

The Saint Joseph Journal

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Happy New Year
It seems strange to be looking forward to the beginning of 2022 already. The change of our calendars have always been a time of new beginnings. Traditionally folks make New Years resolutions that are notoriously broken within the first few weeks of the year. Maybe our New Years resolutions are too far reaching or too demanding or we fail to knit them carefully into our lives. This winter time of year can be a fruitful time for us to take stock and make adjustments to our way of living. The upper mid-west strong winters encourage us to draw the circle a bit smaller as we stay inside more. Our busy lives continue to surge on but these quieter winter months can also be a time for a bit of spiritual renewal and resolution. Our spiritual lives demand continual renewal. Our response to the Lord is often conditioned by our human experiences.

Our Parish

By Fr.
Brian
Hughes



This might be a good time of year to spend some time examining our spiritual priorities.

is not worth living" Self-knowledge and self-examination can lead to a more satisfying life and one which can lead us to a deeper commitment to family and friends and community. Of course, self-examination can lead to a

certain kind of self-absorption but it can also lead us out of ourselves and into the lives of others. Self-examination can lead us to the Lord Jesus. An abiding sense of the spiritual aspects of our lives and a

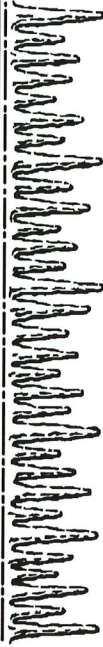
deeper resolution for renewal and change can bear great fruit in our relationships and in our private lives. As 2022 dawns upon us let us resolve to meet the Lord in word and in action.



How can our prayer lives be enriched? What relationships do I need to work on? What behaviors and habits need to be adjusted to better be able to center my life on the spiritual aspects of my life? The Greek philosopher Socrates said, "The unexamined life




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January 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27			30		1 9 a.m. New Year's Day Mass 4 p.m. Mass
2 ✓ Mass at 9 a.m.	3 ✓ No Mass Today ✓ Parish Offices Closed for New Year Holiday ✓ AA-ALANON 8 p.m. - Nazareth	4 ✓ Eucharistic Adoration 2-5:15 pm ✓ Mass at 5:30 p	5 Rel. Education K-4: 3:45-5 p.m. 7 pm.: 6-12: ✓ 8 pm Youth Group	6 ✓ Bible Study 8 a.m. Overflow	7 First Friday Communion Calls by Deacon Darwin	8 10 a.m. Second Grade Confessions 4 p.m. Mass
9 ✓ Mass at 9 a.m.	10 ✓ No Mass Today ✓ AA-ALANON 8 p.m. - Nazareth	11 ✓ Eucharistic Adoration 2-5:15 pm ✓ Mass at 5:30 p ✓ 6 p.m. Altar/Rosary in Parish Center	12 Rel. Education K-4: 3:45-5 p.m. 7 pm.: 6-12: ✓ 8 pm Youth Group	13 Bible Study 8 a.m. - Naz ✓ 11 a.m. Ones meet at Perkin's ✓ 6:30 p: Baptism Class, overflow	14	15 4 p.m. Mass
16 ✓ Mass at 9 a.m. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Annual Spaghetti Dinner	17 No Mass Today ✓ AA-ALANON 8 p.m. - Nazareth	18 ✓ Eucharistic Adoration 2-5:15 pm ✓ Mass at 5:30 p	19 Rel. Education K-4: 3:45-5 p.m. 7 pm.: 6-12: ✓ 8 pm Youth Group	20 Bible Study 8 a.m. Nazareth	21	22 4 p.m. Mass
23 Mass at 9 a.m. KC Mass	24 No Mass Today ✓ AA-ALANON 8 p.m. - Nazareth	25 ✓ Eucharistic Adoration 2-5:15 pm ✓ Mass at 5:30 p	26 Rel. Education K-4: 3:45-5 p.m. 7 pm.: 6-12: ✓ 8 pm Youth Group	27 Bible Study 8 a.m. Nazareth Soup Kitchen	28	29 4 p.m. Mass
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Saint Joseph Catholic Church
Profit Loss November 2021

	Nov 21	Nov 20	Jul - Nov 21	Jul - Nov 20
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
40000 · PARISH INCOME	57,264.95	47,486.00	277,565.63	234,233.14
41000 · INVESTMENT INCOME	218.24	14,659.11	2,975.89	15,818.33
44000 · AUXILIARY INCOME	7,101.76	821.00	20,880.67	7,154.00
47000 · CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS	-1,607.00	2,336.00	9,598.03	3,146.00
49000 · OTHER INCOME	138.11	48,123.55	2,711.76	52,953.63
Total Income	63,116.06	113,425.66	313,731.98	313,305.10
Expense				
50000 · SALARIES AND WAGES	11,744.81	20,735.37	97,339.31	98,582.80
51000 · ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	6,108.82	6,716.37	26,243.76	24,505.07
51300 · MISSION EFFECTIVENESS	1,994.20	1,003.93	22,705.63	10,009.78
51400 · BUILDING AND GROUNDS	4,936.40	5,111.46	70,144.88	30,981.53
51900 · OTHER ADMIN EXPENSES	213.14	225.21	1,309.77	1,308.99
53000 · ASSESSMENTS	2,197.00	2,084.00	10,985.00	10,420.00
54000 · AUXILIARY EXPENSE	7,145.25	1,500.00	25,695.59	6,824.31
59000 · OTHER EXPENSES	1,524.95	1,274.56	6,646.45	7,193.87
Total Expense	35,864.57	38,650.90	261,070.39	189,826.35
Net Ordinary Income	27,251.49	74,774.76	52,661.59	123,478.75
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
49905 · Haiti Connection Income			0.00	850.00
Total Other Income			0.00	850.00
Other Expense				
59905 · Haiti Connection Expense			0.00	5,710.00
Total Other Expense			0.00	5,710.00
Net Other Income			0.00	-4,860.00
Net Income	27,251.49	74,774.76	52,661.59	118,618.75

For Your Information

December Statistics

(as of December 20, 2021)

Baptized in Christ:

Dax Alan Spooner
Son of
Alex and Becca Spooner
Dec. 19, 2021
* * *

Weddings

None
* * *

Deaths

+Merlin Wuebker
Died: Nov. 29, 2021
Buried: Dec. 3, 2021
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+Earl Sporrer
Died: Dec. 2, 2021
Buried: Dec 10, 2021
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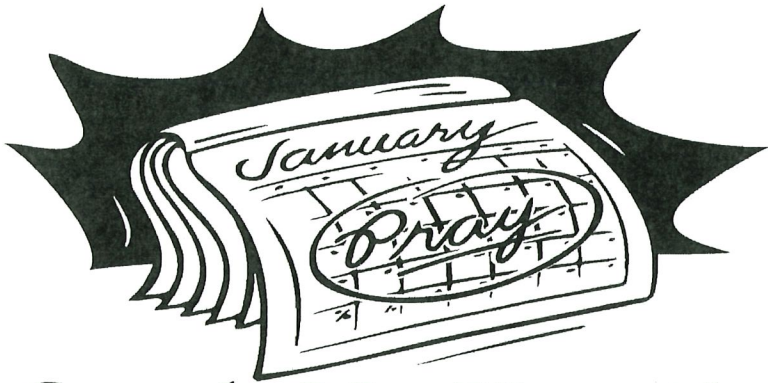


St. Joseph warmly welcomes Jay Jeppesen, of Milford, as a new member.

Join us in
Bible Study
Thursdays, 8 a.m. in
Nazareth Hall.
Good Fellowship.
Refreshments.

TAO Continues

BE GENEROUS - give according to what God has so freely given to you. Please consider a financial gift to the 2021-22 Together as One Appeal, formerly known as Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA). Please return your contribution in the collection or at the parish office.



Start the New Year with *Prayer*

Eucharistic Adoration Offered at St. Joseph

All are welcome to join in Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph's on Tuesdays from 2 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Benediction at 5:15 p.m. concludes the period of Adoration.

Consider joining a small group of committed Adorers who spend time every week in Eucharistic Adoration. Contact Deb at 651-587-7296 for information.

Parish Office Holiday Hours

Holiday hours at the parish office will be as follows:

Closed Fri, Dec. 24

Closed Mon., Dec. 27

Open Tues., Dec. 28:

8-12 noon

Open Wed., Thurs., and Fri., Dec. 29, 30 and 31 from 8 to 12 noon.

Closed Mon., Jan. 3

Open Tues., Jan. 4 at 8 a.m.

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14 - Sharon

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20 - Shane

21 - Church Basement

22 - Kitchen
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Copy for the next issue is due on
the 20th of the preceding month.

Finance Council

The St. Joseph Finance Council met Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021, in the Saint Rita Conference Room. Fr. Hughes called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the group in prayer. The following were in attendance: Lay Director Doug Heller, Council Members Connie Jones, Jim Baumgard and Julie Fairchild and Financial Secretary Susan Reiser. Absent and excused were Lay Director Chris Stein, and members Tony Peschong, Steve Anderson and Chad Harms. Financial reports, including the balance sheet, the profit and loss statement and the budget vs. actual statement, were reviewed.

Second Collection

Discussion on the splitting of the summer second collection was held. It was the consensus of those in attendance that \$4,000 be placed in a special fund for a future cemetery project with the balance, \$9,086.14, be given to the Social Justice Committee. It was decided that a second collection would be taken the first weekend of the month for Social Justice work.

Personnel Manual

Fr. Hughes asked that a committee be formed to review the current St. Joseph Personnel manual and make updates as necessary. Connie Jones volunteered to chair this committee. At least one additional committee member will be asked to assist.

Parking Lot

Fr. Hughes suggested that the Finance Council begin thinking about a parking lot project in light of the city's plans to reconstruct 13th St. A decision needs to be made whether the project includes asphalt or cement.

Memorial and Estate Gifts

Fr. Hughes briefly described the difference between memorial and estate gifts given to St. Joseph. Use of memorial gifts are usually at the discretion of the priest and family and are gathered at the time of a person's death. Estate gifts, on the other hand, become an asset of the parish to which the Finance Council is responsible for its use, usually with family input.

Mass Times

Fr. Hughes asked Finance Council members to evaluate the current mass schedule. After review of the current winter and summer schedule, it was decided that the mass times should remain as is.

School Feasibility Study

Fr. Hughes said that after the school feasibility study has been completed, it has been determined that there is not enough support at this time to proceed with a new Catholic school. Fr. Hughes will be releasing more detailed information in the weeks ahead.

New Sign

Fr. Hughes reported that our current outdoor sign is not working. After checking with Roling Signs, it seems the software and sign is outdated. After discussion and review of proposals, those in attendance agreed to purchase a new 63.5 by 85 inch sign with full color at a cost of \$27,879. Because this is over the \$20,000 purchase limit, a resolution will need to be prepared and approved by the Diocese prior to purchase.

Technology Position

Fr. Hughes presented information regarding the possible hiring of a technology company to oversee technology needs at St. Joseph including the web page and computer security. Fr. plans to consult with additional Finance Council members before a decision is made.

Roof Damage

Fr. Hughes reported that the wind storm Tuesday evening, Dec. 14 damaged the church roof. The insurance company has been notified. Staff will call the roofing company for repair.

Baumgard moved with a second by Jones to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Reiser

Susan Reiser

Finance Council Secretary

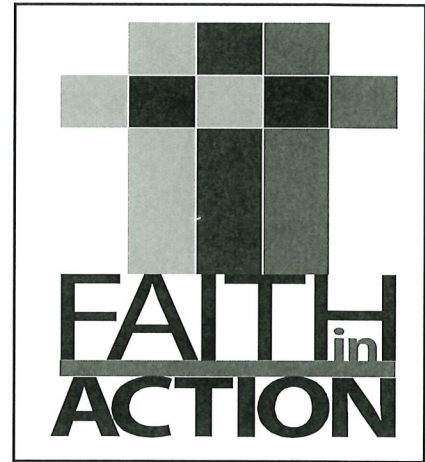
Together In Faith

By Sharon Mayer
Director of Faith Formation

Happy 2022 to all. I am hoping to begin moving better than I have in a long time now that I have a new hip. Therapy will help with that. I am hoping for not much ice this year as I work on becoming more limber.

Our students will be returning right after we celebrate Epiphany. This is a celebration often lost amongst the fervor of the Christmas season. Many people, especially children, believe the Magi were present when the announcement was made to the Shepherds about Jesus' birth. The visit of the Magi was a separate event. It is easier I assume to roll it all together as is shown in most Nativity scenes. The major players are depicted welcoming the Lord at His birth.

Sometimes I run across a saying and I used to have it on a sweatshirt that says "Wise Men Still Seek Him." Might I add "Wise Women too". Our help in life will always come from the Lord. Sometimes it is indirectly through angels also known as friends. Sometimes it is through the prayers to Saints. Sometimes it is through our scientific advances. But, it is there if we are able to use the vision granted us. As we begin 2022, I pray for the vision to help us see what Jesus would like us to see.



Financial Books Close Dec. 31, 2021

Please note that the financial books of St. Joseph Catholic Church for 2021 will close at 12 noon on Fri., Dec. 31.

We have always been required by the IRS to not accept contributions after Dec. 31 but we have given parishioners the benefit of the doubt.

However, the diocese is now requiring that we accept NO contributions after Dec. 31. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. Contribution statements will be sent in early January, 2022. Books will be rolled over on Jan. 15, 2022.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Many Catholics want to read the Bible but get bogged down by the long stretches that seem not to make sense or get lost among the sea of Old Testament names and places. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, an eight-part Bible study, helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it's all about. Aided by a unique color-coded Bible Timeline™ Chart that arranges the key people, places, and events of the Bible in chronological order, Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will help you pick up the Bible with confidence and understand how you fit into God's plan.

Dickinson County Catholic Community will begin the Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible study on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, 6 p.m., at St. Joseph's Church. Participants will meet to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of group discussion and fellowship. The eight dates of the Bible study are February 1, 8, 15, March 1, 8, 15, 29 and April 5.

In person registration will take place after all Masses at both parishes the weekend of January 8 - 9. Cost is \$15/person for materials. For more information or to register, contact Deb Bode at 651-587-7296 or deb1bode@gmail.com.

Join Us....

for our 20th Annual

Spaghetti Dinner

Sun., Jan. 16, 2022

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

St. Joseph
Parish Center
Free will offering.

Suggested
donation:
\$8 for adults;
\$5 for children.

In-Milford
delivery
available by calling
338-2274.

Each St. Joseph
Family is asked to
bring the following:
A-H: a pan of bars
I-P: a bag of lettuce
Q-Z: a loaf of French
Bread



20th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Meat Prep - Sat., Jan. 15 @ 9 a.m.

Alex Jones
Randy Eckard

Dean Reiser
Ron Swartz

Salad Tossers:

One Shift: 10:30-1 p.m.

Set-Up Saturday, Jan. 15, 1 p.m.:

Merlin Wuebker Dorothy Tatman

Salad Dressing:

Lois Eckard

Water-Milk-Coffee: - (Need 4-6)

One Shift: 10:30-1 p.m.

Take-Out Line: Need 2))

Ticket table:

One Shift: 10:30-1 p.m.

Mary Lou Schroeder

Dessert Servers:

Shift 1: 10:30-1 p.m. - (2)

Greeters and Seaters:

One Shift: 10:30-1 p.m.

Dishwashers:

One Shift: 10:30-1:30 p.m.

Delivery People

Clean-Up: 12:30 PM

Serving Line (One Shift 10:30-1 p.m.)

1) Bonnie Duhn 2) Sharon Mayer
3) Bob Kollasch

Bus People: (need 2 adults and 5 youth)

One Shift: 10:30-1 p.m.

Extras:

Coffee Makers

John and Tutti Willison

CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU CAN
HELP!

Kitchen Helpers:

Shift 1: 10:30-1 p.m.



We're looking for a few cooks to fill our hats!

It's time to begin thinking about some delicious varieties of soup and no cooking on Tuesday nights!

Each Tuesday during Lent, there will be Mass at 5:30 p.m. with soup to follow. This year, the first soup supper will be held on Ash Wednesday, March 2 and then continue for six Tuesday evenings March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29, April 5 and April 12 following the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

We are looking for volunteers, cooks or non-cooks who are willing to make whatever kind of soup they wish. The parish will pay for the soup ingredients. The group must prepare the soup, serve it and clean up following the supper. Call your friends and get your group organized! It can be a fun experience for all involved.

Not only is the soup delicious, but the fellowship is outstanding. A free will offering will be taken at each supper to help defray the cost of the soup. Following is a list of the Lent Soup Supper dates. Call the office if you want to volunteer for any of these dates. Thanks to all who have volunteered.

Thank You To These Fine Volunteers!

Wednesday, March 2:

Tuesday, March 8:

Tuesday, March 15:

Tuesday, March 22:

Tuesday, March 29:

Tuesday, April 5:

Tuesday, April 12: Elser Crew



JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1 Brian Springman
2 Teresa Anderson
3 Mary Arndt
3 Mary DeMuth
3 Patrick Fairchild
3 Shirley Hansen
3 Connie Homan
3 Wayne Langel
3 Tom Murphy
4 Miles Bender
4 William James
4 Jim Metzger
4 Roger Moss
4 Lincoln Wolf
4 Carl Anderson
5 Patrick Carr
5 Landyn Mohning
6 Julie Fairchild
6 Andrew Frerichs
6 Jerry Pape
6 Peggy Muhlbauer
7 Mary Mohning
8 Roger Doyle
8 Scott Goehring
9 Jane Black
9 Scott Swenson
10 Janet Baschke
10 Brody Titterington
11 Adam Nelson
11 Susan Carr
12 Barb Kollasch
12 Bonnie Duhn
12 Bob Epping
12 Mark Fisher
13 Julie Banks

13 Emi Gebel
13 Lyn Marksbury
13 Amy Maschino
13 Cheryl Moss
13 Wesley Radunz
14 Becca Mayou
14 Becca Spooner
14 Curt Willette
14 Richard Wuebker
15 Ben Anderson
15 Kyle Clark
15 Adam Kraninger
16 Debra Goetzinger
17 Clint Banks
17 Molly Grisham
17 Donna Krogman
17 Shaun McCarthy
18 Hudson Berning
18 Creighton Uridil
19 Jaime Berning
19 John Elser
19 Jesus Garcia
19 Marlene Gillette
19 Linda Keenan
19 Emily Modder
19 Lauren Lorch
20 Alex Jones
20 Walter Hanson
20 Shane Akin
20 Kurt Eckard
20 Dave Garberding
21 Pat Graves
21 Caley Holman
21 Maria Sorenson
21 Brianna Swenson

21 Jerry Welter
21 Kathy Welter
22 Barb Overman
22 Jan Pithan
23 Matt Sewell
23 Ann Stein
24 Keith Rimmer
24 Cheryl Muhlbauer
25 Suzi Epping
25 Wayne Hemstreet
25 Craig Newell
26 Judy Kramer
26 Todd Maschino
26 Matthew Mayou
27 Linda Higgins
27 Bradly Simpson
29 Maggie Simonson
30 Lynette Newell
30 Jim Allen

30 Talyn Anderson
30 Taylor Anderson
30 Kathy Rimmer
31 Roger Wittrock
31 Mary Reckard
31 Linda Ruble
31 Lori Schon

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30	31					

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month



2 Merlin and Maxine Theis
4 Gary and Teresa Place
7 Matthew and Chanda Bender
8 Brian and Shelly Langel
8 Herman and Paula Richter
12 Kay and Dennis Meyer
13 Ervin and Jean Schmidt
20 Kim and Ann Dunn
28 Terry and Teresa Abbas
30 George and Jesse Henderson

St. Joseph Social Justice Committee

The St. Joseph Social Justice Committee met Wednesday, November 3, 2021. The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:10 a.m. by Father Brian Hughes. Present were Fr. Brian Hughes, Fr. Tom Flanagan, Merlin Wuebker, Bernie Kramer, Connie Stein, Bob Moore, Dennis Lippon, Kathy Christensen, Lois Koelder and Connie Bjornstad. Fr. Brian led the opening prayer.

The agenda was reviewed and hearing no additions, the agenda was adopted as printed with Fr. Brian changing the order of the discussion items.

Fr. Brian advised the committee that there has been an increase of individuals coming to the church requesting assistance for rent, utility bills, gas for cars and groceries. There is also an increased number of visitors to the St. Joseph clothing room. Also, discussed were the November food pantry and the handling of cash donations received for this project.

Fr. Brian thanked Dennis Lippon for his years of service as chair of the Social Justice Committee and put forth the names of Lois Koelder as chair and Connie Bjornstad as secretary. The Committee voted and unanimously elected Koelder as chair and Bjornstad as secretary.

At this time, Fr. Brian departed for another meeting.

Koelder assumed the duties of Chair.

Minutes – A motion was made by Bernie Kramer and was seconded by Connie Stein to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2021 meeting. Hearing no further discussion, the motion was put to vote with all present voting aye. Motion carried.

Financials – Koelder gave the report on the current financials ending October 31, 2021 which included discussion on budget items for the remaining fiscal year. A motion was made by Bob Moore and seconded by Merlin Wuebker to approve the financial statements as of October 31, 2021. Hearing no further discussion, the motion was put to vote with all present voting aye. Motion carried.

Old Business

Naming of Officers – This item was acted upon earlier at the beginning of the meeting.

Payments approved at the September 1, 2021, Meeting – Payments passed at the September 1, 2021 meeting were reviewed along with a request for a payment for Focus Campus Ministries from the July 14, 2021 meeting. It was noted that two September items passed, Catholic Relief Services for use in Haiti and the Okoboji Youth Football donation along with the July item for Focus Campus Ministries have not yet been paid. Koelder will request payment from the Business Office for the payments to be made for Catholic Relief Services and for Focus Campus Ministries. Because the youth football season is now completed, Fr. Tom made a motion to amend the payment to include the Okoboji Youth Basketball program with the amount donated not to exceed \$300. The motion was seconded by Connie Stein. Calling for further discussion and hearing none, the motion was put to the vote with all present voting aye. Motion carried.

Proposed donations for Fiscal Year 2021-22 – The proposed donations for this fiscal year were discussed with no formal action taken. A motion was made by Fr. Tom and seconded by Lippon to amend the Policies and Procedures to allow for email meetings to pass emergency financial donations. After further discussion, the motion was put to vote with all present voting aye. Motion carried.

4th Weekend of the Month Collection – Koelder advised the board that she had discussed reinstating the 4th Weekend of the Month Collection with Fr. Hughes. Connie Stein moved and was seconded by Kathy Christensen to formally request Fr. Hughes to reinstate the 4th Weekend of the Month Collection which would be designated for Social Justice needs. Following discussion, the motion was put to vote with all present voting aye. Motion carried.

New Business

Request from Fr. Flanagan for reimbursement for postage of \$67 – Koelder advised the Committee that this had been paid to Fr. Tom. Discussion was had on the cost of mailing rosaries to Africa, India and other countries who have requested them. It was the consensus of the committee to continue to support this worthwhile project per the approval granted at a previous meeting.

Thanksgiving Dinner Sponsorship – Discussion was had on the annual St. Joseph Thanksgiving dinner and the Social Justice Committee's role in the project. Bob Moore moved and was



Social Justice News

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seconded by Kathy Christensen to continue the Social Justice Committee sponsorship of the annual St. Joseph Thanksgiving dinner. Hearing no further discussion, the motion was put to vote with all present voting aye. Motion carried.

Adoption of Mission – This item was tabled. Preapproval of Food Cards Purchased – This item was discussed earlier by Fr. Brian and it was noted that Fr. Brian already has pre-approval to purchase food and gas cards as needed. No further action was needed on this item.

Next Meeting Date – The next Social Justice Committee meeting date was set for Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 8:15 a.m., but following discussion, the committee members requested to meet in December 2021. The next scheduled meeting date is set as December 1, 2021 at 8:15 a.m.

Fr. Tom lead the closing prayer. Koelder adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Connie Bjornstad
Secretary

The St. Joseph Social Justice Committee met Wednesday, December 1, 2021. The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:05 a.m. by Chair Lois Koelder. Present were Lois Koelder, Connie Bjornstad, Fran Cerny, Bob Moore, Dennis Lippon. Fr. Brian Hughes arrived later in the meeting. Bob Moore opened the meeting in prayer. The committee noted Merlin Wuebker's many years of service and dedication to this committee

Agenda – Koelder advised the addition of item 7b stipend for clothing room attendant under New Business. The agenda was approved with the addition of item 7b.

Minutes – A motion was made by Bob Moore and seconded by Dennis Lippon to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2021 meeting. Hearing no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote with all present voting aye. Motion carried.

Financials – Koelder gave the report of the current Social Justice financials for July 1, 2021 to November 22, 2021. A motion was made by Connie Bjornstad and seconded by Bob Moore to approve the financial statements as of November 22, 2021. Hearing no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote with all present voting aye. Motion carried.

Old Business

4th Weekend of the Month Collections – Koelder reported that Fr. Hughes has approved re-starting the 4th weekend of the month second collections and to be designated for St Joseph Social Justice needs.

Thanksgiving Dinner Sponsorship – Koelder reported that approximately 55 people attended the Thanksgiving dinner which was served at St. Joseph. Connie Bjornstad moved to pay \$400 in Thanksgiving dinner expenses. Fran Cerny seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion was put to a vote with all present voting aye. Motion carried.

Adoption of Mission – This item tabled until Fr. Hughes arrives at the meeting.

November Food Drive – The food drive was successful with both food and financial donations.

New Business

Donation to Dickinson County Hunger Coalition – Connie Bjornstad gave an update on Dickinson County Hunger Coalition activities and services. Bob Moore moved to donate \$1000 to the Dickinson County Hunger Coalition. Dennis Lippon seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion was put to a vote with all present voting aye. Motion carried.

Stipend for Clothing Room Attendant – Discussion was had on the clothing room ministry and the countless hours needed to make this ministry the success that it is. With the recommendation of Fr. Hughes, a motion was made by Connie Bjornstad and seconded by Bob Moore to pay a one-time stipend to the clothing room coordinator. Following discussion, the motion was put to a vote with all members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Adoption of Mission – Fr. Hughes led the discussion on the conclusion of St. Joseph's involvement with the twinning program in Haiti and the possibility of adopting a mission in Mexico or Central America in conjunction with St. Mary's. Discussion on the mission will continue at future meetings.

The next meeting of the St Joseph Social Justice Committee is tentatively scheduled for January 5, 2022. Fr. Hughes led the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Connie Bjornstad
Secretary

KC News



The Knights of Columbus met Thurs., Nov. 18, 2021. The meeting was called to order. An opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited. Officers present included Grand Knight Brad Shell, Deputy Grand Knight Terry Abbas, Inside Guard Robert Kollasch, Outside Guard Dale Hanna, Financial Secretary Brad Shell, Trustees John Heller, Doug Helle, Duane Schnetter and Chris Jones, Recorder John Heller, and Lecturer Mick Baack. Absent were Advocate Dave Stein, Chancellor Mark Johnson, Warden Jeff Nelson and Chaplain Fr. Brian Hughes. The minutes from the October meeting were approved with a motion by Terry A

and a second by Duane S. Approved.

GK message: Welcome all to our monthly meeting. Received a call from our District Representative last week. He stated that a survey had been conducted in the state and 30% of church goers are not returning after the pandemic. I did not ask if this was a Catholic exclusive survey and if the 30% applied to the Catholic Church but he received the information from State HQ so I assume there is some alarm over Church attendance with an underlying concern about further effects on the Catholic Church. The State HQs is asking that Knights contact all members of their Councils to ensure member participation. I think this is possible. I think members of our Council are attending.

Chaplain's / Lecture's Report: Mick B. talked about the unborn and hot topic of abortion. Said a silent prayer for unborn and abortion ruling that is coming up.

District Deputy Report/Insurance Agent Report: NP

Financial Secretary Report: Bill Approval: \$1,287.77 Motion Zack J. 2nd Bob M. Approved New member Zack H. Transfer member Alvin K.

Treasurer's Report: Report Approval Motion Dale H. 2nd Joel N. Approved

Old Business

Tootsie Roll: We need to decide tonight where the \$2,095.45 gets donated to. Motion by Terry A. to donate \$1000 Hope Haven, \$500 to Autumn, and \$595.45 Special Olympics Milford. 2nd Dustin A. Approved.

Spelling Bee: Doug has agreed to oversee. He has contacted State. No Date has been Set. Grades 4th to 7th Doug will contact principals.

Coats for Kids: Ray did an excellent job of providing Coats, gloves, snow pants and hats. Thank you very much Ray. Also a need for boots for kids. Will contact schools to find out sizes and how many needed.

December Food Drive: Turkeys are purchased and in our freezers. Other concerns: boxes, packing date (Saturday 18 Dec), announcement of food drive (signs, weekly bulletin Dec 4-5, Dec 11-12), distribution date (Sunday 19 Dec), moving food from church to basement. Discussion how to get names for people in need. Motion by John H. to have people pick up baskets, 2nd by Mick B. Approved December 22 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM pickup. Put boxes together on December 22 at 1:00 PM

Membership

KC Mass for December: Mass is Sunday December 5th, 9AM. After we will be serving biscuits and gravy. Other supplies, milk, OJ, and some donuts for children. Donation proceeds going to Discovery House. Motion Terry A. 2nd John W. Approved

Helping Hands: Terry Abbas update. Picked up leaves for lady in Milford, very thankful.

New Business

KC MASS for January: Do we want to do one and if 9 AM Mass what do we serve? Sunday January 23rd and 30th are open. Mass on January 23rd at 9:00 AM Donuts and coffee after.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest: Need a motion to approve Cash Prizes for entries, Terry can you update us? December 8th last day to submit posters. Judge posters December 10th at 6:00 PM in basement. Motion John H. to pay \$30, \$20, and \$15 for prizes 2nd Dale H. Approved

KC & CDA Christmas Dinner: Saturday December 4th

Free Throw Contest: January 16th from 11:30 to 1:30 at High school New Gym

Nativity Set: November 27th at 9:00 AM

Good of the Order: Jack and Ginny Yore, Dick Mataloni, Claire Yaw, Mark Bergquist

Attendance Drawing: Mike Meylor

NEXT MEETING: December 16, 2021

Closing Prayer and Adjourn

Catholic Daughters News



Our Lady of LaSalette #1585 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas met on November 23, 2021. Prior to the meeting Msgr. Ken Siefried and CDA members prayed the Rosary of Remembrance in the parish center. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Regent Deb, called the meeting to order at 6:56 p.m. Roll call of the officers showed 4 present with Secretary absent and Karen substituting for her. There were 14 members and guest, Msgr. Ken Siefried, present.

The minutes of the October meeting and treasurers report were read and approved. Financial secretary reported that all 54 members have paid their 2021 dues. 2022 dues are being accepted. Bills were presented and ap-

proved. A motion was made and approved to pay the bills.

Correspondence: Thank you notes from Laura Hanna and the American Legion 0384 were read.

There was no old business

All KC's, CDA members and their guests are invited to a Christmas party on Saturday, December 4 following the 4:00 Mass. Meat and potatoes will be provided with members bringing a salad or dessert to pass.

The Tree of Love is not being sponsored this year. After discussion a motion was made and approved to spend \$100 on winter boots to be donated to the Okoboji Elementary School.

Recording Secretary, Becky Wittrock, has submitted her resignation. Cheryl Aumer has agreed to fill the remainder of Becky's term. A motion was made and approved to install Cheryl as court recording secretary.

The annual Fall food event was not held this year, but a motion was made and approved to send the State office a check for \$100.

There is currently a contest to rename the Anna Baxter Day which will be held on May 1 in Fort Dodge. Several suggestions were made, but none decided on at this time.

Darlene reported that the veteran's soup supper on November 6 was a huge success with approximately 160 guests served. Many positive comments were received. A motion was made and approved to give middle school student, Vanessa Mouw, \$25 for writing and presenting a speech on what Veteran's Day means to her.

Darlene called attention to upcoming special elections to fill a state senate vacancy and a Milford councilman and parks position.

On December 7 St. Mary's CDA will be having a potluck and program by Sharon Johnson "Mary Did You Know?" following the 5:30 Mass. We are invited to attend.

On November 14 Deb and Loretta made soup and cinnamon rolls for the Middle School Youth Ministry Fall Retreat.

Announcements: Deb Bode and her sister will be facilitating a Bible study called Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible on Tuesday evenings February 1 - April 5. The 8 sessions will be held at St. Joseph with St. Mary parishioners invited to attend, as well. Informational posters have been posted around the church. All are welcome to register and attend.

Good of the Order - The Rosary of Remembrance. Prayer requests were made for several parishioners, family members and friends.

Next Meeting - December 28.

Future Dates - Anna Baxter Day, May 1; Salad Luncheon, May 7

Closing Prayer - Membership prayer

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 with bills to be paid

Respectfully submitted.

Karen Naber

Infant items sought for CDA Layette Project

Catholic Daughters of America/St. Joseph Church, Court Our Lady of La Salette, invites our friends and parishioners to join us after Christmas and into January/February as we collect our annual layette, a worthy cause sponsored for over 30 years!

A beautiful cradle in the foyer of the church will be the drop-off point. Any NEW infant item is greatly appreciated. These items will be presented at our February meeting to Lakes Regional Hospital of Spirit Lake and Birth Right and Catholic Charities in Spencer. Catholic Charities has expressed a real need for items useful for 2-4 year-olds such as board books, learning toys, etc., used most often in parenting classes. Learning toys can certainly be gently used.

We thank you pre-emptively for any contribution and will keep you informed as to the delivery of the gifts.

With Charity and Love,
CDA of St. Joseph Parish

A NOTE OF



**A special word of thanks to Mary Lou Schroeder
and Nancy Long and their Crew
for their endless hours of dedicated work in the
Parish Clothing Room Project.**

**Their hard work has assisted countless
families throughout Dickinson County.
We are grateful for the generous service and
joyful spirit that you bring to this important
social outreach project.**

**Thanks also to the Altar/Rosary Society for their
kind and generous gift of a new ice machine for
our parish kitchen. Many different groups and
families use our parish kitchen facilities.
We are grateful for the thoughtful gift of our
Altar/Rosary Society to keep our kitchen in
working order.**

January Volunteer Ministry Schedule

Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God

Friday, December 31st @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Chris Jones, Connie Jones, Karen Naber

LECTOR: Lois Eckard

SERVERS: Faith Garcia, John Garcia

HOSPITALITY: Jim Baumbard, Bonnie Duhn, Doug Heller, Monica Koppen

Saturday, January 1st @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Bill Aumer, Cheryl Aumer, Marlys Nolan

LECTOR: Beth Lorch

SERVERS: Deb Johnson, Mark Johnson

HOSPITALITY: Michael Sjolbom, Sharn Sjolbom

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 1st @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Jim McCoy, Paul Skopec, Jerilyn Streit

LECTOR: Irene McCoy

SERVERS: Isabel Nelson, Ron Swartz

HOSPITALITY: Eldon Kraninger, Mary Kraninger, Terri Rierison, Tom Rierison

Sunday, January 2nd @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Connie Hinrichs, Cheryl Houseman, Rick Houseman

LECTOR: Susan Willette

SERVERS: Bryce Anderson, Will Anderson

HOSPITALITY: Gary Espinoza, Julie Fairchild, Tim Fairchild, Curt Willette

The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 8th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Faith Garcia, Alma Klute, Jeff Knudtson

LECTOR: Molly Mulqueen

SERVERS: Brian Jones, Dylan Jones

HOSPITALITY: Anne Donovan, Loretta Halbur, Connie Mataloni, Dick Mataloni

Sunday, January 9th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Denise Cole, Steve Eral, Pete Laven

LECTOR: Sara Laven

SERVERS: Noah Walleck, Simon Walleck

HOSPITALITY: Bill Aumer, Cheryl Aumer, Jon Sorenson, Abby Walleck

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 15th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Alex Jones, Eldon Kraninger, David Loebig

LECTOR: Brad Shell

SERVERS: Ron Swartz, Nick Stein

HOSPITALITY: Doug Heller, Monica Koppen, Irene McCoy, Jim McCoy

Sunday, January 16th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Donna Goebel, Chad Harms, Erin Lorch

LECTOR: Aaron Lorch

SERVERS: Austin Harms, Asher Knudtson

HOSPITALITY: Teresa Fairchild, Patrick Goebel, Joel Naber, Karen Naber

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 22nd @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Jim Baumgard, Jean Petitti, Ron Swartz

LECTOR: Joseph Schmidt

SERVERS: Rick Wittrock, Tyler Wittrock

HOSPITALITY: Bonnie Duhn, Loretta Halbur, Connie Mataloni, Dick Mataloni

Sunday, January 23rd @ 9 a.m.

KC Mass

EMHC: KC Members

LECTOR: KC Member

SERVERS: Jerron Heller, Jocelyn Heller

HOSPITALITY: KC Members

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 29th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Aaron Hyatt, Terri and Tom Rierison

LECTOR: Deb Bode

SERVERS: Oliver Miller, Ron Swartz

HOSPITALITY: Anne Donovan, Doug Heller, Eldon Kraninger, Mary Kraninger

Sunday, January 30th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Cory Knudtson, Bev Kruger, Shelley Matuska

LECTOR: Karen Schwaller

SERVERS: Aubry Knudtson, Liam Knudtson

HOSPITALITY: Marshall Matuska, Jon Sorenson, Arend Swygman, Molly Swygman