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# THE BEATITUDES

"Rejoice

and be glad,  
for your reward  
is great in  
*heaven.*"

Matthew 5:12

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, Oct. 8, 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.

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**CONGRATULATIONS and Best Wishes** to William and Brianna (Crees) Steichen who were married at St. Joseph on Sat., Sept. 30. May your new life together be filled with happiness.



**WELCOME to the Catholic Faith to** Sullivyn Jamie Mohning, son of Patrick and Mallory Mohning, who was baptized Sun., Oct. 1 at St. Joseph.

## PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY FROM THE ST. JOSEPH PARISH FAMILY TO:

✓ Stephanie Prentice, on the death of her father, +Keith Prentice, 71, of Terril, who died Thurs., Sept. 21, 2023. There are no formal services planned; and to

✓ Dean Reiser and family on the death of his mother, +Irma Reiser, 90, of Milford, who died Thurs., Sept. 28, 2023. Her Mass of Christian Burial was held Tues., Oct. 3, 2023 at St. Joseph Catholic Church.



**The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)** is an 8-month education, faith and prayer experience that prepares people to enter the Catholic Church. We have a number of individuals who have signed up to join us for these Tuesday evening classes. If you know anyone who is interested in joining the Church or in learning more about the Catholic Church, please contact the parish offices. We will begin our program on Tuesday, Oct. 10. If you are interested in joining the program as a sponsor please let us know.



**THE COLD TEMPERATURES** and winter will soon be upon us. The Knights of Columbus are starting their annual coat drive in hopes of warming children this season. Winter coats, boots and snowpants are being accepted for this project thru Oct. 31. Donations may be left in the box in the church hallway.

## All Souls Novena of Masses

Remember your loved ones in our All Souls Novena of Masses which begin Wed., Nov. 1. Envelopes for this purpose are in your packet or available on the elevator table. To be included in the list of names in the bulletin, we will need your envelope or list of completed names by 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24.

**WE are** still collecting all kinds and sizes of socks for the less fortunate persons at the Sioux City Soup Kitchen. Leave them at the office. Our next visit is Thurs., Oct. 26. We have one opening for this ministry. Call the office.



**TAO Collection Update** - The campaign most essential to the work of the Diocese of Sioux City has begun for 2023-24! Thank you for your continued support of the ministries and work of our Diocese. Join us today in support of TAO with a gift or pledge through the brochure that was mailed to you or giving online at [scdiocese.org/tao](http://scdiocese.org/tao). Your support enables the works of all Diocesan ministries including Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, Catholic Charities, Parish Accounting and much more! Our Together As One (TAO) Appeal goal is \$40,197.00. If you haven't returned your contribution, please do so asap.

# News From St. Joseph Parish

## Religious Education News

By Erin Lorch

Director of Faith Formation

Greetings! Our Faith Formation students are learning about the rosary and praying a decade in the large group together prior to class time each Wednesday this month. Nothing is more beautiful than witnessing our young saints in the making! This weekend is the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary. We ask Mother Mary to intercede on behalf of all of the prayer intentions of our students and all parishioners.

God bless you!

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

-Faith Formation Class meets Wednesday, October 11 and starts off in the Parish Center!

-K-4 meets from 5-6:15pm

-5-12 meets from 6:45-8pm

-Please sign up to be a Hall Monitor! Help us ensure the safety of our students on Wednesday nights. Sign up for one time or weekly! Thank you! You can find the sign up by scanning the QR code.



## Youth Ministry News

By Jacques Bouli

Director of Youth Ministry

St. Augustine said in his book *The Confessions* that God made us for him and that our souls would be restless until it remained in Him. This observation is only possible if we restore all of our life to its interiority, that is to say, having an internal dialogue with the Creator and Savior of our souls, who created us for this relationship. This thirst for God lives in each Man and can only be quenched in an intimate relationship with God. Yes, Man's happiness is God. In the light of the Catechism and the Holy Scriptures, we will rediscover this necessity which makes us cry out to the Lord and say to Him, "My soul longs for you, O God."

*We don't change the message; the message changes us.*

## Ministry Schedule

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, October 14th @ 4 p.m.**

**Knights of Columbus Mass**

**Sunday, October 15th @ 9 a.m.**

**EMHC:** Cheryl & Rick Houseman, Chris & Connie Jones

**LECTOR:** Beth Lorch

**SERVERS:** Ben Garcia, John Garcia

**HOSPITALITY:** Terry Abbas, Abby Walleck, Curt & Susan Willette

**PRAY for these members:** Charles Reckard, Dave Lambert, 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:** Janet Norgaard, Cozy Nelsen, 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 Bellingshausen, Maxine Thompson, Lois Doran, Dale Gentry, 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, Oct. 7**

**4 p:** +Charles Hughes

**Sunday, Oct. 8**

**9 a:** For the People

**Monday, Oct. 9**

**No Mass Today**

**Tuesday, Oct. 10**

**5:30 p:** +Frank Kennedy

**Wednesday, Oct. 11**

**No Mass Today**

**Thursday, Oct. 12**

**No Mass Today**

**Friday, Oct. 13**

**7:30 a:** +Irma Reiser

**Saturday, Oct. 14**

**2 p:** Ricke/Horstman Vows

**4 p:** +Roland Taylor

**Sunday, Oct. 15**

**9 a:** For the People



**Monday, Oct. 9**

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

**8 p.m.:** AA meets in Nazareth Hall

**Tuesday, Oct. 10**

**2 p.m.:** Eucharistic Adoration

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

**6:30 p.m.:** RCIA begins, Nazareth

**Wednesday, Oct. 11**

**No Mass Today**

**Rel. Ed:** K-4 @ 5-6:15 p.m.; Grades 6-10 @ 6:45 to 8 p.m.;

**Thursday, Oct. 12**

**No Mass Today**

**Friday, Oct. 13**

**7:30 a: Mass**

**8 a.m.:** Bible Study, overflow

**Saturday, Oct. 14**

**1:30 p.m.:** Private burial; Refreshments in Naz.

**Sunday, Oct. 15**

**9 a.m.:** Mass



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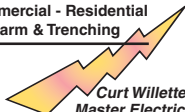
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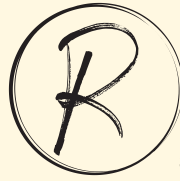
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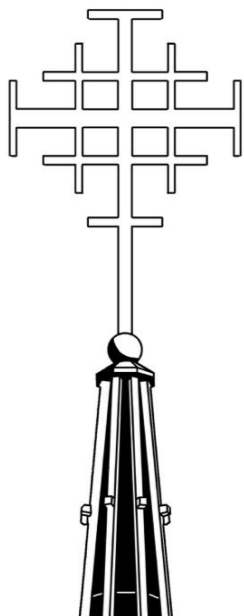
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## News From St. Mary's Parish

### 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).

### Workbooks for Lectors

The 2024 lector workbooks arrived. All lectors at St. Mary's are invited to pick up their new workbook from the counter in the narthex.

### Weekend Mass Schedule

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

### Choir Rehearsal

Adult choir rehearsals are in full swing. We rehearse on Thursdays at 6 p.m. Reading music is not a requirement, but singing is. Come join us!

### Holy Hour and Vespers

Join us for a Holy Hour and Vespers on Sunday, October 8th at 4 p.m. in the church. In conjunction with the National Eucharistic Revival - a momentous, three-year initiative that creates opportunities for people to personally encounter Jesus in the Eucharist - you are invited to a liturgy of Vespers and Eucharistic Adoration. As we gather, we enable a deeper encounter with Our Lord in the Eucharist. On Sunday, October 22nd at 4 p.m., St. Mary's will host a more contemporary style of Evening Prayer. This pattern of the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month will continue throughout the year but alternate between St. Joseph's and St. Mary's. Plan ahead for next month at St. Joseph's on November 12th.

### Catholic Daughters Right to Life Month

October is designated "Right to Life Month" during which Catholic Daughters of St. Mary's congratulate and thank parents of babies born at Lakes Regional Hospital for choosing Life by presenting them with a gift. A crib will be placed in the Narthex as all members of St. Mary's Parish are invited to join in this "celebration." Please place any new and infant related items in the crib during the upcoming weeks. Thank you for your participation in this project.

### 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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#### 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, Oct. 9**

No Mass Today

**Tuesday, Oct. 10**

No Mass Today

**Wednesday, Oct. 11**

12 Noon: +Teresa Hanson

**Thursday, Oct. 12**

2 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m.: +Donald Rodawig, Jr.

**Friday, Oct. 13**

No Mass Today

**Saturday, Oct. 14**

5:30 p.m.: +Jeremy Jansen

**Sunday, Oct. 15**

10:30 a.m.: +Liv & Dec. of St. Mary's

### Special Collections in October

Donations for the World Mission Sunday collection should be placed in the basket on the weekend of October 22. Please make checks payable to "St. Mary's," and write "World Mission Sunday" in the memo line.

If you would like to give to these collections online, please visit our website (stmarysspiritalake.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 October special collections will be available on our website from October 1-31. Thank you for your generous support!

### Christ Our Life Catholic Conference

Save the Date! September 28 & 29, 2024, at the Wells Fargo Arena Des Moines. Don't miss this every two-years opportunity to hear world-class speakers, celebrate Mass with thousands, attend reconciliation, be inspired with music, and visit Jesus in Adoration. Feel your soul rejoice! To learn more, contact Jenny Marhula at 701-799-1853.

### Small Nativity Set Needed

Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program is in need of small, sturdy nativity set pieces, specifically 2 of each of the following: the Angel Gabriel, Mary, Joseph, Jesus, a donkey, sheep, and 3 shepherds. These should be able to be handled by children and not too breakable.

### 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.

### All Souls Novena of Masses

If you would like to remember your loved ones in our All Souls Novena of Masses, please include their names on the All Souls envelope that you received in your packet of offertory envelopes this month. If you do not receive envelopes, you can pick up an All Souls envelope from the table in the narthex. If you give online, you can give to the All Souls fund online but will need to give your list of names to Cynthia in the parish office (smofice@thelakescatholic.church). To be included in the list of names in the bulletin, we will need your envelope or list of completed names by 8 a.m. on Monday, October 23. The novena starts November 1.

### Ministry Schedule

#### 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, October 14th @ 5:30 p.m.**

EMHC: Marilyn Fleming, Eileen & Jed Skogerboe

LECTOR: Josh Zigrang

SERVERS: Ava Wasson, Miles Wasson

HOSPITALITY: Jim Bunt, Jim Carney, Jim Leinbaugh, Sarah Meyer

**Sunday, October 15th @ 10:30 a.m.**

EMHC: Deb Brown, Michella Koppen, Jeannie James

LECTOR: Karen Fergen

SERVERS: Wes Walz, Sadee Wheatley

HOSPITALITY: Mike Davis, Sunny Duffney, Summer James, Ruth Putnam

ONLINE: Greg Rolling

### 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.

## WEEKLY Calendar

**Monday, Oct. 9**

No events today

**Tuesday, Oct. 10**

No events today

**Wednesday, Oct. 11**

12 p.m.: Mass

**Thursday, Oct. 12**

2 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m. Mass

6 p.m.: Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, Oct. 13**

No events today

**Saturday, Oct. 14**

5:30 p.m.: Mass

**Sunday, Oct. 15**

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

10:30 a.m.: Mass

## NEWS & Notes

# Pastor's COLUMN

## Redeemable Cans and Bottles

I would like to thank the many people who faithfully deposit their used and redeemable cans and bottles in our large trailer on the west side of our property. I know that there are many folks who contribute to that small effort and we want to express our gratitude. Every once in awhile I have volunteered to help sort and bag everything in preparation for transport to the redemption center. It is a sloppy and smelly job. Even after a shower I smelled like stale beer. Just a couple of reminders for all who bring cans and bottles to our bins:

1) If possible, please rinse the bottles and cans before bringing them to us for redemption.

2) Please bag or box all cans and bottles. When cans and plastic bottles are placed loose in the bins they have a tendency to blow all over the yard.

3) We currently are not able to redeem any kind of glass beverage bottles. Even if you have paid the deposit on glass beverage bottles the local redemption center is not equipped to receive glass. We must separate out all glass containers and recycle them ourselves. Please do not bring any glass beverage containers to our recycling bins

4) Please do not place kitchen or household garbage in the bags or boxes that you bring to our recycling bins. Each week we find ourselves sorting through household garbage to sort out cans and bottles.

Again, thanks for making the effort to bring your redeemable plastic and metal beverage bottles to us. We were able to recoup more than \$10,000 last year from this effort. Every bit of the funds that are raised through out redemption project goes to support our various youth ministry projects.

## Farmers and the Harvest

With some exception, our local economy and our whole lives revolve around the cycles of planting and harvesting and raising livestock. Please pray for the safety of our farmers and others who are laboring these days to gather the harvest in. It is a marvelous thing to behold the bounty of the Lord's good earth.

**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of life-long member +David Lambert, who died Mon., Oct. 2, and was buried from here this week. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.

**4th Degree** Monsignor McCoy Assembly meets Oct. 10, Mill Creek, Milford. Social at 6:00 and Meeting at 6:30.

## Stewardship REPORT

In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers; but there was not a single good steward on the property! God is the owner, we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we?

### ST. JOSEPH

#### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP Sept. 30-Oct. 1 Att. 619

Adults: \$6,549.00 Loose: \$1,736.50  
Bldg: \$187.00 Online: \$640.00  
Poor Box: \$36.10 Candles: \$110.00  
Peace & Justice: \$147.00  
RE Fees: \$4,650.00 Misc. \$550.00

### ST. MARY'S

#### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP Sept. 30-Oct. 1, Att: 540

Adults: \$4,340.00  
Online: \$1,350.00  
Loose: \$1,376.75  
Dollar: \$301.95  
Votive: \$27.00

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



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