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Third Sunday of Lent
March 3, 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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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 and 9 a.m.

Are you new to the community? Would you like to join St. Joseph Parish? Just fill out the coupon below and return to the office or in the collection basket.

NAME: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
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Phone: _____



Financial Information:

CDA Soup, Feb. 14: Att.:

Income: \$432.00 Exp: \$162.91

KC Soup, Feb. 20: Att. 50

Income: \$179.00 Exp: \$0*

*Thank You to the KC's for donating their soup costs. There was no soup supper on Tues., Feb. 27. Next Tuesday, March 5, soup will be prepared by Rosary/Altar members.



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

this Sunday, March 3

✓ 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary's, Spirit Lake

✓ 4 p.m. St. Joseph, Milford

Fish Fry Dates

Mark Your Calendars! The Fish Fry season will soon be here. The dates this year will be March 8 and March 22 at St. Joseph's. More details coming.



THANK
you.

Thanks to all who assisted in the World Day of Prayer program which was held on Fri., March 1 at St. Joseph. We are happy to host this ecumenical event for our parishioners and fellow Christians.

Prayers and sympathy from the St. Joseph Parish Family to Lois Koelder on the death of her brother, Vernon J. Haberman, 78, of Newcastle, NE, who died February 25, 2024. His Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, March 2 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Newcastle, NE.



PUT this on your calendar....Annual Church cleaning for Holy Week is on Mon., March 25, 8:30 a.m. Both men and women are encouraged to assist in this project. Refreshments following.



REMEMBER your loved one with an Easter Lily or flowers that will be used to decorate the church for Easter. Cost is \$15. Wed., March 27 is the deadline for names to be included in the bulletin.

Together As One

Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through TAO. To date, we have raised **\$25,522** in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$40,197.00 with gifts from 114 households. Will you help us meet our fundraising goals? Visit www.scdiocese.org/together-as-one.



Ministry Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 9th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Doug Heller, Jeff Knudtson, Sheila Thelen

LECTOR: Lois Eckard

SERVERS: Isabel Nelson, Ron Swartz

HOSPITALITY: Jim Baumgard, Anne Donovan, Monica Koeppen, Dan & Mona O'Neil

Sunday, March 10th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Barb & Bob Kollasch, Marlys Nolan

LECTOR: Beth Lorch

SERVERS: Alex Anderson, Simon Walleck

HOSPITALITY: Bill & Cheryl Aumer, John Heller, Connie Tesene, Abby Walleck

News From St. Joseph Parish

Religious Education News By Erin Lorch Director of Faith Formation

Greetings! March is pretty exciting around here! The catechists continue to teach from the Word of Life Curriculum while also incorporating special Lenten devotions. We will only have a couple of "normal" nights of classes due to Spring Break and Holy Week! See the important dates below for more information.

CRS RICE BOWLS - This Lent, you and your family are encouraged to take part in the CRS Rice Bowl Project. You can pick up a rice bowl and check out the tri-fold poster for more information near the Parish Center.

VBS - Save the date! VBS will take place June 9-13 with an optional supper at 5pm and the program from 5:30-7:30 p.m. If you'd like to volunteer, please attend the VBS Volunteer Meeting on March 20 at 6:15 p.m. in the Parish Center! *Erin*

Important Dates

- 3/3-Faith Formation Mass at the 10:30 a.m. mass
- 3/6-Class
- 3/13-NO CLASS (Okoboji Schools Spring Break!)
- 3/20-Class (Stations of the Cross and Examination of Conscience)
- 3/20-VBS Volunteer Meeting at 6:15 p.m. in the Parish Center-All welcome!
- 3/27-Class (Confession)

AMORE Dinner Update

Thank you for your participation and support in our Amore Dinner Fundraiser for our Steubenville trip this summer. We received \$2,500 in donations toward our youth registration fees. Expenses were approximately \$500.00. Your generosity is without price, and we are truly grateful for your help. If you weren't able to attend the dinner and would still be interested in helping us financially, please contact me at youth@thelakes-catholic.church as we still have about \$10,000 to fundraiser to help cover registration fees. Any donation would be most appreciated. Thank you so much!

--Jacques Bouli



THE REAL date for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is Thursday, April 25. The deadline for reservations is Monday, April 22. It was incorrectly reported in the March newsletter. We regret the error.

LIVESERVE Blood drive results: 13 registered, 11 products collected and 33 potential lives saved. Thanks to St. Joseph for continuing to host blood drives with LifeServe. Your help create a big impact on all your local communities. --Alex Jackson, LifeServe Blood Center Representative

PRAY for these members: Dan O'Neill, Donna Kramer, Pat Graves, Charles Reckard, Vince Bronson, Linda Cunningham, Mark Kollasch, Tutti Willison, Becky Wittrock, 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, Finley Brunsvold, Phyllis Hintz.



PLEASE pray for these special persons: Robbie Hesseltine, Diane Esch, Izabella Rose, 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, 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, March 2

4 p: For The People

Sunday, March 3

10:30 a: +Mary Davenport

Monday, March 4

No Mass Today

Tuesday, March 5

5:30 p: +Marlene Nelsen

Wednesday, March 6

No Mass Today

Thursday, March 7

No Mass Today

Friday, March 8

7:30 a: +Mardell Eilers

Saturday, March 9

4 p: +Frank Kennedy

Sunday, March 10

9 a.m.: For The People

LENT



Monday, March 4

6:30 p.m.: "Jesus & The Eucharist" Bible Study, Parish Center.

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

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, March 5

2 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration

5:30 p.m.: Mass

6 p.m.: Soup Supper by R/Altar

Wednesday, March 6

10 a.m.: Centering Prayer in St. Rita Conference Center. All welcome.

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

Thursday, March 7

No activities today.

Friday, March 8

7:30 a.m. Mass

8 a.m.: Bible Study, overflow

Saturday, March 9

4 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, March 10

9 a.m.: Mass



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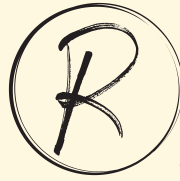
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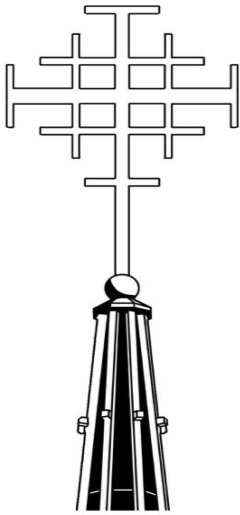
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News From St. Mary's Parish



Amore Dinner

The traditional Amore Dinner to support the Steubenville Trip at St. Mary's will take place on March 10th from 4-7PM. A romantic dinner with many food specialties, served by the youth in a wonderful atmosphere. To register, please sign up on the flyers in the back of the church or by QR code, or contact Jacques Bouli in the parish office. The youth are expecting to see many of you there! Thank you for your support!



Stations of the Cross During Lent

Stations of the Cross during Lent will be at 4:45 p.m. on Thursdays (March 7, March 14, and March 21).

Meals on Wheels

St. Mary's has agreed to deliver Meals on Wheels for the second half of March. There is a sign-up sheet and information on the table in the narthex. We are grateful to all who assist with this project.

Lumen Digital Conversion

The Lumen is transitioning to 100% digital content delivery. The current subscription year for The Lumen is July 1, 2023, through June 27, 2024, with 24 issues. All subscribers who paid \$35 for the current year will continue to receive The Lumen twice monthly through the end of June 2024. This includes printed editions and online e-editions.

Thank You

Thank you to all of the dessert bakers, volunteers, and everyone who partook in making this Fish Fry season so successful!



Communal Penance Service

A communal penance service will be held this Sunday, March 3rd at 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary's and at 4:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's.

Quest 2024 Date Change

Due to scheduling conflicts with lodging in Rapid City, Quest 2024 has been moved from June 3-7 to June 24-28. This annual trip sponsored by the Vocations Office is open to any high school or college age young men who are looking to grow in their faith with other young men from Northwest Iowa. This trip will be led by Fr. Crotty, Fr. Jones, and the seminarians of the Diocese of Sioux City. We will hike, pray, play paintball, and encourage each other in holiness. To register, please email Michelle in the Vocations Office at michelles@scdiocese.org.

Jesus and the Eucharist Video Series

Our Jesus and the Eucharist Video series runs until March 21st. The series is held every Thursday from 6:30-7:45 p.m.. A soup supper will be served at 6 p.m. prior to the event. We hope to see many of you there as we are renewed in this central mystery of our faith.

Together As One

Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through TAO. As of January 31, we have raised \$29,196.00 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$30,923.00 with gifts from 130 households. Will you help us meet our fundraising goals? Visit www.scdiocese.org/together-as-one.



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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, March 4

No Mass Today

Tuesday, March 5

No Mass Today

Wednesday, March 6

12 p.m.: +Dolores Mergen

Thursday, March 7

2 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m.: +Mary Lempianinen

Friday, March 8

No Mass Today

Saturday, March 9

5:30 p.m.: +Marlyn & +Joyce Lonneman

Sunday, March 10

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



Monday, March 4

No events today

March 5

5:30 p.m.: Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 6

12 p.m.: Mass

12:30 p.m.: CDA Meeting (classroom)

5:15 p.m.: Adult Book Study (Family Rm)

Thursday, March 7

2 p.m.: Adoration

4:45 p.m.: Stations of the Cross

5:30 p.m.: Mass

6 p.m.: Soup Supper (parish hall)

6:30 p.m.: Jesus and the Eucharist (P Hall)

Friday, March 8

No events today

Saturday, March 9

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, March 10

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

10:30 a.m.: Mass

4 p.m.: Amore Dinner (parish hall)

Special Collections in March

Donations for the Social Justice collection should be placed in the basket on the weekend of March 3. Donations for the Easter Flowers collection should be placed in the basket on the weekend of March 17. Donations for the Retired Priests of the Diocese of Sioux City collection should be placed in the basket on the weekend of March 31. Please make checks payable to "St. Mary's," and write "Social Justice" or "Easter Flowers" or "Retired Priests – SC" 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 March special collections will be available on our website from March 1-29. Thank you for your generous support!

CDA Meeting

The next Catholic Daughters meeting will be on March 6th at 12:30 p.m. (after the Noon Mass). The ladies of St. Mary's are invited to attend.

Remembering Loved Ones for Easter Flower Offering

If you would like to remember your loved ones when submitting your Easter Flower offering, please include their names on the Easter Flower Offering envelope that you received in your packet of offertory envelopes this month. If you give online, you can give to the Easter Flowers fund online but will need to give your list of names to Cynthia in the parish office (smoffice@thelakescatholic.church). To be included in the list of names in the bulletin, we will need your envelope or list of completed names by 8 a.m. on Monday, March 18.



Opportunity for High School and College Students

Christ Our Life Catholic Conference – Saturday, Sept 28 – Wells Fargo Arena. Free Tickets for high school and college students who want to attend live or livestream, made possible by generous donors. Interact and hear amazing world-class speakers. To get your free ticket, register online at ChristOurLifeIowa.com. A ticket is required for admittance for all.

Ministry Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 9th @ 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Annette & Tom Kalkhoff, Jean Mohr

LECTOR: Doug Zemler

SERVERS: Dave & Linda Hansen

HOSPITALITY: Jim Bunt, Joe Endres, Jim Leinbaugh, Doug Zemler

Sunday, March 10th @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Mary Emgarten, Toni Nicks, Jamin Trautman

LECTOR: Mary Brandt

SERVERS: Carter Trautman, Kaitlyn Trautman

HOSPITALITY: Mike Davis, Bob Emgarten, Brady Kramer, Jim Wiese

ONLINE: Greg Rolling

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.

Pastor's COLUMN

Penance Service

We have Confessions each week here at St. Joseph's and St. Mary's. This Sunday, March 3, we will have a Communal Penance Service with a group of priests in attendance. Our services will be at St. Mary's at 2:30 p.m. and St. Joseph's at 4 p.m. Let us pray for each other as we undertake the difficult task of scouring sin out of our lives.

Anointing of the Sick

Mark your calendar for Wed., April 10 at 12 noon at St. Mary's, in Spirit Lake, for the next Anointing of the Sick Mass. Please join us for Mass and the Anointing Service. Anyone over the age of 62 can be anointed any time and certainly if you are suffering from a chronic illness.

Tuesday and Thursday Nights

Plan to continue your Lenten Journey on Tuesday nights at St. Joseph or Thursday nights at St. Mary's. Each parish will have Exposition at 2 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross at 4:45 p.m. Mass begins at 5:30 and will be followed by a Soup Supper.



Religious Education

We are 2/3 of the way of our Religious Education year. What an amazing year of fresh, new activities and long-standing traditions at St. Joseph and St. Mary's! This is the time of year where many of our parents, catechists, volunteers, and students are anticipating "summer break." "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9) Just as the farmers prepare for planting season, we too in our families and faith formation are planting the seeds of faith into our children. May we keep our focus on the good that comes out of all the work it takes to pass on the faith to our children and place our trust in Jesus that He will be our Good Shepherd and care for us as we seek to do His will. Let us always pray for our children and remember to pray for our children's catechists. **Erin Lorch & Brigitte Bouli**

Daylight Savings Time

Just a reminder to set your clocks ahead next Saturday night, March 9 as Daylight Savings Time begins the following morning. Even though we lose an hour of sleep, we gain extra hours of sunlight to enjoy, and hopefully, spring like weather coming soon.



Stewardship REPORT

"You shall not covet" is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this understanding that *all* is gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.

ST. JOSEPH

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Feb. 17-18, 2024 Att.: 416

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Feb. 24-25, 2024 Att.: 432

Weekly: \$5,135.00
Online: \$990.00 **Loose:** \$996.00
Chicken Noodle: \$15.00
Aid to Global Churches: \$50.00
Infirm & Retired Priests: \$50.00
Candles: \$23.00

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Feb. 17-18, 2024 Att.: 538

Adults: \$4,290.00
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Loose: \$788.60
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Votive: \$85.00

Feb. 24-25, 2024 Att.: 491

Adults: \$3,327.00
Online: \$970.60
Loose: \$813.00
Dollar Collection: \$272.00
Votive: \$41.00

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