

## LITURGICAL ROLES

### **St. Joseph - Saturday, October 16 at 4:15 PM**

**Lector:** Patty McClimon **Eucharistic Minister:** Sue Kieffer, Cortney Kueter, Leonard Ernst, Rhonda Petesch

**Lead Rosary:** Marilyn Ploessl **Sacristan:** Nancy Ploessl

**Servers:** 3 Volunteers **Ushers:** Steve Engelman, Perry Feller, John Kieffer, Terry Mueller, Bob/Molly Ploessl

### **Sunday, October 17 at 10:15 AM**

**Lector:** Jan Powers **Eucharistic Minister:** Monica McHugh, Megan Capesius, Jacob Sturm, Gail Michels **Lead Rosary:** Ann Michels **Sacristan:** Angela Burken **Servers:** Erin/Tony/Brooke Sprank **Ushers:** Dan Jacobs, Jerry Marshall, Steve Schmidt, Loras Sieverding, Glen Sprank, Jacob Sturm

### **Sts. Peter & Paul - Sunday, October 17 at 8:00 AM**

**Lector:** Carol Gerlach **Eucharistic Minister:** Tracey Hager

**Server:** Joseph/Justine Hager **Lead Rosary:** Jr./Laura Steines **Ushers:** Mark/Tom Heiar, Mike Till, Charlie Peters

### **St. Donatus - Sunday, October 17 at 8:00 AM**

**Server:** Jalen Theisen **Lector:** Jessica Thole **Eucharistic Minister:** Ruth Roling **Ushers:** Dave Herrig, Jim Roling

### **St. Catherine - Saturday, October 16 at 5:30 PM**

**Lector:** Liz Staner **Eucharistic Minister:** Mark Wagner **Ushers:** Bob Jaeger, Scott Weimerskirch

## AREA EVENTS

- ◆ **St. Joseph Church, Bellevue, Theology on Tap** at River Ridge Brewery on Sunday, Oct. 10th from 3-5 p.m. Speaker will be Fr. Austin Wilker
- ◆ **The Clarity Clinic invites you to their Fundraising Banquet**, Thursday, Oct. 14th at the Grand River Center in Dubuque. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. with dinner and program from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.
- ◆ **Sts. Peter & Paul, Springbrook, Fall Breakfast**, Sunday, Oct. 17th from 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. in Kilburg Hall.
- ◆ **Mary's Inn Auction**, Sunday, October 24th to be held at Dubuque County Fairgrounds. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. Lunch available. Asking for donations of homemade or new unused items.
- ◆ **Preston Knights of Columbus Breakfast**, Sunday, Oct. 24th from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Dine-in or carry-out. Serving blueberry & buttermilk pancakes, rope sausage, scrambled eggs, toast, applesauce, coffee, juice & milk. Everyone welcome
- ◆ **Springbrook's Fire & Rescue Sausage, Pancake, Egg Breakfast**, Sunday, October 31st from 7 AM -12:00 noon at the Springbrook Fire Station. To pre-order breakfasts, call the fire station at 563-689-3473. Any questions, call Kevin Sieverding at 563-542-0545 or Joe Deppe at 563-599-5177.

October~Month of the Rosary!

## MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

### Monday, October 11

5:30 PM - SJ † Rosemary Schwager; † Angie Schroeder

### Tuesday, October 12

8:25 AM - SJ † Barbara Rowan; † Tom & Rita Daugherty  
† Eldon Weis; † Living & Deceased

Members of the Arnold & Clara Steines Family

5:30 PM - SC † Susie & Al Blatz

### Wednesday, October 13

8:25 AM - SJ 104 years since the miracle of the sun at  
Fatima & so the pope & all the bishops will soon  
consecrate Russia to our Blessed Mother

10:00 AM - Mill Valley Care Center

† Maynard Meier

### Thursday, October 14

8:00 AM - SPP † Peter Sprank; † Glenna Kueter

50th Anniversary of Jack & Anna Mae Tebbe

### Friday, October 15

8:00 AM - SD † Milton Weber

8:25 AM - SJ † Hazel Lemer; † Mary Ann Till

† Norb, Mary, JoAnn Ernst & Jean Ann Harris

### Saturday, October 16

4:15 PM - SJ † Sylvester & Esther Deppe & Merlin &  
Gwendola Till; † Bernice Kilburg

† Rose Zeimet & Gary Boehm

† Alvin & Mercedes Herrig & Lindsay Gibbs

† Deceased Members of the Class of 1960

5:30 PM - SC † Ray & Rosie Tigges

† Bill Gaber

## MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS CONTINUED

### Sunday, October 17

8:00 AM - SD † Roger & Lois Gerardy

† Donnie Capesius & Mary Capesius

8:00 AM - SPP † Joe Trenkamp & Rosella Ties

† Verdis Hoffman

10:15 AM - SJ † Deceased Members of the Class of

1960; † Wayne & Janis Ploeger

† John & Mary Ann Upmann

† Corrine Schulte

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT, November 5-7, Dubuque.

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend is a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. It is a very specific process designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It is run by volunteers who care deeply about your needs. Many of the facilitators have suffered the same loss. Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. For more information or to register, go to our website [www.dcrtl.org](http://www.dcrtl.org); call 563-556-5960; or email [dcrtl@dcrtl.org](mailto:dcrtl@dcrtl.org). Sponsored by Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc.

*Stewardship Quote ...* In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep me from following Jesus?