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*"...there am I  
among them."*

*Matthew 18:20, ESV*

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, Sept. 11, 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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**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.

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Saturday at 4 p.m.

Sunday at 7, 9 and 11 a.m.

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## Garage Sale Update

Thank you to the super volunteers who assisted with the Labor Day garage sale. Sales totalled \$1,966.75. The FINAL garage sale will be Sat., Sept. 24 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Most items will be free. No additional items will be accepted this year but hold onto your treasures until March 1, 2023 when we start again.

## And the Winner Is

St. Joseph Parishioner Karen Naber's name was drawn Tues., Sept. 6 by Fr. Brian from the 1,324 tickets that were sold for the Rosary/Altar quilt. Thanks to the sellers who religiously sold tickets for 15 weeks and to all who supported this fundraiser. Plans are already underway for a new quilt to be raffled during the summer of 2023.

## Men's Night Out Sept. 18

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a "Men's Night Out" Sun., Sept. 18, 5 p.m. in the parish center. This free event is open to all Catholic men of St. Joseph or St. Marys Church. There will be a catered meal and a speaker. If you want to attend call or text Brad Shell at 515-681-5633 or email him at alshell41@msn.com or call Terry Abbas at 712-330-9131 before Thurs., Sept. 15 at 5 p.m. Please bring a friend if you would like.

THANK  
you.

**THANK YOU** to the awesome volunteers who assisted at the Rosary/Altar Society omelet breakfast and cinnamon roll project last weekend. Both events made for a busy weekend for volunteers. We appreciate you and your willingness to assist.

## R/A Weekend Update

**Omelet Income:** \$1,388

**Exp:** \$190

**Net:** \$1,198

**Cinnamon Rolls Inc.:** \$1,116.00



## Monday, Sept. 12

8 p.m.: Ala-non in overflow.

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

## Tuesday, Sept. 13

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

5:30 p.m.: Mass

## Wednesday, Sept. 14

8 a.m.: Bible Study, overflow room

3:30 p.m.: Rel Ed Grades K-5

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

## Sunday, September 18

5 p.m.: Men's Night Out

## Youth Ministry Notes

✓ Middle school youth group (6, 7 & 8th graders) 8 -8:30 pm Wednesday after religious education on Sept. 14th. Kickball Community Builder Activity!

✓ High school youth group 8-8:30 pm on Wednesday Sept. 14th ice cream social and scripture!

✓ Middle School Youth Group Event for BOTH St. Mary's and St. Joseph's 5th - 8th graders: Sunday September 18th 7 pm at St. Joseph's - Smores, Scripture reflection (Be the LIGHT) and Glow in the Dark Capture The Flag.

"GOD IS  
WITH YOU IN  
everything  
YOU DO."  
GENESIS 21:22



# News From St. Joseph Parish

## Faith Formation

By Sharon Mayer

We have had our first week of religious education and I think we all survived. I certainly appreciate my teachers taking the time out of their busy schedules to share their faith with our students. We had almost all of the expected students who have been in the program before and a few new faces joined us this year. We are happy you are here! Many registered yesterday, but if you are sending your child and have not returned or filled out a registration form, you will need to do that within the next 2 weeks. The fee is low at \$35.00 per child which we use to offset snack expense and materials for classes and special events. If that amount causes anyone a hardship, please let Fr. Hughes or me know as we have people who provide scholarships for those who need it.

On the weekend of Sept. 17, we will recognize all those people who Catechize within the Catholic church worldwide for Catechetical Sunday. Recognition will take place at both Masses that weekend. These people give of their time on a regular basis, guided by the Holy Spirit to bring the faith to our students. It is not everyone who feels comfortable being this kind of disciple and we are grateful for those who heed the call of the Lord and teach.

I am always trying to lengthen my sub list. If you are a Confirmed Catholic and over 18 with most Wednesdays available, please help out if you can by being on my religious education sub list. Another way you can help is with our special events. One of the very first questions I for yesterday was "are we going to have the Christmas play? That was with excitement, and we already have some sheep! The play is set for Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. followed by pizza. Until then, pray for our teachers and program as we start the year.

**NEW** lector books have arrived. Please stop in the office to pick yours up!

## Ministry Schedule

### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sat., September 17th @ 4 p**

**EMHC:** Deb Faulkner, Connie Mataloni, Dick Mataloni

**LECTOR:** Loretta Halbur

**SERVERS:** Ben Garcia, John Garcia

**HOSPITALITY:** Anne Donovan, Bonnie Duhn, Irene McCoy, Jim McCoy

**Sun., September 18th @ 9 a**

**EMHC:** Donna Goebel, Marlys Nolan, Jerilyn Streit

**LECTOR:** Karen Schwaller

**SERVERS:** Bryce Anderson, Will Anderson

**HOSPITALITY:** Terry Abbas, Patrick Goebel, Myrna Herbers, Paul Herbers



**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will sponsor their annual Coats for Kids project. New coats, snowpants, boots and winter accessories may be left in the box in the church lobby. The items will be distributed locally to the school, the St. Joseph Clothing Room or Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc., in Spirit Lake. Items may also be left in the office.

**PRAY for these members:** Kiana Svoboda, Frank Kennedy, Baby Reegen Vanderpool, Janet Delaney, Tutti Willison, Andrew Gross, James Higgins, Mary Mittag, Jerry Finch, Dirk Hansen, June Reiman, Mary Langel, Geneva Knudtson, Rick DeMuth, 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.

**PLEASE pray for these special persons:** Norine Kennedy, Bruce and Sandy, Susan Sunland, Norine Kennedy, Nova Goodnight, Nancy Younie, 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, Wayne Bellinghausen, Maxine Thompson, Lois Doran, Dale Gentry, Susan Barnes, Mike Cooper, Denny Daberkow, Ray Langel, Tailen Sturtz, Aimee Wallrich, Jan Wolf, Peggy Price, John Bruening, Ashlyn Clark, Jerry Wolford, Kami Svoboda, Darrel Wedeking, Dan Mulder, Colleen Mulder, Jamie O'Neill.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, September 10

**4 p:** +Darial Determan

### Sunday, September 11

**7 a:** For the People

**9 a:** +Fritz & +Norma Thoma

**11 a:** +Denny Kasperbauer

### Monday, September 12

**No Mass Today**

### Tuesday, September 13

**5:30 p:** +Edwin Graettinger Family

### Wednesday, September 14

**7:30 a:** +Betty Newman

### Thursday, September 15

**7:30 a:** +Floyd & +Bev Sporrer

### Friday, September 16

**7:30 a:** +Billie Schuett

### Saturday, September 17

**4 p:** For The People

### Sunday, September 18

**9 a:** +John Francis Clisbee  
+Joan Langel

**St. Joseph Bridge Marathan** begins soon. If you love to play bridge and want to meet new people, call the parish office, 338-2274, this week for more details.



**NEXT** weekend, Sept. 17-18, we move to our "winter" Mass schedule of Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 9 a.m. Please note this change.



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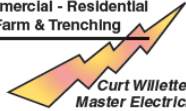
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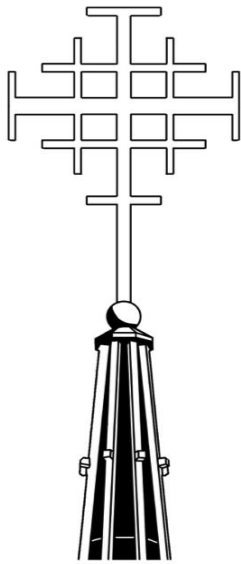
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## News From St. Mary's Parish

### Weekend Mass Schedule

The updated weekend Mass schedule at St. Mary's Church, beginning the weekend of September 17/18, is 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. Mass at St. Joseph's will be at 4 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. on Sunday.

### KC Breakfast on September 18

The KC's are hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast on Sunday, September 18th from 9:00-Noon. The Council Committee will be in charge of this. Members include: Huls, Ingwersen, Kalkhoff, Kalkhoff, Kirlin, Kolar, Kurth, Matuska, Mergen, Simpson, Mathine, Wavra, Waterhouse and Zigrang.



### Religious Ed Family Meals

We would love to continue with our "Family Meals" again this fall during religious education. To do so, this requires donors who are willing to fund our meals each week! Please contact the office or bring in a check for \$300.00 if you would like to be one of the weekly sponsors this fall

We need you to make this program successful and are excited to continue this! In addition, if you would like to be on the committee for planning, shopping and setting up the meals please let us know! Many hands make light work and we need YOU!

### Religious Education Beginning Delayed

St. Mary's Religious Education Program starting date has been delayed by two weeks. Our first day of classes and the associated family meal will now occur on Wed. Sept. 21st! We want to make sure to put on the best program possible for those involved and we are looking for a few more volunteers to assist with our classes to make this possible! If you would like to help with the program, we'd love your assistance! Whether you would like to work with the little ones or the older students, we would love your help. Contact the office to learn about which areas need additional volunteers!

### High School Youth Group

For those who don't know, our high schoolers meet once a week for fellowship, food, faith, and fun! As the religious education program gets started, St. Mary's high school youth group will be moving to a later time. Youth group will now be held on Wednesdays starting at 8 pm immediately following religious education classes. Youth group will last approximately an hour and end at 9 pm. We will also no longer be alternating the location between the two Churches. High school youth group events are planned to happen at St. Mary's unless otherwise noted. You can always find specifics for the week available on our website's calendar. If you or your child would like to be added to a group chat to receive reminders and updates about youth group, contact the parish office!



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We hope your visit here will be a prayerful time as you enjoy the lakes region. Please consider St. Mary'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:

4:45 pm Sat;  
9:45 am Sun

### Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday 12 noon

### Mass Schedule:

#### Summer

Saturday at 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

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# News From St. Mary's Parish

## Together As One

It's here! Let's work Together As One to help support our future. Check your mailboxes this week and make a gift to strengthen our Catholic community. When our parish goes over its diocesan support goal of \$28,699.00, 100% of that overage amount is returned to our parish for our use. Last year, \$452,244 was given back to parishes across the Diocese.

### New Start Date for Adult Wednesday Evening Faith Study

Please note the new start date for this study: September 21st. If you would like to learn much more about what Catholics believe and why, please consider joining us for an adult faith discussion group. We will explore and discuss Gus Lloyd's "A Minute in the Church" books. Each short essay offers 'one minute' chapters that explore the teachings and doctrines of the Church as well as explanations of Catholic practices and devotions. Gus Lloyd is a popular speaker and radio host; you can hear Gus every weekday morning on 'Seize the Day' on the Catholic Channel on Sirius XM, Channel 129. Beginning on Wednesday, September 21st, we will be meeting in the family room off the church narthex. We will follow the religious education schedule and meet from 6:45pm-8:00pm. If you would like to join us, please use the sign-up sheet on the narthex table or call the parish offices so that we can order the necessary materials. Please include your current contact information.

### Marriage is a Journey

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. For more information contact Denise & Greg at 563-920-9419 or drubner9419@gmail.com. Upcoming dates: November 18th – 20th in Holstein.



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, Sept. 12**

**No Mass Today**

**Tuesday, Sept. 13**

**5:30 p.m.:** +Jean Rusch

**Wednesday, Sept. 14**

**12 noon:** +Lisa Galm

**Thursday, Sept. 15**

**2 p.m.:** Adoration

**5:30 p.m.:** +Richard Hamann

**Friday, Sept. 16**

**12 noon:** +Bill and +Millie Kisting

**Saturday, Sept. 17**

**5:30 p.m.:** +Loren Seely

**Sunday, Sept. 18**

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

### 4th Degree Monsignor McCoy Assembly

No September Meeting. Clay County Fair and Bingo at the Fair. Don't forget to stop by the Information Booth.

### Christ Our Life

Register for Christ Our Life at ChristOurLifelowa.com \$25, September 24 & 25.



### Friends of San Lucas Will Be in Okoboji Monarch Art Cafe – 1906 U.S. Hwy 71 S N, Okoboji, September 13th: 8AM – 10AM

Come join Friends of San Lucas and learn about Dan Herbeck's bike ride that will raise awareness for Guatemala and commemorate the historic walk Fr. Greg Schaffer took 50 years ago. We will have Juan Ana Cafe and a blessing at 9AM. Feel free to come and go as your schedule allows! Visit sanlucasmission.org/ bike for more information.

## Ministry Schedule

**SATURDAY, Sept. 17 @ 5:30 p.m.**

**EMHC:** Jean Mohr, Linda Hansen, Sharon Johnson

**LECTOR:** Phyllis McKeown

**SERVERS:** Mackenzie Bennett

**HOSPITALITY MINISTERS:** Jim Carney, Jim Bunt, Joe Endres, John Delaney

**MUSIC MINISTERS:** Donna Williams, John Sandy

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**SUNDAY, Sept. 18 @ 10:30 a.m.**

**EMHC:** Jeannie James, Shawna Ditsworth, Tom Lynch

**LECTOR:** Karen Fergen

**SERVERS:** Jasper Robinson

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# Pastor's COLUMN

## Special Days of Prayer for Vocations

Starting this September, Bishop Nickless has inaugurated a Year of Vocations, asking both the clergy and the faithful of the diocese to participate in special days of prayer for an increase in religious vocations and an increase in holiness among all vocations in the Church. These special days of prayer are called Ember Days

Ember Days are traditional days of prayer and fasting that mark the changing of times and seasons in order to give thanks to God and to bring a deeper spiritual renewal. On these days, the Church 'entreats the Lord for the various needs of humanity' and gives thanks to God for various blessings received (Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, 45). These traditional days of fasting punctuate the year with special prayers and personal sacrifices.

The word "Ember" is not tied to ashes or coals. Instead, it is derived from the Latin phrase Quator Tempora meaning "four times." Based on the changing of the seasons the Church established four periods to sanctify the passing of time, in which days of prayer and fasting may bring about greater spiritual fruit.

The Ember Days for the coming year have been scheduled for: September 16, 2022, December 16, 2022, March 24, 2023 and June 16, 2023.

The special Vocation intentions for Ember Day, Friday, September 16th are as follows:

Pray the Rosary for the holiness of the deacons, priests, and bishops, and for an increase in vocations of those called to Holy Orders. Fast by eating only one main meal and two smaller meals, or fast from social media.

**Pastor Fr. Brian Hughes**  
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## REPORT

We can hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son: "You are with me always, and everything I have is yours." What is my response to such remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me?

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**Attendance:** 946

**Adults:** \$5,014.00

**Loose:** \$2,747.70

**Online:** \$1,545.75

**Dollar (Guatemala):** \$618.85

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