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*Be strong and take
heart, all you who
hope in the Lord.*

Psalm 31:24

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, Oct. 22, 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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CALLING all Veterans and their spouse or significant other. The Court Our Lady of LaSalette #1585 (CDA) will host their 11th Annual Community Veterans Free Soup Supper after the 4 p.m. Mass on Sat., Nov. 4 in the Parish Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. Social hour at 5 p.m. Dinner at 5:30 pm. The meal is FREE.



PLEASE take time to sign up to help at the 2023 Roast Beef and Ham Harvest Dinner set for Sun., Nov. 19 from 11 am. to 1 p.m. in the parish center. A few jobs remain. The sign-up sheet is on the back lobby window. Cost for the dinner is \$17 for adults; \$10 for children 6-12 with preschoolers eating free. Carry-outs and Milford city delivery is available. Call 338-2274 to get on the delivery list.

Together As One

Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through TAO. As of October 17, we have raised \$9,290.68 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$40,197.00 with gifts from 69 households. Will you help us meet our fundraising goals? Visit www.scdiocese.org/together-as-one.



THANK YOU for everything from serving the coffee and cookies at the visitation and for serving the funeral luncheon and providing all those wonderful salads and dessert. Your tables were so beautifully set.

The Family of Dave Lambert

THERE is still time to bring your socks to the office for the Sioux City Soup Kitchen Ministry. Deadline is Wed, Oct. 25.

Fr. Jim Sichko, a full time preacher, evangelist and motivational speaker, will speak at St. Joseph on Sun., Nov 5 at 5 p.m. Refreshments to follow and on Mon., Nov. 6, 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, in Spirit Lake. Fr. Jim uses real life experiences and ties those experiences into the Gospel message. All are welcome. The evening is hosted by the Catholic Daughters.

CDA is collecting personal hygiene items (deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper etc) for the local food bank. A collection area will be set up in the alcove at the top of the stairs till the end of October. Thanks, in advance for your help with this project.

All Souls Novena of Masses

Remember your loved ones in our All Souls Novena of Masses which begins 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.

Ministry Schedule

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, October 28th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Jean Petitti, Holly & Paul Skopec

LECTOR: Deb Bode

SERVERS: Grace Davis, Isabel Nelson

HOSPITALITY: Anne Donovan, Doug Heller, Monica Koeppen, Terri & Tom Rierson

Sunday, October 29th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Steve Eral, Cory Knudtson, Bernie Kramer, Erin Lorch

LECTOR: Karen Schwaller **SERVERS:** Asher Knudtson, Porter Prentice

HOSPITALITY: Julie & Tim Fairchild, Marshall Matuska, Jon Sorenson

News From St. Joseph Parish

Religious Education News

By Erin Lorch

Director of Faith Formation

Greetings! If you haven't already done so, please encourage your kid(s) to take a Kid Bulletin, found in the narthex, after mass. There are fun activities and a beautiful kid-friendly reflection all based on the mass readings. You can find these printed here every weekend.

Thank you to the many students who took an active role in the 9am mass this weekend! We love worshiping with you and seeing you serve God in our parish.

'Do you believe that God will provide, and that God is providing for you right now?' I'm quoting our diocesan Director of Vocations, Fr. Crotty who presided at the 9am mass last weekend. I remember feeling my chest tighten and looking over at my husband thinking, 'We better buckle up and hold on for whatever message the Holy Spirit has for us through today's Gospel and homily.' Each Sunday, we are invited to receive God's grace, mercy, and love. We listen to the word and take part in the heavenly meal. Finally, we are sent out on mission to strive for holiness and spiritual growth in prayer. We are called to evangelize throughout the week by being a witness through the way we live. I will be the first to admit that I need Jesus' kindness and mercy. I invite you to open your hearts and discern how the Lord might be calling you to live out this week's Gospel message.

God bless you!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

-Faith Formation Class meets Wednesday, October 25.

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

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

-Faith Formation mass on Sunday, October 22 @ 9 a.m.

-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.



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Gregory and Alexis (Ricke) Horstman who were married at St. Joseph on Sat., Oct. 14. May your new life together be filled with much happiness.



OPERATION Green Light, a promotion to show support, raise awareness and thank our Veterans, will be held Nov. 6-12. Persons are encourage to shine a gree lightbulb outside their house. Lightbulbs are available at the Veteran's Affairs Office, in Spirit Lake Courthouse, or at the Lakes News Shopper. Proceeds will be given to the local VFW and American Legions.

FOUND: A new-looking pair of shoes in church. Identify in office.

PRAY for these members: Dean Ulrich, Charles Reckard, Vince Bronson, Linda Cunningham, Mark Kollasch, Tutti Willison, Becky Wittrock, Kiana Svoboda, Andrew Gross, Mary Mittag, 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, 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, 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. 21

4 p: +Bob Eilers

Sunday, Oct. 22

9 a: For the People

Monday, Oct. 23

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Oct. 24

5:30 p: Liv/Dec CDA Members

Wednesday, Oct. 25

No Mass Today

Thursday, Oct. 26

No Mass Today

Friday, Oct. 27

7:30 a: +Barbara Claverley

Saturday, Oct. 28

4 p: For the People

Sunday, Oct. 29

9 a: +Jesse Kilgore

As All Saints and All Souls Day approaches the Catholic Daughters will provide an area for parishioners to remember family members who are gone but not forgotten. All are welcome to bring photos for the Table of Remembrance which will remain until Advent.



Monday, Oct. 23

7:30 p.m.: Al-Anon meets by zoom

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, Oct. 24

2 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration

5:30 p.m.: Mass

6 p.m.: RCIA meets in St. Rita Room

6 p.m.: CDA meets in overflow

Wednesday, Oct. 25

No Mass Today

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

Thursday, Oct. 26

No Mass Today

8 a.m. Sioux City Soup Kitchen Min.

Friday, Oct. 27

7:30 a: Mass

8 a.m.: Bible Study, overflow

9:30-2: LifeServe Blood Drive, pkg. lot

Saturday, Oct. 28

4 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, Oct. 29

9 a.m.: Mass



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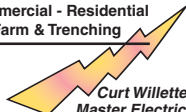
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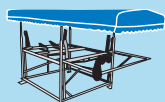
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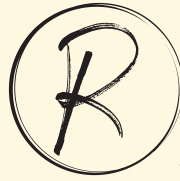
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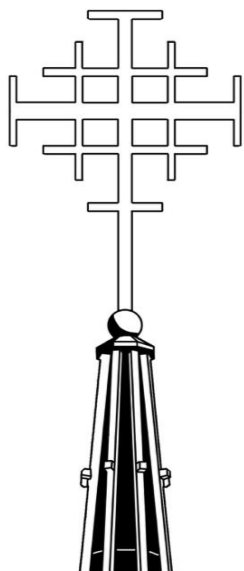
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News From St. Mary's Parish

Congratulations

Congratulations to Emma Marie Anderson, child of Joseph and Chelsey Anderson, who was baptized here at St. Mary's on October 14, 2023, and congratulations to Hugh James Smith, child of Elliott and Katherine Smith, who was baptized here at St. Mary's on October 14, 2023. Blessings to the Anderson and Smith families, and welcome Emma and Hugh!

Together As One

Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through TAO. As of October 17, we have raised \$12,191.00 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$30,923.00 with gifts from 53 households. Will you help us meet our fundraising goals? Visit www.scdiocese.org/together-as-one.

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.

All Saints Day

All Saints Day is on Wednesday, November 1st and is a Holy Day of Obligation. St. Mary's will have Mass on November 1st at Noon and 6 p.m.

The Knights of Columbus Annual Soup and Dessert Supper

The annual Soup and Dessert Supper will be on Sunday, November 5, 2023. The Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets after Mass this weekend. They will also have a sign-up sheet for anyone who is interested in helping them with the Soup and Dessert Supper.

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!

Evening Prayer

On Sunday, October 22nd at 4 p.m., St. Mary's will host a more contemporary style of Evening Prayer.

Weekend Mass Schedule

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

The Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Project

The Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Drive is being held now through October 30th. They are looking for donations from our parish to assist with this effort. Please look for the donations box in the narthex of the church. Cash donations can be given after Mass to ticket sellers or dropped off at the office during regular hours. Thank you for your support.

Upper Des Moines Food Pantry

During the month of November, St. Mary's has agreed to go to Wal-Mart to pick up meat and produce and bring it to Upper Des Moines. We need volunteers for Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet and instructions for volunteers in the narthex. If you have questions, please contact the parish office.

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.



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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), 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. 23

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Oct. 24

No Mass Today

Wednesday, Oct. 25

12 Noon: +Randy Kiliper

Thursday, Oct. 26

2 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m.: +Dolores Mergen

Friday, Oct. 27

No Mass Today

Saturday, Oct. 28

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

Sunday, Oct. 29

10:30 a.m.: +Norma Seehusen

Religious Education News

Faith formation is off to a great start this year! We are so grateful to see so many of you offering your time and talents in so many ways to make it possible. We are especially grateful for all of our incredible Catechists who have stepped up to get every grade level covered. We are, however, still in great need of Substitute Catechists to fill in when our regular Catechists are absent. No prior teaching experience is needed; we will provide you with the preparation and curriculum you need to succeed and will help you to feel ready and confident with an early notice whenever it is possible. Please reach out to me at the office or by email: smdre@thelakescatholic.church if you are willing to help us out! We already have 6 classes available and in need of substitutes for the month of October. Thank you so much for considering!

Lastly, we are very excited to have been able to launch our Wednesday night meals again with the help of the newest member of our crew, our meal coordinator: Kim Ingwerson. She has been doing a great job planning delicious meals and organizing the prep with volunteers and sponsors. If you would still like to support or sponsor a meal, please know that any remaining funds that are not used will be put into our funding for next year's religious education meals. We appreciate all you have contributed to make this year such a success!

Parents: We would love to see more youth at our dinners- remember you can drop them off early and let them eat any time between 6 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. We are happy to make things a bit easier for you and your families on Wednesday nights. You are always welcome to take part in the meal with your children!



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 (smof-fice@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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 28th @ 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Patty Delaney, Annette & Tom Kalkhoff

LECTOR: Jean Mohr

SERVERS: Gabe Bennett, Mackenzie Bennett

HOSPITALITY: Dave Hansen, Linda Hansen, Jim Leinbaugh, Tom Kellen

Sunday, October 29th @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Shawna Ditsworth, Margie & Tom Lynch, Pam Wingert

LECTOR: Cyndy Powers

SERVERS: Layne Jacobsma, Lucas Jacobsma

HOSPITALITY: Mike Davis, Alan Ditsworth, Bob Emgarten, 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.

WEEKLY Calendar

Monday, Oct. 23

No events today

Tuesday, Oct. 24

No events today

Wednesday, Oct. 25

12 p.m.: Mass

Thursday, Oct. 26

2 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m. Mass

6 p.m.: Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Oct. 27

No events today

Saturday, Oct. 28

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, Oct. 29

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

10:30 a.m.: Mass



Pastor's COLUMN

Sacramental Statistics

Each year we are required to submit to the Diocese of Sioux City a record of all the sacramental activities in our parishes. These statistics are gathered each October and record the baptisms, confirmations, marriages and burials for the previous 12-month period beginning the 1st of October each year and continuing until September 30th. We submit our weekly Mass counts every other month. In the last year, between St. Mary's and St. Joseph we have celebrated 30 baptisms, 23 confirmations, 17 marriages and 39 funerals and burials. From birth to death our parishes serve the needs of wide variety of individuals and families. We say a special word of thanks to the many parishioners who participate in welcoming, educating, preparing and offering hospitality to those in need. May God continue to bless and prosper the work of the Church in Dickinson County.

Grotto Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

The West Bend Grotto and Msgr. Ed Girres are sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from September 10-19, 2024. This is a great opportunity to experience the sacred places where Jesus walked, preached, and died and rose again. Double occupancy is \$4,955 per person and single occupancy is \$5,995; departure is from Des Moines. For more information on the holy sites to be visited and other travel information please go to: stcharlespilgrimage.com. There is an informational meeting for the trip on Sunday, November 5th, 2023 at 4:00 in the Conference Room at the Shrine of the Grotto of the Redemption.

World Mission Sunday

Today, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, heeding Pope Francis's call to keep our "hearts on fire and feet on the move." On this day, we reflect on our baptismal promise to be disciples and missionaries sharing the Good News. The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith directly aids priests, religious, and lay leaders in the Pope's missions, allowing them to minister to and uplift communities in dire need. Let's light up the world with our prayers and generosity. Thank you for your heartfelt contribution.



Oct. 30 is the deadline to drop off a winter coat, boots or snowpants at St. Joseph in Milford or St. Mary's in Spirit Lake. Both projects are being sponsored by the respective Knights of Columbus organizations.

Stewardship



REPORT

Each year at tax time, we conscientiously give "to Caesar what belongs to Caesar." Does my stewardship indicate that I am as faithful about giving "to God what belongs to God"?

ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP Oct. 14-15 Att. 524

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Adults: \$3,709.00
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