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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023

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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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, 9 and 11 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.

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OUR CLOTHING room is in need of men's and boy's socks and men's winter coats. With the colder temperatures, if you have anything warm to contribute, it would be appreciated.





THANK YOU - A huge thank you to everyone involved in giving my father all the groceries at Christmas. He was so happy and appreciated it so much. Thank you for thinking of him.

--An anonymous parishioner

WE'RE LOOKING for one more "crew" of individuals to volunteer to make soup on Tuesday, Feb. 28. Call your friends. It's easy to do, a great friendship builder and we offer training in advance. 338-2274.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS, Court Our Lady of LaSalette/St. Joseph Parish continues to collect items for their annual layette project. Donations may be left in the cradle in the church lobby through February.

High School Retreat

St. Joseph High School youth have an opportunity to enrich their faith through a high school retreat at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Jackson, MN, coming up on Sun., Feb.19 from 1:30 - 7 p.m. The retreat cost is \$5 and non-perishable food. To register, please contact Teresa Goehring on her cell at 712-330-1189.

NW lowa Women's WELCOME Retreat. February 25-26, 2023 @ St. Joseph, Milford. Opportunity in fellowship and faith. Ages 18+. Parish Contact: Erin Lorch @ 773-332-9587 Retreat Team Contact: Diane Gubbels @ 712-210-1166 More details to follow.

TAO Collection Continues

BE GENEROUS - give according to what God has so freely given to you. Please consider a financial gift to the 2022-23 Diocesan Together As One (TAO) Appeal. Our goal is \$37,306. We have collected \$24,186 and pledges of \$1,365. If all are paid, our remaining goal is \$11,755. If you haven't returned your contribution, please do so as soon as possible.

Ministry Schedule

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Saturday, February 11th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Connie Chapman, Chris & Connie Jones

LECTOR: Lois Eckard

SERVERS: Asher Knudtson, Isabel Nelson

HOSPITALITY: Bonnie Duhn, Monica Koppen, Eldon & Mary Kraninger

Sunday, February 12th @ a.m.

EMHC: Denise Cole, Cory Knudtson, Aaron & Erin Lorch

LECTOR: Susan Willette

SERVERS: Jerron Heller, Jocelyn Heller, Porter Prentice

HOSPITALITY: Bill & Cheryl Aumer, John Heller, Marshall Matuska

News From St. Joseph Parish

Faith Formation

By Sharon Mayer

Catholic traditions. We are approaching the time when they become very important. I am not talking about going to church on the weekend...that is a Catholic's obligation. I am referring to our traditions that make our Catholic church so meaningful to many. We just passed the Feast of St. Blaise. Not all churches recognize this feast anymore, but it is the time when we get our throats blessed as it has been long held that this will ward off throat ailments.

Traditionally a month dedicated to the Holy Family as we begin by hearing about the early days of Jesus and His family but end with the Lenten season starting and hearing some very serious and longer Gospel readings. Even though Lent is a somber time when we look to ourselves about our offering of time, talents, and treasure for our church, the message is still positive: God is always there for you if you but trust and not put your own thoughts before His. He is our leader through good and bad.

Please put on your calendars that religious education classes for

Ash Wednesday will be Mass at 6 p.m. only. Like we did for Immaculate Conception, students in all grades will meet their Catechists in the parish center for attendance and then go to Mass. Students should arrive no later than 5:45 that evening. All ages can receive ashes and we will have a lesson about that prior to that evening.



The Lakes Catholic Community Steubenville Conference 2023 Steubenville 2023 is open to current 8th through 12th grade students in both parishes. It is a Catholic Conference designed to bring high-schoolers into a life changing encounter with Jesus Christ. Thursday morning, July 13- Sunday Evening July 16, 2023. Deposit \$55 - fundraising available - Scholarships available.

Parishioners can support Steubenville Scholarship Fund: In order to make the Steubenville Conference available to all youth scholarships are available. To provide a full or partial scholarship to a student, please write the check to your parish youth ministry program. There is a scholarship process. Please conntact the office if you are in need of scholarship support. A donation to the fund is tax deductible. Paying for a specific student's trip is not tax deductible.



PRAY for these members: Mark Kollasch, Phil Nau, Scar-*Tease be* lett Ann Stellish, Briggs Harmelink, Becky Wittrock, Kiana raying for... | Svoboda, Janet Delaney, Tutti Willison, Andrew Gross, James Higgins, Mary Mittag, Jerry Finch, Dirk Hansen, Mary Langel,

Geneva Knudtson, Rick DeMuth, Mary Ann Sigler, Dennis and Alma Klute, Jerry Clark, Robert Rowland, Bill James, Marie Van Hofwegen, Steve Painter, Ginny Yore, LaDonna Jansen, Finley Brunsvold, Phyllis Hintz.

PLEASE pray for these special persons: Joan Beckman, Paul Roth, Tom Kallis, Cheryl Kallis, Duane Doran, Jane Baxter, Wanda Randall, Norine Kennedy, Bruce and Sandy, Susan Sunland, Nova Goodnight, Kaydan, Adam Hall, Kate Jensen, Cooper Hatfield, Corey Langner, Claire Yaw, Cheryl Kallis, Sammy Schumann, Ellie Wiemers, Mary W., Mary Bolan, 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, Peggy Price, John Bruening, Ashlyn Clark, Jerry Wolford, Kami Svoboda, Darrel Wedeking, Dan Mulder, Colleen Mulder, Jamie O'Neill.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Feb. 4

4 p: For The People

Sunday, Feb. 5

9 a: +Bob Higgins

Monday, Feb. 6

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Feb. 7

5:30 p: +John A. Behrens

Wednesday, Feb. 8

No Mass Today

Thursday, Feb. 9

No Mass Today

Friday, Feb. 10

7:30 a: +Mardell Eilers

Saturday, Feb. 11

4 p: +June Reiman

Sunday, Feb. 12

9 a: For The People

WANTED: A St. Joseph parishioner needs yarn to make lap quilts. Please drop off any yarn

you may have at the parish office for this project.





Monday, Feb. 6

8 p.m.: Al-non meets via zoom. 8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, Feb. 7

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

5:30 p.m.: Mass

6 p.m.: Bible Study in Parish Center

Wednesday, Feb. 8

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

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

Friday, Feb. 10

8 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, Feb 11

4 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, Feb. 12

9 a.m.: Mass

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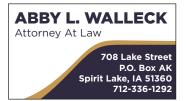
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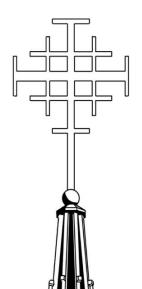




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News From St. Mary's Parish



Weekend Mass Schedule

The current weekend Mass schedule at St. Mary's Church is 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. Mass at St. Joseph's is at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and 9:00 a.m. on Sunday.

St. Mary's Lenten Fish Fry

St. Mary's will be hosting Fish Frys again this Lent. The two parishes are working to coordinate dates, so stay tuned. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Andrew Vortherms (507-884-6139) or Rob Waterhouse (712-320-0269) for additional information.



Liturgical Ministries

There is a sign-up sheet for our Liturgical Ministers on the table in the Narthex for Ash Wednesday Masses on February 22nd. Please assist the liturgy if you are able. The February schedule is posted on the website now. Reminder that you are responsible for finding your own substitutes if you are unable to attend that weekend. As always, you can let Ali know of your unavailability prior to the 15th of the month to avoid the hassle of finding substitutes.

Catholic Daughters

Catholic Daughters will meet on February 7th at 6:00 for Movie Night. All members of our parish are invited as guests.

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree, Monsignor McCoy Assembly Social on Wednesday February 15th at the Prime Rib in Spencer. Getting a head count. Reply to Assembly e-mail or direct to Monsignor McCoy e-mail at: Msgr McCoy Assembly K of C msgrmccoykc@gmail.com

If you receive monthly offering envelopes but did not receive any for the month of February, please use the envelopes that are available at the end of each pew.

Together As One

Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through TAO. As of November 30, we have raised \$19,717.00 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$28,699.00 with gifts from 89 households. Will you help us meet our fundraising goals? Visit www.scdiocese.org/together-as-one.

Ministry Schedule

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Saturday, February 11th @ 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Jean Mohr, Curt Smith, Sandra Smith

LECTOR: Scott Trautman

SERVERS: Carter Trautman, Kaitlyn Trautman

HOSPITALITY: Joe Endres, Gayle Eral, Jim Leinbaugh, Doug Zemler

Sunday, February 12th @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Mary Emgarten, Michella Koppen, Jeannie James

LECTOR: Jim Staver

SERVERS: Jasper Robinson, Tyson Robinson

HOSPITALITY: Larry Bortscheller, Bob Emgarten, Kerri Robinson, Korey Robinson



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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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Monday, Feb. 6

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Feb. 7

No Mass Today

Wednesday, Feb. 8

12 noon: +Leanna Nielson

Thursday, Feb. 9
2-5:15 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m.: +Dee Hauber & +David Hauber

Friday, Feb. 10

No Mass Today

Saturday, Feb. 11

5:30 p.m.: Liv/Dec of St. Mary's

Sunday, Feb. 12

10:30 a.m.: +Jim Bortscheller



Monday, Feb. 6

No events today

Tuesday, Feb. 7

6 p.m.: CDA meets for Movies

Wednesday, Feb. 8

12 noon: Mass

Thursday, Feb. 9

2 p.m.: Adoration 5:30 p.m.: Mass

Friday, Feb. 10

No events today

Saturday, Feb. 11

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, Feb. 12

9 a.m.: Lectio Divina Group (clsrm)

10:30 a.m.: Mass

High School Retreat

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Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Rachel's Vineyard is an extraordinary opportunity for any person who struggles with emotional and spiritual pain of abortion(s). The weekend is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. For info and a list of upcoming dates, email rachelshelpersofiowa@gmail.com or call 712-898-5550.

Marriage Is a Journey

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pazazz 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, call Denise at (563) 920-9419 or register at wwme.org. Upcoming dates: April 22-23, 2023, in Epworth, Iowa; and September 22-24, 2023, in Dubuque, Iowa.

Special Collections in February

Donations for the Building Fund collection should be placed in the basket on the weekend of February 5. Please make checks payable to "St. Mary's," and write "Building Fund" in the memo line. Donations for the Aid to Global Churches collection should be placed in the basket on the weekend of February 26. Please make checks payable to "St. Mary's," and write "Aid to Global Churches" in the memo line. Thank you for your generous support!

Homebound Communion Program Seeks Volunteers

To date, we have had only two volunteers – we are in need of at least 2 more. If you would like to volunteer to take communion on Sundays to our homebound parishioners, please contact the parish office at smoffice@ thelakescatholic.church or 712-336-1742. A schedule is being organized. If you are homebound or know of a homebound parishioner who would like to receive communion, please contact the office. Currently, Deacon Darwin is delivering communion to the care centers and assisted living residences in the lakes region on First and Second Fridays.

Prayer Chain

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 in the narthex of the church.

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





Weather and the Budget

As winter progresses it is important for all of us to recognize that each successive storm that comes our way brings increased challenges. Our staff are doing a great job trying to stay on top of accumulation of snow and ice but, we are running out of places to pile the snow. The long periods of cold and the regular snow fall have been a challenge. I would like to thank the staff and volunteers at both parishes who are working hard out of doors to clear the way for folks attending Mass and our many events and programs. Parking lots, sidewalks, entry areas, cemetery roads and regular checks of pipes and drainage systems have all kept everyone busy for many weeks. Of course, the extra snow and ice and increased maintainece needs brings increased expenses. Our budgets for heating and snow removal have long ago been surpassed. Thanks for your continued generosity to help meet our maintainece needs this winter.

Welcome Home Father Tom

This week Fr. Tom has returned to Spirit Lake after a month of travel in India and Bangladesh. Fr. Tom spends his "missionary journeys" spreading the message of the missionary outreach of the "Opus Spiritus Sancti." It is great to have Fr. Tom back and among us. We are grateful for his missionary work but we are also thankful when he returns home.

Fr. Hughes on Vacation

With Fr. Tom back in town Fr. Brian is going to take some vacation days early this month. While Fr. Brian is gone, we will follow the shortened daily Mass schedule with two Masses in each parish each week. The weekend Mass schedule will remain the same and we will welcome Fr. John Thomas who will help celebrate Masses for two weekends. Fr. John Thomas is a retired priest of the Diocese of Sioux City who lives in Algona. For many years he has assisted us with Masses here in Dickinson County.

Lenten Daily Prayer Guides

The wonderful season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22nd. The days of Lent are a gracious time to spend a little extra time cultivating our lives of prayer. At the entrances of the both Churches you will find small meditations books to assist with your daily Lenten prayers; they contain a reading and some good thoughts for each day of Lent. Please feel free take a copy but please do not take more than one until after all interested can have a chance to pick one up.

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In the first reading, Isaiah urges us in the name of the Lord to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and clothe the naked. If we do so, he assures us, the Lord will hear and answer our cries for help in time of need.

ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Financial information for the weekend of Jan. 28-29 will appear in the Feb. 11-12 bulletin. Thank you for your understanding.

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