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Joel 2:12

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 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.

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**Income: \$191.00 Exp: \$0\***

\*Thank You to the Rosary/Altar Society for donating their soup costs, preparing, serving and cleaning up following the March 5 soup supper. Next Tuesday, March 12, the Norland/Skopec Crew will prepare the soup.



### Fish Fry Dates

Mark Your Calendars! The Fish Fry season will soon be over. The last remaining date is March 22 at St. Joseph's.



### CHICKEN N' NOODLES Dinner Update:

THANK YOU to all who prepared the food, contributed food and worked the Chicken N' Noodle Dinner on Sun., March 3. Although we no longer make homemade noodles, this dinner requires the time of many volunteers starting Friday night to Sunday at 1:30 p.m. when we finished with clean-up. THANK YOU!

Here are the figures from the dinner.

**Income: \$3,684.00 Exp.:\*0 Net: \$3,684.00**

**Attendance: 332 including nine deliveries and 63 take-outs**

Thank you to Alex and Deb Jones and Dean and Susan Reiser for contributing the total expense of this dinner. If you would like to be a dinner expense contributor in the future, call the office to discuss.



### 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.

### Church Cleaning



**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.

### Together As One

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### Ministry Schedule

#### Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Saturday, March 16th @ 4 p.m.**

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

**LECTOR:** Molly Mulqueen

**SERVERS:** Ben Garcia, John Garcia

**HOSPITALITY:** Bonnie Duhn, Eldon Kraninger, Terri & Tom Rierson

**Sunday, March 17th @ 9 a.m.**

**EMHC:** Bev Kruger, Pete & Sara Laven

**LECTOR:** MaryBeth Gehling

**SERVERS:** Emily Breuer, Asher Knudtson

**HOSPITALITY:** Julie & Tim Fairchild, Arend & Molly Swygman, Jennifer Prentice



# News From St. Joseph Parish

## Religious Education News

By Erin Lorch

Director of Faith Formation

### Greetings!

This past Sunday, we had many young people doing acts of service around the parish. From altar servers, readers for the prayers of faithful at the 10:30am mass, and teens serving at the Chicken N' Noodle Soup Dinner! Thank you to the youth of St. Joseph for showing up for the "extras." You bring smiles, encouragement, and hope to our parish! Enjoy your night off this coming Wednesday (3/13) and have a safe Spring Break!

### CRS RICE BOWLS

It isn't too late 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! Please return your bowls to the Parish Office by April 5.

### VBS

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

*Erin*

### Important Dates

**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 6:15pm in the Parish Center-All welcome!

**3/27**-Class (Confession)

### Youth Ministry/11th/12th Grade News

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**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:** Dave & Lori F & Family, Jullie F., Jamie F., Dave Maranell, Cindy Smith, 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, 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 9

**4 p:** +Frank Kennedy

### Sunday, March 10

**9 a:** +Mary Davenport

### Monday, March 11

**No Mass Today**

### Tuesday, March 12

**5:30 p:** +RonDog & +Charree Sweeten

### Wednesday, March 13

**No Mass Today**

### Thursday, March 14

**No Mass Today**

### Friday, March 15

**7:30 a:** +Wayne Feller

### Saturday, March 16

**4 p:** +Roland Taylor

### Sunday, March 17

**9 a.m.:** For The People



### Monday, March 11

**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 12

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

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

**6 p.m.:** Soup Supper by Norland/Skopec

### Wednesday, March 13

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

**5-6 p:** No Religious Education. Catechist Meeting in St. Rita Zoom.

### Thursday, March 14

**No activities today.**

### Friday, March 15

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

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

### Saturday, March 16

**4 p.m.:** Mass

### Sunday, March 17

**9 a.m.:** Mass

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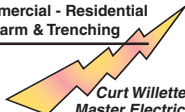
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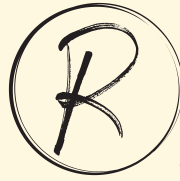
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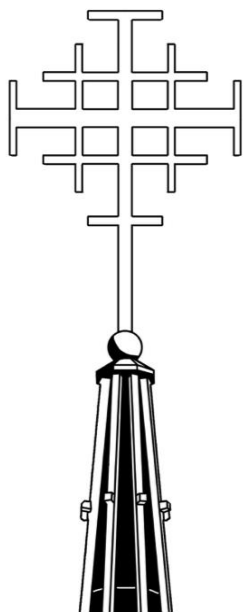
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## News From St. Mary's Parish



### Jesus and the Eucharist Video Series

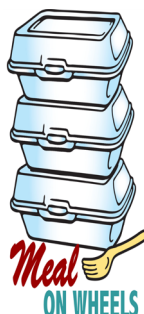
Our Jesus and the Eucharist Video series runs until March 21st. The series is held every Thursday from 6:30-7:45 p.m.

### Vespers on March 24

Vespers is scheduled for St. Mary's at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 24. All are welcome to come and pray Vespers before the Blessed Sacrament.

### 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 still looking for someone to sign up for the North route on Monday, March 25, as well as the Saturday route for March 30.



### Together As One

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### 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](mailto: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.



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A big thank you to all parishioners who are coming to support our youth at the Amore Fundraiser Dinner this Sunday evening. All proceeds will go directly toward our registration costs for the Steubenville Conference this summer. If you are unable to join us, donations are always welcome to help cover registration costs for our participants and allow everyone to experience this great opportunity. Any donations can be brought to the parish office and a note specifying it is for Steubenville. Thank you for your support!



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# News From St. Mary's Parish

## This Week's Mass schedule

**Monday, March 11**

No Mass Today

**Tuesday, March 12**

No Mass Today

**Wednesday, March 13**

12 p.m.: +Mardel Heywood

**Thursday, March 14**

2 p.m.: Adoration

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

**Friday, March 15**

No Mass Today

**Saturday, March 16**

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

**Sunday, March 17**

10:30 a.m.: +Norma & +Dean Seehusen

## WEEKLY Calendar

**Monday, March 11**

No events today

**Tuesday, March 12**

5:30 p.m.: Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, March 13**

12 p.m.: Mass

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

**Thursday, March 14**

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 15**

No events today

**Saturday, March 16**

5:30 p.m.: Mass

**Sunday, March 17**

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

10:30 a.m.: Mass

### Religious Education News

You've probably felt the impending stress of the end of the year- it's hard to believe that we are in our last couple of months of Faith Formation already! That means there are a lot of exciting things happening soon that we are preparing for already.

I've really enjoyed helping this season of Lent come alive for the kids the last few weeks: There is a display of artwork our 1st-4th Graders created for the Stations of the Cross in the Hallway- check it out! We also enjoyed discovering the history of Lenten pretzels and being able to twist and enjoy our own pretzels. Our 5th-10th Graders were able to do the Stations of the Cross together, and soon our 1st-4th Graders will do the same on March 13th. The Stations is a very beautiful devotion our Church offers us during this time of Lent, most especially on Good Friday. We wanted to provide a unique, youth-led opportunity this year for Good Friday: we will be doing a joint outdoor Family Stations of the Cross together with the families of St Joseph's Church on March 29th at 3 p.m. at St Joseph's Parish. Mark your calendars! This is such a unique opportunity for your entire family to come and experience this beautiful devotion outdoors in an interactive way, with music, youth participation and meditations led by our High Schoolers. We hope to see you ALL there! **Brigitte Bouli - Director of Religious Education**

### Adult Ministry News

All adults: join us for a Parish Retreat this Lent as we prepare for Easter together on Saturday, March 23rd, from 9-10 a.m. in the Church. There will be no Men or Women's Faith Breaks during the month of March outside of the Retreat.

### Special Collections in March

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 "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](http://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!

### Ministry Schedule

#### Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Saturday, March 16th @ 5:30 p.m.**

**EMHC:** Lind aHansen, Curt & Sandi Smith

**LECTOR:** Phyllis McKeown

**SERVERS:** Gabe Bennett, Mackenzie Bennett

**HOSPITALITY:** Jim Carney, Dave Hansen, Mark & Kim Ingwersen

**Sunday, March 17th @ 10:30 a.m.**

**EMHC:** Shawna Ditsworth, Susan Lynn, Pam Wingert

**LECTOR:** Karen Fergen

**SERVERS:** Jasper Robinson, Tyson Robinson

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✓ **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

## A LENTEN REFLECTION

### Festival of Spring

Why should we Christians feel joyful today? In the first place, this Sunday is a festival of spring. At least it was so in the early church. In olden times the first roses were brought to church for a blessing on this Sunday. (highest, can eat their fill, when God lifts the white pall of winter from the earth and restores life in abundance to plants and animals--then Christians have cause to experience heartfelt joy, for they have a presentiment that Paradise is not far away....



*Plus Parsch, from A Lent Sourcebook II*



### Anointing Mass

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.

### A Job Opportunity

The Diocese of Sioux City is seeking a cleaning person for Vianney House, a diocesan-owned house near Crescent Beach used by priests and deacons. Stop in at the St. Joseph parish office for details. Job starts April 15 thru Nov. 1. Equal opportunity employer.

### 4th Sunday of Lent

We are already to the fourth Sunday of Lent. Reflect on the past weeks and the remaining weeks ahead that remain on our journey of Lent. In just two short weeks, we will celebrate Palm Sunday followed by Holy Week and finally Easter.

### Many Thanks

Thanks to all who have attended our Tuesday and Thursday night soup suppers, Friday fish fries, Amore and the chicken noodle dinner. We appreciate your support of church food events.



## Stewardship REPORT

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead the life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."

### ST. JOSEPH

#### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

**March 2-3, 2024 Att.: 385**

**Weekly: \$4,017.16**

**Online: 640.00 Bldg.: \$7,858.00**

**Loose: \$827.00 Mem: \$140.00**

**Aid to Global Churches: \$25.00**

**Candles: \$110.54 Endow: \$60.00**

**Peace & Justice: 132.00**

### ST. MARY'S

#### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

**March 2-3, 2024 Att.: 499**

**Adults: \$4,330.00**

**Online: \$1,825.60**

**Loose: \$827.50**

**Dollar Collection: \$260.76**

**Votive: \$34.83**



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