



## Father Ray Burkle

### Enlisting Disciples

This year the catechetical theme is 'Enlisting Disciples' and I get the task of flushing it out. Matthew ends his gospel with the great commission. "The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshipped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, 'All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.' (Matt 28:16-20)

Like the disciples, there are times that we worship and there are times that we might doubt. However, we also have to remind ourselves that Jesus will be with us always. Sometimes we forget the middle part of the above passage, and that is all of us who are baptized are called to teach the good news. All of us are called to make disciples of others, and the best way for us to do that is to first make disciples of ourselves.

Before I can teach others what Christ teaches, I have to first understand what and why Jesus teaches what He does. Before I can lead others to Christ, I need to have a clear vision of how I am being called to be transformed into Christ, so that I can help others in the same process. Before I can help someone see the potential that God has given them, I need to be able to see the potential that God has given me.

This is why the church puts great importance, not only in teaching our youth, but also having continuing education for our adults. We need to continue to grow in the area of faith and understanding, first so that we more fully know the God we serve, and also that we can teach others about the God who loves us and whom we love.

### Experience as a Mass Server

Each year boys and girls in the fourth grade are trained to be Mass servers. Things have not changed that much over the years, since this practice was in effect when I was in the fourth grade, with the exception, at that time, only boys could be Mass servers. When I entered fourth grade, I did not sign up to become a Mass server. However, when fifth grade came along, my mom forced me to become one.

The reason I didn't sign up in fourth grade, was because I did not enjoy going to Mass. As I mentioned in a recent homily, I didn't get anything out of it. However, my mom made a deal with me (perhaps the best deal she ever made) that if I didn't like being a server after one year, I could quit. I thought this was a great deal, and figured I could last one long year. That year, expanded into a lifetime.

As a Mass server, I began to pay attention to what was going on. I also participated in what was going on. I began to realize that something special was happening during Mass, and God was communicating with me. Not just in the readings and in the sacraments, but God was speaking to my heart. I was getting things out of Mass that I didn't think were possible. By the end of fifth grade, I was serving almost every weekend, and by the time I went into High School, when everyone else stopped serving, I continued on.

I realized that Mass for me was no longer just an obligation, but rather something I needed. My time with God and others during Mass gave me direction and purpose. God became *the* central part of my life.

Therefore, if you have a child in the fourth grade, or an older child that is not a server, I strongly encourage you to encourage them to become Mass servers. They will get so much more out of it, than what they put into it.

## Sister Millie's 60th Jubilee

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On August 12, St. Isidore Catholic Community hosted an open House for Sister Millie, at Visitation Church as she celebrated her 60th Jubilee. "I am so blessed and grateful for God's presence in my life." Sister Millie renewed her Vows and received a blessing from Father Ray Burkle during Sunday morning Mass. Sister Millie celebrates her 60th Jubilee in service and ministry as a Sister of St. Francis of the Holy Family, Dubuque. Donations were accepted for Sister Water Project.



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## Catechetical Year 2018 – Faith Formation “Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ”

...by Barb Brumm



This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 16, 2018. The 2018 theme will be **"Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ."** Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called to be commissioned for their ministry. 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.

The ministry of teaching (Catechesis) in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others. Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of the catechists in parishes but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

“No matter where we are on our journey of Faith, we are called to be witnessing disciples. Rooted and empowered by our loving relationship with Christ and trusting that He will provide us all that we need, we can share His love in whatever mission field He sends us”.

## John's Gospel Study.....by Helen Gerdes

A nine lesson exploration of the Gospel of John was provided as a summer enrichment for members of the weekly Bible study groups. The kit for this program, written by Allen Hunt and published by Dynamic Catholic, was provided free of charge with the expectation that we implement it and provide feedback.

John's Gospel shares much in common with the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, but it also introduces events you won't find in the others. This Gospel was written to help us experience Jesus in a personal way. The author, John, was afforded extended time in company with Christ, and he used this Gospel to record what he saw and witnessed personally.

Each lesson in the study includes activities that help the participant go deeper and experience Christ in a personal way. Those who participated expressed gratitude for the opportunity to share in group study and grow in relationship with Christ.



Five discussion sessions about several different parables were led by Fr. Ray at Visitation and Sacred Heart in June and July.

### Pondering Parables with Padre...by Julie Brumm

Pondering parables was led by Fr Ray. If you ever wondered, like I did, what the parables mean, It was a great time to come together and discuss the various parables of the gospels, particularly those in Mark. There were several interpretations of what the meanings were to each of us. In many we can see ourselves as the subject of the parable from the many different ways we interpret them. It depends where we are in our own journey or what we may be dealing with in our lives at the moment. It was very interesting and a great opportunity to share with other parishioners of Visitation and Sacred Heart. Yummy popcorn, too, by the way.



## Catholic Heart Workcamp 2018

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Since 2003 St. Isidore students and adults have traveled all over the country each summer to spend a week doing service and growing in their faith. Catholic Heart Workcamp is a national organization who organizes camps all over the United States. Throughout the day, groups converge on a city and serve the less fortunate, doing a variety of projects such as painting and yard clean up. In the evenings, the students and adult chaperones participate in “programming” that challenge the students to grow in their faith in an engaging, dynamic way.

This past June, our group traveled to Memphis, TN and served in many ways; daycare centers, food banks, home and yard repair. It was a hot week but no one complained. We went to serve and be Disciples of Christ. It was an amazing week! Please consider joining our group next summer!

Thanks to those who participated this year: Cole Adams, Sawyer Chisholm, Zach Duren, Krista Erickson, Nathan Havel, Katie Hoppel, Abbie Kulow, Mason O’Malley, Noah O’Malley, Jenna Plotzke, and Patrick VandenAvond. Special thanks to our adult chaperones and drivers: Marlin Duren, Beth Hoppel, Brianna Lowe, and Denny Thompson.

**Purpose:** Falling under the Ministries of Service and Justice, Evangelization, and Prayer and Worship, Catholic Heart Workcamp is one of our most popular ministry offerings. Students are given the chance to live out the corporal works of mercy by serving the less fortunate in a very tangible way. One of the aspects that makes this experience so powerful is the direct, face-to-face interaction with those they are helping. This interaction can also lead to an opportunity for evangelization. The students are often able to share what their faith means to them with their fellow group members and the people they serve. Finally, students have many opportunities for prayer and worship throughout. Whether it be daily Mass, an optional daily Rosary, or exciting praise and worship music, students are able to connect with their God in a personal way at Catholic Heart.

*“Catholic Heart Workcamp was an amazing experience for me. I really enjoyed working with people from different churches and making an impact on other peoples’ lives. Seeing their faces light up after you help them just shows how grateful they are for it all. I’ve made great friendships from camp and it has helped my faith life by bringing me closer in my relationship with God and being able to bring it into the lives of others.”* – Katie Hoppel

*“This past summer was my fourth year going to Catholic Heart Workcamp, and despite my experience, I continued to be awestruck by my week. My group was assigned to strip and repaint a house, along with other yard work and siding repair. We grew in our faith during team prayer and learned ways others stay strong in their faith despite the society we live in. We were all moved to tears by the response from our resident when we showed him his house. We had taken ONE week out of our summer to help this man out, but we ended up changing his life and instilling hope and God’s strength in him. Throughout the week, program taught us how God forgives ours sins and how they don’t define us, and how to take God’s energy back to our hometowns. This week of service is something I look forward to all year and it never fails to help renew my faith in God.”* – Jenna Plotzke



## Reflections on Totus Tuus 2018...by Barb Brumm

What a joy! What a blessing! The Totus Tuus TEAM was amazing. We could not have picked a more compassionate, humble and generous four missionary disciples. Chris, Brian, Lizz, and Nicole are an example of the heart and hands of Jesus and are a true inspiration of evangelization! We thank God for sending them to us!!!

The children are asking for a "month" of Totus Tuus next year--- is that even possible---yes, if the kids travel from site to site! Even the parents of children who were not Catholic were thankful that the children were welcomed to attend, as the children wanted to come back day after day.

The Prayer Guide for Families is an awesome resource.

The progression of respect and reverence for and during Mass was beautiful. Eucharistic Adoration was unbelievable in the fact that the children seemed to focus in awe on the Holy Eucharist. Transformed, mystically, maybe searching for who this Jesus is in the Eucharist and why I am here in quiet and silence. Eucharistic Adoration, the Mass, the lessons learned were new beginnings for these children. There are so many stories of blessings, joy; so many examples of seeing Jesus in each other; so many prayerful experiences, laughs, tears, etc.

Thank you to all who initiated, promoted, inspired, etc. this program in our Archdiocese. You have done an amazing job! When can we sign up for next year?



## Upcoming Events

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### Women's CEW

The 10th CEW (Christian Experience Weekend) will be held October 19-21, 2018 at the Visitation Faith Formation Center in Stacyville. The weekend begins at 8:00pm on Friday and closes at 4:00pm on Sunday. This weekend will offer you an opportunity, as a Christian, to renew your relationship with God, self, and others. Please consider and pray about accepting this invitation to renew, relax, and reaffirm your love of God, self and community. Registration forms/ brochures are in the St. Isidore Catholic Center and back of Sacred Heart and Visitation Churches. Registration forms on line under [www.stisidore.com](http://www.stisidore.com).

Questions: Contact Barbara Ann Brumm, D/CRE at 641-710-2441.

- Dates: October 19-20-21, 2018
- Time: Friday evening through Sunday afternoon
- Location: Visitation Faith Formation Center

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### Christ Our Life Conference 2018

#### Conference Background

Christ Our Life Catholic Regional Conference is a non-profit conference being held at Wells Fargo Arena. It is a grassroots effort of faith springing up out of the heart of Iowa and blessed by Bishop Richard E. Pates of the Catholic Diocese of Des Moines.

#### How Did it Come About?

Christ Our Life Catholic Regional Conference was conceived in 2008 and was inspired by the Holy Spirit pulling on the hearts of two women in central Iowa. They prayed, gathered a dedicated and spiritually motivated group of volunteers, and secured world-renowned speakers. The result was a first-of-its kind Catholic conference. Now we are offering a fifth biennial Christ Our Life conference focused on bringing Catholics together, inspiring, celebrating and exploring their faith and bringing souls to Christ.

#### You Are Invited!

You are invited to one of the largest conferences of its kind in the United States, Saturday and Sunday, September 29 & 30, 2018, at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. Hear world-class speakers, celebrate Mass among many thousands, attend Reconciliation, visit Jesus in Adoration, fill your spirit with music and feel your soul rejoice!! For more information check out the website at [ChristOurLifeIowa.com](http://ChristOurLifeIowa.com). Tickets are now available by contacting Beth Hoppel at 641-732-3428.

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**Thursday Morning Bible Sharing** will begin September 6 at 9:00am in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. All are welcome.

**Friday Morning Bible Sharing** will begin September 7 at 9:00am at Evergreen Senior Living. All are welcome.



#### 2019 St. Isidore Parish Mission

Steve Angrisano is undoubtedly one of the most effective and versatile ministry leaders in the Church today. Young and old alike embrace the passionate message of faith, hope and love woven throughout his music and storytelling.

Always rooted in a spirit of humility and faithfulness, Steve's easy, honest style of ministry is born from who he is: a committed witness to the life and love of Jesus Christ.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Steve will join us for a Parish Mission, April 14, 15, & 16.

## Andrew Schneider earns Eagle Scout

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Eagle Scout is the **highest advancement** rank in Boy Scouting. Since 1912, more than two million Boy Scouts have earned the Eagle Scout rank. In the words of the Eagle Scout Promise, Eagles do their **best** each day to make their training an example, their rank and their **influence** count strongly for better Scouting and for better **citizenship** in their troop, in their community, and in their contacts with other people. To this they pledge their **sacred honor**.

Andrew Schneider, son of Gary and Linda Schneider, Troop 1062, from Osage received his Eagle Scout award at the Court of Honor on August 5, 2018.

Andrew entered Boy Scouts on November 19, 2012. He reached the rank of Tenderfoot on September 1, 2013, the rank of Second Class on April 7, 2014, the rank of First Class on June 22, 2014, the rank of Star on November 3, 2014, the rank of Life on June 1, 2015, and the rank of Eagle on February 18, 2018.

Andrew's different leadership positions were Librarian, Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Patrol Leader (National Jamboree). The different Merit Badges that Andrew earned were Computer, First Aid, Weather, Basketry, Indian Lore, Citizenship in the Community, Coin Collecting, Fingerprinting, Citizenship in the Nation, Photography, Citizenship in the World, Chess, Environmental Science, Swimming, Communications, Music, Traffic Safety, Cooking, Woodcarving, Family Life, Geocaching, Bird Study, Camping, Leatherwork, Chemistry, Personal Management, Soil and Water Conservation, Digital Technology, Engineering, Aviation, Astronomy, Archery, Emergency Preparedness, Pottery, Space Exploration, Fire Safety, Scouting Heritage, Disabilities Awareness, Game Design, Personal Fitness, Collections, Golf, Electricity, Forestry, and Nature.

Andrew did some long term camping at Camp Decorah (Holmen WI), Camp Ingawanis (Waverly IA), Howard H. Cherry (Central City IA), National Jamboree (West Virginia), Boundary Waters Canoe Area.

Some of his special awards were Brotherhood-Order of the Arrow, World Conservation, 50 Miler (Canoeing).

Andrew's Eagle Scout Project was replacing an old shelter with a dirt floor, with a new shelter with a cement floor. A total of 154 hours went into this project. It is on the Greenbelt Trail.

*"Thank you to my parents, my brother, Scout Leaders, fellow Scouts, and volunteers for helping me attain this honor. Thank you for all your help and encouragement for making Eagle, a reality. Thank you to everyone who attended today to share this honor with me."*

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## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Classes will start later in September for anyone interested in becoming Catholic. If you, or someone you know, has been thinking about learning more about the Catholic faith, now is the time to contact Fr. Ray Burkle to inquire and register for upcoming classes. **Call 563-580-2197.**

## Packing pills for Haiti

In preparation for his Medical Mission to Haiti in October, Steve Weis was joined by twelve Visitation parish members on July 30 to pack pills for Haiti.

Catholic United Financial Council #371 organized the group to help Steve. This year, 21,000 tablets of vitamins and pain medications (Ibuprofen and Acetaminophen) were repacked. The pills are counted in doses of 30, packed in small zip bags and labeled. The repacking saves countless hours for the doctors and nurses so their time can be better spent with patients in Haiti. Packing in small zip bags also makes the medications less bulky to transport.

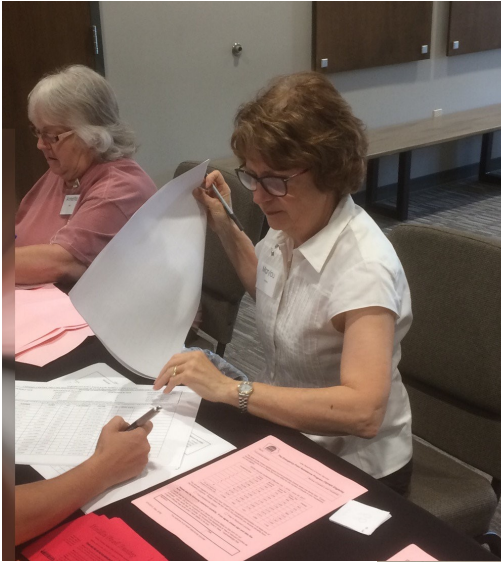
Steve has been going to Haiti on Mission Trips since 2007.





## The Mobile Food Pantry

The Mobile Food Pantry is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month to provide a wide variety of food for families who are in need of assistance. I have been serving at the food pantry for several years in the capacity of helping to prepare, package, and then distribute the food to the clients as they pass through. Serving with people of other faiths, we assist those in need, bringing us all together as Gods children in a common goal. I am grateful for the opportunity and privilege of being able to serve. It is a humbling experience that reminds us to give thanks for all of the blessings we have received in our lives. By Karen Thome



Annette Uker and Marylou Ahrens at the registration table.



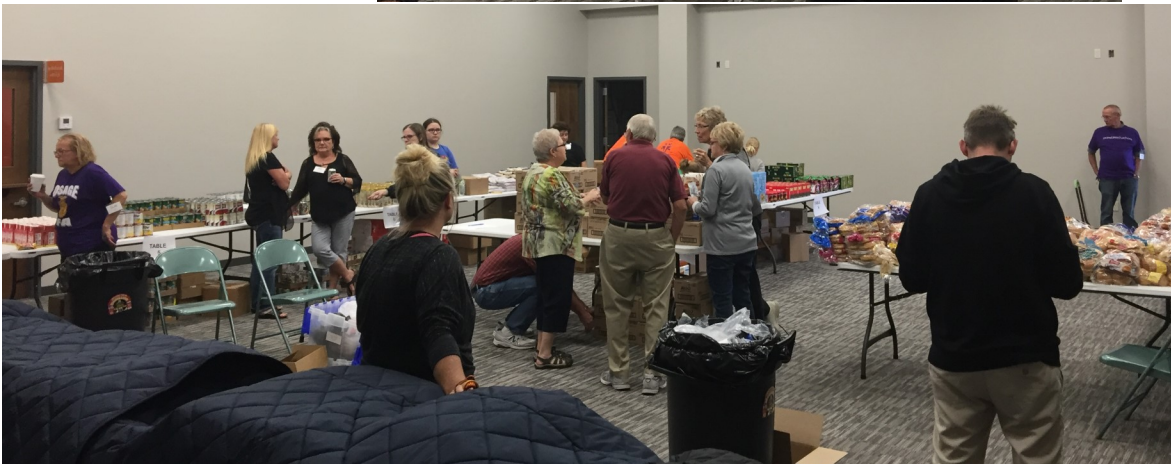
Jan Adams unboxing food.

Jim and Becci Havig,  
Jim and Helen Gerdes,  
and Doke Kruse.

Clarence Kruse and  
Tom Thome help  
transport the food to  
cars.



Foods such as frozen meats, fresh and canned fruits and vegetables, breads, milk, etc come from the Northeast Iowa Food Bank in Waterloo. Each month the Mobile Food Pantry serves between 80-100 families.



The volunteers are ready after finishing a group prayer.

## Upcoming Events

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### World Vision—30 Hour Famine...by Laura Wynohrad

On November 16-17, St. Isidore students in grades 8-10 will be fasting for 30 hours together to raise funds that will go towards fighting hunger. Worldwide, 795 million people — about one in nine — are chronically hungry. The Famine gives our group a chance to do something about this unacceptable tragedy — to stand together and serve the hungry in Jesus' name.

Our students can give real and lasting hope to families living in poverty by doing the Famine. And in the process, we will draw closer to God and each other. We are partnering with World Vision for this event because "One in nine people in the world don't get enough to eat. Many poor farmers are unable to grow enough food to feed their own families, much less sell to get income for essentials like education and healthcare. That's why World Vision partners with communities to address immediate food needs — but also to equip them to grow food for the long term".

World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. World Vision is the largest global distribution partner of the United Nations' World Food Program. The money we will raise has an incredible impact — helping World Vision fight hunger and poverty around the world. In fact, here are the most recent facts and figures available on the 30HourFamine website from the 2014 program: 8 millions food-insecure people in 35 counties were reached through donations amounting to 236.9 million dollars. Also 30 projects to address the impact of climate change on food security were funded.

More information available at [www.30HourFamine.org](http://www.30HourFamine.org). We will gladly accept your donations for this important event, contact Laura Wynohrad or Beth Hoppel. Thank you!

([World Vision](#) is our 2nd Collection in September)

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### PIETRA FITNESS

*a retreat for body and soul*

"Stretching and strengthening classes featuring Christian prayer and meditation in the Catholic tradition." Pietra Fitness begins and ends with a Christian prayer and contains various postures and exercises that promote flexibility, balance and core strength. There is also a simple meditation read during extended stretching. This is a wellness program for your mind, body, and soul. Join us as we follow the Pietra Fitness DVDs beginning on **Tuesday, September 18, 2018, from 5:15-6:15 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Center.** Classes will be held every Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. Pietra Fitness does involve floor exercises, kneeling and is done barefoot. There is no joining fee or cost for classes. Please bring a yoga mat. Join us for this "whole person" workout. Any questions, call Julie Johnson at (641) 832-7044 or see <https://pietrafitness.com/>  
Sponsored by Parish Life Committee

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### Annual Ladies Night Out

During this past year you have prayed, baked, scrubbed, shared, led, taught, cleaned, sang, played, and countless other duties to help with leading our cluster to grow as children of God. We want to salute and thank you by inviting you to come and laugh, eat, share, and learn with us at our ANNUAL LADIES NIGHT OUT on **Oct. 16th at 6:00pm in the Osage Columbus Club**

You will be receiving your personal invitation in the mail by the middle of September.

If you have attended this before you know that it is a night that you will remember for a long time. If it is your first time, we guarantee you will enjoy it.

So, please mark your calendar and continue to be such a vital, loving member of our St. Isidore Cluster.

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# West Bend Grotto Pilgrimage Camp Algona POW Museum and Nativity Scene October 6, 2018 (Saturday)

Sponsored by St. Isidore Adult Faith Formation

\$30 each for Coach Bus

Depart times: 7:30am Stacyville / 8:00am Osage

- 10:00am Arrival at the **Grotto** (free-will donation)
- 10:15am Guided Tour
- 11:30am Lunch at The Wagon Wheel (your expense)
- 12:30pm Museum, church, gift shop and for extra time to walk through the Grotto again



You can find quiet time for reflection within one of the nine grottos of the shrine, a place of unparalleled beauty and silent testimony in stone. This holy place is a sanctuary from the hectic pace of life today and provides a respite for those seeking a contemplative setting.

- 1:30pm Leave for Algona
- 2:00pm **Nativity Scene at Algona Fairgrounds** (free-will donation)  
The Algona Nativity Scene was built by Prisoners of War at Camp Algona. When the war ended, they donated the scene, which includes 65 one-half life size figures, to the town of Algona.
- 3:00pm **Camp Algona POW Museum** (\$3.00)  
You will learn about WWII, Camp Algona, German POW's, and local men and women who served. Enjoy exhibits, discover personal accounts and view artifacts on display.
- 4:30pm **Mass at St. Cecelia in Algona**

**Evening meal**—To be determined

5:30pm-7:45pm - Return to Osage

8:00pm - Return to Stacyville

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Adult Faith Formation: Visitation Church or Sacred Heart Church.  
**Deadline for registration is September 24, 2018. To register:** Contact Barbara Brumm at 641-710-2441 or the St. Isidore Catholic Center at 641-732-4342.

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**Baptisms**

SH – 6-9-18 Everett Cole Gisleson, son of Mark & Teresa Gisleson  
SH – 6-9-18 Blake Raina Ramker, daughter of Dan & Hillary Ramker  
VIS – 6-9-18 Camryn Ann Brumm, daughter of Scott Brumm & Marisa Thilges  
SH – 6-16-18 Blythe Marean McPheron, daughter of Jordan & Valerie McPheron  
VIS – 7-5-18 Otis Kasper Ross, son of Kyle & Rachel Ross  
SH – 7-14-18 Julia Marie Porter, daughter of Daniel & Mary Porter

**New Parishioners**

SH – Benson & Lora Hargens and Parker

**Marriages**

VIS – 6-16-18 Josh Scheer & Morgen Cornwell  
VIS – 6-18-18 Richard Spitz & Susan Salisburg  
VIS – 7-28-18 Aron Brake & Brandy Church  
Meyer – 8-11-18 Christopher Bill & Erica Eastman

**Deaths**

SH – 5-24-18 Gary Perrin  
SH – 6-1-18 Isabelle (Belle) Spitz  
VIS – 6-11-18 Edward Joseph Hatten  
VIS – 6-21-18 Verle Nickerson  
SH – 6-23-18 Norraine Hemann  
VIS – 6-30-18 Ronald Mayer  
SH – 7-1-18 Jonah Roggensack  
SH – 7-5-18 Donna Goche  
SH – 7-8-18 James Francis Rogers  
SH – 7-24-18 Mildred Rose Rogers  
SH – 7-26-18 Lorraine Meitner  
SH – 8-8-18 Susan Schwab

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