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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2024



## 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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8:15 am Sun

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Sunday at 9 a.m.

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**STILL looking for cooks for the Tues., March 12 Lenten Soup Supper.** Call the office today if you can assist in this project.

### Reassuring Words For Busy People Resting in Confidence

*His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.*

*Come and share your master's happiness!" Matthew 25:23*

I thank You for the many things on my plate right now. I am able to help people. I work to create a good home. I serve You and Your church with my gifts. You are so faithful, Lord. You have affirmed me and my current direction by blessing me with worthwhile responsibilities and opportunities.

I am finding fulfillment, thanks to Your guidance. I am more certain of myself, and my confidence in You grows with each passing day. When I finish a busy day and feel good, strong and peaceful, I sense Your reassuring words, "Well done."



**PRAYERS and SYMPATHY from the St. Joseph Parish Family** to Jane Black on the death of her husband, +Rod, who died Thursday, Jan. 25. Graveside Services were held Wednesday, Jan. 31 at the North Lawn Cemetery Mausoleum.

**Sign-up** for the annual Amore Dinner at St. Joseph set for Sun., Feb. 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. This is a great fundraiser for students who plan to attend the Steubenville Conference in July.

### Together As One

**Thank you** to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through TAO. We have raised **\$25,522** in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$40,197.00 with gifts from 114 households. There is still time to help us meet our fundraising goals? Visit [www.scdiocese.org/together-as-one](http://www.scdiocese.org/together-as-one).



### Ministry Schedule

#### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, February 10th @ 4 p.m.**

**EMHC:** Deb Faulkner, Molly Mulqueen (Dcn. Darwin)

**LECTOR:** Brad Shell

**SERVERS:** Grace Davis, Brody Titterington

**HOSPITALITY:** Anne Donovan, Aaron & Becky Hyatt, Joel & Karen Naber

**Sunday, February 11th @ 9 a.m.**

**EMHC:** Chris Hinshaw, Jeff Nelson (Dcn. Darwin)

**LECTOR:** Linda Hirsch

**SERVERS:** Emily Breuer, Porter Prentice

**HOSPITALITY:** Dennis Lippon, Michael & Sharon Sjoblom, Connie Tesene, Jennifer Prentice

**There will be a sign-up sheet across from the elevator for Ash Wednesday Masses February 14th – 7:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.**

# News From St. Joseph Parish

## Religious Education News

By Erin Lorch

Director of Faith Formation

Greetings!

It's hard to believe that January of 2024 is a thing of the past! What a great month of learning, growing, and praying on Wednesdays. I am thankful that we didn't have to cancel any classes this month due to the weather! Our Children's Choir is underway. The children love singing and dancing prior to class time. They understand that singing and dancing is a form of prayer and worship! You will hear them singing on Ash Wednesday at the 6pm mass! Ordinary Time is wrapping up and the older grade levels are already discussing the season of Lent and finding ways that we can pray, fast, and take part in almsgiving this Lenten season.

Please pray for our students, especially for our 2nd and 10th grade classes as they continue to prepare for their sacramental days!

All students in grades 8-12 are kindly invited to attend the Steubenville Conference in St. Paul, MN from July 26-28, 2024. This is a weekend you won't regret! Contact our Youth Minister, Jacques Bouli, with any questions! It isn't too late to sign up!

Blessings!

Erin

### Upcoming Dates

February 7-Class

February 14-All grades meet at 5:45, Ash Wednesday Mass at 6 p.m.

Soup Supper to follow!

February 21-Class

February 28-Class

### Steubenville Registration

Steubenville registration is open for 8-12th graders. For more information, please contact Jacques Bouli at [youth@thelakescatholicchurch.org](mailto:youth@thelakescatholicchurch.org).



✓ Annual Chicken N' Noodle dinner is set for Sun., March 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please mark your calendar now for the dinner and that Mass that morning moves from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

✓ Lenten Penance Service on Sun., March 3, 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary's, in Spirit Lake, and 4 p.m. at St. Joseph, Milford.

**PRAY for these members:** Donna Kramer, Pat Graves, 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, Finley Brunsvold, Phyllis Hintz.

**PLEASE pray for these special persons:** Ray Anderson, Terri Henkels, Teri Tiefenthaler, Hudson Grace Koeppen, Kim Higgins, Janet Norgaard, Cozy Nelsen, Ron Heller, Zenrik Young, Elizabeth Olson, 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, Mary W., Mary Bolan, Charles Graves, Zoe Lorenzen, Heather Hamann, Esther Morris, Wayne Bellinghausen, Maxine Thompson, Lois Doran, Dale Gentry, Mike Cooper, Denny Daberkow, Tailen Sturtz, Aimee Wallrich, Peggy Price, John Bruening, Ashlyn Clark, Jerry Wolford, Kami Svoboda, Darrel Wedeking, Dan Mulder, Colleen Mulder.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, Feb. 3**

**4 p:** +Sandy Long

**Sunday, Feb. 4**

**9 a:** For The People

**Monday, Feb. 5**

**No Mass Today**

**Tuesday, Feb. 6**

**5:30 p:** +Camilia Brink

**Wednesday, Feb. 7**

**No Mass Today**

**Thursday, Feb. 8**

**No Mass Today**

**Friday, Feb. 9**

**7:30 a:** Special Intention (JLW)

**Saturday, Feb. 10**

**4 p:** +Don DeMers

**Sunday, Feb. 11**

**9 a:** For The People

## LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS...

for the annual Chicken N' Noodle Dinner Sun., March 3, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sign-up sheet is up on the lobby windows. Please take a moment, before you leave Mass today, to sign up for your favorite job. Many hands will make light work.



**Monday, Feb. 5**

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

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

**Tuesday, Feb. 6**

**2 p.m.:** Eucharistic Adoration

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

**Wednesday, Feb. 7**

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

**Thursday, Feb. 8**

**No activities today.**

**Friday, Feb. 9**

**8 a.m.:** Bible Study, overflow

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

**Saturday, Feb. 10**

**4 p.m.:** Mass

**Sunday, Feb. 11**

**9 a.m.:** Mass

**4 p.m.:** Holy Hour at St. Joseph





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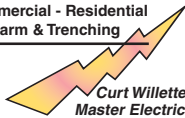
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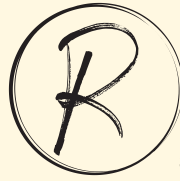
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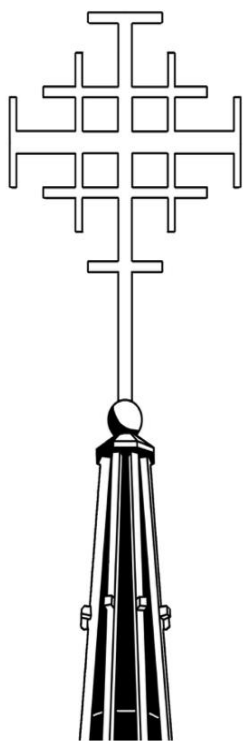
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# News From St. Mary's Parish



## Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to make deserts for the fish fries this Lent. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex. There is also a sign-up sheet for adults and a sign-up sheet for youth who would like to volunteer to help at the fish fries.

## Monthly CDA Meetings

CDA has moved the monthly meeting to Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. (after noon Mass) for the winter.

## Steubenville Registration

Steubenville registration is open for 8-12th grades. For more information, please contact Jacques Bouli at youth@thelakescatholic.church.

## Movie Night

The February "Movie Night" will be at 12:30 p.m. (after noon Mass) on February 7th. Everyone is invited to come watch the movie "Sound of Freedom." Please join us, and bring a friend!

## Fish Fry Dates

Mark Your Calendars! The Fish Fry season will soon be here. The dates this year will be February 16, February 23, and March 1 at St. Mary's and March 8 and March 22 at St. Joseph's. More details in the weeks to come. Questions and volunteer opportunities may be directed to Andrew Vortherms at 507-884-6139 or Rob Waterhouse at 712-320-0269.

## Knights of Columbus Members of Council #5043

If you have taken only the 1st degree ceremony, you can get your 2nd and 3rd degree by attending our local ceremony here at St. Mary's. We urge you to take advantage of this option. Please contact Brian Nokleby at 712-339-0083 to get on the list for the next ceremony.

## Eucharistic Miracles of the World Coming to St. Mary's

St. Mary's will host the Vatican-approved international Eucharistic Miracles of the World exhibit from February 10 – February 18. It is free to view before and after Mass times. The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit is a traveling display on loan from Spirit Catholic Radio. It features 39 beautiful panels that highlight some of the most powerful Eucharistic miracles in the world. For more information, visit [spiritcatholicradio.com/miracles](http://spiritcatholicradio.com/miracles).

## 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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## Together As One

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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, Feb. 5**

**No Mass Today**

**Tuesday, Feb. 6**

**No Mass Today**

**Wednesday, Feb. 7**

**12 p.m.:** Deceased CDA Members

**Thursday, Feb. 8**

**2 p.m.:** Adoration

**5:30 p.m.:** +Mary Lou Korwes

**Friday, Feb. 9**

**No Mass Today**

**Saturday, Feb. 10**

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

**Sunday, Feb. 11**

**10:30 a.m.:** +Gerald Irlbeck



## WEEKLY Calendar

**Monday, Feb. 5**

No events today

**Tuesday, Feb. 6**

**5:30 p.m.:** Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, Feb. 7**

**12 p.m.:** Mass

**Thursday, Feb. 8**

**2 p.m.:** Adoration

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

**Friday, Feb. 9**

No events today

**Saturday, Feb. 10**

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

**Sunday, Feb. 11**

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

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

### Lenten Adult Book Study

Please join us for a five-week book study during Lent. We will meet on Wednesday evenings beginning February 21, 2024, from 5:15pm - 6:15 pm in the family room at St. Mary's. We will be reading "Holy Moments" by Matthew Kelly. We will have copies of the book available for your use if you don't already have the book. To register, please see the sign-up form on the counter in the narthex, or email Shawna Ditsworth at shawnaditsworth@yahoo.com.

### Special Collections in February

Donations for the Building Fund and Briar Cliff collections should be placed in the basket on the weekend of February 4. Donations for the Aid to Global Churches collection should be placed in the basket on the weekend of February 18. Please make checks payable to "St. Mary's," and write "Building Fund" or "Briar Cliff" or "Aid to Global Churches" 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 February special collections will be available on our website from February 1-29. 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.

### 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, which can be found in the narthex of the church.

**All are invited** to attend the Choir Festival Feb. 11th @ 2 p at St. Mary's Parish. The St. Mary's adult choir, along with other area ensembles, will present sacred music in honor of St. Cecelia.

### Ministry Schedule

#### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, February 10th @ 5:30 p.m.**

**EMHC:** Sharon Crowley, Eileen & Jed Skogerboe

**LECTOR:** Ron Crowley

**SERVERS:** Carter Trautman, Kaitlyn Trautman

**HOSPITALITY:** Nancy Carlson, Kevin Delaney, Gayle Eral, Tom Kellen

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**Sunday, February 11th @ 10:30 a.m.**

**EMHC:** Kim Kirschbaum, Jeannie James, Sylvia Jennings

**LECTOR:** Cyndy Powers

**SERVERS:** Layne Jacobsma, Lucas Jacobsma

**HOSPITALITY:** Mike Davis, Alan Ditsworth, Margie & Tom Lynch

**There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex for Ash Wednesday Masses**

**February 14th – 12:00 noon & 6:00 p.m.**

**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

## Lenten Companion

Next week, we will make a Lenten prayer companion available to those who would like to make use of a little extra daily prayer and reflection during Lent. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 14 and the companion provides a daily reflection plus some special seasonal prayers and a set of meditations on the Stations of the Cross. We thank the St. Joseph Altar and Rosary Society and the St. Mary's Church for providing these nice books for our spiritual growth.

## Confirmation Retreat

We would like to thank Teresa Goehring, Steph Jacobsma, Jean Mohr and Fr. Travis Crotty for the nice job they did on the Confirmation retreat for our 9th and 10th graders last weekend. Our Confirmation preparation is a two-year program that includes time for prayer, classroom learning about the faith and community service. We would like to thank all of those who take their time to share the faith with our children.



## Milford Mobile Food Pantry

The Milford Mobile Food Pantry is on the third Thursday of every month from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Downtown Church, 2105 N. Ave., Milford, IA (for locals this is the former Baptist Church building and is located southwest of The Lakes News Shopper). The food pantry is free of charge. Please do not line up before 3:30 p.m. For more information email [dchungerg@gmail.com](mailto:dchungerg@gmail.com).

## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is quickly approaching. Just a reminder of the Ash Wednesday Masses. At St. Joseph Milford, Mass on Wed., Feb. 14 will be at 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. with soup by the CDA to follow. At St. Mary's, Spirit Lake, Mass will be at 12 noon and at 6 p.m.



## Hospital Visitation

When a member of your family is in the hospital, we appreciate it if you could let us know at our parish offices. Due to heightened concerns about privacy, the local hospital is very limited in their ability to share patient information with us. Please let us know if you or a member of your family must go to the hospital.



## Stewardship



## REPORT

Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the gospel in the hope of having a share in its blessings."

### ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Jan. 27-28, 2024 Attn: 521

Adults: \$4,127.00

Loose: \$873.00

Candles: \$23.00

Online: \$445.00

Briar Cliff: \$90.00

Altar/Rosary Dues: \$40.00

Peace & Justice: \$128.00

Endowment: \$20.00

### ST. MARY'S FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Jan. 27-28, 2024 Att: 537

Adults: \$3,320.00

Online: \$595.60

Loose: \$947.00

Votive: \$56.00

Dollar Collection: \$301.00



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