

**Walking Together in the Journey of Faith**

As the Archdiocese of Dubuque continues its Journey in Faith, we look ahead with gratitude and hope as our local Church enters a new chapter.

At Holy Family Catholic Schools, we are deeply grateful for the longstanding support of our parishes, priests and parish communities. That partnership has helped form generations of students in faith and continues to strengthen our shared mission today. In Catholic education, our school week begins on Sunday, and we remain committed to working hand in hand with our newly formed pastorates to help send forth graduates formed in the faith and prepared to proclaim the Gospel.

We warmly welcome our newly assigned pastors and parochial vicars, and we offer our prayers as priests, deacons, parish and school staff begin this next phase of collaboration. We are eager to continue building strong relationships across our parish and school communities as we work together for the future of the Church.

Please join us in praying that the Holy Spirit guides this transition and blesses our efforts as we move forward together, united in Christ.

**26-27 Enrollment is Open and ESAs Can Help Cover Holy Family Tuition**

All Iowa-resident K-12 students are eligible for an Education Savings Account (ESA) of \$8,148 to help with 26-27 tuition at Holy Family Catholic Schools.

**Apply online at [holyfamilydbq.org/esa](http://holyfamilydbq.org/esa) before Tuesday, June 30.**

**Additional tuition assistance and deductions:**

Active members of our 11 supporting parishes also receive a tuition deduction, and STO tuition assistance is available to Iowa and out-of-state residents who qualify.



Learn more at [holyfamilydbq.org/apply-for-tuition-assistance](http://holyfamilydbq.org/apply-for-tuition-assistance), and apply by May 1.



Schedule a tour at [holyfamilydbq.org/visit](http://holyfamilydbq.org/visit).

**Celebrating Good Shepherd Sunday**

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, the Church reflects on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd – the one who knows His sheep, leads them with love and lays down His life for them. Good Shepherd Sunday offers a special opportunity to give thanks for the pastors and clergy who continue Christ’s work of caring for His people.

At Holy Family Catholic Schools, we are deeply grateful for the priests who guide our parishes, support our schools and help lead our students and families closer to Christ. Their presence in our school communities, sacramental ministry and faithful witness are a gift to the whole Church. We thank them for the many ways they shepherd our flock with wisdom, compassion and devotion.

As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, we also pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, that future shepherds may hear God’s call and respond with generosity. May the Lord bless our pastors and all who serve His Church, and continue to guide us forward in faith.

**A Prayer for Vocations**

*O God, Father of mercy, You call each of us by name to serve You in faith and love. Bless those You have called to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life, and strengthen them in their service to Your people.*

*Open the hearts of young people to listen for Your voice and to respond with courage and generosity. Guide all of us in our vocations, that we may follow Your Son, Jesus, and build up Your Church in holiness and truth.*

*Through the intercession of Mary and all the saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church’s needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

**Save These Dates:**

- **Now** – Enrollment now open for 26-27
- **May 1** – STO tuition assistance application deadline
- **June 8** – Wahlert Open Golf Tournament
- **June 30** – ESA application deadline