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Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 30, 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.

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PRAYERS AND sympathy from the St. Joseph Parish Family to Nancy Higgins and family on the death of her husband, +Jim Higgins, 71, who died Wednesday, April 19. His Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, April 27 at St. Joseph. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery at a later date.

PLAN to attend the CDA Annual Salad Luncheon and Style Show next Sat., May 6 in the parish center. Doors open at 11 a.m. Tickets at door or from a CDA member.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

- ✓ to Funeral Group #6 who served the +Jim Higgins Funeral on Thursday. Your assistance to a family in their time of need is greatly appreciated. Funeral Group #7 will serve the next funeral luncheon; and
- ✓ to the Volunteers who served the less fortunate at the Sioux City Soup Kitchen on Thursday. It is always an eye opening ministry.



Remember that special woman in your life...your mother, wife, aunt, sister in the Mother's Day Novena of Nine Masses which begin Sun., May 14. Envelopes are available on the elevator table. Deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday, May 10 at 12 noon.

ITEMS are being accepted this week for our annual Treasure Chest garage sale on Tuesday, May 2 and Thursday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 to 4 p.m. each day. Please no electronics or mattresses.

THE ARTS at St. Joseph present Karess Knudtson, Dave Rowley and Ryan Sather "Together In Concert" next Sun., May 7, 3 p.m. Free will. Reception following performance.

AMORE dinner a success! Over 150 persons enjoyed the First Annual Amore Dinner, hosted by youth in our parish. Their goal was to raise enough money to send 20 youth from St. Joseph to the Steubenville Conference in Rochester, MN, in July. They were able to accomplish that goal with the wonderful support received from all who contributed and attended, the parents and to Deacon Darwin for his expertise. The youth did a fabulous job serving and the spaghetti was delicious!

Congratulations to Scarlett Ann Stellish, daughter of Jackson Stellish and Kailee Herman, who was baptized Sun., April 23 at St. Joseph.



THE ST. Joseph Finance Council meets Tuesday., May 9, 6 p.m. in the St. Rita Conference Room.



Monday, May 15, 8 a.m. is the date for the annual church kitchen cleaning. All supplies will be furnished. Refreshments follow.

Some Restoration Needed

We have a beautiful church building and over the years we have taken great care of the many beautiful things that we own. Today there are several items that are in need of restoration. The beautiful brass and onyx crucifix that stands above the main tabernacle, the doors of the two side tabernacles and our antique processional cross all need to be restored. Restoration of these items is an expensive venture. If you are interested in assisting in these worthy projects please let us know. The continual up-keep of our church is an important offering that we can make to the Lord. Thanks for considering a contribution to this preservation project.



News From St. Joseph Parish

Faith Formation

By Sharon Mayer

Our religious education classes ended this past Wednesday. Thank you to the parents and people who car-pooled, and everyone involved in getting our children to classes. We had excellent attendance once again and I was able to recognize many students for near perfect and perfect attendance. They are allowed one miss. Naturally, every year might be different due to illness or family matters, but overall, our children come to classes. I hope we have made strides to bring them deeper into their knowledge of the Catholic faith. This of course is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to being Catholic. Church attendance and Catholic practices and reinforcement at home has to work hand in hand with once a week classes.

It has been a pleasure being at the helm of this religious education program and I will miss it. I though am at the age where I need to step back and let a younger person pick up with vibrance. I am not sure where the future will lead but I hope my knowledge and faith will still be a benefit somewhere. When I attended St. Joseph school from grades 1-8 and was taught by primarily Sr. Phyllis Bruch, I felt we had a strong teaching in all areas of our faith. We knew how to pray, respect our priest, and respect the Sacrament when we attended Mass. We were taught to never turn around during Mass and keep our eyes on the priest. I guess I have said the same to all the kids I have taught as it really stuck with me that the actions on the altar are why we are there at all. You didn't dare ask to leave during Mass.

It is okay that some things never change and having respect for our Mass is one of them. It is telling others that once a week, at least, you focus on what Jesus did for us and that He has a place in our families every day of the week as long as we live. When we leave this world, wouldn't it be nice if He knows us and says "you did good, welcome home."

Ministry Schedule

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 6th @ 4 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Mass

Sunday, May 7th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Donna Elser, Steve Eral, Pete & Sara Laven

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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, 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, 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 29

4 p: For The People

Sunday, April 30

9 a: +Roland Taylor

Monday, May 1

7:30 a: Feast of St. Joseph

Tuesday, May 2

5:30 p: +Dianne Wunn Cancian

Wednesday, May 3

No Mass Today

Thursday, May 4

No Mass Today

Friday, May 5

7:30 a: +Robert & +Margaret Fitzpatrick
+Pete & +Izzy Hart

Saturday, May 6

4 p: For The People

Sunday, May 7

9 a: For The People

Faith - Family - Friends



Monday, May 1

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

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, May 2

2 to 5:15 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration
Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 3

No Daily Mass

Thursday, May 4

No Daily Mass

Friday, May 5

Mass at 7:30 a.m.

8 a.m.: Bible Study, overflow

Saturday, May 6

11 a.m.: Doors open to the annual
CDA salad luncheon/style show.

4 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, May 7

9 a.m.: Mass

10 a.m.: Senior Breakfast

3 p.m.: Concert featuring Karess Knudtson, Dave Rowley and Ryan Sather. Free will. Reception to follow.

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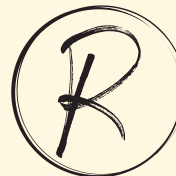
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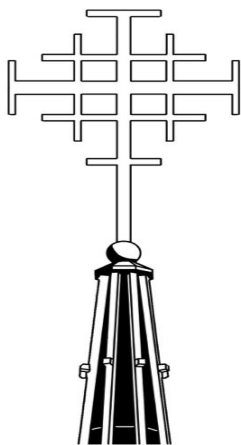
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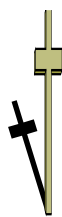
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News From St. Mary's Parish

Eternal Rest



Please remember +Michael Fisher in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Scholarships from Catholic Daughters

If you picked up a Catholic Daughters scholarship application, please keep in mind that the application is due back by May 1.

Congratulations

St. Mary's Parish would like to congratulate our graduating seniors in the class of 2023. They include: Drew Alger, Camdon Cardwell, Mackenzie Engler, Dillon Ferguson, Parker Lammers, Kaleb Lee, Mikayla Mingus, Corbin Quance, Spencer Robinson, Taylor Schneider, Catherine Straus, Adena Syharath, Allison Vierkant, Olivia Vogel, Madeline Waterhouse, Eric Wallrich, and Victoria Zemler. May God continue to bless them as they step out in faith into their futures.

Liturgical Ministries

The May 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.

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. Some of the days on the sign-up sheet still need a volunteer. If you have questions, please contact the parish office.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for the Upper Des Moines Food Pantry service. This week's volunteers are listed below.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>
Monday, May 1	Paul Katzfey
Tuesday, May 2	Teresa and Donna
Wednesday, May 3	Tom Riehm and Rose Spangler



Garage Sale Donations

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

Spring Cleaning

Many thanks to those who signed up for upkeeping areas of the church gardens. There are still some areas left. Many just require cleanup and maintenance (about once or twice a month). The diagram will be in the narthex again this weekend; please consider signing up to assist with this project. Any questions or concerns, or if you would like a tour before committing to signing up, please contact the office or Linda Hansen at 712-253-3124.



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Reconciliation:

4:45 pm Sat;
9:45 am Sun

Bulletin Deadline

Monday at 8 a.m.

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, May 1

No Mass Today

Tuesday, May 2

No Mass Today

Wednesday, May 3

12 Noon: +Susan Sundlin

Thursday, May 4

2 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m.: +Betty Nicolai

Friday, May 5

No Mass Today

Saturday, May 6

5:30 p.m.: Living and Deceased of St. Mary's

Sunday, May 7

10:30 a.m.: +Marlyn & +Joyce Lonneman



Monday, May 1

No events today.

Tuesday, May 2

No events today.

Wednesday, May 3

12 p.m. Mass

Thursday, May 4

2 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m. Mass

Friday, May 5

No events today.

Saturday, May 6

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, May 7

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

10:30 a.m.: Mass

Thank You

Our religious education year has come to a formal close, with our last class taking place this past Wednesday. We had an especially top-notch group of adults and youth helping make this program happen, and we would like to offer our sincere gratitude and thanks to the following people for enriching the faith of the youth of St. Mary's every week: McKenzie Sandy, Connie Lange, Catherine Straus, Amanda Kirchner, Kelly Sandy, Mackenzie Bennett, Kate Shaw, Kasey and Jason Kirschbaum, Russell Kirschbaum, Daniel and Kristina Gigstad, Scarlett Gigstad, Heather Kalkhoff, Kelly Mueting, Jessica Vancura, Mikayla Mingus, Delaney Quance, Olivia Peschon, Donna Davis, Christa Butler, Mary and Bob Emgarten, Laura Beck, Ann Stein, Jamin Trautman, John Sandy, Stephanie Jacobsma and Sharon Schunk. Special thanks also to our amazing daycare staff of Kristin and McKinley Lalumendre, and Kaitlyn Trautman. If you subbed or helped as a parent room helper, please also accept our most sincere thanks for being that critical person who helped keep things going here. We needed—and are grateful for—you all!

Thank You!

Together in Concert

The St. Joseph Arts Council presents in concert Karess Knudtson, Dave Rowley, and Ryan Sather, Together in Concert, on May 7, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church in Milford. Free will donation. A reception will follow the concert.



Special Collections in May

Donations for the Building Fund collection should be placed in the basket on the weekend of May 7. Donations for the Ascension should be placed in the collection basket on or around May 18. Donations for Aid to Domestic Churches should be placed in the collection basket on the weekend of May 28. Please make checks payable to "St. Mary's," and write "Building Fund," "Ascension," or "Domestic Churches" in the memo line.

If you would like to give to these collections online, please visit our website (stmarysspiritlake.org), and click on the "Give" option at the top of the screen. Then click on the "Click Here to Make an Online Donation" button. To see all available funds, click on "View All Funds." Choose the fund you want to give to, and click "Give Now." The May special collections will be available on our website from May 1-31. Thank you for your generous support!

Help Victims of Domestic Violence

Domestic violence affects many men, women, and children in our neighborhoods, schools, and communities. This weekend (April 29/30), CDA members will be present after Mass to accept donations to go to local centers to help those affected. Please be generous and take lifesavers or other sweet treats in exchange. Thank you in advance for your support.

Rosary in May

Before all Masses during the month of May, we will be praying the rosary. If you are interested in leading this beautiful prayer in honor of Mary, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

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

Meeting Rooms and Reservations

Both St. Mary's and St. Joseph's are busy places. We have wonderful facilities and sometimes scheduling gets to be a problem. All of our rooms are used by multiple groups and individuals throughout each month. Some groups meet every week and some events happen only once or twice each year. Maintaining a clear and concise calendar of events is often a challenging task. Please make sure that you notify the parish offices to reserve a room for your group or event. Please do not assume that because you "have always used" a particular part of our facilities that your usual space will be available. We are always happy to make our church facilities available to parish members but please, remember that you MUST reserve our facilities before you schedule a meeting or event.

Summer Mass Schedule

We are looking forward to warmer weather and we are anticipating increased attendance at our weekend Masses. Our "Summer Mass Schedule" begins on the weekend of May 20-21. Beginning the third week in May we will celebrate Mass at St. Mary's at 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays and at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. At St. Joseph's we will be adding two Masses each weekend; the schedule will be 4 p.m. on Saturday at 7 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sundays. Thank you for your kind hospitality to our many guests.

Weddings and Funerals

We are beginning our busy wedding schedule. Between our two parishes we have an average 18 to 25 weddings each year. Brides and grooms schedule these important events well in advance of their great day. We have a long-standing policy not to schedule funerals on the days of weddings. Wedding parties make use of our whole facilities on a wedding weekend. Families are asked to keep this in mind when it is necessary to choose a date for the funeral of a loved one. Your funeral director will work with the clergy and the parish offices to schedule all funerals.

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 from cemetery plots by 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. Please recall that our cemetery is closed between dusk and dawn each day.

Pastor Fr. Brian Hughes
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ST. MARY'S

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

April 22-23 Attendance: 480

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Online: \$300.75

Loose: \$638.00

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