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"Be still, and know  
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I AM EXALTED AMONG THE NATIONS,  
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**PSALM 46:10**

Christ the King  
Sunday, Nov. 26, 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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## Thank You, Thank You!

✓ Thank you to all who provided food for the Thanksgiving Dinner on Thurs., Nov. 23. Our hospitality to those who attended speaks highly to our work at St. Joseph. Thanks for Loretta Halbur and Faith Garcia who headed the project, to the kitchen helpers, the people who cleaned up and those who attended. It was a meaningful day!



## HARVEST DINNER UPDATE

**THANK YOU** to all who attended the annual Harvest Dinner last Sunday, Nov. 19. Thank you to all who provided salads and desserts, worked at various jobs, and stepped in at the last moment for various jobs on Saturday and Sunday. It was great to see everyone working side by side for one cause. Here are the results: **# attended:** 247;

**In House:** 221; (110 members; 111 visitors)

**Carryouts:** 25; **Deliveries:** 1

**Income:** \$4,500 **Expense:** \$1,629.39 **Net:** \$2,870.61

Each year we give \$20 in cash to five lucky dinner attendees. Congratulations to: Dee Truman of Milford;

Milo Kindwall of Milford, Kelly Bleuer of Spirit Lake, Francis Spear, of Spencer, and Jan Bortscheller of

Spirit Lake. The checks will be in the mail for Dee, Milo, Kelly and Francis. Jan donated her winnings back to the church. Thanks to all!



## Anointing of the Sick

The next Anointing Mass will be held at St. Mary's at 12 noon on Wed., Dec. 6. Mass will be followed by a light lunch. Open to all.



**THANK YOU** to Deacon Darwin, Pam Hanson, Joel Naber and Richard Wuebker for cleaning the carpets in the church and the parish center on Mon., Nov. 20. Thanks also to those who remained after the Harvest Dinner and removed the chairs and tables from the parish center. This is a task we try to accomplish twice a year following the Harvest Dinner and the Chicken N' Noodle dinner in the spring.

## 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](http://www.scdiocese.org/together-as-one).



## Ministry Schedule

### First Sunday of Advent

**Saturday, December 2nd @ 4 p.m.**

**EMHC:** Connie Chapman, Karen Naber, Ron Swartz

**LECTOR:** Molly Mulqueen

**SERVERS:** Grace Davis, Brody Titterington

**HOSPITALITY:** Loretta Halbur, Connie & Dick Mataloni, Joel Naber

**Sunday, December 3rd @ 9 a.m.**

**EMHC:** Bill & Cheryl Aumer, Bev Kruger, Jan Pithan

**LECTOR:** Sara Laven

**SERVERS:** Emily Breuer, Asher Knudtson

**HOSPITALITY:** Arend & Molly Swygman, Curt & Susan Willette

# News From St. Joseph Parish

## Religious Education News

By Erin Lorch

Director of Faith Formation

Greetings and Happy Thanksgiving! I am thankful to all of the catechists and volunteers who have helped make this year of Faith Formation so great! I am thankful to you, parents, who have entrusted your children with us. I love getting to share the Catholic faith here at St. Joseph's!

### November Classes

We will have class on Wednesday, November 29.

### 4th Grade Catechist

I am very excited to announce that we have found two wonderful catechists for 4th grade. Thank you Joni and Josh for stepping up. Continue to keep Debra, our previous catechist, in your prayers.

### Christmas Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus are hosting their annual Christmas Poster Contest. All students in grades K-8 are encouraged to enter the poster contest. The Poster must reflect the theme of "Keep Christ in Christmas." Pick up an entry form from the Faith Formation Office. All posters and forms are due by Wednesday, December 13.

### Free Meal for Families

Families, please join us for a FREE Roast Beef and Mashed Potatoes Meal on Wednesday, November 29 from 6:15-6:45 p.m. in the Parish Center in between the two evening class sessions. This will be a great time for extra fellowship and a night off from cooking at home!

### Christmas Program

Faith Formation students in grades K-8 will present a Christmas program on Wed., Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. in the Church entitled "My Gift: The Story of Epiphany." All are welcome for a night of prayer, storying telling and pizza to follow.

Blessings, *Erin*

**PLEASE NOTE: On Sat., Dec. 2, the Holiday Fantasy Parade will be lining up in the church parking at 10:30 a.m. so you may want to avoid the area.**

### Magnificat Advent Prayer Companion Booklets

This weekend, we will have Magnificat Advent Prayer Companion booklets available on the table near the elevator or near the parish center. This booklet provides scriptural reflections for each day of the Advent season. You will also find a wealth of meditative prayers, essays, and poetry, as well as an examination of conscience and Advent Stations. Please pick up a copy of this booklet as you leave the church today—one copy per family, please.

**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:** Hudson Grace Koeppen, 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 Wdekking, Dan Mulder, Colleen Mulder.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, Nov. 25**

**4 p:** For The People

**Sunday, Nov. 26**

**9 a:** Special Intention (BM)

**Monday, Nov. 27**

**No Mass Today**

**Tuesday, Nov. 28**

**No Mass Today**

**Wednesday, Nov. 29**

**No Mass Today**

**Thursday, Nov. 30**

**No Mass Today**

**Friday, Dec. 1**

**7:30 a:** +Don Baschke

**Saturday, Dec. 2**

**4 p:** +Roland Taylor

**Sunday, Dec. 3**

**9 a:** For The People

**Schedule Change**

**PLEASE NOTE** that there will be no Mass or Adoration on Tuesday, Nov. 28.

**THE St. Joseph Mitten Tree** will be ready on Mon., Nov. 27 to accept new mittens, gloves, scarves, hats to be distributed to less fortunate families this holiday season.



**Monday, Nov. 27**

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

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

**Tuesday, Nov. 28**

**No Mass or Eucharistic Adoration**

**Wednesday, Nov. 29**

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

**Thursday, Nov. 30**

**No Mass Today**

**Friday, Dec. 1**

**7:30 a.m. Mass**

**Saturday, Dec. 2**

**4 p.m.:** Mass

**Sunday, Dec. 3**

**9 a.m.:** Mass



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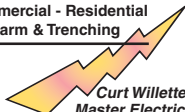
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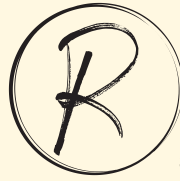
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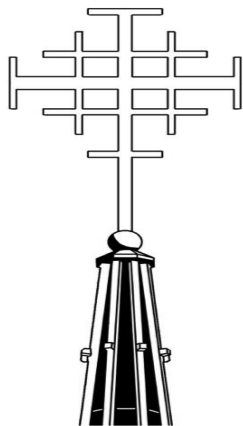
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## News From St. Mary's Parish

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Agnes Catherine Cunningham, child of Craig and Lauren Cunningham, who was baptized here at St. Mary's on November 19, 2023. Blessings to the Cunningham family, and welcome Agnes!

### **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.

### **Thank You**

✓ Thank you to Funeral Group #8 for your donations of food for the Mary Lou Korwes funeral luncheon. Thank you also to the kitchen helpers. a Thank you from the Knights of Columbus to everyone who donated clothes or made monetary donations for the coats for kids drive. Because of everyone's support, we were able to donate 19 coats, some snow pants, boots, gloves, and hats this year.

### **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.

### **Anointing of the Sick**

We will have an Anointing Mass at St. Mary's at the Noon Mass on Wednesday, December 6th. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us. Mass will be followed by a light lunch.

### **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](http://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.

#### **Date**

**Monday, November 27**  
**Tuesday, November 28**  
**Wednesday, November 29**

#### **Volunteers**

**Kalkhoff**  
**(1) Sarah Meyer, (2) Jacob & Maddy Meyer**  
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### **WELCOME TO SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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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:**

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](http://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. 27**

**No Mass Today**

**Tuesday, Nov. 28**

**No Mass Today**

**Wednesday, Nov. 29**

**12 Noon:** All Souls Novena

**Thursday, Nov. 30**

**2 p.m.:** Adoration

**5:30 p.m.:** All Souls Novena

**Friday, Dec. 1**

**No Mass Today**

**Saturday, Dec. 2**

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

**Sunday, Dec. 3**

**10:30 a.m.:** +Dee Hauber, +David Hauber



**Monday, Nov. 27**

No events today

**Tuesday, Nov. 28**

No events today

**Wednesday, Nov. 29**

**12 p.m.:** Mass

**Thursday, Nov. 30**

**2 p.m.:** Adoration

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

**6 p.m.:** Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, Dec. 1**

No events today

**Saturday, Dec. 2**

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

**7:30 p.m.:** Many Voices Concert

**Sunday, Dec. 3**

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

**10:30 a.m.:** Mass

**11:30 a.m.:** Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

## Religious Education

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 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.!

## Magnificat Advent Prayer Companion Booklets

This weekend, we will have Magnificat Advent Prayer Companion booklets available in the narthex. This booklet provides scriptural reflections for each day of the Advent season. You will also find a wealth of meditative prayers, essays, and poetry, as well as an examination of conscience and Advent Stations. Please pick up a copy of this booklet as you leave the church today—one copy per family, please.

## 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

### First Sunday of Advent

**Saturday, December 2nd @ 5:30 p.m.**

**EMHC:** Ron & Sharon Crowley, Patty Delaney

**LECTOR:** Scott Trautman

**SERVERS:** Carter Trautman, Kaitlyn Trautman

**HOSPITALITY:** Jim Bunt, Nancy Carlson, John Delaney, Jim Leinbaugh, Gayle Eral

**Sunday, December 3rd @ 10:30 a.m.**

**EMHC:** Sylvia Jennings, Margie & Tom Lynch, Pam Wingert

**LECTOR:** Don Breuker

**SERVERS:** Ava Wasson, Miles Wasson

**HOSPITALITY:** Mike Davis, Brian & Michella Koppen, Margie & Tom Lynch

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**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

## Advent Begins

With the start of Advent, we are gearing up for a busy month of activities at both St. Mary's and St. Joseph.

Our annual Advent Penance Service is set for Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary's, in Spirit Lake, and 4 p.m. at St. Joseph, in Milford. These Sunday afternoon Penance Services are a wonderful way to create a prayerful preparation for the Great Feast of Christmas.

The students at both parishes continue to practice their parts for their respective Christmas Programs.

We want to alert parishioners and visitors to the Christmas schedule for both parishes:

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

*Sunday, Dec. 10*

*2:30 p.m. St. Mary's; 4 p.m. St. Joseph*

### Christmas Eve Masses

*Sunday, Dec. 24*

*4 p.m. and 6 p.m. at St. Joseph*

*5:30 and 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's*

### Christmas Day

*Monday, Dec. 25*

*9 a.m. at St. Joseph; 10:30 at St. Mary's*

### Holy Family

*Saturday, Dec. 30*

*4 p.m. at St. Joseph, 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary's*

*Sunday, Dec. 31*

*9 a.m. at St. Joseph; 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's*

### New Year's Eve Mass

*\*Sunday, Dec. 31: 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary's*

### Feast of Mary - New Year's Day Mass

*\*Monday, Jan. 1: 9 a.m. at St. Joseph*

*\*(New Schedule - updated after Christmas Cards were printed and sent)*

### 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 to be used for food cards, please write the check to St. Mary's or St. Joseph and put food pantry in the memo line.

## Stewardship REPORT

When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing and inherit the kingdom.

### ST. JOSEPH

#### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Nov. 18-19, 2023 Att. 378

Adults: \$5,407.00

Loose: \$816.00

Online: \$1,830.00

Altar/Rosary Dues: \$10.00

Endowment: \$50.00

Peace and Justice: \$125.00

St. Jo Education: \$50.00

### ST. MARY'S

#### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Nov. 18-19, 2023 Att: 641

Adults: \$4,305.00

Online: \$895.60

Loose: \$803.05

Dollar: \$321.00

Votive: \$46.00



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