

SS. JOSEPH & CABRINI PARISH

Sept. 7-23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time & Sept. 14, 2025-Exaltation of the Holy Cross



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WELCOME VISITORS: All visitors are welcome to share with us the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Your presence with us is always a blessing. If you would like to become a registered member, forms are located at entrance of the church or please call the Parish Office and we can send one to you.

Mass Schedule: 8:30am, Sunday at St. Joseph Church

Sacramental Life:

- Reconciliation available before Sunday Mass (8:00-8:20am)
- Please contact the Parish Office for baptism and marriage preparation, anointing of the sick, illness and hospitalization, deaths and funerals.

Prayer List: If you wish to be added to the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office.

Food Pantry Collection: First Sunday of the month.

Coffee & Rolls Sunday: First Sunday of the month following mass.

Mission Statement

We, as children of God and members of Saints Joseph and Cabrini Catholic Parish, are a welcoming faith community rich in our rural heritage. Called by our baptismal commitment to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ, we are dedicated to our Catholic faith and embrace all those in our world.

##MASS SUNDAY Sept. 7 at SJ 8:30 am

Mass Intention: Carrol Shelangoski

Lector: Jerry Adrian

Eucharistic Minister: Connie Fritz

Greeters/Gift Bearers: Kevin/Lisa Clark

Ushers: Ed Drzycimski, Paul Fritz, Don

Kaska, Bob Kiefer

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AM Prayer Service Sept. 9 at 8:00 am-MC

AM Prayer Service Sept. 11 at 8:00 am- SJ

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##MASS SUNDAY Sept. 14 at SJ 8:30 am

Mass Intention: Bill & Alvina Fritchen

Lector: Pat Drzycimski

Eucharistic Minister: Don Kaska

Greeters/Gift Bearers: Pat Hagist/Nancy

Anderson

Ushers: Phil Kurtz, Kurt Ledger, Greg Ledger,

Jeff Ledger

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AM Prayer Service Sept. 16 at 8:00 am-MC

AM Prayer Service Sept. 18 at 8:00 am-SJ

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##MASS SUNDAY Sept. 21 at SJ @ 10:00 am

Celebrating St. Joseph Church 123rd

Anniversary & Welcoming Bishop Walsh!

Concelebrant: Rev. Robert Lathrop

Mass Intention: Josephine Drish

Reader: Carol Robison

Eucharistic Minister: Greg Ledger/Suanne

Dickey

Altar Servers: Aurora & Ames Phillips

Greeters/Gift Bearers: Steve/Betty Burgmeier

Ushers: Mike Adrian, Steve Burgmeier, Ed

Drzycimski, David Pacha

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Luncheon to follow the Sept. 21st 10:00 Mass

with Bishop Walsh in the church basement.

Please plan on attending!

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Please Pray For:

Diane Lazono, Terry Schone, Georgia (Bush) Suzu,
Helen Adam, Laurie Moore, Anne Martin, Kathryn
Deutsch, Janice Ledger, Charlotte Kessel, Kameron
McCoy, Laverne & Judy Weber, Jim Adam, Nathaniel
Schadt, Nancy Dickinson, Richard Pepper, Joe Adam,
Linda Zelinski, Lucy Dietzman, Lloyd Thola, Mark
Hagist, Pam Horras Riley, Dan Weber, Fr. Jim
Betzen, Judy Dickey, Emily Ledger, Chuck Anderson,
Doug Howard, Juston Lamb, Bob Sobaski, Chuck
Kaska, Luanne Brown, Jared Greiner, Shirley Van
Dee, Jeff Weber, Karen Morgan, John Adam, Colleen
Adam, Kathy (Fritz) Fray, Ron Fritz, Dick Pohren,
Ryan Marie, Kyle Sobaski, Jodi Reed, Wayne
Knees Kern.

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September Birthdays

1-Gary Fritz

7-Phil Kurtz

8-Sr. Janet Kreber

8-Katie Six

10-David Pacha

12-Kara Sobaski

14-Denise Clarahan

19-Elan Ledger

25-JoAnn Hersh

25-Donna Greiner

September Anniversaries

5-John & Jane Adrian

5-Leonard & MaryAnn Drish

5-Roger & Corrie Drish

7-Shawn & Jody Phillips

9-Dave & Jenna Johnson

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Contributions for Aug. 24, 2025

Offertory \$593.00

Tanzania Mission Appeal \$190.11

****Attendance-Aug. 24-#43

Contributions for Aug. 31, 2025

Offertory \$698.00

****Attendance-Aug. 31-#42

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*Any items that you are wanting inserted in the bulletin
for weeks of Sept. 21/Sept. 28, please have to Lisa by
Friday, Sept. 12th at: toots85_52654@yahoo.com or call
319-750-2118. Thank you!*

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Shirley VanDee will be celebrating her 90th Birthday on
Sunday afternoon, September 21st from 1:00-5:00/6:00. This
will take place at Highland Ridge Retirement Facility in
Williamsburg. All are invited!

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St. James Fall Festival in Washington, Sunday, Sept. 7th.
Meal served from 11:00-1:00, with an auction starting at
12:30,

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 7-NO coffee & rolls today

Sept. 7-Food Pantry Collection Sunday

Sept. 7-St. James Fall Festival, Washington, Meal served from 11:00-1:00

Sept.9-Altar & Rosary, 1:30 @ SJ

Sept. 21-10:00 Mass with Bishop Walsh; lunch to follow

Sept. 21-St. Alphonsus, Mt. Pleasant, Dinner 10:30-1:00

SEPTEMBER ALTAR & ROSARY GROUP:

Chairperson: Nancy Anderson; Karen Baker, Barb Hood, Susie Drish, Cindy Adam, Karen (Ed) Horras, Amy Jones, Patty Adam, Arlene Fritz.

OCTOBER ALTAR & ROSARY GROUP:

Chairperson: Jane Adrian; Mary Adam, Joyce Emry, Karen (Dick) Horras, Sarah Ledger, Deb Adrian, Deb Greiner.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025: CELEBRATION/ LUNCHEON CELEBRATING A WELCOMING FOR BISHOP WALSH AND THE 123RD ANNI- VERSARY OF ST. JOSEPH CHURCH.

-10:00 Mass with a luncheon to follow; please plan on attending this event!

Important information:

- There will be NO coffee & rolls in September/October. The people assigned to these monthly committees are asked to help set-up and serve for the luncheon (as well as anyone else that wishes to help).
- Pies for the dessert are also being requested from these committee members, along with anyone else that would like to provide for the dessert that day.
- If you are assigned to one of these monthly committee's, please check with your chairperson, either Nancy Anderson or Jane Adrian for more information.
- Due to no coffee/roll donation money for Sept./Oct., free will donations to help cover the cost of the meal would be greatly appreciated! Donations may be left at parish office, collection basket, or with a parish council member.

Readings for week Sept. 7 thru Sept. 21

Sunday: 129:Wis9:13-18b/Ps90:3-6,12-17/Phlm9-10,12-17/Lk14:25-33

Monday: 636:Mi5:1-4a or Rom8:28-30/Ps13:6abc/Mt1:1-16,18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday: 438:Col2:6-15/Ps145:1b-2,8-11/Lk6:12-19

Wednesday: 439:Col3:1-11/Ps145:2-3,10-13b/Lk6:20-26

Thursday: 440:Col3:12-17/Ps150:1b-6/Lk6:27-38

Friday: 441:1Tm1:1-2,12-14/Ps16:1b-2a,5,7-8,11/Lk6:39-42

Saturday: 442:1Tm1:15-17/Ps113:1b-7/Lk6:43-49

Sunday: 638:Nm21:4b-9/Ps78:1b-2,34-38/Phil2:6-11/Jn3:13-17

Monday: 443:1Tm2:1-8/Ps28:2,7-9

Tuesday: 444:1Tm3:1-13/Ps101:1b-3b,5-6/Lk7:11-17

Wednesday: 445:1Tm3:14-16/Ps111:1-6/Lk7:31-35

Thursday: 446:1Tm4:12-16/Ps111:7-10/Lk7:36-50

Friday: 447:1Tm6:2c-12/Ps49:6-10,17-20/Lk8:1-3

Saturday: 448:1Tm6:13-16/Ps100:1b-5/Lk8:4-15

Sunday: 135:Am8:4-7/Ps113:1-2,4-8/1Tm2:1-8/Lk16:1-13 or 16:10-13

ANNIVERSARY MASS

At the request of Bishop Walsh, the Office of Faith Formation is sponsoring a diocesan celebration for all couple who are celebrating 50 years of marriage this year. A Mass and informal reception will be held at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Iowa City on Sunday, October 19 at 2:00 pm.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS-SEPTEMBER

The month of September you may donate anything that will go towards food or supplies. **The food pantry is now located in The H.U.B. in Brighton. There are many that utilize the food pantry for items in need. Checks can now be made out to THE HUB, with "pantry" in the memo; cash donations will also be accepted.**

September 6, St. Joseph Hall cleaning: Thank you to all who helped with cleaning the church basement, getting the area ready for the Anniversary Celebration and welcoming of Bishop Walsh. Much appreciated!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” John 3:14-15

The days of worshiping idols in the desert are not as far away as we might think. To have eternal life, we must believe in Jesus and follow His commandments.

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GROW CLOSER TO GOD-SEPTEMBER ISSUE

Pick up a copy of the devotional publication “The Word Among Us” and spend time reflecting on the word of God for your life. “The Word Among Us” features uplifting and thought provoking meditations based upon the daily Mass readings. The September issue will be available to pick up at entrances.

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The Fairfield Knights of Columbus are pleased to announce that the Fairfield Council has received the Columbian Award for the 2024-2025 year. The Columbian Award is given to those councils who exhibit, through their programs and events, a focus on Culture of Life, Youth, Family, the Council, service to the Community and the Church. If you have a desire to become more active in these areas of Faith, Family, Community, and a Culture of Life, please contact Jacob Adam (641-919-7382) or Matt Johnson (631-816-1640).

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Rosemary Pacha will again be taking orders for her apple booth items of caramel apples, apple pie bars and apple sugar cookies. Order forms are attached as well as at church entrances. Deadline is Sept. 28th. Please call Rosemary at 319-863-3395 for more information.

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The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available Sunday from 8:00AM to 8:20AM, before Sunday Mass

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Dept of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline 800-362-2178. If it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, Victim Assistance Coordinator 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org or P.O. Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004

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By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Heaven and Regina George

There are certain phrases that serve as a kind of shibboleth (word, custom, or other practice that identifies members of a group) for millennials, a dog whistle that only ears formed between 1981 and 1996 can discern. “You can’t sit with us” is one of those phrases.

It’s from the movie *Mean Girls*, (which, I hear from my younger family members, has now become cool with the kids again, so maybe my point about it being niche is incorrect). The character Regina George, merciless ruler of the cool kids, is rejected from the ultra-exclusive lunch table she herself formed when her minions, tired of her cruelty, serve her the most devastating words a teenager can hear in public: “You can’t sit with us.” So passes earthly glory, as they say.

At first blush, this Gospel gives “Mean Girls” vibes. We have an image of the unlucky masses clamoring for entry into the kingdom of heaven as God locks the door against them, saying, “I do not know where you are from.”

Very “you-can’t-sit-with-us.”

But we need to remember that the people pounding on the door of heaven in today’s Gospel aren’t people who wanted a seat at God’s lunch table—at least, not until it was the only lunch table left, because they had Regina George’d their way out of all the other ones.

Jesus’ whole thing was that you can sit with us, whoever you are, wherever you’re from and whatever you’ve done. But there are a lot of lunch tables in the world, and not everyone wants to be at one with rules like “repent” and “be good to that person you really don’t like.” It’s not always an easy table to sit at, especially when there are so many other options.

We have to choose heaven before heaven becomes our only choice.

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