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"And the King  
will answer them,  
**'Truly** I say to you,  
as you did it to one of the  
least of these my brothers,  
you did it to me.'"

MATTHEW 25:40,

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday, Sept. 10, 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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Fri.: 8 a.m. - 12 noon

### RECONCILIATION:

3:15 pm Sat;

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**AND THE WINNER** of the lovely Rosary/Altar quilt is Marlys Nolan. Deacon Darwin pulled Nolan's name from a bucket of 1,623 tickets on

## Winning Quilt Ticket

Tuesday morning, Sept. 5. Thanks to all who supported this fundraising project by purchasing tickets. Thanks to all the ticket sales people but especially to Chuck and Mary Reckard and Jerilyn Streit who specifically covered the 4 p.m. and 9 a.m. Masses for nearly 15 weeks! Income totaled \$1,648.80. The quilt was made and donated by Terina Nowlin, of Wichita Falls, TX. Plans are already underway for next year.



**THANKS** to all who assisted at and shopped the final Treasure Chest Garage Sale for the season during Labor Day weekend. The weekend sale grossed slightly more than \$3,000. Totally, the garage sale on Memorial Day, July 4, Pioneer Days and Labor Day tallied slightly more than \$13,250. Expenses are estimated at \$1,254.36 netting almost \$12,000. Thanks to all who donated items. We couldn't hold a garage sale without your help! Now it's time to clear the Treasure Chest building.



We are hosting an end-of-the-season FREE event Sat., Sept. 16 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun., Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon; and Monday, Sept. 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feel free to stop in and help us clear the building. A big thanks to Cheryl Aumer, who headed the Garage Sale Committee, and to her group of volunteers who assisted on sale dates. Thanks to the lunch cook also!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR....**The famous KC apple pies are available. Pie sale dates are this weekend Sat. and Sun., 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. Pies are also available during the week at the parish office.



## PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

from the St. Joseph Parish Family to:



✓ Sara Jones on the death of her father, +Richard Haisman, 83, of Ruthven, who died Tues., Aug. 29. His funeral was held Sun., Sept. 3 at the Henry-Olson Funeral Chapel, in Estherville; **and to**  
✓ the family of +Amanda Kuhlman, 45, of Des Moines, who died Sun., Sept. 3. Amanda was the daughter of long-time parishioners +Vince and +Audrey Kuhlman. Cards may be sent to the family % of: Angie Reisdorf, 3207 Maish Ave., Des Moines, IA 50321. Arrangements were pending at presstime. Burial will be in Carroll.

**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! Thanks to all of the catechists and volunteers who helped make the first night of Faith Formation classes a huge success! It's going to be an amazing year. We are in need of more volunteers to help the catechists succeed and to keep our students safe. If you would like to volunteer as a classroom assistant or hall monitor, please let me know!

We officially have a 7th grade catechist. Starting next week, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade will meet in their own classes. Thank you, Faith, for stepping up and committing to teach both 2nd and 7th grade! Jacques is still in need of volunteers from St. Joseph's to help with 11th/12th grade Faith Formation. Please contact me if you have any interest or feel called to serve.

It isn't too late! Please register your child(ren) if you haven't already for grades K-12! Also, drop of payment to the parish office.

God bless you!

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Faith Formation Class meets Wednesday, September 13 and starts off in the Parish Center with K-4 from 5-6:15 p.m. and 5-10 from 6:45-8 p.m.



**WELCOME to the Catholic Faith** to Kathryn Marie Sewell, daughter of Michael and April Sewell, who was baptized at St. Joseph on Sun., Sept. 3.

**ATTENTION** Lectors! The new lector books for 2024 are in. Please stop by the office to pick one up.

**THE Final Rosary/Altar** cinnamon roll project was held Labor Day weekend. Income was \$1,256. Thanks to all who supported this project throughout the summer. We sold somewhere in the neighborhood of 2,880 rolls!

### Ministry Schedule

#### 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, September 16 @ 4 p.m.

**EMHC:** Doug Heller, Connie & Dick Mataloni

**LECTOR:** Loretta Halbur

**SERVERS:** Grace Davis, Brody Titterington

**HOSPITALITY:** Anne Donovan, Monica Koeppen, Irene & Jim McCoy

#### Sunday, September 17 @ 9 a.m.

**EMHC:** Steve Eral, Jeff Knudtson, Carol Lee, Beth Lorch, Jerilyn Streit, Susan Willette

**LECTOR:** Religious Education Students

**SERVERS:** Noah Walleck, Simon Walleck

**HOSPITALITY:** Myrna & Paul Herbers, Marshall Matuska, Abby Walleck, Curt Willette

**PRAY for these members:** Vince Bronson, 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:** Ron Heller, Zenrik Young, Dr. Rod Langel, Elizabeth Olson, Amanda Kuhlman, Mark McGill, 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 Wedeking, Dan Mulder, Colleen Mulder, Jamie O'Neill.



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, Sept. 9

4 p: +Bob Eilers

#### Sunday, Sept. 10

9 a: For The People

#### Monday Sept. 11

No Mass Today

#### Tuesday, Sept. 12

5:30 p: +Don Baschke  
+Betty Newman

#### Wednesday, Sept. 13

No Mass Today

#### Thursday, Sept. 14

No Mass Today

#### Friday, Sept. 15

7:30 a: +Delores Bryant  
+Dee Brooks

#### Saturday, Sept. 16

2 p: Haberman/Fanslau Vows  
4 p: For The People

#### Sunday, Sept. 17

9 a: +Delores Bryant

"BECAUSE I LIVE,  
YOU ALSO WILL LIVE."  
JOHN 14:19



#### Monday, Sept. 11

7:30 p.m.: Al-Anon meets in overflow  
8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

#### Tuesday, Sept. 12

2 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration  
5:30 p.m.: Mass  
6-8 p.m.: Baptism Class, overflow

#### Wednesday, Sept. 13

No Mass Today

Rel. Ed: K-4 @ 5-6:15 p.m.; Grades 6-10 @ 6:45 to 8 p.m.; Grades 11-12 @ St. Mary's

#### Thursday, Sept. 14

No Mass Today

#### Friday, Sept. 15

7:30 a: Mass  
8 a.m.: Bible Study, overflow  
KC Pies

#### Saturday, Sept. 16

4 p.m.: Mass  
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#### Sunday, Sept. 17

9 a.m.: Mass  
4 p.m. Holy Hour in Church



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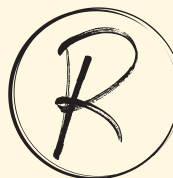
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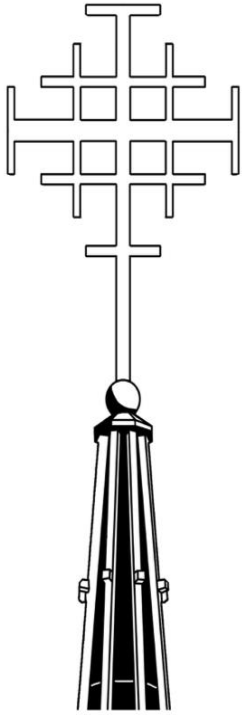
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# News From St. Mary's Parish



## Daily Mass Schedule

Our daily Mass schedule is Wednesdays at 12 p.m. and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. If a funeral is scheduled at St. Mary's, the daily Mass at St. Mary's will be cancelled that day.

## Weekend Mass Schedule

Masses at St. Mary's are at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.



## Mass Intentions

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention for a weekday or weekend Mass, please contact Cynthia in the office at [smoffice@thelakescatholic.church](mailto:smoffice@thelakescatholic.church).



## Choir Rehearsals

Choir rehearsals will resume in September. If you would like more information on joining this amazing group, contact Ali in the office.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter for Married Couples

Consider making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and enrich your lives together. It is a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Christian marriage. The upcoming dates are April 12-14, 2024, in Epworth; September 27-29, 2024, in Dubuque; and November 8-10, 2024, in Holstein. For more information, call 563-920-9419.



## Golf Tournament

The Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Open will be held on Saturday, September 16. This event is open to all golfers and costs \$400 per team (includes golf, cart, range ball, pin prizes, mulligans and lunch, 4-Person Best Shot). 11:30 a.m. lunch and 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start. Located at Okoboji View Golf Course. Proceeds benefit local Special Olympics. Contact Mark Maeyaert at 507-530-8406 to register your team.



## Religious Ed Family Meals are back!

We are bringing 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!



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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; 11:30 am Wed

### 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 ([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, Sept. 11**

No Mass Today

**Tuesday, Sept. 12**

No Mass Today

**Wednesday, Sept. 13**

**12 Noon:** +Emilie Grendler

**Thursday, Sept. 14**

**2 p.m.:** Adoration

**5:30 p.m.:** +Mary Dunleavy

**Friday, Sept. 15**

No Mass Today

**Saturday, Sept. 16**

**5:30 p.m.:** L & D of St. Mary's

**Sunday, Sept. 17**

**10:30 a.m.:** +Mary Stanford

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

## WEEKLY Calendar

**Monday, Sept. 11**

No events today

**Tuesday, Sept. 12**

No events today

**Wednesday, Sept. 13**

**12 p.m.:** Mass

**Thursday, Sept. 14**

**2 p.m.:** Adoration

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

**6 p.m.:** Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, Sept. 15**

No events today

**Saturday, Sept. 16**

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

**Sunday, Sept. 17**

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

**10:30 a.m.:** Mass

### Together As One

Together As One (TAO) is a pillar of support for caring for the marginalized and for the critically needed ministries such as religious education, adult formation, and youth and young adult ministry. Our TAO goal this year is \$30,923.00. Join us today in support of TAO with a gift or pledge through the brochure that was mailed to you or by giving online at [www.scdiocese.org/together-as-one](http://www.scdiocese.org/together-as-one).

### 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). 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.

### Prayer Chain

All Confidential Prayer Chain requests may be directed to Jean Mohr, our Prayer Chain Coordinator, at 712-320-0748. Prayer intentions may be entered in the prayer request book, which can be found in the narthex of the church.

### Offering Envelope Updates

If you have any updates for your offering envelopes (e.g., start or stop receiving envelopes, new address, name change), please contact Cynthia in the office at [smoffice@thelakescatholic.church](mailto:smoffice@thelakescatholic.church).

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### Liturgical Ministries

The September 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).

### Ministry Schedule

#### 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, September 16th @ 5:30 pm.**

**EMHC:** Ron Crowley, Curt & Sandi Smith

**LECTOR:** Sharon Crowley

**SERVERS:** Noah Lee

**HOSPITALITY:** Nancy Carlson, Jim Carney, Gayle Eral, Tom Kellen

**ONLINE:** Trautmans

#### Sunday, September 17th 10:30 a.m.

**EMHC:** John & Joleen Brown, Pam Wingert

**LECTOR:** Sylvia Jennings

**SERVERS:** Layne Jacobsma, Lucas Jacobsma

**HOSPITALITY:** Mike Davis, Summer James, Sunny Duffney, Braky Kramer, Jim Leinbaugh

## 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.

# Pastor's COLUMN

## Many Thanks

While there are still officially a couple of weeks of summer here in Dickinson County, the signs that the summer season is coming to a close are all around us. Quieter streets, less lake traffic and road construction closures have begun once again. We want to once again thank all the members of our parish who graciously extended hospitality to all of our summer guests.

## Religious Education Kick-off

This week marked the launching of our 2023-24 Religious Education Programs in both parishes. We had a great turnout of students and we are happy to report that all went off without a hitch. Special words of thanks to the many teachers and assistants that have come forward to carry out this vital ministry among our children. We have undertaken a couple of new programs this year. We have selected and implemented an entirely new curriculum for grades K thru 8. The curriculum is very user friendly, directly orthodox in terms of doctrine and provides teachers, parents and students a wide variety of resources, all geared to parish religious education programs. Previous programs here were geared toward Catholic schools that then had to be adapted to our once a week RE program. We have undertaken a complete reworking of our two-year Confirmation program which includes some parish-based sessions and some joint sessions between Confirmation students from both parishes working together. We are happy to be able to introduce a dynamic new program for our youngest students called Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. This Montessori based instruction method highlights the central tenants of our faith and our liturgy while employing dynamic educational methods. At St. Joseph we have shifted that starting time of classes to better serve families and at St. Mary's we have re-inaugurated our weekly meal that is served to all comers between the two educational sessions. We had a great turnout last night of both families and volunteers. Once again, we are deeply grateful for the many volunteers who work to make our religious educational programs a great success.

## A Parish Pick Up

Nearly 30 years ago someone gave us a beat up old pick-up for use in hauling things from place, moving supplies, taking care of runs to the redemption center, pulling our trailer to our cemetery etc. The good old truck has breathed its last and we are looking for a high mileage pick up with a hitch that we could use for our in-town hauling and running errands. If you know of such a vehicle that is available, please let us know.

**Pastor Fr. Brian Hughes**

**Deacon Darwin Messerly and Deacon Ken Linquist**

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## Stewardship REPORT

Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is "Yes!"

### ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP Sept. 2-3 Att. 1,549

Adults: \$5,307.00  
Loose: \$3,657.89  
Online: \$860.00  
2nd P & J Collection: \$894.48  
Quilt: \$357.00  
Candles: \$81.10  
Building: \$144.00 Endow: \$50.00  
Cemetery: \$500.00

### ST. MARY'S FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP Sept. 2-3 Att. 1,039

Adults: \$3,324.00  
Online: \$1,225.00  
Loose: \$3,507.50  
Dollar: \$475.00  
Votive: \$75.00

**Save the date...Nov. 5-6**  
for a very special  
inspirational visitor  
coming to  
St. Joseph and St. Mary's!

You're  
Appreciated  
more than  
you know.

