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*Second Sunday of Easter*  
*April 24, 2022*



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

Fri.: 8 a.m. - 12 noon

### RECONCILIATION:

3:15 pm Sat;

8:15 am Sun

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### MASS SCHEDULE:

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Sunday at 9 a.m.

Summer

Saturday at 4 p.m.

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

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## THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

✓ Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who attended the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. The food was delicious and the fellowship was outstanding. Thanks to our First Lutheran friends who served the meal and cleaned up following. We appreciate your work.



The **Treasure Chest garage sale** will be accepting items on Tuesday and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. We are not accepting large furniture or electronic items. Call if you have questions.

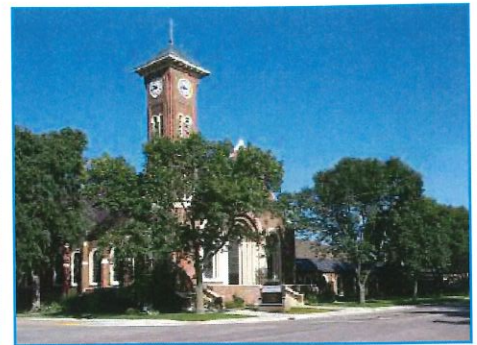
**MOGEN'S HEROES** will be in concert at St. Joseph on Sun., May 1, 4 p.m. in the church. A free will offering will be taken. A reception will follow the performance in the parish center. The concert is being hosted by the St. Joseph Art Committee.



✓ **The Rosary/Altar Society** will need help with their Memorial Day Weekend cinnamon roll project. Call the parish office if you can help.

✓ **LifeServe** will have a bus in the St. Joseph parking lot from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fri., June 3. Please donate blood if you are able.

✓ **Mass** on Mon., May 30 will be held at Calvary Cemetery at 9 a.m. Bring your lawn chair.



### Monday, April 25

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

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

### Tuesday, April 26

5:30 p.m.: Mass

6:15 p.m.: Finance Council meets in Saint Rita Conference Room.

### Wednesday, April 27

3:45-5 p.m.: Last Rel. Ed Grades K-5

7 p.m.: Last Rel. Ed Grades 6-12

### Thursday, April 28

8 a.m.: Bible Study, overflow room

8 a.m.: Soup Kitchen Ministry.

### Sunday, May 1

4 p.m.: Mogan's Concert in Church, hosted by St. Joseph Art Committee

### JUST A NOTE....

✓ The Finance Council will meet Tues., April 26, 6:15 p.m. in the St. Rita Room.

✓ Looking ahead to Sat., May 7, the CDA will host their annual salad luncheon and style show. Doors open at 11 a.m. Lunch at 11:15. Cost is \$15/person. Styles by Sara Ruhs, of Elegance, in Okoboji.

✓ The ivory-colored May newsletters are available on the table across from the library and in the back of church. Be sure to pick up a copy before you leave today.

✓ Please note that Mass schedule changes to the summer schedule the weekend of May 14-15. The summer schedule is Saturday night at 4 p.m. and Sunday morning at 7, 9 and 11 a.m.



# News From St. Joseph Parish

## Faith Formation

By Sharon Mayer

To begin, Congratulations to our second graders who have made their First Communion this weekend at the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday. This is a very big moment in their faith journey. Thank you to those who were prayer partners for these children.

On April 13, our afternoon students had fun during an "Easter Fair". We had different rotations of activities where they learned a little more about Holy Week and Easter through various activities. Plus, they got to color an Easter egg to take home. We had a good start to the day with some lovely, decorated cookies courtesy of Mary Beth Gehling with the help of Natalie and Kolton Kollasch who also help here on Wednesday afternoons. It was a great start to the Easter holiday.

This Wednesday, the 27th is our final day of religious education for the year. We will end with our May Crowning of Mary beginning at 4 p.m. in the church with the help of the CDA. About 4:30 we will have a light meal in the parish center to close our year. In the evening, our older students will have a closing service and a BBQ to end the year. Our senior class helps with this. Our seniors then are honored on Sunday May 1 at the 9am Mass followed by breakfast in the parish center for their families. My thanks go out to all who have helped and continue to help make wonderful things happen for our students during the year.

Over Easter, we ran out of Catholic Kidz Camp registration forms at the back of the church. I have refilled those. In addition, the form is in our newsletter. Please register your children even if they are just visiting. We would love to have them for the week.



**REMEMBER** that special woman in your life...your mom, daughter, aunt, sister, grandmother or friend in the Mother's Day Novena of Nine Masses which begin Tues., May 10. Envelopes are in the church lobby. Deadline to be included in bulletin is Wed., May 4.



**PRAY for these members:** Baby Reegen Vanderpool, Janet Delaney, Tutti Willison, Andrew Gross, James Higgins, Mary Mittag, Jerry Finch, Dirk Hansen, June Reiman, Ann Stein, 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:** Kaydan, Dr. Doug Schulte, Joan Hall, Adam Hall, Kate Jensen, Roy Townsend, Virginia Bensman, Craig Tingwald, Cooper Hatfield, Corey Langner, Claire Yaw, Cheryl Kallis, Sammy Schumann, Ellie Wiemers, 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, Tailen Sturtz, Aimee Wallrich, Jan Wolf, Peggy Price, Joan Mertz, John Bruening, Ashlyn Clark, Jerry Wolford, Kami Svoboda, Darrel Wedeking, Dan Mulder, Colleen Mulder, Jamie O'Neill.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, April 23**

**4 p.m.:** Dec. Luchtel Family Mem.

**Sunday, April 24**

**9 a.:** For the People

**Monday, April 25**

**No Mass Today**

**Tuesday, April 26**

**5:30 p.:** +Bo Schnetter

**Wednesday, April 27**

**7:30 a.:** +Floyd Sporrer

**Thursday, April 28**

**No Mass Today**

**Friday, April 29**

**7:30 a.:** Special Intention (JLW)

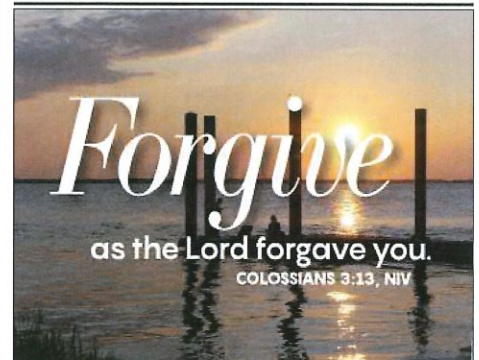
**Saturday, April 30**

**4 p.m.:** Dec. Wuebker Fam Mem

**Sunday, May 1**

**9 a.:** For the People

+Alberta Nolan



## Ministry Schedule

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Saturday, April 30th @ 4 p.m.**

**EMHC:** David Loebig, Holly Skopec, Paul Skopec

**LECTOR:** Brad Shell

**SERVERS:** Faith Garcia, John Garcia

**HOSPITALITY:** Bonnie Duhn, Doug Heller, Eldon Kraninger, Mary Kraninger

**Sunday, May 1st @ 9 a.m.**

**EMHC:** Jeannette Baack, Mick Baack, Jerilyn Streit

**LECTOR:** Aaron Lorch

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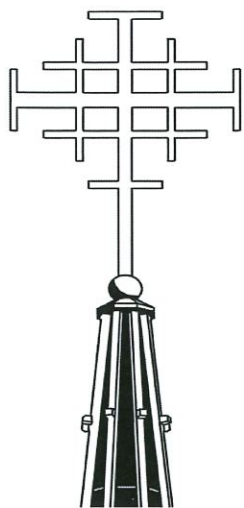
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## News From St. Mary's Parish

### First Communion

Today, April 24th, some of our students will be receiving their First Communion! This special reception of the sacrament will be at 1:00 p.m. on Divine Mercy Sunday here at St. Mary's. As stated in the catechism, the Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. Therefore, let us keep in our prayers, all those who are about to receive the Blessed Sacrament for the first time!

### Housekeeper Needed

St. Mary's is in need of a housekeeper for the rectory here. Duties include general cleaning and light laundry, once a week for approximately 1 to 2 hours. Please contact the parish office if interested.

### Lifesaver Sunday

Catholic Daughters will be in the narthex on the weekend of April 23/24 after Masses trading sweets for donations to support the annual "Lifesaver Fundraiser". All proceeds go to support State and Local centers for abused individuals. Please be generous and enjoy a sweet treat at the same time. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### Coffee and Rolls May 1

Join our Steubenville students on May 1st after Mass for coffee and rolls. Delicious home-made confections, fresh coffee and all the extras are included. Bring the family and enjoy time with your fellow parishioners for a great cause. Please pray for our students as they prepare for the trip to Colorado in July. Thank you for your support!

### Last Day of Religious Education

It has been a fantastic year of learning and fun with the youth all participating in our religious education program! April 20th marked our last day of normal classes. Our last gathering for religious education for the year will be on April 27th for our last class cook out. The Knights of Columbus have graciously offered to cook up some mighty fine food for everyone. We would like to invite all families to join us on the evening of the 27th for this event. All grades PK-12th and their parents/guardians are welcome to come to the parish hall at 6:00 p.m. We hope many of you will be able to join us!

### Eternal Rest

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of George Doocy, a long-time parishioner of St. Mary's. George passed on Monday, April 18th and his Mass of Christian burial was held on Saturday. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.

### EMMAUS Summer Camp



Attention upperclassmen! If you have had an encounter with Christ, have experienced conferences and retreats, but are ready for something bigger – ready to grow deeper in your relationship with the Lord, you are invited to consider attending a 5 day summer camp called EMMAUS. Emmaus is a deep intentional experience for teenagers to be brought into their own role as God's witnesses. It is a place to ask questions, grow in prayer, and experience virtuous friendships. Alongside that, there will be a bunch

of awesome activities such as hiking, water games, campfires, and more! This opportunity is for students finishing their 10th-12th grade years of high school. It will be held from June 15-19, 2022 at the Creighton University Retreat Center. Cost is \$400 per student with scholarships available through the diocese up until May 23rd. Registration is open now and will stay open until May 5th. For more information, contact the parish office or follow the links on the diocesan website.



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### 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.

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## News From St. Mary's Parish

### Middle School Broomtree Retreat

Coming up in June, from the 3rd to the 5th, we will have an opportunity for middle school students to attend an overnight retreat at Broomtree retreat center in South Dakota. This event will be an awesome opportunity to grow in faith while participating in some fantastically fun activities! Registrations spots are limited so keep an eye on the bulletin and the church website for more information.



### Wal-Mart Food Pick-up

During the month of May, on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, at 9:00 a.m. St. Mary's is responsible for the UDMO food pick-up. Go to the produce area at Wal-Mart and inform the worker that you are there to pick up meat and produce for UDMO. Someone will assist you with taking the food out to your vehicle. It is suggested you take a pickup or van if possible. You then transport the food to UDMO office located on the east side of the Great Lakes Mass. There is a sign-up sheet to volunteer for this, along with instructions.

### Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sunday after Easter, April 24th, marks a special feast of mercy when Christ promised to St. Faustina that, "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment". This means that any one who participates in the Eucharist and reconciliation within a week of Divine Mercy Sunday receive a plenary indulgence. We like to encourage all to participate in this celebration of mercy and to consider participating in a Divine Mercy novena as well. In this way, we can deeply experience our Lord's infinite mercy! To learn more, check our parish website.

## NEWS & Notes

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 p.m. and Sunday at 9:45 a.m.
- ✓ **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday from 2 to 5:15 p.m.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, April 25**

No Mass Today

**Tuesday, April 26**

No Mass Today

**Wednesday, April 27**

12 noon: Special Intention (R & ES)

**Thursday, April 28**

5:30 p.m.: +Grady and +Joyce Parham

**Friday, April 29**

No Mass Today

**Saturday, April 30**

5:30 p.m.: +Mike Hawn

**Sunday, May 1**

10:30 a.m.: Living and Deceased Members of St. Mary's

### Ministry Schedule

**SATURDAY, April 30 @ 5:30 p.m.**

**EMHC:** Jean Mohr, Curt Smith, Sandie Smith

**LECTOR:** Phyllis McKeown

**SERVERS:** Noah Lee

**HOSPITALITY MINISTERS:** Jim Leinbaugh, Joe Endres, Jim Bunt, Dave Hansen

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**SUNDAY, May 1 @ 10:30 a.m.**

**EMHC:** Mary Emgarten, Pam Wingert, Mindy Leinbaugh

**LECTOR:** Margie Lynch

**SERVERS:** Marie Mueting, Tyson Robinson

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### St. Mary's Gigantic Garage Sale

Spring is in the air, and what better time to look around and check for any good used items you would like to donate. We will be accepting items after May 1st. Items NOT to bring are: TV's, computers, large appliances, microwaves, portable phones, mattresses or box springs.



### Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Ron (Doc) and Elsie Smith on their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday, April 28th. Cards may be sent to 904 8th Street, Spirit Lake, IA 51360. What a beautiful example of faithfulness and loyalty! May God bless you!

### High School Seniors

Attention graduating high school seniors of St. Mary's Parish! You are invited to apply for a \$500.00 scholarship from the St. Mary's Catholic Daughters. Applications are due by May 1st. Contact Mary Brandt if you have not received an application form.



## Congratulations to our Students

We would like to Congratulate our First Communicants from both parishes. With gratitude to God for these beautiful children we lift their famines before the Lord in prayer.

Our First Communion Candidates from St. Marys' are: Evelyn Wavra, daughter of Aaron & Rachel Wavra; Brooke Naatjes, daughter of Beau & Alyssa Naatjes; Alex Crowley, son of Mark & Angela Crow-

ley; Lleyton Peter, son of Brad & Nicole Peter; Max and Zoe Gaberding, children of Brian & Jess Garberding; Tate Mellman, son of Dale & Maria Mellman; Ava Eygabroad, daughter of Jason & Gina Eygabroad; Madison Lee, daughter of Ryan & Kari Lee; Jack Delaney, son of Kevin & Kelly Delaney; Elizabeth Odendahl, daughter of Bryan & Lisa Odendahl; Lucas Mueller, son Matt & Kari Mueller; Reese Cardwell, daughter of Kevin & Melissa Cardwell; and Yoyo Tran, daughter of Tie and Queenie Tran.

Our First Communion Candidates from St. Joseph's are: Jacob Anderson, son of Steve and Sara Anderson; Olivia Breuer, daughter of, Joni and Josh Breuer; Natalie Matthews, daughter of Angela Matthews and David Matthews; Amelia Myhre, daughter of Anne and Matt Myhre; Brian Oyler, son of Alli and Chris Oyler; and Zach Titterington son of Sherry and Blake Titterington.

## Daily Mass Changes

Father Tom Flanagan left for several weeks in Africa this week and will be gone for much of the summer and the fall. Fr. Tom's absence will require a change in our daily Mass schedule. Church law grants a priest permission to celebrate one Mass each day and three Masses on Sundays. Sometimes there must be exceptions to this rule for weddings and funerals and other special occasions but for the most part each priest must follow these guidelines. Here at St. Mary's and St. Joseph we will be adapting our schedule for daily Mass to be in conformity most days of the week. We will have daily Mass in Milford on Tuesday, Wednesdays and Fridays. We will have daily Mass at St. Mary's on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please see the chart at the right for the times at each parish. When Fr. Tom returns for brief visits we will return to our regular daily Mass schedule but for the most part we will follow the new daily Mass schedule until early December.

<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday	5:30 PM	Milford
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Milford
Wednesday	12:00 PM	Spirit Lake
Thursday	5:30 PM	Spirit Lake
Friday	7:30 AM	Milford



"Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed," Jesus says in today's Gospel. For those who have not seen to believe, however, we must be good stewards of our faith, living it joyfully and sharing it generously. Then, in our time too, "men and women in great numbers" will be "added to the Lord."

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**April 17-18, 2022 Attendance: 866**

Adults: \$5,374.00 Online: \$661.00 Loose: \$1,655.25  
 Holy Thursday/Good Friday: \$1,274.00  
 Votive: \$75.10 Special: \$2,388.75 Retired Priests  
 Easter Flowers: \$105.00

### ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

**April 17-18, 2022 Attendance: 748**

Adults: \$4,690.00 Loose: \$1,591.82  
 Online: \$920.00 Candles: \$88.32  
 Infirm & Retired Priests: \$1150.42 P & J: \$35.00  
 Easter Gift to St. Joseph: \$2,150.00  
 Holy Land: \$643.50 Easter Flowers: \$123.00  
 Holy Thursday: \$260.00 Parish Rental: \$50.00  
 Poor Box: \$29.00 Rice Bowl: \$203.57

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