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Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 16, 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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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, 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.

NAME: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

JUST a reminder....The annual Volunteer Dinner is Tuesday night beginning at 6 p.m. with a social, dinner at 6:30 and great entertainment to follow.

We look forward to greeting those who have reserved their seat!

We Love Our VOLunteers



✓ **Thank You** to Funeral Group #5 who served the +Roland Taylor Funeral luncheon on Tues., April 11. Your willingness to assist a family in their time of need is deeply appreciated. Funeral Group #6 will handle the +for the next funeral luncheon.



At the weekend masses April 22nd and 23rd the CDA will be collecting for their annual LIFESAVER CAMPAIGN. Funds will be used to benefit Iowa victims of domestic abuse. 60% of the funds raised will stay local and the remaining is sent to the Sioux City diocese to be distributed at the bishop's choosing. CDA members will be available as you leave mass to distribute lifesavers and collect donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this important cause.

Praying From Within Retreat, w/ Fr. Brian Feller. April 22, 9 - Noon @ St. Joseph, Milford. Opportunity in fellowship and faith. Meal provided. Register w/ Aaron Lorch @ 712-363-2372/aaron.o.lorch@gmail.com



Mark your calendar...At their quarterly meeting this past Tuesday night, the Rosary/Altar set Monday, May 15, 8 a.m. as the date for the annual church kitchen cleaning All supplies will be furnished. Refreshments follow. Many hands will make light work.

Amore Dinner! The Amore fundraiser is a homemade spaghetti dinner evening event on Sunday, April 23 designed to support the youth attending Catholic retreats during the summer. This is specifically for the Steubenville High School Conference in Rochester, MN. Each teen needs to raise \$400 for their trip. They enjoy the work to set up, prepare the meal, wait tables and clean up thus "earning" their support!! To help, just simply sign up at the back of the church. Someone will call you for a reservation slot. You may also donate to the scholarship fund if you are not available that night. Call Teresa at 330-1189 if you have questions.



LifeServe blood drive at St. Joseph on Fri., April 28, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

TAO Collection Update - Our Together As One (TAO) Appeal goal is \$37,306. We have collected \$31,666. If all pledges are paid, our remaining goal is \$5,640.00. If you haven't returned your contribution, please do so asap.

Iowa Catholic Daughters of the Americas collect new and used rosaries for distribution to hospitals, care centers, funeral homes, and individuals upon request. There is a box marked "Rosaries for CDA" by the elevators to drop off your contribution by April 23. Thank you!

JUST A NOTE...some have called and asked when our summer schedule begins. We will move to three Sunday Masses on Sun., May 21. Mass will be at 7, 9 and 11 a.m. in addition to one Saturday night Mass at 4 p.m. We will continue that schedule thru the Labor Day Weekend Sun., Sept. 3.

ON THE HORIZON...LifeServe Blood Drive April 28, CDA salad luncheon May 6, Senior Breakfast Sun., May 7, Fr. Hughes' 42nd Anniversary in the Priesthood potluck Sun., June 4 and a summer full of cinnamon rolls.

News From St. Joseph Parish

Faith Formation

By Sharon Mayer

Congratulations to our students who receive their First Communion this Sunday. They are Landon Brockhohn, Eli Cable, Elijah Clark, Clara Forney, Lennox Goodell, Audrey Haulard, Easton Issendorf, Cora Kelley, Bridget Nussbaum, Vivian Oberman, Esmeralda Santos, Sherlyn Santos, Leo Sewell, and Bradly Simpson. Congratulations also to Diana Trejo who has already received her First Communion but is part of this class. May they always be as close to Jesus as on this day. Thank you to Catechist Patti Scott and previous Catechist Faith Garcia for their help in preparing these students for this important Sacrament and to Kolton Kollasch, student helper in this class.

We only have a couple of classes left this year. April 26th will be our last day and we will close with a May Crowning for the younger students in the afternoon followed by lunch. Evening students will have class with burgers to close out the year.

Even though our year winds down in April, we will be honoring our seniors on May 7th at the 9am Mass followed by breakfast prepared for them and their families.

Registration forms for Vacation Bible School are available at the back of the church as well as in the newsletter. It will be held at St. Joseph's from June 19-23 from 9:00am-noon each day. This year's theme is our greatest Saint, Mary. Children ages PK (4) through 5th grade (11) are welcome. The same theme will be presented at St. Mary's the last week of June.



You are berry special!

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, April 22nd @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Jim Baumgard, Doug Heller, Aaron Hyatt

LECTOR: Debra Leners

SERVERS: Brody Titterington, Asher Knudtson

HOSPITALITY: Anne Donovan, Bonnie Duhn, Eldon & Mary Kraninger

Sunday, April 23rd @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Denise Cole, Dori Lippon, Marlys Nolan, Susan Willette

LECTOR: Ron Swartz

SERVERS: Jerron Heller, Jocelyn Heller

HOSPITALITY: John Heller, Dennis Lippon, Marshall Matuska, Curt Willette

PRAY for these members: Linda Cunningham, Mary Jo Coffey, Mark Kollasch, Scarlett Ann Stellish, Briggs Harmelink, Becky Wittrock, Kiana Svoboda, Janet Delaney, Tutti Willison, Andrew Gross, James Higgins, Mary Mittag, Jerry Finch, 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: Mary Jones, Pat Reckard, Hope Anderson, Christine Fischer, 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, April 15

4 p: +Darial Determan

Sunday, April 16

9 a: For The People

Monday, April 17

No Mass Today

Tuesday, April 18

No Mass Today

Wednesday, April 19

No Mass Today

Thursday, April 20

No Mass Today

Friday, April 21

No Mass Today

Saturday, April 22

4 p: +Bob Eilers

Sunday, April 23

9 a: For The People



Monday, April 17

7:30 p.m.: Al-Anon meets in Bethlehem

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, April 18

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

No Daily Mass

6 p.m.: Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Social, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and entertainment!

Wednesday, April 19

No Daily Mass

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

7-8 p.m.: Rel Ed 6-12

Thursday, April 20

No Daily Mass

Friday, April 21

No Daily Mass

8 a.m.: Bible Study, overflow

Saturday, April 22

4 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, April 23

9 a.m.: Mass

5-7 p.m.: Amore Dinner

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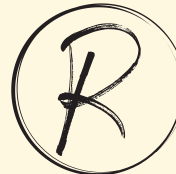
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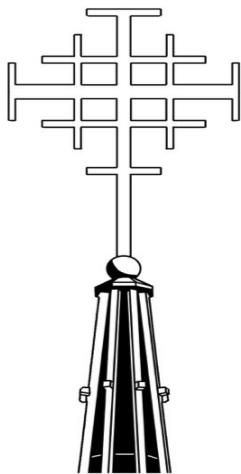


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News From St. Mary's Parish

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 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. on Sunday.

Senior Mass – Save the Date

Senior Mass will be at St. Mary's on Sunday, April 30 at 10:30 a.m. A lunch will follow for graduating seniors and their immediate families.

Last Day of RE Classes

The last day of Religious Education classes will be on Wed., April 26.

Congratulations

St. Mary's Parish would like to congratulate our second graders on receiving their First Communion on Sunday, April 16. Bishop Nickless told our Confirmation students this year that, while all sacraments are important and meaningful, receiving the Eucharist was THE most important sacrament they would ever experience in life. Our second graders include Weston Bennett, Lila Bousquet, Kinlee Buffington, Emma Cunningham, Colin Dahm, Ember Hawn, Jacob Kalkhoff, Michael Kirchner, K.J. Kirschbaum, Makai Miller, Brooks Mueting, Hayes Peterson, Eli Pope, Ella Pruss, J.R. Sandy, Bennett Schmitz, Hendrik Steichen, Adrian Studer and Nolan Thelen. St. Mary's would also like to express our thanks to parents and our second-grade catechists Heather Kalkhoff and Kelly Mueting for all of their work in preparing these students for this important sacrament. We pray that these children use this sacrament all of their lives and that it continues to hold important meaning to them every time they approach the table of the Lord.

Upper Des Moines Food Pantry

During the month of May, St. Mary's has agreed to go to Walmart to pick up meat and produce and bring it to Upper Des Moines. We need volunteers for Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. (Upper Des Moines staff recommend trying to arrive at Walmart a little early, such as 8:45 a.m.) There is a sign-up sheet and instructions for volunteers in the narthex. If you have questions, please contact the parish office.

Easter Flowers

Thank you to all who contributed toward the Easter flowers. In addition to the loved ones named in last weekend's bulletin, we also remember the deceased relatives and friends of Charles and Marilyn Wingert.



Garage Sale Donations

The Catholic Daughters will start collecting items on May 1st for the garage sale that will be held in June.



Praying from Within

Catholic Passage presents "Praying from Within" with Fr. Brian Feller. This event will be held at St. Joseph's Church, Milford, on Sat., April 22 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. All men and women are welcome to join us for faith sharing, fellowship, and food. This event is free to attend; materials and lunch will be provided. Attendance will be capped, so please register as soon as possible. Contact Aaron Lorch at 712-363-2372 or aaron.o.lorch@gmail.com, or go online to <https://rb.gy/in7paq>.



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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.

If you are a new parishioner at St. Mary's, we welcome you to register with our parish. Simply go to our parish website (stmarysspiritlake.org), and click on "Parish Registration" at the top of the page. Then complete the form, and click "Submit." We look forward to serving you here at St. Mary's!

News From St. Mary's Parish

This Week's Mass Schedule

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 17

No Mass Today

Tuesday, April 18

No Mass Today

Wednesday, April 19

No Mass Today

Thursday, April 20

2 p.m.: Adoration

No Mass Today

Friday, April 21

No Mass Today

Saturday, April 22

5:30 p.m.: +Sue Chris & +Jim Johnson

Sunday, April 23

10:30 a.m.: Liv/Dec of St. Mary's



Monday, April 17

No events today.

Tuesday, April 18

No events today.

Wednesday, April 19

No events today.

Thursday, April 20

2 p.m.: Adoration

No Mass

Friday, April 21

No events today.

Saturday, April 22

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, April 23

9 a.m.: Lectio Divina Group, clsm.

10:30 a.m.: Mass

Scholarships from Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus of St. Mary's are offering two \$500 scholarships to qualifying graduating seniors. Applications can be picked up at R.E. classes on Wednesdays, or anytime during business hours in the R.E. office. They can also be mailed to you directly if needed. Applications are due back by April 24, 2023.

Scholarships from Catholic Daughters

The Catholic Daughters of St. Mary's are offering two \$500 scholarships to qualifying graduating seniors. Applications can be picked up at R.E. classes on Wednesdays, or anytime during business hours in the R.E. office. They can also be mailed to you directly if needed. Applications are due back by May 1.

Spring Cleaning

The arrival of spring brings the upkeep of church grounds. This week, there will be a map of St. Mary's with areas in need of TLC throughout the spring, summer, and fall months. Please consider adopting an area—even a small garden is of great assistance. Many areas need minimal care (i.e., cleanup and periodic checking through the remainder of the season). Others can be fine-tuned as you want by adding and maintaining annuals and perennials. This can be a family time, and every little bit helps. Any questions or concerns, please contact the office or Linda Hansen at 712-253-3124.

Liturgical Ministries

The April 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. Please email Ali at liturgy@thelakescatholic.church.

Support Group

If you or someone you know has been impacted by suicide in any way, it's important to know you are not alone. You are welcome to join a very informal gathering to connect with others on the same journey. We meet the third Thursday of every month at First Lutheran Church, 1525 Three Cross Road, Milford. The next meeting will be 7 p.m. on April 20, 2023. For any questions or more information, please contact Jeannie Stolee at 712-339-3070 or Kris Johnson at 712-330-4873.

God is with you in everything you do.

Genesis 21:22

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, April 22nd @ 5:30 p

EMHC: Patty Delaney, Curt & Sandie Smith

LECTOR: Scott Trautman

SERVERS: Carter Trautman, Kaitlyn Trautman

HOSPITALITY: Ron & Sharon Crowley, John Delaney, Doug Zemler

Sunday, April 23rd @ 10:30 a

EMHC: Mary Brandt, Mindy Leinbaugh, Margie Lynch

LECTOR: Jim Staver

SERVERS: Will Ditsworth, Libby Leinbaugh

HOSPITALITY: Mike Davis, Alan Ditsworth, Biran & Michella Koppen

ONLINE: Liam Fechter

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.



Pastor's COLUMN

1st Communion Celebrations

We would like to congratulate the 1st Holy Communion students at both St. Joseph's and St. Mary's. We have a beautiful group of young students and we want to thank their parents for presenting them for this important step in their faith journey. We want to say a special word of thanks to their teachers and catechists who have been working hard each week to prepare these students for their big day. Catechists Patty Scott and Faith Garcia from St. Joseph and Kelly Mueting and Heather Kalkhoff for St. Mary's have done an outstanding job preparing the children. We had lots of help and encouragement from Sharon Mayer and Karen Schwaller our Directors of Religious Education. Many Thanks to all.

Eucharistic Congress

Last week we received an invitation from Bishop Robert Barron of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester inviting us to participate in a Eucharist Congress that has been planned for Saturday, June 10th at the Mankato Civic Center in Mankato, Minnesota. Bishop Barron will be the keynote speaker and other outstanding presenters will present talks throughout the day. This is being designed as a family friendly event that includes programs for children. There will be Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration and a Eucharistic Procession and the event will conclude with Mass with Bishop Barron. This looks like a great event and we encourage all to consider attending. They are requesting pre-registration and detailed information can be found on the website www.eucharist.dowr.org.

Cemetery Decorations

As we look forward to Memorial Day, we are conscious that we want our cemeteries to look their best. We have a number of families who have left plastic flowers, decorations and other memorabilia on graves throughout the cemetery. We ask all families to please remove all decorations that have been left there throughout the winter and remember that we have a long-standing policy that all Memorial Day decorations **MUST** be removed for cemetery plots but June 12th, two weeks after Memorial Day. It is very difficult for our maintenance crew to work around decorations that are left on the ground around family graves. Elevated pot holders are permitted if they are anchored directly beside a grave marker or stone. We are aware that there were several "winter problems" at the cemetery. Badgers and gophers have been at work again and we lost a sign during the winter. We are replacing the signage and are hard at work to address the rodent problem with traps so please be careful to watch your step and keep your pets on a leash when walking in the cemetery. Please recall that our cemetery is closed between dusk and dawn each day.

Pastor Fr. Brian Hughes
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Stewardship



REPORT

Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do I need to become His disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else's need?

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Easter Gift to St. Joseph: \$1,652.00

Holy Thursday: \$409.00

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ST. MARY'S

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

April 8-9 Attendance: 635

Adults: \$6,837.00

Online: \$1,042.70

Loose: \$1,482.93

Votive: \$20.00

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