



Sacred Heart Parish

August 2, 2026

Taking the five loaves and the two fish,
and looking up to heaven,
he said the blessing, broke the loaves,
and gave them to the disciples,
who in turn gave them to the crowds.



Get to Know our New Parochial Vicar Father Isaac Boadu

I am Rev. Fr. Isaac Kwadwo Adjei Boadu. I am 47 years old and was ordained into the priesthood on the ticket of the Catholic Diocese of Techiman, Ghana, West Africa on June 18, 2011. I come from a blended family and have 10 siblings; 2 brothers and 8 sisters. My mother's name is Veronica Addea Birago. My father, Nana Samuel Kusi Boadu passed away 20 years ago and was the chief (traditional leader) of our town.

My priestly experiences include Chair of my Diocesan Priests Association, Vocations Director for my diocese for 6 years, Chaplain for the Youth of Diocese Techiman for 7 years, Chaplain of Hospital, & High School. I also served as an associate priest for five months after my ordination and pastor of three different parishes within thirteen (13) years. I was a member of the college of consultors and Presbyterial council as well as Dean of Atebubu Deanery of the Diocese of Techiman prior to my coming to the United States last year.

I hold a Master of Philosophy in the Study of Religions, Master Arts in Religion, First Degree in Theology and a First Degree in Sociology and Religions.

I moved into the Archdiocese of Dubuque since last year, June, 2025 and have since served as a pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Monticello and St. Luke's Parish, Hopkinton.

My hobbies include reading, watching soccer and playing volleyball.

I am very eager and open to serve the people in the Oelwein Area Pastorate.



Welcome to the Oelwein Area Pastorate Father Isaac

Join us on **Sunday, August 30th** after 8am Mass in the social hall as we Welcome Father Isaac as our Parochial Vicar.

We will be serving a complementary breakfast to all who come down after Mass that morning.

This is your chance to meet Father Isaac and get to know more about him. Everyone in the Oelwein Area Pastorate is welcome to join us for Mass and Breakfast.

Very Rev. Henry P. Huber, Pastor

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Rev. Isaac Boadu, Parochial Vicar

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Parish Offices: 319-283-3743 Parish Email: parish@sacredheartoelwein.com

Parish Website: www.sacredheartoelwein.com

Parish Facebook: "Sacred Heart Parish of Oelwein"

Parish Office Hours are Monday through Thursday from 9am to 12 noon.

Closed on Friday's. Use locked drop box after hours.

To receive the bulletin by email weekly, send your email address to:
parish@sacredheartoelwein.com

Articles for the bulletin are due to the Parish Office on Tuesday morning by noon.

Confessions are Sunday morning at 7:15am

Deacon Jim Patera Email: deacon.jim.patera@gmail.com Phone: 319-509-1210

Rachelle Troupe, Parish Secretary Email: dbq151sec@dbqarch.org

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sun. Aug. 2	8:00am	Oelwein	Gary Stejskal
		Edgewood	For the People
	10:00am	West Union	Priests of the Archdiocese
		Guttenberg	Donald Evers
Mon. Aug. 3	8:30am	Clermont	Joyce Klosterman
		Guttenberg	Donald & Camilla Bormann
Tue. Aug. 4	8:30am	Elkader	Roger & Darlene Koster
		Garnavillo	Linda & Brian Saeugling
Wed. Aug 5	8:30am	West Union	Joyce Klosterman
		Colesburg	Jean VonHandorf
	5:30pm	Straw.Point	Lavern Lentz
	8:30am	Fayette	Scheckel, Wingert, Chapman family
Thu. Aug. 6		Volga	Joyce Klosterman
		Guttenberg	Donna Balk, Julie Schlueter
Fri. Aug. 7	12noon	Oelwein	Bill, Lorie & Alex Smith
		Edgewood	Lt. Col. David Penn
Sat. Aug 8	4:00pm	Elkader	For the People
		Edgewood	Joyce Klosterman

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Rosary Schedule - Aug.

2 - R. Thole 9 - S. Bradley
16 - D. Stejskal 23 - N. Wilson

Lector - August

Gary Rubner

**Ministers of Hospitality
& Mass Attendance Counters
August - C. Michels, M. Vogel,
C & B Geilenfeld**

Altar Servers - Aug.

Aaron & Regina Stewart

RaiseRight Sellers

Aug. 9 - C. Roth & L. Ridihalgh
Aug.30-B. Gehrke & L. Ridihalgh

Ex. Ministers of Communion

Aug. 2 & 9 - T. Petsche,
S. Rettinger, C. Patera
Cup - Nancy Kastli



If you are new to our parish or just visiting - WELCOME!

If you would like to officially claim Sacred Heart as your Parish Home - we would love to have you! Contact the Parish Office (319-283-3743) for information and a registration form. You can also go to the website to [register\(www.sacredheartoelwein.com\)](http://register(www.sacredheartoelwein.com)). Look under the Home tab for the registration form.

Parish Office will be closed Tuesday and Thursday morning this week. For emergencies, please call Deacon Jim (319-509-1210).

Join us today after Mass
in the social hall for
Coffee and Treats.



LIVE

STREAMING

WANTED

Looking for volunteers to help with Streaming the Sunday Mass. All you need is minimum computer skills. Looking at the commitment to be no more than once a month. Ages from Middle school to retired adults are welcome to volunteer. If interested, please contact Charlie Rochford by text (319-238-9411) or email (cwrochford@gmail.com). Thank you, and I am waiting to hear from you.



August 7 - Kern's Sweet Corn & Chicken Supper, American Legion, Oelwein, 4:30-6:30pm, free will donation

August 9 - Steve Angrisano Concert, St. Mary's, Waverly, 5pm, bring lawn chair, fundraiser for Mary's Meals

August 15-September 29 - You are warmly invited to join Fiat, a Catholic women's group observing **St. Michael's**

Lent from Aug. 15 through Sept. 29. This ancient devotion is a season of prayer, penance, and spiritual renewal in preparation for the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel. **Our first meeting will be Thursday, August 13, at 5:30 p.m.** in the Religious Education Center at St. Mary's in Strawberry Point. We will continue meeting each Thursday throughout St. Michael's Lent. For more information, please contact **Jennifer Fuller** at (563) 929-1777.

August 16 - Annual "Rodeo" Fried Chicken Supper, St. Mark's, Edgewood, 4-7:30pm, Advanced tickets (\$14) available at St. Mark's or Kelchen Grain, at the door (\$17)

September 27 - Fun Day, St. Mary's, Strawberry Point, BBQ Pork lunch, 11am-1pm, Live Auction, Raffle, kid's games



Please remember this week to pray for:
All living in care centers and assisted living

STEWARDSHIP	
I direct this Donation to:	
☐ Holy Name, West Union	☐ St. Joseph, Garnaville
☐ Immaculate Conception, Sumner	☐ St. Mark, Edgewood
☐ Sacred Heart, Oelwein	☐ St. Mary, Guttenberg
☐ Sacred Heart, Volga	☐ St. Mary, Strawberry Point
☐ St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette	☐ St. Patrick, Colesburg
☐ St. Joseph, Elkader	☐ St. Peter, Clermont
Name/Address: _____	

If you happen to forget your envelope or simply want to donate to your home parish, we have created the pictured envelope, which will be available at each of our weekend Mass sites. Pick up an envelope on the entrance tables as you enter church. Put a check mark by your desired parish and place your envelope in the collection basket. The envelope will be forwarded, ensuring your gift is credited to and supports your home parish. **PLEASE MAKE**

SURE YOU MARK YOUR ENVELOPES!!! We can not decide which parish you want your donation to go to if all you do is write your name and address on the envelope.

As we continue to learn, grow, and worship as a new pastorate, you may be attending Weekend Mass at a different parish than your home parish. Your regular parish envelope will still get your offertory gift to your home parish.

Loose change that is collected on the weekends will be deposited into the new pastorate account. Thank you for your continued generosity and for supporting your parish as we grow together as one pastorate!



FAITH FORMATION

We are currently in need of coordinators of Faith Formation for the parishes of:

Sacred Heart-Oelwein

Sacred Heart-Volga

Saint Joseph-Elkader

Saint Patrick-Colesburg

The coordinator of Faith Formation is responsible for directing the children's and young adult faith formation programs and coordinating sacramental preparation programs in the parish. The coordinator will need to oversee programming in accord with the Archdiocese of Dubuque and in cooperation with the other directors of Faith Formation in our pastorate.

A coordinator of Faith Formation needs to be a person of faith, a team player, and possess organization and communication skills.

For a full job description or to apply for a position, please contact Fr. Huber at:

h.huber@dbqarch.org

Address Cards - If you have moved recently, changed your phone or email address, or never filled out a card, please take one off the entrance tables and fill it out. It will make communicating with our parish family easier.



Back to School Project

Back to School Backpack Give Away: We will be packing the backpacks at the Parish Center on Wednesday, August 5 at 10:00 a.m. and will need about 6-8 people willing to donate about an hour or less to get it done. Call Carol Hamilton at 319-283-0803 if you would be able to help pack the backpacks

or if you would like to help deliver them to the schools on Thursday, August 13 (no time set for this yet).



Catholic Daughter Year-books for the 2026-2027 year are in the east entryway. Please pick yours up as it contains the schedule of meetings for the year.

Catholic Daughters will meet on August 18 at 1pm in the church basement. Please plan to join us.

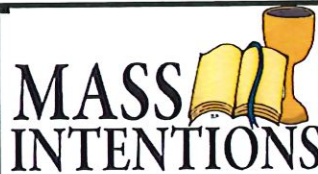
Congratulations to:

Alexis Gudenkauf
and

Adam Michels
who were married August 1
at Sacred Heart



*May God Bless your lives with happiness, fill
your home with joy and peace, and guide
you through all your years together.*



There are forms on the entrance tables that you can use to request Masses. Please fill out the form completely and make a check out to: **Oelwein Pastorate Mass Stipends.** These Masses will not be scheduled locally but by Deacon Paul Dolan, Oelwein Pastorate Mass Scheduler. Forms can be left at the parish office. Please make checks to: Oelwein Pastorate Mass Stipends, not to Sacred Heart. Thank You.

To Watch Sunday Mass: Every Sunday the 10:30 Mass is livestreamed on YouTube. To watch the Mass live or anytime go to the parish website (www.sacredheartoelwein.com).

On the home page there are two ways to access the Mass. At the top where it lists the Mass Times there is a gold button that says: "Livestream Mass". Or you can scroll down on that same page and find the box that says: "Livestream Mass". Click on either one and it will take you to the current Mass. You can also view older Masses at the same place.



Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Oelwein, Iowa
1876-2026

Sacred Heart Church 1876-2026

A very limited amount of apparel (and not all sizes) is on hand. You may stop in the office or call to see what is available. There are a few hooded sweatshirts (red & black), and gray t-shirts with red printing. Please

contact the parish office if you are interested.



West Bend Bus Trip

\$45/person



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

7:45 AM LOAD BUS AT SACRED HEART PARKING LOT

8:00 AM DEPART

10:30 AM CAMP ALGONA POW MUSEUM, ALGONA, IA

12:30 PM LUNCH AT PIZZA RANCH, ALGONA, IA

2:00 PM GROTTO OF THE REDEMPTION, WEST BEND, IA

4:30 PM DEPART FOR OELWEIN

7:30 PM ARRIVE IN OELWEIN

This trip is sponsored in part by
the Oelwein Catholic Daughters
Court St. Rita #321.



Tickets are being sold today in the east entrance of church for the bus trip on September 15.

Tickets are \$45.00 per person. Please make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church.

You can also stop for tickets during the week at the Parish Center.



Tuna Weekend

5 oz. cans in Water
August 1 & 2, 2026



All donations will be given to the
Oelwein Kitchen Cupboard



Your donations can also be brought to the Kitchen Cupboard on Tuesday from 9-12am or Friday from 1-4pm. If you prefer to make a cash donation, you can drop your donation in the collection basket, or you can mail it to or drop it off at the Parish Center during the week.



Write Kitchen Cupboard on the envelope.



Anointing- If you or a family member have a serious illness or are facing surgery and would like to be anointed, please talk to Father Isaac or Father Huber before Friday or Sunday Mass. In an emergency when someone is gravely ill, call Deacon Jim Patera at 319-509-1210.

Baptisms - To have your child baptized in the Catholic Faith, or if you have questions about Baptism, call Deacon Jim Patera at 319-509-1210.



Communion to Shut-ins - There is a variety of reasons why someone cannot attend Mass on a regular basis. If you, or someone you know, would like to receive communion, call the Parish Office, 319-283-3743.

Please let us know of anyone who is sick, seriously ill, or facing surgery and in need of prayers and spiritual support. We will be happy to reach out to them in their time of need. Call the Parish Office - 319-283-3743.



Low Gluten Hosts - We have Low Gluten Hosts available for those who have gluten allergies. Please stop in the sacristy before Mass and inform Father of your need.

Counting Attendance in August - C. Michels, M. Vogel,
C. & B. Geilenfeld



We currently have **Votive Lights** available. If you would like to remember a loved one/your loved ones in a special way, contact the Parish Office for information(319-283-3743).

The church and social hall is open every day from 6am to 3pm. Visitors are invited during that time to come in and spend some time in prayer.



A Pastorate Challenge: **We Need You as We Become Bethany Together**

On Wednesday of this week we celebrated the Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. The Gospel tells us that Jesus found a special home in Bethany with Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. There He was welcomed, loved, listened to and supported. Each of them lived their faith in a unique way. Martha served, Mary listened and learned. Lazarus witnessed to the life-changing power of Christ.

As our pastorate continues to grow together, I believe God is calling us to become a modern -day Bethany. We are not simply maintaining parishes. We are building a community of disciples united in Christ's mission. The future of our pastorate depends not on a few people doing more, but on all of us answering God's call.

Therefore, I invite every member of our parishes to embrace this challenge:

Like Martha: Welcome the People of Christ. Seek out someone who is new, lonely, disconnected, or searching for a parish home. Offer hospitality. Extend an invitation and help others experience the warmth and love of Christ through our communities.

Like Mary: Grow as a Disciple, committing yourself to a deeper relationship with Jesus through prayer, Mass, Scripture, Faith Formation, and participation in parish life. We cannot share a faith that we ourselves are not continually nurturing.

Like Lazarus: Share Christ's Life with the World by being a witness to the hope, joy, and mercy of Jesus in your family, workplace, school, and neighborhood. Let others see in your life the difference Christ makes.

I challenge each of us to prayerfully ask:

"Lord, what role are You calling me to play in building the future of our pastorate?"

Perhaps it is volunteering in a ministry.

Perhaps it is joining a faith-sharing group.

Perhaps it is inviting a neighbor to Mass.

Perhaps it is offering your talents, prayers, leadership, or service.

Whatever the call may be, God needs each one of us.

The future of our pastorate will not be shaped merely by plans or programs. It will be shaped by disciples, like yourself, who say "yes" to Christ.

Together, let us become a Bethany for our time:

A place where all are welcomed.

A community where faith grows.

A people who share the life of Christ with the world.

May Martha inspire our service, Mary deepen our discipleship, and Lazarus strengthen our witness as we joyfully answer God's call.

"Like Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, let us welcome the people of Christ, grow as disciples, and share His life with the world." May God bless our pastorate and the mission entrusted to us. Amen.

Deacon Jim