

# Dickinson County Catholic Community

## St. Joseph Parish

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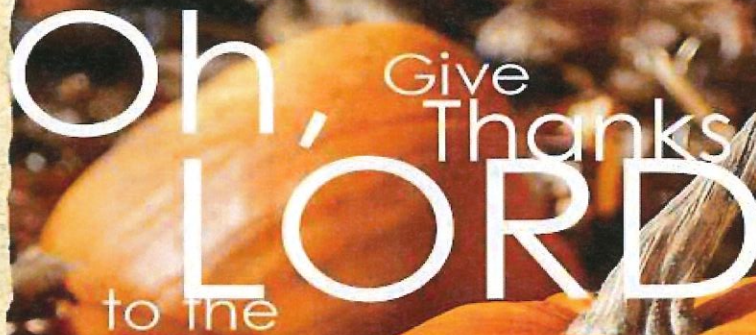
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Oh, LORD  
Give Thanks  
to the

**Call upon his name; make known  
His deeds among the people!**

1 CHRONICLES 16:8, NKJV

**Christ The King  
Nov. 21, 2021**





# 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: \_\_\_\_\_



## Thanksgiving Dinner

### 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 by Tues., Nov. 23. Call 338-2274.

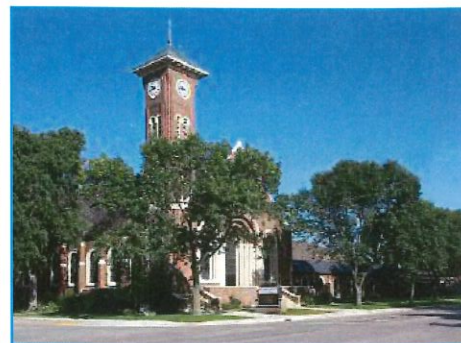


**THE CLOTHING Room** will be closed Nov. 22-26th for staff holiday/vacation. It will reopen at 1 p.m. on Mon., Nov. 29.

**THANK you** to Funeral Group #5 for serving the luncheon and the many acts of kindness expressed to our family at the time of +Alberta's death. Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.



**All CDA & KC members** and a guest are invited to a joint Christmas party on December 4th after Saturday night mass. Social time followed by a meal. Meat & potatoes will be provided with each couple to bring a side dish or desert to pass. No charge but please RSVP to Jeanette - email mbaackj@aol.com or call/text 330-0576 by November 28th.



### Sunday, Nov. 21

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

### Monday, Nov. 22

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

**8 p.m.:** AA meets in Nazareth Hall

### Tuesday, Nov. 23

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

**5:30 p.m.:** Mass

**6 p.m.:** CDA meets following Mass.

### Wednesday, Nov. 24

NO Religious Education

### Thursday, Nov. 25

**9 a.m.:** Thanksgiving Day Mass

### Friday, Nov. 26

Parish Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

**All CDA members** please note: November CDA meeting to follow the mass on Tuesday, November 23rd.



**PARISH Offices** will be closed Fri., Nov. 26 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Offices reopen Monday, Nov. 29 at 8 a.m.



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.



# News From St. Joseph Parish

## Faith Notes

By Sharon Mayer

Happy Thanksgiving to all families at St. Joseph. We have come through quite a year. Some of us got through okay but some did not. Like the very first Thanksgiving in this country, the people needed to rely on the help of others and work together. The first year was not kind to the new settlers. COVID has not been kind either, but God puts angels before us to help get through all adversity. There is always something to be grateful for.

We do not have religious education classes this week as there is no school at Okoboji. They are on holiday. I likewise am on an extended holiday as I get ready for surgery right after the Thanksgiving weekend. I do not plan to be down too long though as like a spring I hope to pop back up. Too much to do coming into Advent and Christmas. It is what keeps us going. So here is to decking the halls and wrapping the gifts and making special treats for the holiday season. I will scale back on my duties this year just a bit and just enjoy some holiday music which I am sure is already playing on a radio station near you.



### 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!

**Parishioners** are invited to the CDA Rosary of Remembrance in the Parish Center immediately after the evening mass on Tuesday, November 23rd. We will remember each CDA member who has passed away so if your friend or loved one was a member we welcome you to join us.



**PRAY for these members:** James Higgins, Buzz Vermeer, Mary Mittag, Jerry Finch, Dirk Hansen, June Reiman, Ann Stein, 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. 20

**4 p:** For The People

### Sunday, Nov. 21

**9 a:** +Ken Knudtson  
+Lynn Knudtson

### Monday, Nov. 22

**No Mass Today**

### Tuesday, Nov. 23

**5:30 p:** +Dolores Wunn

### Wednesday, Nov. 24

**7:30 a:** +Robert & +Betty Griffin

### Thursday, Nov. 25

**9 a:** For The People

### Friday, Nov. 26

**7:30 a:** **No Mass Today**

### Saturday, Nov. 27

**4 p:** +Rita Wuebker  
+Tom Wuebker

### Sunday, Nov. 28

**9 a:** For The People

### 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

Please return your card  
as soon as possible.

## Ministry Schedule

### First Sunday of Advent

**Saturday, November 27 @ 4 p.m.**

**EMHC:** Alma Klute, Jeff Knudtson, Marlene Nelson

**LECTOR:** Brad Shell

**SERVERS:** Will Anderson, Kaila Weston

**HOSPITALITY:** Jim Baumgard, Loretta Halbur, Monica Koppen

**Sunday, November 28 @ 9 a.m.**

**EMHC:** Denise Cole, Steve Eral, Chad Harms, Marlys Nolan

**LECTOR:** Aaron Lorch

**SERVERS:** Austin Harms, Need one here

**HOSPITALITY:** Donna Goebel, Patrick Goebel, Need 2 here.



# Pastor's COLUMN

## Meitler School Feasibility Study

We would like to thank everyone who attended one of the Feasibility Meetings last week. Also a big thanks to the folks who have gotten on line to complete the online surveys. The survey will continue to be open for a few more days and then we will close it down so that the data can be analyzed. We hope to be able to have all of the data. We hope to be able to have a report of Phase One of our project completed by mid-December.

## Confessions

We are looking forward to a number of opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the weeks running up to Christmas. We had student Confessions in Spirit Lake last Wednesday and will have them in Milford on Wednesday, December 1st at St. Joseph's. Our parish Penance Services will be held on Sunday December 5th with Confessions at Estherville, St. Patrick's at 1:00; St. Mary's, Spirit Lake at 2:30 and St. Joseph's Milford at 4:00. In addition, we have Confessions 45 minutes before weekend Mass in both Parishes and on Thursdays at St. Mary's at 11:30 and at St. Joseph's at 4:30 on Tuesdays. All are welcome.

## Visitors

Fr. Hughes will be away celebrating Thanksgiving with his family and Fr. Flanagan will be attending the Dedication of the new Church in Sioux Center. Msgr. Seifried will be celebrating Mass at St. Joseph's and Fr. Cosgrove will be celebrating Mass at St. Mary's. Thanks to these two priests for their faithful service.

## Thanks For Your Service

Thanks to Derrick Probst and his crew who put on a great middle school retreat last weekend. Thanks also to Loretta Halbur and Mark and Deb Johnson who did a fantastic job of preparing lunch.



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. 13-14, 2021 Attendance: 422**

**Adults:** \$5,780.00  
**Online:** \$636.00  
**Guatemala:** \$  
**Dollar:** \$208.00  
**Special:** \$303.00 - Food Pantry  
**Votive:** \$27.00

### ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

**Nov. 13-14, 2021 Attendance: 391**

**Adults:** \$4,407.00      **Loose:** \$728.00  
**Candles:** \$77.00      **Endowment:** \$40.00  
**Clothing Room:** \$77.55      **Building Fund:** \$5,444.00  
**Souvenirs:** \$8.00      **Food Program:** \$300.00  
**Misc.:** \$290.00      **Peace & Justice:** \$120.00  
**St. Jo Ed Fund:** \$40.00      **Poor Box:** \$43.00

**Pastor Fr. Brian Hughes**  
**Deacon Darwin Messerly**

### The St. Joseph Staff

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