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*... we should be called
children
of God;
and so we are.*

1 John 3:1

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, Oct. 29, 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.

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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.



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.

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 to the Soup Kitchen volunteers who prepared and served 151 meals to less fortunate persons Thurs., Oct. 26 at the Sioux City Soup Kitchen. The experience of this ministry is beyond words.

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.

THANK YOU - I would like to express my gratitude to all who served at my mom's (Trudy Hopton) funeral Mass on June 15 and also those who took her communion on Sundays. St. Joe's has been part of my mom's family almost since the beginning of St. Joe's. My heartfelt thanks to all at St. Joseph's.

Biz Crane (Trudy's Daughter)

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Craig and Grace (Heikens) Jacobsma who were married at St. Joseph on Sat., Oct. 21. May your new life together be filled with much happiness.



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.

Ministry Schedule

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, November 4th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Eldon Kraninger, Molly Mulqueen, Jerilyn Streit

LECTOR: Irene McCoy

SERVERS: Brody Titterington, Ron Swartz

HOSPITALITY: Loretta Halbur, Connie & Dick Mataloni, Jim McCoy

Sunday, November 5th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Terry Abbas, Dennis Cole, Steve Eral, Chris Hinshaw

LECTOR: Susan Willette

SERVERS: Ben Garcia, John Garcia

HOSPITALITY: Michael & Sharon Sjoblom, Abby Walleck, Curt Willette

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.

It's almost Halloween! There are many camps of opinions on whether or not Catholics should celebrate Halloween. It makes sense since our secular culture has blown this holiday out of proportion. However, I think it presents a real opportunity for us to teach kids about topics that are easily skipped over, such as death, good & evil, relics, etc. Parents, I would encourage you to maybe tie in some of these topics in your conversations leading up to Halloween. I love seeing kids dressed up in tasteful costumes and the joy on their faces when they receive lots and lots of candy! Enjoy this exciting day but don't forget to also celebrate All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day!

God bless you!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

-Faith Formation Grades K-10 will meet at 5:45pm on Wednesday, November 1!

They will sit with their class for the All Saints Day Mass at 6 p.m.

A meal will be provided for all after mass in the Parish Center.

-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.



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.

You Can Make A Difference!

Catholic Daughters along with the National Center on Sexual Exploitation promote a WRAP campaign. The White Ribbon Against Pornography takes place each year at the end of October. White ribbons on the trees are a reminder to fight against pornography everywhere.

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: Kim Higgins, Angel Henkenius, 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, 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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Oct. 28

4 p: For the People

Sunday, Oct. 29

9 a: +Jesse Kilgore

Monday, Oct. 30

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Oct. 31

5:30 p: For the People

Wednesday, Nov. 1

6 p.m.: For the People

Thursday, Nov. 2

7:30 a: All Souls

Friday, Nov. 3

7:30 a: All Souls

+Bob Mulhern

+Matthew Mulhern, +Meredith Mulhern

Saturday, Nov. 4

4 p: +Bob Eilers

All Souls

Sunday, Nov. 5

9 a: For The People

MARK your calendar.

Mass on Sun., Nov. 19 will be at 10:30 a.m. rather than the usual 9 a.m.



Monday, Oct. 30

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

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, Oct. 31

2 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration

5:30 p.m.: Mass

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

Wednesday, Nov. 1

6 p.m.: Holy Day of Obligation Mass, light supper to follow in PC

Thursday, Nov. 2

7:30 a: Mass

Friday, Nov. 3

7:30 a: Mass

8 a.m.: Bible Study, overflow

Saturday, Nov. 4

4 p.m.: Mass

5 p.m.: CDA Veteran Soup Supper, PC

Sunday, Nov. 5

9 a.m.: Mass

5 p.m.: Fr. Jim Sichko speaks at St. Joseph, pizza to follow.



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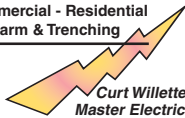
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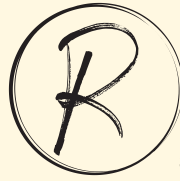
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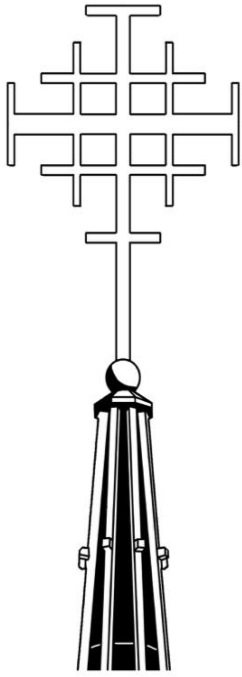
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News From St. Mary's Parish



Together As One

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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!



Upper Des Moines Food Pantry

During the month of November, St. Mary's has agreed to go to Walmart to pick up meat and produce and bring it to Upper Des Moines. We are still looking for a second volunteer for 8:45 a.m. on Monday, November 27. There is a sign-up sheet and instructions for volunteers in the narthex. If you have questions, please contact the parish office.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for the Upper Des Moines Food Pantry service. This week's volunteers are listed below.

Date

Volunteers

Wednesday, November 1 (1) Joleen Brown and (2) Hansen

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.

Christmas Garage Sale

St. Patrick Parish Duhigg Center (corner of Hwy 4 & 9) in Estherville: Thursday, November 9th: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Friday, November 10th: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday, November 11th: 9 a.m. – Noon



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 in the narthex of the church.



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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

Religious Education Update

Lots of beautiful things have been happening since the beginning of the school year. In the 15 minute introductions I've been blessed to spend with the kids, we have discussed various themes such as trust, the Liturgy, being a friend of Jesus and how we can better put Him first in our lives, St Francis of Assisi and the art of listening, the importance of our faith community and coming together for Mass, and last week we took the time to pray before the tabernacle for all the families and children in the world affected by war, especially the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Exciting things are happening in the next few months, so stay tuned!

Currently, we are still in great need of Substitute Catechists. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to substitute occasionally throughout the year- no prior teaching experience is required. Reach out to me at the office if you're open to helping us out!



SUBSTITUTES
NEEDED

All families are invited to the All Saints Day Mass, which is a Holy Day of obligation, on November 1st at 6 p.m. followed by a meal to celebrate all these holy men and women of God who have paved the way for us. Speaking of meals, we owe a great THANK YOU to the following sponsors, and our anonymous sponsors as well, for making it possible for us to feed our children and their families on Wednesdays so far from September through this month. It is such a blessing for everyone to come together and have the opportunity to eat as a family and encounter other families from the Parish. Thank you to:

- Ingwersen Family Farms and Chiropractic
- Jimmy Johns
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- Crowley family,
- Andy & Kelly Mueting
- Chris & Kelly Sandy
- Mary McCarthy

Thank you for your continued prayers for our catechists and students!
--Brigitte Bouli, Director of Religious Education

Weekend Mass Schedule

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

Ministry Schedule

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, November 4th @ 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Jean Mohr, Eileen & Jed Skogerboe

LECTOR: Josh Zigrang

SERVERS: Noah Lee

HOSPITALITY: Jim Bunt, Sarah Meyer, Brian & Kathy Nokleby

Sunday, November 5th @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Mary Brandt, Mary Emgarten, Toni Nicks,

LECTOR: Sylvia Jennings

SERVERS: Ava Wasson, Miles Wasson

HOSPITALITY: Bob Emgarten, Brian & Michella Koppen, Tom Lynch, Jim Wiese

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This Week's Mass schedule

Monday, Oct. 30

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Oct. 31

No Mass Today

Wednesday, Nov. 1

12 Noon: Liv. & Dec. of St. Mary's

6 p.m.: Liv. & Dec. of St. Mary's

Thursday, Nov. 2

2 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m.: All Souls Novena

Friday, Nov. 3

No Mass Today

Saturday, Nov. 4

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

Sunday, Nov. 5

10:30 a.m.: +Teresa Hanson

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

WEEKLY Calendar

Monday, Oct. 30

No events today

Tuesday, Oct. 31

No events today

Wednesday, Nov. 1

12 p.m.: Mass

6 p.m.: Mass

Thursday, Nov. 2

2 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m.: Mass

6 p.m.: Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Nov. 3

No events today

Saturday, Nov. 4

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, Nov. 5

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

10:30 a.m.: Mass

4 p.m.: KC Soup & Dessert Supper

5:30 p.m.: KC Soup & Dessert Supper

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

Contribution Envelopes

Each week we see folks from St. Mary's at St. Joseph and St. Joe's parish members at St. Mary's ... that is a good thing and we are happy to meet family needs in terms of Mass times. You are always welcome to put your parish envelopes in the collection basket where you attend Mass and we will sort things out on Monday morning. It is important that you make your check out for the parish where you want your contribution to be recorded regardless of where you attend Mass. If you make a check out to St. Mary's, that is where your contribution will go, likewise, if you make your check out to St. Joseph that is where it will be credited.

Daylight Savings Time

Remember that Daylight Savings Time begins next weekend. Clocks get moved back one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday morning. We will not make any adjustment to our Mass Schedule.

Fr. James Sichko and our Upcoming Parish Mission

Next week we will welcome Fr. Sichko who will preach at all the Masses next weekend and will offer a spiritually uplifting Parish Mission on Sunday evening at St. Joseph at 6 p.m. and at St. Mary's on Monday, November 6th at 7 p.m. The program at St. Joseph will be followed by pizza and ice cream and we will have light refreshments at St. Mary's after the Monday event. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Welcome Fr. Sichko.

Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, November 1st is the Feast of All Saints. At St. Joseph we will have Mass at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday and at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening. We will celebrate Mass at St. Mary's at Noon on Wednesday and at 6 p.m. We will be serving dinner at both parishes for students and their families immediately after Mass.

All Souls Day

The Feast of All Souls on Thursday, Nov. 2 is our annual remembrance of our Beloved Dead. We will have Mass at St. Joseph at 7:30 a.m. and at St. Mary's at 5:30 p.m. We will inaugurate our series of November Masses for the Dead in our parishes. Please remember to pray for all our family members and all who are buried in our cemeteries.

Monday, Oct. 30 is the deadline to drop off a winter coat, boots or snow-pants 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

We fulfill the commandment to love our neighbor when we exercise good stewardship - joyfully sharing our gifts of life, abilities, and resources to meet our neighbor's need.

ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP Oct. 21-22 Att. 648

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Loose: \$1,401.00
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Adults: \$2,998.00
Online: \$1,200.00
Loose: \$806.38
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