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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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, Nov. 12, 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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ONLY a few jobs remain for the 2023 Roast Beef and Ham Harvest Dinner set for Sun., Nov. 19 from 11 am. to 1 p.m. in the Parish Center. The sign-up sheet is on the back lobby window. Cost for the dinner is \$17 for adults; \$10 for children 6-12 with children five and under eating free. Carry-outs and Milford city delivery is available. Call 338-2274 to get on the delivery list.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

✓ Thank you to the Catholic Daughters who came together to honor our community Veterans at a soup supper on November 4. Over 100 guests, including 60 Veterans, enjoyed a free meal and program thanking them for their military service. The Catholic Daughters and local businesses donated 30 door prizes given to the Veterans. Thank you to all Veterans for your service to our country.

Deb Bode, Committee Member

✓ Thank you to the gracious volunteers who made and served 40 pizzas for Fr. Jim Sichko's event Sunday night. St. Joseph depends on volunteers and we have a wonderful group of eager persons to assist when called upon.

MAKE your Thanksgiving Dinner Reservations by Mon., Nov. 20th.

"COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE" Vespers and Adoration Sun., Nov. 12, 4 p.m. at St. Joseph, Milford. All are invited.

HOME ALONE on Thanksgiving? Why not join a group of people at St. Joseph on Thursday, Nov. 23 at 12 noon for some food and fellowship for their annual Thanksgiving Dinner. The meal is free but you must have a reservation so we know how much food to prepare. Call the parish office now, 338-2274. In addition, if you would like to bring a salad, a pan of sweet potatoes or a pie, or just do something, notify the office. We have a list of items we will need for this dinner. Please remember there are no carry outs for this dinner and no deliveries. It is designed for those who have no family in town to celebrate Thanksgiving with. Thanks for understanding.

Together As One

Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through TAO. As of Nov. 3, we have raised \$14,931.68 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$40,197.00 with gifts from 94 households. Will you help us meet our fund-raising goals? Visit www.scdiocese.org/together-as-one.



Ministry Schedule

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 18th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Doug Heller, Connie & Dick Mataloni

LECTOR: Loretta Halbur

SERVERS: Asher Knudtson, Brody Titterington

HOSPITALITY: Jim Baumgard, Anne Donovan, Monica Koeppen, Eldon Kraninger

Sunday, November 19th @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Connie Hinrichs, Barb & Bob Kollasch, Beth Lorch

LECTOR: Aaron Lorch

SERVERS: Jerron Heller, Jocelyn Heller

HOSPITALITY: Julie & Tim Fairchild, John Heller, Dennis Lippon

News From St. Joseph Parish

Religious Education News

By Erin Lorch

Director of Faith Formation

Greetings!

We are in need of a 4th Grade Catechist. Unfortunately, our catechist has had to step down due to medical reasons. Please keep Debra in your prayers. If you have a love for children and our faith, this is the perfect volunteer opportunity for you. We have an incredibly kind, curious, and joyful class of 4th graders. Thank you for your discernment. Please contact me right away if you are available to teach this class.

Last weekend, we had papal missionary, Fr. Jim Sichko, speak on Sunday and Monday evening. Here were some of the takeaways: 1) Stop being a jerk! 2) Honor the absent. 3) Always think positive instead of negative when someone asks something of you unless you know factually otherwise. 4) We need to know the voice of God vs. our own voice. How do we do that? Spend time with God. "If your Bible is in good shape, you ain't!" 5) If we go to mass every Sunday and each week we aren't getting better, we're doing it wrong. 6) Just going to mass every Sunday doesn't guarantee that we're going to heaven. 7) It's not about you!



Fr. Jim had so many wisdom nuggets to share along with amazing personal stories for us to connect with. It was amazing seeing both churches packed with people! What this tells me is that we are all willing to make the time and space for God to work in our lives. I beg you to keep this going. Let Fr. Jim's message be the inspiration that kickstarts the rest of your life on this side of heaven. While we have an amazing staff at both parishes, ALL LAY PEOPLE are called to respond to our Baptismal call. We need to be Catholics that act more like Christ. Amen!

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. God bless you!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

-Faith Formation will meet on Wednesday, November 15!

-K-4 meets from 5-6:15pm -5-10 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.

ATTENTION Parishioners: Please remember your food requests for the annual harvest dinner next Sunday, Nov. 19. Last names of A-L are asked to bring two homemade pies or a pan of dessert. Last names M-Z are asked to bring a large salad that will feed 12-15 persons.

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, Nov. 11

4 p: +Don Baschke

Sunday, Nov. 12

9 a: For The People

Monday, Nov. 13

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Nov. 14

5:30 p: All Souls

Wednesday, Nov. 15

No Mass Today

Thursday, Nov. 16

No Mass Today

Friday, Nov. 17

No Mass Today

Saturday, Nov. 18

4 p: +Roland Taylor

All Souls

Sunday, Nov. 19

10:30 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, Nov. 13

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

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, Nov. 14

2 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration

5:30 p.m.: Mass

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

Wednesday, Nov. 15

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

Thursday, Nov. 16

No Mass Today

Friday, Nov. 17

No Mass Today

8 a.m.: Bible Study, overflow

Saturday, Nov. 18

4 p.m.: Mass

Rosary/Altar dues collection

Sunday, Nov. 19

10:30 a.m.: Mass - **Note Change**

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Annual Harvest Dinner in Parish Center.



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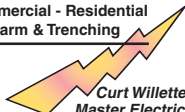
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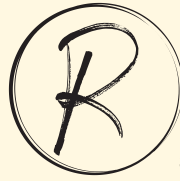
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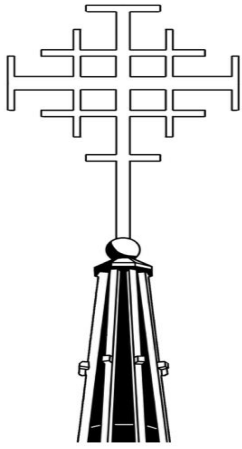
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News From St. Mary's Parish

Food Pantry Collection

The parish is having a food drive to benefit Upper Des Moines. All non-perishable items are welcome. Please check the date on each item to make sure the items are not expired. In-date items can be placed in the narthex through the end of November. If you would like to submit a check for the food pantry collection, please write the check out to "St. Mary's" with "food pantry" in the memo line. Checks can be dropped off at the parish office or mailed to St. Mary's at PO Box 354, Spirit Lake, IA 51360. Thank you for your generosity.

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 or 712-336-1742.

Soup and Dessert Supper – Thank You

Thank you to all who helped or contributed to the annual Soup and Dessert Supper provided by the Knights of Columbus. We appreciate your support!



Many Voices Holiday Concert

The Many Voices Choir will have their holiday concert at St. Mary's on Saturday, December 2nd at 7:30 p.m.

Weekend Mass Schedule

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

FORMED

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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!

Together As One

Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through TAO. As of October 23, we have raised \$15,810.00 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$30,923.00 with gifts from 56 households. Will you help us meet our fundraising goals? Visit www.scdiocese.org/together-as-one.

Upper Des Moines Food Pantry

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>
Monday, November 13	(1) Mike Fergen, (2) Kalkhoff
Tuesday, November 14	(1) Mike Fergen, (2) Kalkhoff
Wednesday, November 15	(1) Mike Fergen, (2) Kalkhoff

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 in the narthex of the church.



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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 (stmarysspiritlake.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

Monday, Nov. 13

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Nov. 14

No Mass Today

Wednesday, Nov. 15

12 Noon: All Souls Novena

Thursday, Nov. 16

2 p.m.: Adoration

No Mass Today

Friday, Nov. 17

No Mass Today

Saturday, Nov. 18

5:30 p.m.: +Dean Seehusen

Sunday, Nov. 19

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

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

WEEKLY Calendar

Monday, Nov. 13

No events today

Tuesday, Nov. 14

No events today

Wednesday, Nov. 15

12 p.m.: Mass

Thursday, Nov. 16

2 p.m.: Adoration

No Mass today.

6 p.m.: Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Nov. 17

No events today

Saturday, Nov. 18

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, Nov. 19

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

10:30 a.m.: Mass

Special Collections in November

Donations for the Social Justice collection should be placed in the basket on the weekend of November 12. Please make checks payable to "St. Mary's," and write "Social Justice" in the memo line.

If you would like to give to these collections online, please visit our website (stmarysspiritlake.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 November special collections will be available on our website from November 1-30. Thank you for your generous support!

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.



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.

Bishop Robert Barron Books on the Eucharist

This weekend, we are making Bishop Robert Barron's book, *This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival*, available in the narthex. In this book, Bishop Barron offers an analysis of the Eucharist as sacred meal, sacrifice, and Real Presence. This book can help you understand the sacrament of Jesus's Body and Blood more thoroughly so you can fall in love with him more completely. Please pick up a copy of this book as you leave the church today—one copy per family, please. Thank you to the St. Mary's Catholic Daughters for providing these books for our families!

Ministry Schedule

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 18th @ 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Linda Hansen, Annette & Tom Kalkhoff

LECTOR: Dave Hansen

SERVERS: Gabe Bennett, Mackenzie Bennett

HOSPITALITY: Jim Carney, Tom Kellen, Kim Ingwersen, Doug Zemler

Sunday, November 19th @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Shawna Ditsworth, Michella Koppen, Susan Lynn

LECTOR: Margie Lynch

SERVERS: Will Ditsworth, Sam Wavra

HOSPITALITY: Alan Ditsworth, Tom Lynch, Brian & Kathy Nokleby, Jim Wiese

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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

Great Event

We are very grateful for the energetic and dynamic presentations by Fr. Jim Sichko this past week. His talks at Mass and the two evening presentations at both parishes were impressive. Fr. Jim is a great storyteller and his message was both delightful and spiritually important. We would like to thank the many folks who supported this parish mission. The Catholic Daughters of the Americas at both St. Joseph's and St. Mary's, the St. Joe's Knights of Columbus and the Altar and Rosary Society all provided financial support. Thanks to Ali Oyler who provided music for both evenings. Special thanks for all those who supplied food for the evening's refreshments: the many pizza makers, the ice cream servers and Doug Heller who brought his ice cream maker, and all who helped set up and clean up after the events. We had great crowds for both evenings and we will all be counting God's blessings from these events for many weeks to come.

Our Deer Friends

Fr. Brian had a "close and personal encounter" with a deer along Highway 86 on Saturday evening. He will be driving a loaner car for a few weeks. Nationally there are 2.1 million deer/vehicle collisions each year. The State of Iowa ranks 5th in the nation. In Iowa one in every 75 drivers hit a deer last year. In West Virginia one in every 32 drivers has a deer related accident.



Thanksgiving Vacation

Each year for many years my family gathers for "Christmas" at Thanksgiving. I will be leaving on Thursday, Nov 16th and returning the day after Thanksgiving. Msgr. Seifried and Fr. Crotty will be here for the weekend. We will have no Mass on Thursday the 16th in Spirit Lake and no Mass in Milford on the 17th. Msgr. Seifried will be here for Masses on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph and Wednesday, Nov. 22 at St. Mary's at 12 noon. The Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph followed by our annual Thanksgiving luncheon. There will be no Mass on Friday the 24th and our offices will be closed.

Holy Hour This Sunday

Please join us for Adoration and Evening Prayer at St. Joseph's this Sunday at 4 p.m.

Stewardship



REPORT

Like the sensible bridesmaids in today's parable, good stewards make sure that they, and whatever gifts are theirs to share, are ready to serve when the Master calls.

ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP Nov. 4-5 Att. 586

Adults: \$ 5,064.00
Loose: \$1,797.00
Online: \$840.00
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ST. MARY'S FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP Nov. 4-5, Att: 506

Adults: \$6,375.00
Online: \$2,395.60
Loose: \$943.26
Dollar: \$294.42
Votive: \$79.00

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Deacon Darwin Messerly and Deacon Ken Linquist

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