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God said to Moses,

**“ I AM
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I AM.**

...

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NAME FOREVER,
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SHALL CALL ME.”

EXODUS 3:14-15

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, July 9, 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: _____

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KC Breakfast July 9

The Knights of Columbus will host a breakfast this Sun., July 9 from 7:30 to 11 a.m. in the parish center featuring french toast, sausage and scrambled eggs. Plan to enjoy this delicious meal.

God is with you in everything you do...

Genesis 21:22



IN THE MAILBAG.....

From time to time we receive positive (and negative) comments about a variety of topics including Mass, dinners and even online live streaming. This is a recent letter received.



"Thank you for having the Rosary/Altar omelet breakfast on June 25th! Your hospitality is amazing! My extended family and I were all at the end of a family reunion at Okoboji. We were blessed not only by the opportunity to go to Mass at your parish, but also to enjoy omelets and cinnamon rolls together in a warm friendly environment where we could continue to spend time together and enjoy meal together. All of you at St. Joseph's are truly the hands and feet of Christ! Thank you for all that you do and your great hospitality! May God richly bless you and your Parish."
.....a family from West Des Moines, IA

Rosary/Altar To Meet Tuesday

The Rosary/Altar Society will meet on Tues., July 11 at 6 p.m. in the parish center. A light supper, Christmas in July and a short business meeting are planned.



Ones To Meet Thursday

The "Ones" will meet Thurs., July 13, 11 a.m. at the Okoboji Store. All singles or widowed persons are welcome to attend.

THANK YOU to the wonderful Rosary/Altar volunteers who baked, frosted, packaged and sold cinnamon rolls this past weekend. We could not do fundraising of this magnitude without you! We sold nearly 1,000 cinnamon rolls. Our customers were very generous. Income was \$1,377. Expenses were roughly \$500.00 making our net \$877. Pat yourself on the back. Our next and last cinnamon roll sale for this summer is Labor Day weekend.

THANK YOU to the great volunteers who worked at the July 4th Weekend Treasure Chest Garage Sale. Income was \$2,170.20. The next garage sale will be during Pioneer Days, Friday, July 21 and Sat., July 22. Items are being accepted. Call the office.

Pioneer Days Bridge will be held at St. Joseph on Fri., July 21. Doors open at 11 a.m. Lunch and bridge to follow. Deadline to enter is Wed., July 19 at 12 noon.



LOOKING AHEAD....



✓ All are welcome at the Friday morning Bible Study in the overflow room following Mass.

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. 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 support.

News From St. Joseph Parish

Religious Education News

By Erin Lorch, Director of Faith Formation

Greetings! It's been a great first week of getting things organized in the office. Thank you for such a warm welcome to being on staff here at St. Joseph's! I attended my first weekend of training for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) in Madrid, IA the last weekend of June. I learned so much at this first weekend of training and really hope this will appeal to our families with children ages 3-6. CGS uses the Montessori methods of teaching and allows children an outlet where there can connect with God and form a relationship with Him on their level.

If you are someone that might be interested in evangelizing young people locally, I have many opportunities for you! I am currently seeking Catholic men and women who are active and fully initiated in the faith that are willing to teach weekly, monthly, or as a substitute. I am also looking for volunteers who would be willing to serve in other capacities. If this describes you, please give me a call at the parish office or let's set up a time to chat in person.

I will be out of the office next week starting July 13 as I will be chaperoning and leading small groups at the Steubenville Conference in Rochester, MN. Please pray for all the young people who said "yes" to giving up a long weekend of their summer to being enriched in their Catholic faith. The Church is alive and well! I cannot wait to see what the Holy Spirit does in the lives of everyone who attends this conference!

God bless you!

Ministry Schedule

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 15th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Jim Baumgard, Bonnie Duhn, Sheila Thelen

LECTOR: Loretta Halbur

SERVERS: Kaiden Mueller, Ron Swartz

HOSPITALITY: Connie & Dick Mataloni, Irene & Jim McCoy

Sunday, July 16th @ 7 a.m.

EMHC: Rick Houseman, Deb & Mark Johnson

LECTOR: Cheryl Houseman

SERVERS: Asher Knudtson

HOSPITALITY: Marshall Matuska, Jon Sorenson, Terri & Tom Riersen

Sunday, July 16th 9 a.m.

EMHC: Donna Goebel, Jim & Lauri Murray, Marlys Nolan, Jerilyn Streit

LECTOR: MaryBeth Gehling

SERVERS: Jerron Heller, Jocelyn Heller

HOSPITALITY: Kurt & Theresa Eckard, John Heller, Myrna & Paul Herbers

Sunday, July 16th @ 11 a.m.

EMHC: Denise Cole, Dori Lippon, Ron Swartz

LECTOR: Beth Lorch

SERVERS: Emily Breuer, Porter Prentice

HOSPITALITY: Harmelinks, Dennis Lippon, Arend & Molly Swygman

PRAY for these members: Jan Nau, 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: Amanda Kuhlman, Mark McGill, Karen Morrison, Kevin Tracy, Mary Jones, Pat Reckard, Hope Anderson, Christine Fischer, Joan Beckman, Tom Kallis, Cheryl Kallis, Duane Doran, Jane Baxter, Wanda Randall, Norine Kennedy, Bruce and Sandy, 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, July 8

4 p: +Rachel Wallace (H)

Sunday, July 9

7 a: +Steve Muhlbauer (H)

9 a: Special Intention (WMM&RJM)

11 a: For The People (H)

Monday July 10

No Mass Today

Tuesday, July 11

5:30 p: +Dee Brooks

Father's Day

Wednesday, July 12

7:30 a: +Betty O'Neill Tighe

Thursday, July 13

No Mass Today

Friday, July 14

7:30 a: +Don Baschke

Saturday, July 15

4 p: Special Int. (N&D Pieper 74th)

Sunday, July 16

7 a: +Dennis Giles

9 a: +Rene Goodwin

11 a: For The People



Monday, July 10

No Mass Today

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

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, July 11

2 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration

5:30 p.m.: Mass

6 p.m.: Rosary/Altar meets, PC

Wednesday, July 12

7:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, July 13

No Mass Today

11 a.m.: Ones meet, Okoboji Store

Friday, July 14

7:30 a.m.: Mass

8 a.m.: Bible Study, overflow

Saturday, July 15

4 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, July 16

7, 9 and 11 a.m.: Mass

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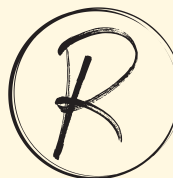
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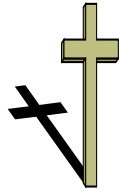
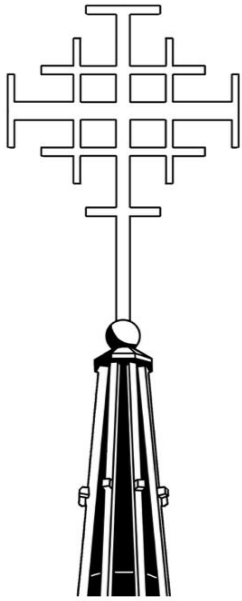
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News From St. Mary's Parish



Eternal Rest

Please remember Jan Skram 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.

Seminarian Fund

If you did not donate to the Seminarian Fund yet but would still like to, please bring your donation to the parish office or mail it to St. Mary's Church, PO Box 354, Spirit Lake, IA 51360. Please make checks payable to "St. Mary's," and write "Seminarian Fund" in the memo line.

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SEMINARIANS



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Parish Office Hours:

Mon.- Thurs.: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Fri.: 8 a.m. - 12 noon

Reconciliation:

4:45 pm Sat;

9:45 am Sun; 11:30 am Wed

Bulletin Deadline

Monday at 8 a.m.

Mass Schedule:

Summer:

Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday at 8:30 and 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 (stmarysspiritleake.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!



Garage Sale Income
Thank you again to everyone who donated to and shopped at the Gigantic Garage Sale. The total income for the garage sale was \$8,000.

Summer Mass Schedule

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.

Omelet Breakfast

The Spirit Lake Knights of Columbus will host an Omelet Breakfast Sunday, July 16, serving from 9:00 to 12:30. All are welcome.



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DOUG CAPPER...
"Do you have one that says, 'Sorry my cell phone rang during your sermon'?"

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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 more info and a list of upcoming dates, email rachelshelpersofiowa@gmail.com or call 712-898-5550.

Liturgical Ministries

The July 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.

News From St. Mary's Parish

This Week's Mass schedule

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 10

No Mass Today

Tuesday, July 11

5:30 p.m.: +Jim Hughes

Wednesday, July 12

12 Noon: +Susan Sundlin

Thursday, July 13

2 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m.: +Norma & +Dean Seehusen

Friday, July 14

No Mass Today

Saturday, July 15

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

Sunday, July 16

8:30 a.m.: +Judi Sieperda

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



Monday, July 10

No events today

Tuesday, July 11

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Wednesday, July 12

12 p.m.: Mass

Thursday, July 13

2 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m. Mass

Friday, July 14

No events today

Saturday, July 15

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, July 16

8:30 a.m.: Mass

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

9 a.m. KC Omelet Bkfst

10:30 a.m.: Mass

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 this fall. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based approach to the religious formation of children, rooted in Sacred Scripture and Liturgy. We are looking for donations of any of the following, or monetary donation:

- 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
- candle snuffers, small metal trays, small pitchers
- low candleholders and small taper candles
- sacred art, crucifixes, small plants
- Small statues of The Good Shepherd and Mary
- small area rugs

If you would like to become a trained catechist or assistant, or have talents in woodworking or sewing, we would love your help! Please contact Heather Kalkhoff at heather.kalkhoff@gmail.com or Lauren Cunningham at l.cunningham628@gmail.com or visit www.CGSUSA.org.

Marriage Is a Journey

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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, which can be found in the narthex of the church.

Ministry Schedule

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, July 15th @ 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Patty Delaney, Annette & Tom Kalkhoff

LECTOR: Josh Zigrang

SERVERS: Gabe Bennett, Mackenzie Bennett

HOSPITALITY: Jim Carney, John Delaney, Joe Endres, Gayle Eral

ONLINE: Hansens

Sunday, July 16th @ 8:30 a.m.

EMHC: Mary Brandt, John & Joleen Brown

LECTOR: Paul Katzfey

SERVERS: Wez Walz, Sadee Wheatley

HOSPITALITY: Larry Bortscheller, Bob Emgarten, Jim Leinbaugh, Jim Wi-ese

Sunday, July 16th 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Shawna Ditsworth, Toni Nicks, Pam Wingert

LECTOR: Sylvia Jennings

SERVERS: Will Ditsworth

HOSPITALITY: Mike Davis, Alan Ditsworth, Kim Kirschbaum, Ruth Putnam



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

Huge Crowds

Last weekend's lead up to the 4th of July holiday brought huge crowds to the area and large crowds to Masses at both St. Joseph St. Mary's. We had seven Masses over the course of the weekend with one in each parish on Saturday evening and three on Sunday morning at St. Joseph's and two at St. Mary's. We had a total of more than 3,100 faithful Catholics attend Mass in our parishes. This is a beautiful thing. Both of our church buildings and parking lots were stretched beyond capacity. While standing room only crowds do not make for optimal prayer experiences we are overjoyed and deeply grateful for the many families on vacation who flooded in for the celebration of the Holy Mass. We know that such huge crowds sometimes test the gracious hospitality that our parishes are known for. We want to express gratitude to our own parishioners who showed up a bit early to get a seat and sat in their cars as the parking lots slowly emptied out. On these crowded weekends, our limited off-street parking is a problem. Next year, with the redesign of our neighborhood streets at St. Joseph's we know that we will be losing a number of street parking stalls. We are in the process of formulating a plan to make parking egress less of a bottleneck at St. Joseph. At both parishes, we are grateful for our many neighbors who are patient with us on Sunday mornings as nearby streets are somewhat narrowed with parked cars. Faithfulness to weekly Mass brings blessings to families which often cannot be measured for many years. Our holiday crowds bring grace to our whole Catholic Community here in the Lakes Area.

Altar and Rosary Society's Hidden Work

Several times during the summer, our Altar and Rosary Society at St. Joseph makes homemade cinnamon rolls for sale on busy Sunday mornings. Everyone's eyes light up when they arrive to the great smells emanating from our parish kitchen. The proceeds from the sale of homemade rolls and quilt raffle tickets goes to assist us with a wide variety of things in our church and associated with our Liturgical life. Thanks to our ladies for sweetening up our Sunday mornings and for your service to our parish prayer life. Last week, the Altar and Rosary Society sold nearly 1,000 rolls.

Lakes Catholic Community Youth Group News

Please pray for the youth attending the Steubenville Conference July 13-16th in Winona and Rochester, MN. There are a total of 50 teens and adult chaperones participating. Thank you to all of the volunteers.

Pastor Fr. Brian Hughes
Deacon Darwin Messerly

The St. Mary Staff

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Stewardship REPORT

"Let all Your works give You thanks, O Lord, and let Your faithful ones bless You," says the Psalmist. Stewardship is this "attitude of gratitude" for the many gifts God has given us.

ST. JOSEPH

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

July 1-2 Attendance: 1,782

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

July 1-2 Attendance: 1,328

Adults: \$9,904.00

Online: \$1,330.00

Loose: \$5,395.00

Dollar: \$1,594.25

Votive: \$39.55

Lakes Catholic Community YOUTH GROUP NEWS Regular Meeting

The High School Youth Group will meet at St. Mary's at 7 p.m. on Wed., July 12.

4th Degree Monsignor McCoy Assembly. July Meeting is Tuesday July 12th. We will meet at Mill Creek, Milford. Social at 6:00. Meeting 6:30. See you at the meeting.

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