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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, Nov. 19, 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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NAME: _____
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Join us for our ANNUAL HARVEST DINNER

This Sunday, Nov. 19

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish Center

\$17/adults; \$10 kids 5-12;

4 and under are free

Great Food, Fellowship
and Fun



Don't forget to pick up a copy of your green December Newsletter.



WE ARE in need of EME's to deliver communion to the care center and homebound parishioners on a rotating basis. If you have time to volunteer for this worthy ministry, call Connie Jones at 712-330-4232

MSGR. Seifried will be covering next week in Fr. Hughes' absence. He will have Mass at St. Joseph on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. and on Thanksgiving at 11 a.m.

Reminder

CARPETS in the Parish Center and Church will be cleaned on Monday, Nov. 20 beginning at 8 a.m. Please avoid the area if possible on Monday and until noon on Tuesday to allow for adequate drying time.

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

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 a pie, or help in another way, notify the office. It is designed for those who have no family in town to celebrate Thanksgiving with. Thanks for understanding.

THE NEXT Baptism Class is set for Tues., Nov. 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the overflow room. This class is required before a baptism can be scheduled.

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 fundraising goals? Visit www.scdiocese.org/together-as-one.



Ministry Schedule

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday, November 25th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Bonnie Duhn, Aaron Hyatt, Jeff Knudtson

LECTOR: Diane Frank

SERVERS: Ben Garcia, John Garcia

HOSPITALITY: Irene & Jim McCoy, Terri & Tom Rierson

Sunday, November 26th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Pete & Sara Laven, Aaron Lorch, Marlys Nolan

LECTOR: Cheryl Houseman

SERVERS: Porter Prentice, Simon Walleck

HOSPITALITY: Terry Abbas, Marshall Matuska, Jon Sorenson, Abby Walleck

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 to teach our 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. A curriculum and all materials will be provided.

Donation Needed: We are in need of some decorative straw bales or an actual straw bale (no more than 30lbs) for our upcoming Advent season along with the December 13 Faith Formation Christmas Prayer service. If you're willing to donate, please contact me right away. Thank you for considering!

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:

-No Class on Wednesday, November 22nd! Happy Thanksgiving!

-Faith Formation will meet on Wednesday, November 29!

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

-5-10 meets from 6:45-8pm

-A Christmas Prayer Service will be put on by the K-8th graders on Wednesday, December 13 at 6pm. All are welcome!

-Please sign up to be a Hall Monitor for Nov. 29 and/or Dec. 6! These are the final nights needing coverage for the remainder of the 2023 calendar year. You can find the sign up by scanning the QR code.



CDA will be taking down the Table of Remembrance on Tues., Nov. 28th. We appreciate those who participated by bringing photos of family members. Please remove the photos prior to November 28th. After mass on Tuesday, Nov. 28th the CDA will conduct their annual Rosary of Remembrance to honor all members who have passed away. Parishioners are invited to participate in this rosary.

PRAYERS and sympathy from the St. Joseph Parish Family to:

✓ the family of +Gaye Rasmussen, 65, a long-time member of St. Joseph, who died Thurs., Nov. 9 in Florida. Her funeral service was held Sat., Nov. 18 with burial in Calvary Cemetery; and to

✓ John Heller on the death of his brother, Ron, 52, of Brandon, SD, who died Sun., Nov. 5. His Mass of Christian Burial was held Sat., Nov. 11 at Risen Savior Catholic Church, in Brandon, SD.



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. 18

4 p: +Roland Taylor
All Souls

Sunday, Nov. 19

10:30 a: For The People

Monday, Nov. 20

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Nov. 21

5:30 p: +Dolores Wunn

Wednesday, Nov. 22

No Mass Today

Thursday, Nov. 23

11 a: In Thanksgiving

Friday, Nov. 24

No Mass Today

Saturday, Nov. 25

4 p: For The People

Sunday, Nov. 26

9 a: Special Intention (BM)



PARISH offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23-24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Offices will reopen Monday, Nov. 27 at 8 a.m. Happy Thanksgiving to all!



Monday, Nov. 20

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

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, Nov. 21

2 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Wednesday, Nov. 22

No Religious Education Today.

Thursday, Nov. 23

11 a.m.: Thanksgiving Mass

Friday, Nov. 24

No Mass Today

Parish Offices Closed

Saturday, Nov. 25

4 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, Nov. 26

9 a.m.: Mass



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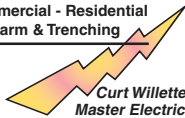
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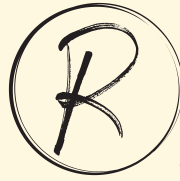
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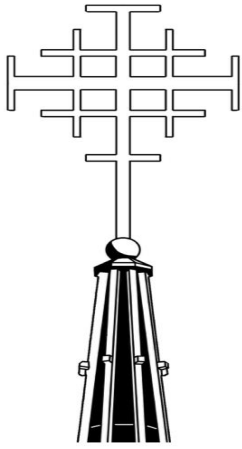
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News From St. Mary's Parish

Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on Thursday and Friday this week for Thanksgiving.

No Adoration on Thursday

There will be no Adoration on Thursday this week due to Thanksgiving.

Sauce and Books Arrived

The sauce and books that were available to order at the Fr. Sichko talk are available now. Please contact Cynthia in the parish office when you are ready to pick up your order.

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.

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.



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 31, we have raised \$18,581.00 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$30,923.00 with gifts from 69 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 20	Emgartens
Tuesday, November 21	(1) Joleen Brown, (2) Hansen
Wednesday, November 22	(1) Jenny Marhula, (2) Joleen Brown

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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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 (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. 20

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Nov. 21

No Mass Today

Wednesday, Nov. 22

12 Noon: All Souls Novena

Thursday, Nov. 23

No Adoration

No Mass Today

Friday, Nov. 24

No Mass Today

Saturday, Nov. 25

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

Sunday, Nov. 26

10:30 a.m.: +Joy Walz



WEEKLY Calendar

Monday, Nov. 20

No events today

Tuesday, Nov. 21

No events today

Wednesday, Nov. 22

12 p.m.: Mass; No Religious Ed.

Thursday, Nov. 23

Parish Offices Closed

Friday, Nov. 24

Parish Offices Closed

Saturday, Nov. 25

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, Nov. 26

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

10:30 a.m.: Mass

Religious Education

We had a wonderful turnout for our All-Saints Day Celebration! It was beautiful to see so many families gathered to pray together for Mass and to share in a delicious, festive meal catered by the Squealers on Wheels food truck. A big thank you to Mary and Neil Brandt for the delicious food! We also owe a big thank you to our volunteers and our 7th/8th Graders who helped serve and clean up!

Mark your calendars! Our annual Christmas Play is just around the corner, which will be performed by our Pre-K through 4th Graders in Religious Education. Rehearsals will be November 19th and December 3rd following the 10:30 a.m. Mass from 11:30-2 p.m.. Lunch will be served for the kids at 11:30! Thank you, parents, for bringing your kids to rehearsal and for supporting this entertaining family event!

Everyone is invited to join us in celebrating Christ's birth through this heartwarming performance. Parishioners, parents, grandparents and friends, come **support our Parish children and sing with us on December 6th at 5:30 p.m.!**

O Give Thanks Unto The Lord For He Is Good.

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

We still have copies of 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

Christ Our King

Saturday, November 25th @ 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Patty Delaney, Jean Mohr, Curt & Sandi Smith

LECTOR: Phyllis McKeown

SERVERS: Noah Lee

HOSPITALITY: Kevin Delaney, Mark & Kim Ingwersen Sarah Meyer

ONLINE: Trautmans

Sunday, November 26th @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Kim Kirschbaum, Jeannie James, Chris & Renee Quance

LECTOR: John Walz

SERVERS: Layne Jacobsma, Lucas Jacobsma

HOSPITALITY: Bob Emgarten, Sylvia Jennings, Brady Kramer, 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.

Pastor's COLUMN

Food Pantry Collections

At both parishes we are taking up our traditional food collection to assist our local food pantries. We will distribute the food to the Upper Des Moines food pantry. If you would prefer to make a cash donation, please write the check to St. Mary's or St. Joseph and put food pantry in the memo line. We will purchase food cards for use at Upper Des Moines.

Harvest Dinner

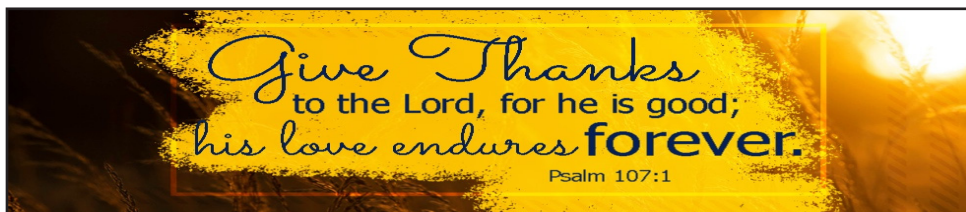
This Sunday's Mass time change in schedule at St. Joseph is to help us celebrate our gratitude for the successful harvest. We live in a place where the power of the land and the bounty of the earth are clearly seen. Our Harvest Dinner is a great opportunity to gather with friends and family, enjoy a meal and celebrate the beauty of the season.

Winter Is on the Way

We know that the arrival of winter is inevitable and we always enjoy the change of seasons. When a winter storm brings snow or ice on a weekend, please remember to take all safety precautions in regard to coming out for Mass. If you are elderly, infirmed or have small children it is wise for you to hunker down at home and not feel obligated to come to Mass during a winter storm. This, of course, is no excuse for dismissing your obligation to attend weekly Mass every time there is a bit of chill in the air but just a reminder for the elderly and the parents of infants to take care in making decision to come out during a winter storm.

Thanksgiving Day Schedule

As we look forward to the celebration of Thanksgiving, we will have Mass at St. Joseph on Thursday, Nov. 23 at 11 a.m. followed by a delightful lunch for folks who have no place to go for a Thanksgiving meal. We will serve dinner at St. Joseph at 12 noon. Please call the St. Joseph Parish Office by 12 noon on Mon., Nov. 20 if you are planning on attending the Thanksgiving Day Feast. If you are able, please bring a salad or a dessert to share.



Stewardship



REPORT

Good stewards are like the industrious and reliable servants in today's Gospel, prudently using and multiplying the gifts entrusted to them by God.

ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP Nov. 11-12 Att. 544

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Adults: \$4,569.00
Online: \$495.60
Loose: \$2,513.75
Dollar: \$277.25
Votive: \$65.60

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