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FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN TO ITS SETTING,  
**THE NAME OF THE LORD**  
**IS TO BE PRAISED!** Psalm 113:3



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, August 20, 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

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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.

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Saturday at 4 p.m.

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### 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. Following are two recent letters we received:



**Dear Friends:** Just a week ago, I had the privilege of attending St Joseph's for Saturday Mass. What a pleasure to be in your parish! Yes, a packed church –isn't that refreshing? The greeters, ushers, and all involved the Mass made it a special, memorable day for this traveler. I haven't felt that "congregated" (my word) in forty years. As a cradle Catholic, now living in a very conservative diocese, I felt refreshed to be part of such a group. Thanks to all who contributed to the liturgy. My only regret is that I'm not close enough to visit again on a regular basis. **Mary McGarry - St Joseph Mo.**

**Dear Friends:** Good luck with your fundraiser (quilt). We love coming to adoration there when we are vacationing! **Susan & Phil OHalloran-Omaha**



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR....** The famous KC apple pies will soon be available. Pie making dates are Fri and Sat., Aug. 25-26, Fri, Sept. 1 and Fri. and Sat., Sept. 8-9. Set-up at 7 a.m. with pie making at 8 a.m. until 12 noon. Pie sale dates are Fri. and Sat., Aug. 25-26, Sun., Aug. 27 after Masses, Fr., Sat. and Sun., Sept. 1-3 after all Masses, Fri and Sat., Sept. 8-9 and Sun., Sept. 10 after all Masses. Price is \$15/pie. They plan to make about 2,000 pies. Get yours early.



**LifeServe** will be at St. Joseph's for a community blood drive on Fri., Aug. 25, 9:30 to 2 p.m.

**THE ALTAR/ROSARY SOCIETY** will bake and sell their delicious cinnamon rolls for the final time on Sat., Sept. 2 and Sun., Sept. 3. Volunteers are needed to frost, package and sell. Call the parish office if you have time to spare.



Guess who the visitor is the first weekend of November.

**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.



**BAPTISM WELCOME** to the Catholic Faith to Rose Flood Schwartz, daughter of Blake and Margaret Schwartz, of Houston, TX., who was baptized Sat., Aug. 12 at St. Joseph.

**WOMEN'S WELCOME** Retreat is November 11-12, 2023 @ St. Joseph's in Milford. Welcome is one of the only ministries that not only connects with people's hearts, but also triggers conversion. In many cases, people have their first encounter with God on the Welcome Weekend (a two-day, one-overnight renewal weekend). Applications can be found in the narthex and returned to the parish office. Retreat Team Contact: Diane Gubbels @ 712-210-1166



**AFTER VISITING** the Sioux City Soup Kitchen, the committee has decided to start collecting socks for the less fortunate that visit that kitchen. Any kind of new children's, men's or women's socks will be accepted in the office. They will be distributed to the Soup Kitchen when the group visits in October.



# News From St. Joseph Parish

## Religious Education News

By Erin Lorch, Director of Faith Formation

Greetings! Okoboji schools are in session this week! Where did the summer go? Please join me in praying for the teachers, associates, and administration as they prepare for the 2023-2024 school year at our area schools. Also, be praying for our students and their families as they start up again this week!

If you haven't already, please register your child(ren) in grades K-12. It isn't too late! The cost is \$45 per child without exceeding \$135 per family. Beginning this year, your child will be given a workbook, prayer book, and all the supplies they will need in the classroom. If you are in need of financial assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out. We will not exclude anyone.

Please note that the times have changed for our Wednesday classes. Grades K-4 will meet from 5-6:15pm and Grades 5-12 will meet from 6:45-8pm. This is a big change for our younger grades, but it allows for more people to commit to being catechists and volunteers. Our classes will begin on Wednesday, September 6!

Did you know that median age for disaffiliation from Catholicism is 13? 13!!! The reasons are various. Catholic young people have questions, doubts, and concerns about the Catholic faith, the Church, and how to integrate the faith with the rest of their lives. As a catechist, you can bring young people closer to Christ and the Catholic Church by engaging thoughtfully with their questions and by witnessing to the Church's faith both in what you teach and how you act. We are still in need of catechists for 7th and 8th grade. We cannot offer religious education without committed catechists for each grade level. Thank you in advance to whoever steps up to lead these two extremely important grade levels.

In addition, Jacques Bouli, our shared Youth Minister for both St. Joseph's and St. Mary's, is looking for volunteers to help as often as they can with 11th/12th grade on Wednesday nights. Beginning this year, 11th and 12th grade will be combined from both parishes with Jacques. Stay tuned for more details! Thanks in advance for your help to foster the faith of our teens! God bless you!

## Ministry Schedule

### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 26th @ 4 p.m.

**EMHC:** Bonnie Duhn, Doug Heller, Aaron Hyatt, David Loebig

**LECTOR:** Deb Bode

**SERVERS:** Brody Titterington, Ron Swartz

**HOSPITALITY:** Eldon & Mary Kraninger, Irene & Jim McCoy

Sunday, August 27th @ 7 a.m.

**EMHC:** Connie Hinrichs, Barb & Bob Kollasch, Bernie Kramer

**LECTOR:** Diane Frank

**SERVERS:** Deb & Mark Johnson

**HOSPITALITY:** Julie & Tim Fairchild, Tom & Terri Rieron

Sunday, August 26th 9 a.m.

**EMHC:** Cheryl & Rick Houseman, Marlys Nolan, Jerilyn Streit

**LECTOR:** Connie Chapman

**SERVERS:** Jerron Heller, Jocelyn Heller

**HOSPITALITY:** Terry Abbas, John Heller, Myrna & Paul Herbers

Sunday, August 26th @ 11 a.m.

**EMHC:** Bill & Cheryl Aumer, Denise Cole, Chris Hinshaw

**LECTOR:** Susan Willette

**SERVERS:** Emily Breuer, Faith Garcia

**HOSPITALITY:** Arend & Molly Swygman, Curt Willette

**PRAY for these members:** Jan Nau, Linda Cunningham, Mark Kollasch, Becky Wittrock, Kiana Svoboda, 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:** Dr. Rod Langel, Elizabeth Olson, 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, 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 We-deking, Dan Mulder, Colleen Mulder, Jamie O'Neill.



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, Aug. 19

4 p: +Dean & +Norma Seehusen

### Sunday, Aug. 20

7 a: For The People

9 a: +Jerry Westcott

11 a: +Rachel Wallace

### Monday Aug. 21

No Mass Today

### Tuesday, Aug. 22

5:30 p: +Mick Crawford

### Wednesday, Aug. 23

No Mass Today

### Thursday, Aug. 24

No Mass Today

### Friday, Aug. 25

7:30 a: +Jesse Kilgore

2 p: Foster/Rier Vows

### Saturday, Aug. 26

4 p: +Bob Eilers

### Sunday, Aug. 27

7 a: +Jim Hughes

9 a: +Mary Joy & +Tal Anderson

11 a: For The People

The Lord is my Shepherd.



### Monday, Aug. 21

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

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

### Tuesday, Aug. 22

2 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration

5:30 p.m.: Mass

### Wednesday, Aug. 23

No Mass Today

### Thursday, Aug. 24

No Mass Today

### Friday, Aug. 25

7:30 a: Mass

8 a.m.: Bible Study, overflow

2 p.m.: Foster/Rier Vows

### Saturday, Aug. 26

4 p.m.: Mass

### Sunday, Aug. 27

7, 9 and 11 a.m.: Mass

4-6 p.m.: Catechist Kick-Off, PC

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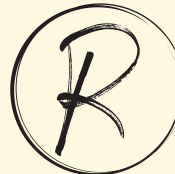
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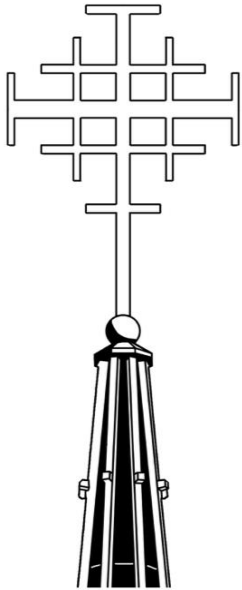
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# News From St. Mary's Parish



## Congratulations

Congratulations to Bensyn Ann-Marie Miller, child of Benjamin and Ashley Miller, who was baptized here at St. Mary's on August 12, 2023. Blessings to the Miller family, and welcome Bensyn!



## Congratulations

Congratulations to Landon James Like and Rachel Marie Schmitz, who were married here at St. Mary's on August 11th. May God bless them with many graces and years of happiness. Congratulations!

## Omelet Breakfast

Knights of Columbus Omelet Breakfast will be held Sun., Aug. 20 from 9 to 12:30.

## 50/50 Raffle

Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets after Mass for a 50/50 raffle. Drawing will be held on September 5th. You can contact Brian Nokleby at 712-339-0083 for tickets or more information.



## Sign Up for Notifications of Adoration and Mass Schedule Changes

If you would like to be notified by email or text message when Adoration and/or Mass is cancelled or rescheduled, please contact Cynthia in the parish office at [smoffice@thelakescatholic.church](mailto:smoffice@thelakescatholic.church) or 712-336-1742. Please include your first and last name, email address, and phone number in the request, and indicate whether you would like to be notified of schedule changes for Adoration, Mass, or both.

## Liturgical Ministries

The August 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](mailto:liturgy@thelakescatholic.church).

## Religious Ed Family Meals are back!

We are hoping to bring back Wednesday night family meals to make things easier for the parents and children involved in family faith formation. To help cover the expenses to provide food for these busy families, we are looking for family or business sponsors who are able and willing to donate \$300 to cover the expenses of one Wednesday meal. If you'd like to support our parish families in this way, you can contact the Parish Office or sign up as a financial supporter using the Religious Ed Volunteer Form available on the parish website. Checks can be made payable to St Mary's Church, and can be brought in or sent via mail, with a note or memo specifying that it is to sponsor a Wednesday meal. Plenty of other volunteer opportunities are available to make these meals happen, for all parishioners and all ages! Volunteer online or contact the office to become part of a great team of service! Thank you in advance for supporting our Parish youth and families!

## Faith Formation Kick-Off: Save the Date!

We will have our Catechist/Classroom Assistant Kick-Off Gathering on August 27 from 4-6 p.m. at St Joseph's Parish for all those helping us to make Religious Education possible this year. A meal will be served! Faith formation classes will begin the following week on September 6th for all.



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### 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](http://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!

# News From St. Mary's Parish

## This Week's Mass Schedule

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, Aug. 21**

No Mass Today

**Tuesday, Aug. 22**

No Mass Today

**Wednesday, Aug. 23**

**12 Noon:** +Clement McCoy

**Thursday, Aug. 24**

**2 p.m.:** Adoration

**5:30 p.m.:** +Russell Thomson

**Friday, Aug. 25**

No Mass Today

**Saturday, Aug. 26**

**5:30 p.m.:** +Sarah E. Tatman

**Sunday, Aug. 27**

**8:30 a.m.:** Liv. & Dec. of St. Mary's

**10:30 a.m.:** +Norma Seehusen



## WEEKLY Calendar

**Monday, Aug. 21**

No events today

**Tuesday, Aug. 22**

No events today

**Wednesday, Aug. 23**

**12 p.m.:** Mass

**Thursday, Aug. 24**

**2 p.m.:** Adoration

**5:30 p.m.:** Mass

**Friday, Aug. 25**

No events today

**Saturday, Aug. 26**

**5:30 p.m.:** Mass

**Sunday, Aug. 27**

**8:30 a.m.:** Mass

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

**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
- child-sized wooden table or chairs
- two full-length mirrors
- chime bells
- small or medium area rugs
- 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

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### Volunteers Needed for Religious Ed Program

Over 220 of our Parish Family Children are thirsty for Jesus, for role models and guides. Each of us at St Mary's-regardless of whether or not you have children in the program- has something to offer these children who are a great part of the life and future of the church. If you like to bake, cook, teach, babysit, clean, or if you're willing to be a simple presence as a volunteer, testifying to a heart of love and faith... your time and personal investment in our youth is precious! Sign up now to join an amazing crew for this endeavor! Online Registration is now available at <https://stmarysspiritlake.org>. All kinds of volunteer and service opportunities are available!



### Ministry Schedule

#### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, August 26th @ 5:30 p.m.**

**EMHC:** Patty Delaney, Linda Hansen, Kim Ingwersen

**LECTOR:** Jean Mohr

**SERVERS:** Gabe Bennett, Mackenzie Bennett

**HOSPITALITY:** Jim Carney, John Delaney, Gayle Eral, Mark Ingwersen, Tom Kellen

**ONLINE:** Hansens

**Sunday, August 27th @ 8:30 a.m.**

**EMHC:** Deb Brown, John Huigens, Stay Sieperda

**LECTOR:** Jim Staver

**SERVERS:** Layne Jacobsma, Lucas Jacobsma

**HOSPITALITY:** Larry Bortscheller, John & Joleen Brown, Ron & Sharon Crowley

**Sunday, August 27th 10:30 a.m.**

**EMHC:** Sylvia Jennings, Teresa Townsend, Pam Wingert

**LECTOR:** John Walz

**SERVERS:** Wes Walz, Sadee Wheatley

**HOSPITALITY:** Mike Davis, Margie & Tom Lynch, Summer James, Sunny Dufney

## NEWS & Notes

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.



## The End of the Season

We want to remind all that our summer Mass schedule comes to an end with Labor Day Weekend. Beginning the weekend of September 9th and 10th we will be having two Masses in each Parish. At St. Joseph we will have Mass on Saturday evening at 4 p.m. and on Sunday Mass will be at 9 a.m. only. At St. Mary's we will have a Saturday evening Mass at 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday Mass will be at 10:30. Please mark your calendar with these changes. With a few exceptions we will follow this schedule until Memorial Day 2024.

We want to say a word of thanks to all of the parish members at both parishes who have stepped to the plate to welcome our summer visitors. Lectors, Mass Servers, Ushers, Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and our wonderful musicians have all helped us welcome visitors to our extra summer liturgies. Our summer crowds demand extra help and we are grateful that so many parish members have been willing to help. Thanks much!!!!!!

### Cemetery Decorum

We have beautiful cemeteries in both parishes. St. Margaret's in Spirit Lake and Calvary in Milford are wonderful, quiet places to go and pray and remember our beloved dead. Over the summer months we have been finding bottles and cans at some of the graves in our cemeteries. While we welcome and encourage parish members to visit the graves of their loved ones any time during the day, it is highly offensive for people to engage in the consumption of alcohol at our cemeteries. A Catholic Cemetery is a sacred precinct that is made holy by both the Church's blessing and by the holy and decent lives of all who rest there. Please respect the families of our beloved dead. Also, remember that it is clearly posted at both cemeteries that the grounds of our cemeteries are closed at dusk.

## Pastor's COLUMN

### Stewardship REPORT

#### ST. MARY'S FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP July 29-30, 2023 Att.: 940

Adults: \$3,862.00  
Loose: \$2,066.00  
Dollar: \$479.50  
Votive: \$28.00  
Online: 595.30

#### Aug. 5-6, 2023 Att.: 934

Adults: \$4,457.00  
Loose: \$2,029.28  
Dollar: \$487.00  
Votive: \$56.00  
Online: \$2,060.00

#### July 29-30, 2023 Att.: 891

Adults: \$4,461.00  
Loose: \$3,925.40  
Dollar: \$507.06  
Votive: \$63.00  
Online: \$510.00

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?

#### ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP July 29-30, 2023 Att. 1,331

Adults: \$5,382.36 Loose: \$3,509.00  
Online: \$565.00  
2nd P & J Collection: \$1,114.12  
Quilt: \$55.00 Poor Box: \$34.00  
Candles: \$51.26  
Garage Sale: \$90.00

#### Aug. 5-6, 2023 Att.: 1,230

Adults: \$4,109.00 Loose: \$2,908.00  
Online: \$690.00 Endow: \$150.00  
2nd P & J Collection: \$1,215.00  
Candles: \$158.25 Misc.: \$179.50  
Religious Retirement: \$50.00

#### Aug. 12-13, 2023 Att.: 1,083

Adults: \$4,359.00 Loose: \$2,544.47  
Online: \$2,440.00  
Retired Religious: \$465.00  
2nd P & J Collection: \$753.81  
Assumption: \$250.00  
Quilt: \$105.00

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