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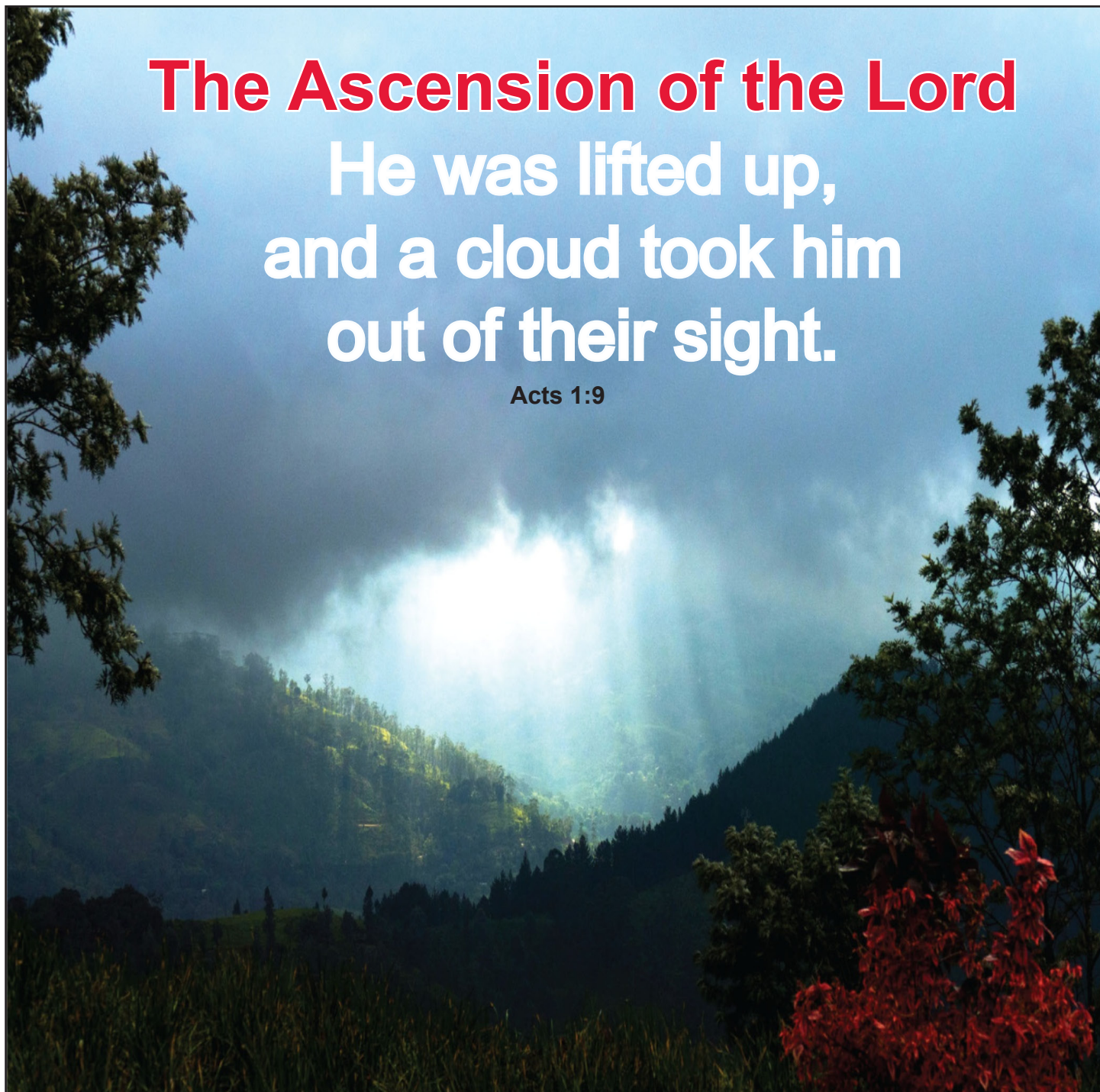
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The Ascension of the Lord

**He was lifted up,
and a cloud took him
out of their sight.**

Acts 1:9



**The Ascension of the Lord
Sunday, May 21, 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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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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THANK YOU to the wonderful volunteers who cleaned and organized the church kitchen Mon., May 15. Volunteers included Marlene Nelsen, Karen Naber, Deb Johnson, Donna Goebel, Mary Beth Gehling, Molly Foss, Myrna Herbers, Jerilyn Streit, Jean Schmidt, Connie Jones and Jack and Cindy Myers. We appreciate you!



PRAYERS and sympathy from the St. Joseph Parish Family to Keith Rimmer and family on the death of his mother, +Hope Rimmer, 95, of Milford, who died Fri., May 12. Her memorial service was held Wed., May 17 at United Methodist Church, in Spirit Lake.

OUR ANNUAL Treasure Chest Garage Sale is next Fri., May 26 from 8-5 and Sat., May 27 from 8-12 noon. There is a building full of treasures, something for everyone. Take a minute to stop and shop. Additional garage sales will be June 30 and July 1, July 21 and 22 and Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 1-2. Thanks to everyone who has contributed items and all who are working for the good of the cause.

PLAN NOW to attend Father Hughes' Anniversary Party Potluck set for Sun., June 4, 12 noon in the Parish Center. The party, hosted by the Rosary/Altar Society will honor Fr. Hughes on his 42nd Anniversary of Ordination. Bring a full dish to pass. Table service, cake and beverages will be provided. Table setup will be at 10 a.m. that Sunday if you have time to spare.

MEMORIAL Day is just around the corner. The Rosary/Altar Society will be baking, packaging and selling cinnamon rolls. There are still a few jobs remaining. Call the office if you want to be part of this fun!

RAFFLE TICKETS for the Rosary/Altar Annual Quilt Raffle project will be on sale at the 4 p.m. and 9 a.m. Masses each weekend during the summer beginning Memorial Day Weekend. We thank our resident sellers including Chuck and Mary Reckard at 4 p.m. and Jerilyn Streit at 9 a.m. In addition, tickets are included in the newsletter and may be returned via the collection basket, dropped at the parish office or sent to the office. Thank you for your participation in this annual project.

PLEASE BE aware of the many activities that will be happening at St. Joseph next weekend. We will place signage in hopes of people finding their way to their specific activity. Saturday morning begins with the baking of 1,000 cinnamon rolls for the Rosary/Altar project. The rolls will be frosted at 9 a.m. and bagged at 2 p.m. for sale at the 4 p.m. Mass. In the overflow room and basement will be the Huseman/Lechtner bridal party for that wedding which begins at 2 p.m. In the parish center will be the Wittrock Family from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a graduation party. It will be busy but it is doable if everyone is flexible with the space.



THANK YOU to the gardening volunteers who planted flowers in 15 planters within the City of Milford. Planters included Cheryl Aumer, Maxine Elser, Myrna Herbers, Jerilyn Streit, Jean Schmidt, Connie Jones, Pam Hanson and Susan Reiser. Your creativity and dedication to this project netted the Rosary/Altar Society a tidy sum for your work and beautified the city streets. Great job ladies!



News From St. Joseph Parish

Faith Formation

By Sharon Mayer

We have certainly caught up on some moisture after this past weekend. As dry as we have been, hopefully this helps with soil moisture. If you were grilling for Mother's Day it may have been a little damp, but the restaurants were certainly busy. I went to Sioux City and must have hit it just right because when we arrived it wasn't too busy but when we left around 4:30 it was getting very busy.

Registrations are coming in nicely for Vacation Bible School to be held here June 19-23 from 9 a.m.-Noon. If you have children or visiting grandchildren, we welcome any child between the ages of 4 and 11. Moms and grandmas are welcome to assist during this week and older students can come to help as well. It is a brief moment in time it seems like but packed with a lot to learn and do. I look forward to seeing you there.

My last "official" day here as your DRE will be May 26th. Come and join me for coffee and fresh caramel or cinnamon rolls after the 9 a.m. Mass this Sunday, May 21st in the parish center. My appreciation goes to St. Joseph's and Loretta Halbur specifically for this nice treat.

Thank You SHARON MAYER for your years of dedication and hard work at St. Joseph Catholic Church as Director of Religious Education!

PRAY for these

members: Linda Cunningham, Mary Jo Coffey, Mark Kollasch, Becky Wittrock, Kiana Svoboda, Janet



Delaney, Tutti Willison, Andrew Gross, 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:

Karen Morrison, Kevin Tracy, 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.

Ministry Schedule

Pentecost

Saturday, May 27th 4 p.m.

EMHC: Jean Petitti, Ray Schley, Holly & Paul Skopec

LECTOR: Brad Shell

SERVERS: Grace Davis, Brody Titterington

HOSPITALITY: Connie & Dick Matloni, Irene & Jim McCoy

Sunday, May 28th @ 7 a.m.

EMHC: Carol Lee, Terri & Tom Riererson

LECTOR: Darlene Moritz

SERVERS: Asher Knudtson

HOSPITALITY: Bob & Donna Elser, Michael & Sharon Sjoblom

Sunday, May 28th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Jeff Nelson, Marlys Nolan, Jan Pithan, Jerilyn Streit

LECTOR: Connie Chapman

SERVERS: Alex Anderson, Will Anderson

HOSPITALITY: Terry Abbas, Deb & John Harmelink, Myrna & Paul Herbers

Sunday, May 28th @ 11 a.m.

EMHC: Bill & Cheryl Aumer, Dennis Cole, Dori Lippon

LECTOR: Beth Lorch

SERVERS: Ben Garcia, John Garcia

HOSPITALITY: Dennis Lippon, Ar-end & Molly Swygman, Curt & Susan Willette

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 20

4 p: +Don Baschke

Mother's Day Novena (4)

Sunday, May 21

7 a: Mother's Day Novena (5)

9 a: +Bob Eilers

11 a: For The People

Monday, May 22

No Mass Today

Tuesday, May 23

5:30 p: Mother's Day Novena (6)

Wednesday, May 24

No Mass Today

Thursday, May 25

No Mass Today

Friday, May 26

7:30 a: Mother's Day Novena (7)

Saturday, May 27

2 p: Huseman/Lechtner Vows

4 p: For The People

Sunday, May 28

7 a: For The People

9 a: For The People

11 a: For The People



Monday, May 22

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

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, May 23

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

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Wednesday, May 24

No Daily Mass at St. Joseph

Thursday, May 25

No Daily Mass

Friday, May 26

Mass at 7:30 a.m.

8 a.m.: Bible Study, overflow

Saturday, May 27

9 a.m.: Roll frosting, kitchen

11-3 p.m.: Wittrock graduation, PC

2 p.m.: Huseman/Lechtner Vows

2 p.m.: Roll packaging

4 p.m.: Mass; roll sales

Cinnamon Rolls for sale.

Sunday, May 28

7, 9 and 11 a.m.: Mass

Cinnamon Rolls for sale if available.

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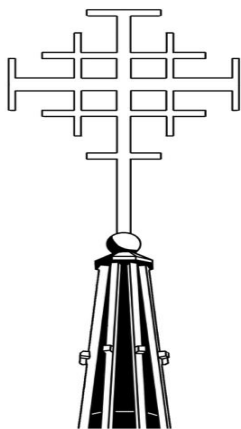


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News From St. Mary's Parish

Summer Mass Schedule

Our summer Mass schedule begins this weekend (May 20/21). Masses at St. Mary's will be 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Upcoming Bake Sale

Don't miss out on some delicious baked goods that will be available after all the Masses on Memorial Day weekend (May 27/28). All the proceeds will go to fundraising for Steubenville and other youth activities.

Omelet Breakfast

Knights of Columbus Omelet Breakfast Sunday, May 21st, 9:00 to 12:30.

Anniversary Celebration

Father Kelly will be celebrating his 40th anniversary to the priesthood on Wednesday, June 7th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Duhigg Center in Estherville. Refreshments will be served. Music by Glenn Henriksen and Fr. Kelly.

Upper Des Moines Food Pantry

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

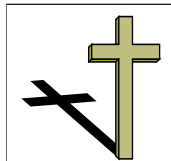
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Volunteers

Mon. May 22-Wed., May 24 Sarah Meyer, Jacob Meyer, & Maddy Meyer

Eternal Rest

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



"Bunko Night"

Monday night, May 22, 6 p.m. All parish women are invited. Bring a friend. Please bring a snack or sweet item to share. Beverages will be provided.

Vacation Bible School

St. Mary's is preparing for our fun-filled and educational summer Vacation Bible School, "Tracking Mary," June 26-30. Cost is \$15/child, and students currently in Pre-K (age 4) through 4th grade are eligible to attend. Of course, any students older than that (anyone older than 4th grade, plus parents) who wish to help are absolutely welcome to do that! Our staff needs to include people to manage and participate in the areas of skits, snacks, games, crafts, and music. I (Karen) can manage the teaching part. Please let us know if you would like to be part of a very busy—but fun—week! You can call the church to volunteer at (712) 336-1742, or email Karen at smdre@thelakescatholic.church. Let's make this important for our kids!



Garage Sale Donations

The Catholic Daughters are now collecting items for the garage sale that will be held in June.

Liturgical Ministries

The June 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.



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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

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 22

No Mass Today

Tuesday, May 23

No Mass Today

Wednesday, May 24

12 Noon: +Clement McCoy

Thursday, May 25

2 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m.: +Rosemary Sackett

Friday, May 26

No Mass Today

Saturday, May 27

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

Sunday, May 28

8:30 a.m.: +Jim Schoo

10:30 a.m.: +Teresa Hanson

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

WEEKLY Calendar

Monday, May 22

No events today.

Tuesday, May 23

No events today.

Wednesday, May 24

12 p.m.: Mass

Thursday, May 25

2 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m. Mass

Friday, May 26

No events today.

Saturday, May 27

5:30 p.m.: Mass; Bake Sale to follow.

Sunday, May 28

8:30 a.m.: Mass; Bake Sale to follow.

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

10:30 a.m.: Mass; Bake Sale to follow.

NEWS & Notes

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

St. Mary's will be offering The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd method of faith formation for the four to six-year-old children of our parish beginning in the fall of 2023. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based approach to the religious formation of children, rooted in Sacred Scripture, Liturgy, and respect for the child's rich relationship with God. The catechists who work with the children will participate in nearly 100 hours of formation and will prepare a special environment for the children, which is called the Atrium.

To prepare the two Atriums, you can help us with some needs. We are looking for donations of any of the following items, or monetary donation for their purchase: Two small, low tables for prayer tables, low shelving units of 2 or 3 shelves at least 10" deep, small child-size chairs and tables or desks



at which one or two children could work, candle snuffers, small metal trays, small pitchers, low polishable candleholders and small taper candles, sacred art, crucifixes, small plants, Small statues of The Good Shepherd, Mary, The Holy Family and small area rugs.

Also, if you would like to become a trained catechist or assistant, or have talents in woodworking or sewing, we would love your help!

Please join us in praying for the those who are called to this ministry. To learn more about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. Mary's, please contact Heather Kalkhoff at heather.kalkhoff@gmail.com or Lauren Cunningham at l.cunningham628@gmail.com or visit www.CGSUSA.org.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Gloria Ruby Studer, daughter of Ben and Jennifer Studer, who was baptized here at St. Mary's on May 14, 2023. Blessings to the Studer family, and welcome Gloria!



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 27th @ 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Marilyn Fleming, Sharon Johnson, Kim Ingwersen, Jean Mohr

LECTOR: Scott Trautman

SERVERS: Carter Trautman, Kaitlyn Trautman

HOSPITALITY: Jim Bunt, Jim Carney, Mark Ingwersen, Doug Zemler

ONLINE: Linda Hansen

Sunday, May 28th @ 8:30 a.m.

EMHC: Mary Brandt, Ron & Sharon Crowley, Kelly Ferguson

LECTOR: Cyndy Powers

SERVERS: Olivia Leistikow, Sam Wavra

HOSPITALITY: Larry Bortscheller, Bob Emgarten, Jim Leinbaugh, Jim Wiese

Sunday, May 28th @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Jeannie James, Sylvia Jennings, Michella Koppen, Tom Lynch

LECTOR: Margie Lynch

SERVERS: Jasper Robinson, Tyson Robinson

HOSPITALITY: Mike Davis, Kim Kirschbaum, Kerri & Korey Robinson

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

New Staff

We have been welcoming several new staff members to our parishes here in Dickinson County. In late April we hired Erin Lorch to replace long-time DRE Sharon Mayer. We are grateful for the many years

of service that Sharon provided for the parish and our children. Always dutiful and willing to help our students and their families, we are thankful for the many years of stable service that Sharon provided for us. Sharon will stay on at St. Joseph in a part-time capacity, helping with RCIA and other projects. We welcome Erin Lorch to our team as the new St. Joseph Director of Religious Education. Erin is the wife of Aaron Lorch. They farm west of Milford near May City. Recently Erin has been teaching at the Okoboji High School. A native of Chicago and a graduate of Loras College, she has been a member of the parish for seven years.

Last week we hired Bridget Bouli to fill the position of Religious Education Director at St. Mary's. Bridget is a native of Spencer and the daughter of Deacon Frank and Janee Boever of Spencer. Bridget attended Benedictine College and then entered religious life in France for eight years. Recently having returned to the USA she has been working on the staff of Pax Christi Parish in Rochester, Minnesota. Bridget replaces Karen Schwaller who has served as our interim DRE at St. Mary's. Karen has been a great blessing for us this year and has helped us reorder a number of aspects of our RE program. Karen happily returns to her passion for writing and reporting on the life of the family farm in northwest Iowa. Many thanks to Karen for her passionate care for our student's faith life.

Last week we hired Jacques Bouli to serve as Youth and Adult Minister, a job that will be shared between both parishes. Jacques is a native of Cameroon in west Africa and since his mother was French he spent part of each year living in France. Jacques entered religious life in France and after several years in a Carthusian Monastery returned to service in the Church. Until recently Jacques has been the chaplain at Madonna Tower, a senior care center in Rochester, MN. Jacques and Bridget were married (3) years ago and have one child and are expecting their second. Jacques will take over the youth ministry work carried out at St. Joseph by Teresa Goehring. Teresa has brought great energy and dynamic skill to the many projects and event she has undertaken over these past year. Teresa will stay on as the coordinator of the Confirmation Formation Program at both parishes.

We want to express our deep gratitude to Sharon, Karen and Teresa, we are grateful for your continued service to our parishes. We welcome with great enthusiasm Erin, Bridget and Jacques to the work of the Lord here in Dickinson County. May God bless and prosper your good work.

Pastor Fr. Brian Hughes
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May 13-14 Attendance: 608

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Loose: \$1,657.00

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

May 13-14 Attendance: 636

Adults: \$4,709.00 Online: \$750.00

Loose: \$1,382.00

Votive: \$48.39

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THE next baptism class is set for Thurs., May 25, 5-7 p.m. at St. Joseph, overflow room. This is open to both St. Joseph and St. Mary's parents.

Lakes Catholic Community YOUTH GROUP NEWS Regular Meeting

The Lakes Catholic Community Youth Group will meet Wed., May 24, 7 p.m. at Gull Point State Park for fun and games.

'Night In The Box' Event

"Night In The Box," a homeless experience, Wed., May 31. This overnight will allow us to take a look at homelessness. Pre-registration required to Teresa. Text or call her at 712-330-1189 by 5/24.