

Dickinson County Catholic Community

St. Joseph Parish

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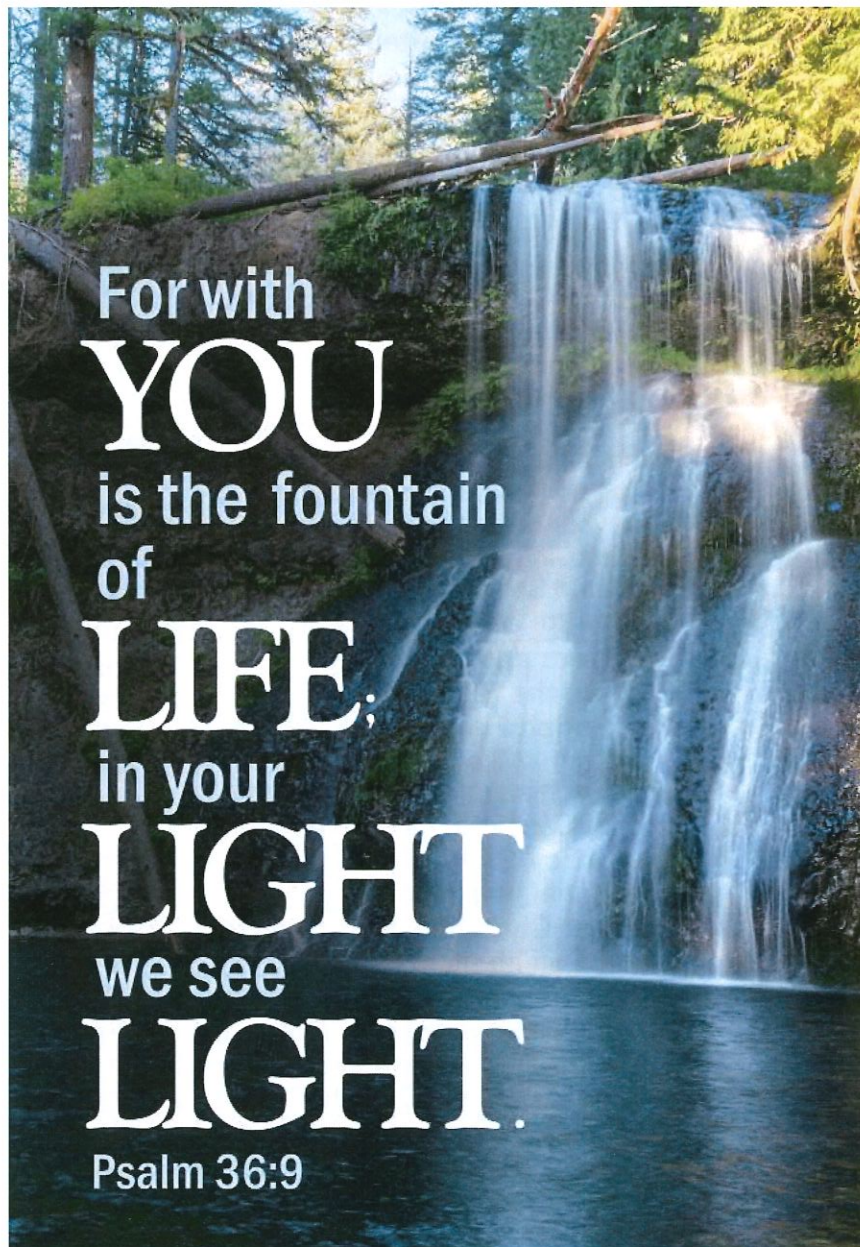
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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nov. 14, 2021



For with
YOU
is the fountain
of
LIFE;
in your
LIGHT
we see
LIGHT.

Psalm 36:9

News From St. Joseph Parish



WELCOME TO SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

We hope your visit here will be a prayerful time as you enjoy the lakes region. Please consider St. Joseph's as your church away from home. Contact us at the Parish Office if we may serve you in any way.

We are committed to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ and invite you to join us!

May the Holy Spirit lead us in living as a welcoming Catholic community.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.- Thurs.: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Fri.: 8 a.m. - 12 noon

RECONCILIATION:

3:15 pm Sat;

8:15 am Sun

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Tuesday 12 noon

MASS SCHEDULE:

Winter

Saturday at 4 p.m.

Sunday at 9 a.m.

Summer

Saturday at 4 p.m.

Sunday at 7:30, 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Are you new to the community? Would you like to join St. Joseph Parish? Just fill out the coupon below and return to the office or in the collection basket.

NAME: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

IT'S TIME.....FOR OUR ANNUAL HARVEST DINNER

Sunday, Nov. 21

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish Center

\$12/adult; Kids 5-12 \$5

Kids under 5 are FREE!

*Roast Beef, Ham, Real
Mashed Potatoes, Corn,*

Bun, Beverage,

Salad Bar, Dessert Bar!

**Don't miss this delicious
dinner.**

Carry-outs available.

**Delivery in Milford by
calling 338-2274.**

**Each person attending will
be entered into a drawing
for FIVE \$20 cash prizes!**

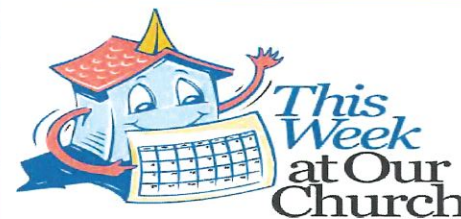
**(A tradition started by
Fr. Jim Bruch!)**

See you there!!!

JUST A NOTEplease don't forget your food obligation. Those with last names A-L are asked to bring two homemade pies or a pan dessert; Last names M-Z are asked to bring a large salad that will feed 12-15 persons. If you are unable to fulfill your obligation, a \$15 contribution is being asked. Food should be delivered Sat., Nov. 20 or Sun., Nov. 21 prior to 10 a.m.

Prayers and sympathy from the St. Joseph Parish Family to:

✓ Curt Willette on the death of his mother, Anna Willette, 85, of Medford, MN, who died Wed., Nov. 3. Her Mass of Christian Burial was held Sat., Nov. 6, 2021 at Christ the King Catholic Church, in Medford, MN.; and to
✓ the Family of +Patricia Wagner, of Omaha, whose Mass of Christian Burial was held Thurs., Nov. 11 at Mary Our Queen, in Omaha. +Patricia and her husband, +Dr. Daniel Wagner, were long time summer parishioners of St. Joseph.



Sunday, Nov. 14

5 p.m.: Young Adult Scripture Study, Zoom Room.

Monday, Nov. 15

8 p.m.: Ala-non meets by zoom.

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, Nov. 16

2 to 5:15 p.m.: Eucharist Adoration

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Wednesday, Nov. 17

3:45-5 p.m.: Rel. Ed for K-4

7-8 p.m.: Rel Ed for 5-12

8 p.m.: High School youth group meets at Bible Conference Grounds, Arnolds Park.

Thursday, Nov. 18

8 a.m.: Bible Study, Nazareth Hall.

Saturday, Nov. 20

1 p.m.: Harvest Dinner Prep work. Potato peeling and table setting.

Christmas Shopping Made Easy

We have many St. Joseph Centennial items on hand in the parish office that would make ideal Christmas gifts. Stop in to shop!



Please make a note of these upcoming events:

✓ **Thanksgiving Day Mass** at 9

a.m. at St. Joseph

✓ **Communal Penance** Sun., Dec. 5: 1 p.m. St. Patrick's in Estherville; 2:30 p.m. St. Mary's in Spirit Lake and 4 p.m. St. Joseph in Milford;

✓ **Anointing of the Sick** (Healing Mass) at St. Mary's Spirit Lake, Thursday, Dec. 9, 5:30 p.m.

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Faith Notes

By Sharon Mayer

Is everyone getting their groceries for the upcoming holiday aka "turkey day"? Be ready for a shock as food prices have jumped. Most of my family will be together but I do not have to cook everything this year. I have bought the turkey, but the other dishes will be up to someone else this year. And Christmas... I don't know yet. It depends on how I get along with the new hip.

The last class will be this coming week as Okoboji does not have school on the 24th. Then when we return, we will be celebrating Advent. Do you have an Advent wreath at your home? It is nice to read some scripture and light an Advent candle each week to help build the anticipation of the Christmas holiday. A Sunday dinner is a favorite time to do this. Our students will have reconciliation on Dec. 1st when we return to start off the Advent season.

I will have a series of thoughts in my bulletins specifically for Advent. This particular season was always special at my house as a child and continues to be for me.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

- ✓ Thank you for all who participated in the Coats for Kids program. A special thanks for the wonderful donation. It was a great success for this year.
- ✓ Thank you to the wonderful and talented Altar/Rosary Volunteers who worked tirelessly this past week to change the fall decorations into winter holiday decorations on the 19 planters in downtown Milford. Your work is remarkable and we thank you for helping us with this fundraising project which should net the Altar/Rosary Society about \$1,900 when the bills are all in. Thank you to Jim Sporrer, Myrna Herbers and Pat Frederick at True Value for contributing items needed in this project. Your generosity will never be forgotten.
- ✓ Thank you very much for selecting me to be the recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship. It will help me greatly when paying for my college expenses. I am loving Northwestern College so far. **Jack Laven**



Thanksgiving Day Dinner

If you will be alone on Thanksgiving, why not consider spending it with other parishioners at St. Joseph on Thurs., Nov. 25 at 12 noon. The dinner is free but reservations are required. Call 338-2274.



PRAY for these members: James Higgins, Buzz Vermeer, Mary Mittag, Jerry Finch, Dirk Hansen, June Reiman, Ann Stein, Sherri Jones, Nancy Crepeau, Mary Langel, Geneva Knudtson, Rick DeMuth, Linda Higgins, Mary Ann Sigler, Dennis and Alma Klute, Jerry Clark, Robert Rowland, Bill James, Marie Van Hofwegen, Ethel Wilson, Steve Painter, Ginny Yore, LaDonna Jansen, Dale Langel, Finley Brunsvold, Dee Bryant, Phyllis Hintz, Terry Abbas.

PLEASE pray for these special persons: Virginia Bensman, Grace Catlin, Craig Tingwald, Cooper Hatfield, Corey Langner, Claire Yaw, Cheryl Kallis, Sammy Schumann, Ellie Wiemers, Mary Gerdes Smith, Mary W., Mary Bolan, Dick Vogel, Charles Graves, Zoe Lorenzen, Heather Hamann, Esther Morris, Harvey Baxter, Jr., Wayne Bellinghausen, Maxine Thompson, Lois Doran, Dale Gentry, Susan Barnes, Mike Cooper, Denny Daberkow, Louise DeWitt, Ray Langel, Kristin Meyer, Kevin Wittrock, Charlotte Tiesler, Tailen Sturtz, Aimee Wallrich, Jan Wolf, Peggy Price, Joan Mertz, John Bruening, Ashlyn Clark, Jerry Wolford, Kami Svoboda, Darrel Wedeking, Dan Mulder, Leah Brevik, Colleen Mulder, Jamie O'Neill.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Nov. 13

4 p: +Charree Sweeten

Sunday, Nov. 14

9 a: For The People
+Liv/Dec Kramer Fam. Mem.

Monday, Nov. 15

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Nov. 16

5:30 p: All Souls

Wednesday, Nov. 17

7:30 a: +Jerry Westcott

Thursday, Nov. 18

7:30 a: +Patricia Louise Wiber

Friday, Nov. 19

7:30 a: +Steve Noel

Saturday, Nov. 20

4 p: For The People

Sunday, Nov. 21

9 a: +Ken Knudtson
+Lynn Knudtson

Together As One Update

Goal: \$38,759.00

Payments: \$625.00

Total: \$20,697.00

Remaining: \$18,062.00

% of Goal: 53%

Parishioners: 735

Participants: 119

%: 16.1

THE CLOTHING Room will be closed Nov. 22-26th for staff holiday/vacation. It will reopen at 1 p.m. on Mon., Nov. 29.

Ministry Schedule

Christ the King

Saturday, November 20 @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Deb Johnson, Mark Johnson, Chris Jones, Connie Jones

LECTOR: Molly Mulqueen

SERVERS: Ron Swartz, Oliver Miller

HOSPITALITY: Bonnie Duhn, Terri Rierson, Tom Rierson, Merlin Wuebker

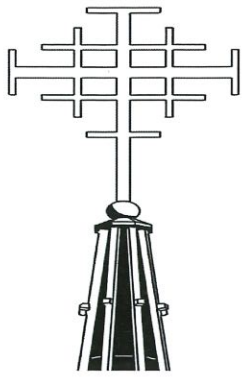
Sunday, November 21 @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Bill Aumer, Cheryl Aumer, Barb Kollasch, Bob Kollasch,

LECTOR: Sara Laven

SERVERS: Cory Knudtson, Liam Knudtson,

HOSPITALITY: Julie Fairchild, Tim Fairchild, Joel Naber, Karen Naber



News From St. Mary's Parish

And The Winners Are

The Knights of Columbus had their drawing for the 50/50 raffle on Sunday, November 7th at the soup and pie supper. The winners are Jason Wollrath, James Early, Alice Neppel, Kathlene Johnson, Brad Hetland, Margie Lynch, Rich Kriener, Dale Heider, Tim Heikens, Ann Laren, Jim Faris, John Anderson, Gail Mathine, and Bruce Deschoeper. Congratulations!

Steubenville of the Rockies 2022

It is with great excitement that we announce plans to return to Colorado this coming summer for the Steubenville of the Rockies conference. The trip is planned for June 28th – July 3rd. The first three days of the trip will be spent enjoying the YMCA's Snow Mountain Ranch! This stay includes whitewater rafting, hiking, and other activities. Then we will travel to Denver for the conference and return late July 3rd. The cost of the trip has yet to be determined. Students should not avoid registering due to funding. We will have multiple fundraising events beginning in December up until the trip. The strict deadline to sign up is December 22nd. Due to the cost and extended days included in this trip, it is important that students sign up early! Registration forms are available in the narthex of both St. Mary's and St. Joseph's churches. Please contact Mary Brandt with questions regarding the trip. 712-260-8065.

2021 Holy Family Christmas Gala

You're invited to a Pro-Life Christmas Gala on November 20th! Iowans for LIFE will host a pro-life Christmas Gala, THE HOLY FAMILY, on November 20th at Hy-Vee Ron Pearson Center in West Des Moines. The evening consists of cash bar, a delicious dinner, enticing auction items, and sensational Christmas entertainment featuring top talent including Gina Gedler and Tony Valdez. Mon-signor Frank Chiodo will speak on the importance of the pro-life movement. Tables of ten/\$600; \$65/seat. Order online today: iowansforLIFE.org.

Youth Group March for Life 2022 Trip

We would like to invite our students and parents to consider joining us for a bus trip to Washington DC for the 2022 March for Life January 21st. This trip will be organized through Iowans for Life. For the cost of \$400 per participant, they cover transportation by bus and lodging (4 to a room) for the two night stay in DC. We would leave on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 19th and return on the evening of Sunday, January 23rd. Any student that is younger than high school age and would like to attend is required to have a parent or guardian accompany them for liability reasons. Registrations will be guaranteed until Nov. 1st. Any registrations received after that date are subject to be declined based on the availability. For more information or to register, please contact Derek Probst at the parish office.

Youth Group Bus Trip



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Mon.- Thurs.: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Fri.: 8 a.m. - 12 noon

Reconciliation:

4:45 pm Sat;

9:45 am Sun

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday 12 noon

Mass Schedule:

Winter

Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Summer

Saturday at 5:30

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ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

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The 22 Haiti Team

We cannot thank you enough for your incredible support for our January 2022 Haiti team. Unfortunately, the political unrest and insecurity to Haitian's as well as Americans is so questionable that our UCI missionaries will not allow our team to come. Due to the unrest, there is terrible upheaval in the country. Our team is preparing to continue to support the ministry, not with our presence, unfortunately, but with our finances. Thanks again and blessings on your love, support and continued prayers for UCI and Haiti!



Thanksgiving and Christmas Masses



It is hard to believe that this time of the year is nearly upon us. We would like to let you know the schedule for Thanksgiving and Christmas. There will not be a Mass at St. Mary's on Thanksgiving, but St. Joseph will be having one at 9 a.m. that morning. The Christmas schedule is as follows: Christmas Eve, 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's and 4 p.m. and 12 Midnight at St. Joseph's. Christmas Day, 9 a.m. St. Joseph's and 10:30 a.m. St. Mary's.



Please Keep in Your Prayers

All Confidential Prayer Chain requests may be directed to Jean Mohr, our Prayer Chain Coordinator at 712-336-2559 or 712-320-5433. Prayer intentions may be entered in the prayer Request book, which can be found in the narthex of the church.

Food and Boot Drive for November

The youth of St. Mary's are planing a food and boot drive to benefit Upper Des Moines opportunity of Dickinson County. All non-perishable items are welcome. In particularly high need are jellies and jams, canned fruit, and snow boots. Items can be placed in the entry of the church through the week of Thanksgiving. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Middle School Fall Retreat

This weekend all middle school students are welcome to join us for Facing Your Giants- an interactive study of 1-2 Samuel! Held at Camp Foster YMCA, participants will have the opportunity for scripture study, reflection, challenge course, zip line, and more! The cost for this event is \$20 which covers lunch, snacks, and activity fees. The event will run from noon to 4:30 p.m. Transportation will not be provided so participants must make their own arrangements.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Nov. 15

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Nov. 16

5:30 p.m.: +Bea Reiter

Wednesday, Nov. 17

12 noon: +John Steinkamp

Thursday, Nov. 18

5:30 p.m.: +Andy and +Pat Shell

Friday, Nov. 19

12 noon: +Betty Miller

Saturday, Nov. 20

5:30 p.m.: Dave and Linda Hansen Family

Sunday, Nov. 21

10:30 a.m.: +Jeremy Jansen

Living and Deceased Members of St. Mary's

Ministry Schedule

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, Nov. 20 @ 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Susan Sundlin, Sandi Smith, Patty Delaney

LECTOR: Phyllis McKeown

SERVERS: Carter Trautman

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: Dave Hansen, Linda Hansen, Jim Carney

MUSIC MINISTERS: Barbara Staver, Gaylene Rolling

Sunday, Nov. 21 @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Mary Emgarten, Renee and Chris Quance

LECTOR: Paul Katzfey

SERVERS: Jasper Robinson, Tyson Robinson

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: Larry Bortscheller, Jim Wiese, Bob Emgarten

MUSIC MINISTERS: Donna Williams, Gaylene Rolling



Following is general information that may be helpful to you.

✓ **BAPTISMS:** Contact the office to inquire about pre-baptismal class.

✓ **MARRIAGE:** Contact the office at least six months before the date of the wedding.

✓ **CONFESSIONS:** Wednesday at 11:30 a.m., Saturday at 4:45 pm.. and Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

✓ **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday from 2 to 5:15 p.m.

Pastor's COLUMN

Food Pantry Collection

We continue to gather food for the Dickinson County food pantries. This week we took a load of food to the Lake Park food pantry. It is clear to us that the need for assistance to hungry families is increasing here in Dickinson County. We are grateful for your generosity and thoughtfulness in including this project in your grocery shopping this month. We are also very grateful for the individuals who have given us checks to purchase food cards to assist families. We buy food cards from county grocery stores and from Fareway which allows us to exclude, tobacco products, alcohol and lottery tickets. This food drive is an important outreach to our own neighbors who are struggling. Thanks for all who have contributed this month.



School Feasibility Study

Our school feasibility on-line survey is still up and running. If you have not yet had a chance to complete the survey we ask that you copy the link below and help us complete gathering information. This week we had a series of informational meetings that allowed us to outline the process that we are following in this study project. Your opinion is vital to this effort. Please help us by completing a survey. The link to the survey is: <http://survey.meitler.com/s3/Dickinson-County-New-School>



The readings today speak of the end of the world and the coming of the Kingdom. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship says clearly that "that life to come" is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now. May our good stewardship cause us to be numbered among the chosen on the last day!

ST. MARY'S FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP Nov. 6-7, 2021

Adults: \$5,511.00
Online: \$801.30
Guatemala: \$
Dollar: \$242.00
Special: \$994.67 Grain
Votive: \$38.00

ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP Nov. 6-7, 2021

Adults: \$13,685.00	Loose: \$1,143.50
Candles: \$73.00	Misc.: \$649.00
Peace & Justice: \$127.00	
St. Jo Ed Fund: \$75.00	Memorials: \$95.00
Parish Rental: \$50.00	Poor Box: \$42.00
Souvenirs: \$20.00	Food Drive: \$500.00

Pastor Fr. Brian Hughes
Deacon Darwin Messerly

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Teresa Goehring.....Director of Youth Ministry
Sharon Mayer.....Director of Faith Formation
Ali Oyler.....Director of Music/Technology
Susan Reiser.....Business Manager

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