

The Saint Joseph Journal

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Our Parish

By Fr.
Brian
Hughes



Many of us decorate our homes with a Nativity Scene and a Christmas Tree. These wonderful traditions are a delight but they also lead us to a deeper understanding of the true meaning of Christmas.



Have a
Blessed
Christmas

The Nativity Scene dates back to the 13th Century when St. Francis of Assisi set up a living Nativity to teach about the birth of Jesus. The Christmas Trees in our homes are often evergreen trees which remain green all year long symbolizing the eternal protection of God's love. Early medieval Christmas Trees were called Paradise Trees that recalled the purity and beauty of the garden of Eden.

We provide two nice blessings for your home Mangers and your Christmas Trees. May the joy and delight of the Christmas Festival remain in our homes all year long.

Blessing of a Christmas Manger

God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest you love:
when our need for a Savior was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin
Mary.

To our lives he brings joy and peace,
justice, mercy, and love.

Lord,
bless all who look upon this manger:
may it remind us of the humble birth of
Jesus,

and raise up our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,
and who lives and reigns for ever an ever
Amen

Blessing of a Christmas Tree

Lord our God,
we praise you for the light of creation:
the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night.
We praise you for the light of Israel:
the Law, the prophets and the wisdom
of the Scriptures.

We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son:
he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of
Peace,

who fills us with wonder of your love.

Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we light this tree.

May the light and cheer it gives
be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.

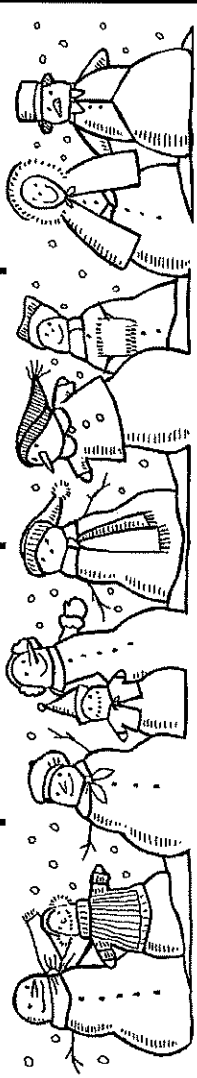
May all who delight in this tree
come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ✓ Mass at 9 a.m.	2 ✓ No Mass Today ✓ Parish Offices Closed ✓ 8 p.m.: AA & ALANON	3 ✓ Eucharistic Adoration 2-5:15 pm ✓ Mass at 5:30 p	4 Social Justice 8:15 a.m.	5	6 ✓ 8:15 am. Bible Study, overflow	7 ✓ Mass at 4 p
8 ✓ Mass at 9 a.m.	9 ✓ No Mass Today ✓ 8 p.m.: AA & ALANON	10 ✓ Eucharistic Ador. 2-5:15 pm ✓ Mass at 5:30 p ✓ Altar/Rosary meets at 6 p.m. ✓ 6 pm Bible Study	11 ✓ Rel Ed: K-5 @ 3:35 pm 7-12 @ 7 p.m.	12 11 a.m. Ones meet at Mill Creek.	13 ✓ 8:15 am. Bible Study, overflow	14 ✓ Mass at 4 p
15 ✓ Mass at 9 a.m.	16 ✓ No Mass Today ✓ 8 p.m.: AA & ALANON	17 Eucharistic Adoration 2-5:15 pm ✓ Mass at 5:30 p ✓ 6 pm Bible Study	18 ✓ Rel Ed: K-5 @ 3:35 pm 7-12 @ 7 p.m.	19	20 ✓ 8:15 am. Bible Study, overflow	21 ✓ Mass at 4 p
22 ✓ Mass at 9 a.m.	23 ✓ No Mass Today ✓ 8 p.m.: AA & ALANON	24 ✓ Eucharistic Ador. 2-5:15 pm ✓ Mass at 5:30 p ✓ CDA meets @ 6 p ✓ 6 pm Bible Study	25 ✓ Rel Ed: K-5 @ 3:35 pm 7-12 @ 7 p.m.	26 Soup Kitchen Ministry 6 p.m. KC's meet in church bsmt.	27 ✓ 8:15 am. Bible Study, overflow 11 a.m. Winter Games Cards	28 ✓ Mass at 4
29 ✓ Mass at 9 a.m. KC Mass Biscuits & gravy to follow in PC KC Spelling Bee	30 ✓ No Mass Today ✓ 8 p.m.: AA & ALANON	31 ✓ Eucharistic Ador. 2-5:15 pm ✓ Mass at 5:30 p ✓ 6 pm Bible Study				

7:48 AM
12/09/22
Accrual Basis

Saint Joseph Catholic Church Profit Loss November 2022

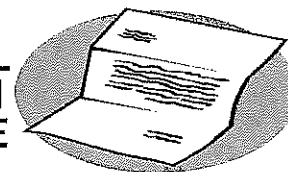
		Nov 22	Nov 21	Jul - Nov 22	Jul - Nov 21
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
	40000 · PARISH INCOME	44,600.80	48,264.95	271,106.40	268,565.63
	41000 · INVESTMENT INCOME	362.48	-3,782.37	-2,113.89	-1,024.72
	44000 · AUXILIARY INCOME	8,891.36	7,101.76	41,264.83	21,770.70
	47000 · CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS	107.00	7,393.00	516.00	18,598.03
	49000 · OTHER INCOME	3,790.00	138.11	11,816.19	2,711.76
	Total Income	57,751.64	59,115.45	322,589.53	310,621.40
Expense					
	50000 · SALARIES AND WAGES	22,087.73	11,706.01	112,686.52	97,300.51
	51000 · ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	9,184.69	4,159.07	44,255.32	24,294.01
	51300 · MISSION EFFECTIVENES	3,176.12	1,994.20	13,863.86	22,705.63
	51400 · BUILDING AND GROUNDS	6,651.99	4,936.40	50,407.45	70,144.88
	51900 · OTHER ADMIN EXPENSES	194.47	213.14	918.06	1,274.77
	53000 · ASSESSMENTS	2,104.00	2,197.00	10,520.00	10,985.00
	54000 · AUXILIARY EXPENSE	4,783.13	7,145.25	20,300.69	25,695.59
	59000 · OTHER EXPENSES	0.00	1,524.95	5,750.00	6,646.45
	Total Expense	48,182.13	33,876.02	258,701.90	259,046.84
	Net Ordinary Income	9,569.51	25,239.43	63,887.63	51,574.56
	Net Income	9,569.51	25,239.43	63,887.63	51,574.56

HELP WARM THE FEET of the less fortunate at the **Sioux City Soup Kitchen**

Drop off a new pair of socks at the parish office now until Jan. 20, 2023. All socks will be delivered to the patrons of the Sioux City Soup Kitchen when our local group works Thurs., Jan. 26, 2023. Last year St. Joseph Parishioners warmed the feet of nearly 350 people with their donations. While we take socks for granted, please know that *one pair of socks can make a difference!*



ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE



Financial Books Close Dec. 31, 2022

Please note that the financial books of St. Joseph Catholic Church for 2022 will close on Sat., Dec. 31. Contributions received that weekend, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, will need to have a 2022 date on them to be credited to 2022.

Contributions can be dropped at the parish office until noon on Thursday, Dec. 29 or be dropped in the weekend Mass collection.

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, 2023

For Your Information

December Statistics

(as of December 20, 2022)

Baptized in Christ:

Daniel William Streichen
son of
Bill and Brianna Steichen
Dec. 3, 2022
* * *

Tate Ryan Spielman
son of
Alex and Morgan Spielman
Dec. 4, 2022
* * *

Weddings:

Courtney Carstens and
John Kitten
Dec. 10, 2022
* * *

Deaths

Francis Hoffrichter
Died: Nov. 10, 2022
Buried: Nov. 18, 2022
* * *

Sandy Long
Died: Nov. 29, 2022
Buried: Dec. 2, 2022
* * *

Don Baschke
Died: Dec. 1, 2022
Buried: Dec. 6, 2022
* * *

Rosary/Altar To Meet

The Rosary/Altar Society
meets Tues., Jan. 11, 6 p.m. in
Nazareth Hall.

Stewardship Statement

The financial books for both
parishes will close Sat., Dec. 31.
Any checks received the week-
end of Dec. 31-Jan. 1 that are
dated 2022 will be credited to
2022's stewardship statement.
Statements will be sent to pa-
rishioners mid-month in January.

Healing Mass Feb. 7

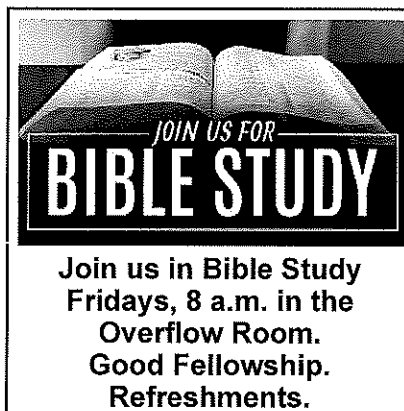
The next Healing Mass is
set for Tues., Feb. 21, 5:30 p.m.
at St. Joseph, in Milford. A light
supper will follow. All ages wel-
come.



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. Benedic-
tion 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.



Join us in Bible Study
Fridays, 8 a.m. in the
Overflow Room.
Good Fellowship.
Refreshments.

TAO Collection Continues

BE GENEROUS - give accord-
ing to what God has so freely
given to you. Please consider a
financial gift to the 2022-23 Di-
ocesan Together As One (TAO)
Appeal.

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the 20th of the preceding month.

Together In Faith

By Sharon Mayer
Director of Faith Formation

Happy New Year to all! Another one 'round the bend and we move forward. I would like to take this opportunity to begin this year with a discussion about our Rosary Altar Society of St. Joseph Parish. Each year in our envelope packets, we have a dues envelope. Some ladies pay their dues regularly and even ahead. Others toss it. Dues are only \$10 per year and go to supporting this church, priest, and deacon. I would like to address Rosary-Altar.

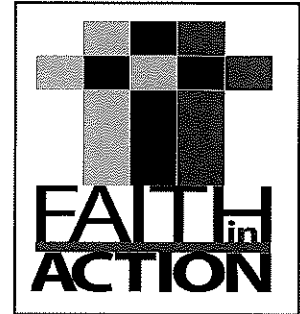
This group is made up of ALL the women of the parish that are St. Joseph members and can include the wives who may not be Catholic but have husbands who are St. Joseph members. This group has been a mainstay of our church for many, many years. It used to have circles and those circles would meet at someone's house or have a special project for the church like the Chicken-Noodle dinner. It gave women a chance to be sociable with the other ladies of their church.

Nowadays, most women work. No longer do we have circles with names like St. Annes, St. Mary's, Our Lady of Fatima or St. Elizabeth's and the women do not socialize that way anymore. Now we are split into 8 groups of women of the parish. That is a lot of women as you are automatically a member of this group. The group meets once a quarter to discuss church or priest needs and we do have some fundraisers. Most importantly, it is the women of Rosary-Altar who provide food and assistance to families who have had a death.

Sooner or later we will all have need of our church for a funeral in our family. Many have a lunch afterwards where family and friends gather to honor the deceased. Families take pictures as it is one of the few times they are able to come together. Sad but true. It is up to us, the ladies of the parish, the Rosary-Altar group, to assist with that lunch through help, cakes, or salads. As a member of the parish and community it is what we do to help each other, and an act of mercy, to meet those needs as we hope will be done for us someday.

In order to make this happen, each group has a calling tree. A leader will ask for help, salad or cake. Sometimes we do not have current numbers. Please take care of that. Usually, you will only be called once a year. We are aware many work, but many do not. Help for a funeral luncheon is a problem. The need for cakes and salads is usually met. Even if you can come to help clean up for an hour or just set tables... GREAT. Please know you are providing a wonderful and unique service to your church and community when we can provide the luncheon. Many churches cannot provide this any longer. We do not want St. Joseph's to be among those.

As a member of the parish, staff and one who helps with many funerals, I am asking you to please acknowledge the call when you get it and do what you can. Ignoring this Christian duty is not something we should be doing. The need will not be going away and our help is a help to any family going through the funeral process. Please make it one of your 2023 resolutions. Thank you for reading this about Rosary-Altar.





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

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, Feb. 22 and then continue for six Tuesday evenings Feb. 28, March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28 and April 4 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, Feb. 22: CDA

Tuesday, February 28:

Tuesday, March 7: Jones Crew

Tuesday, March 14:

Tuesday, March 21:

Tuesday, March 28:

Tuesday, April 4: Elser Crew

WOMEN'S WELCOME RETREAT

DATE **FEBRUARY 25-26, 2023**

TIME **8 AM SAT – 3 PM SUN**

LOCATION **ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**
1305 Okoboji Ave. Milford, IA

Welcome is an incredible experience that helps you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. Join us for a weekend of faith, fellowship, and food. This weekend retreat is **FREE** for participants. Meals and refreshments will be provided. Participants are encouraged to stay over for the full retreat experience, though not required. Overnighters will need to pack their own bedding, such as a sleeping bag, air mattress, etc. Retreat materials will be provided, but you may bring an additional journal or notebook if desired.

Please return a **Retreat Application** via your parish office, or directly to the Welcome team via email or a picture text message. Applications can be found at your parish. Please contact Erin Lorch or Diane Gubbels with any questions.

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Erin Lorch @ 773-332-9587
lorcherin@gmail.com

RETREAT TEAM CONTACT

Diane Gubbels @ 712-210-2313
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Welcome.

CRHP 2.0
There is **More** to Life

DATE FEBRUARY 25-26, 2023

TIME 8 AM SAT – 3 PM SUN

LOCATION ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
1305 Okoboji Ave. Milford, IA

RETREAT APPLICATION

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Dietary Needs _____

Other _____

Emergency Contact _____

Please list 3-5 individuals (spouse, partner, family, friends, etc.) you would like to have us contact for your prayer support through the retreat weekend.

Name (print) _____ Phone # _____ Email Address _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

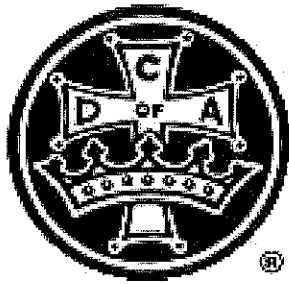
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CDA News



Our Lady of LsSalette Court #1585 of the Catholic Daughters met on November 22, 2022. The Rosary of Remembrance took place @ 5:30 p.m. facilitated by Ramona Boese, prior to the meeting.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Regent Deb called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Roll call of officers showed all present with the exception of Karen Naber, who was excused, along with 14 members.

The October meeting minutes and Treasurer's Report were read and approved. Bills presented were approved to be paid.

Financial secretary shows 51 members with 16 paid for 2023.

Correspondence was read from Grace Eckard requesting a donation for her work with missionaries in the Mother of Theresa Project through Ava Maria University, where she is currently a senior. Motion by Darlene, second by Jeanette to donate to the Mother Theresa Project for Grace Eckard. All members approved.

Thank-yous were shared: Laura Hanna who played the trumpet; Linda Breckwald, Upper Des Moines; the American Legion signed by the local veterans; and Jean Still.

Circle of Love Reports:

Family: The Christmas Party will be Tuesday, December 20th following the 5:30 mass at Perkins approximately 6:00 p.m.. The 50/50 funds will be used to purchase boots and snowpants for the Oko-boji Elementary School. This will be handled by Tammi S. and Bonnie D.

Leadership: Deb J. disbursed the 2022/2023 CDA yearbook and committees for all members.

Quality of Life: Deb B. gave a summary report from the Veterans' Soup Supper, held November 4, 2022.

Spiritual Enhancement: Ramona B. led the Rosary of Remembrance prior to the meeting to night.

Youth: First Reconciliation Celebration will be 12/14/22. Deb. J. will get balloons and cupcakes for the 15 students completing their first reconciliation. Darlene discussed the Education Contest available for students and adult CDA members. The theme is "We walk by faith, not by sight", or "When do I have to lean on my faith more than sight?". Faith and Deb J. will assist with this. Local deadline is 2/1/23, with more info to follow.

Good of the Order

Several prayer requests were heard.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 20th following the 5:30 p.m. mass at Perkins in Milford. This will be our Christmas Party, with Jeannette B, Cheryl H., Tammi S. and Connie T. in charge.

Future Dates: The January meeting will be 1/24/23 with Donna S., Kathy H. and Connie T. on the serving committee. The Iowa CDA Convention will be held 4/28/23 – 4/30/23 at the Quality Inn & Suites in Ames, Iowa. Our Court's Annual Salad Luncheon will be 5/6/23.

We closed with our Membership Prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Cheryl Houseman

Cheryl Houseman

Recording Secretary

CDA Annual Layette Project Begins

Catholic Daughters, St. Joseph Court Our Lady of Las Salette, invites the St. Joseph Parishioners to join us after Christmas and into January and February as we collect our annual layette, a worthy cause we have sponsored for over 30 years.

A beautiful cradle in the foyer will be the drop-off point. Any new infant items in appreciated. These items will be presented at our February meeting to Lakes Regional Hospital, as well as Birth Right and Catholic Charities located in Spencer. Catholic Charities, Spencer, has additional expressed a need for items useful for 2-4 year olds such as board books, learning toys, etc. used most often in parenting classes.

We thank you preemptively for your contribution and will keep you informed as to the delivery of the gifts.

2022-2023 National CDA Education Contest

Themes/Divisions/Categories/Rules

THEMES OF CONTEST: (Choose One)

"We walk by faith, not by sight" 2 Corinthians: 5;7 or "When do I have to lean on my faith more than sight?"

****Note:** Students may be Catholic or Non-Catholic

Division 1: Grades 4-5 Categories: Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art

Division 2: Grades 6-7-8 Categories: Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, Photography

Division 3: Grades: 9-10-11-12 Categories: Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, Photography

Division 4: Adult CDA members Categories: Essay, Poetry, Art, Photography

CATEGORIES AND SPECIFIC RULES:

- **Essay:** **Typed only**, not to exceed 500 words on one page, not front and back.
- **Poetry:** Any style of poetry, typed, not to exceed eight (8) lines
- **Art:** Size: 8 1/2 x 11 No Lettering (your art carries the message). Do not put your name on the Art. How the theme is carried out in Art will be part of the judging, in addition to artistic talent. Medium: Crayon, markers, ink, paints (watercolor, acrylic, oil), charcoal, pencil (black or colored), pastels (chalk) and duct tape.
- **Computer Art:** Size: 8 1/2" x 11" or 8" X 12", No Lettering. Art must be artist's own creation and should fill the majority of the page. NO clip art or images imported from web sites.
- **Music:** Lyrics and notes must be on professional music score paper (melody, harmony and accompaniment, all of which must be notated accurately) and **must be contestant's own creation**. Composition music paper, CD or thumb drive (no Mp3, MIDI or other electronic formats allowed) of the performance must accompany the entry using the music score paper. While the composition must be the contestant's own creation the performer of the composition does not need to be the composer. No DVD.
- **Photography:** Size 8" x 10" picture depicting the theme. No matting allowed. The contestant must have taken the photo. The picture may not be a computer downloaded image or a picture of a picture. It can be colored or black and white but no collages.

Judges will use rules of Clarity, Grammar, Spelling, Interpretation of Theme, and all peculiar rules in the categories listed above.

GENERAL RULES:

1. Contestants may enter a category only once but may submit entries in multiple categories. A local CDA Court must sponsor contestants.
2. Entries not conforming to one of the themes or not conforming to the rules will be disqualified.
3. **Entries will not be returned.** All contest material becomes the property of the National CDA court with the right to display and/or publish any or all material
4. Decisions of the judges will be final. Judges reserve the right to make no award in a Division or Category. Commercial entries will be disqualified. Judging will be based on the Rubric Scoring provided by National.
5. A 2022 – 2023 National CDA Education Contest Entry Form must accompany each entry and be properly signed and completed. Names must be legible. Forms are to be taped or glued to the back of the entry.
6. All entries must be of contestant's own imagination and creation.
7. No entries should be folded or rolled. Neatness is a key factor in judging

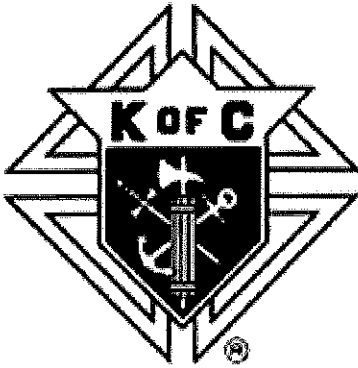
DEADLINE: Entries must be received by February 1, 2023.

AWARDS:

The one first place winning entry for each Category in each Division (either theme, not both) will be forwarded to the State Contest Chairperson and the winning entries at the State level will be forwarded to the National Education Contest Chairperson.

National Awards: 1st Place \$100 2nd Place \$50 3rd Place \$25

KC News



KC Meeting Minutes November 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with 13 members present. Opening prayer was said followed by officer roll call. Previous meeting minutes were approved.

Grand Knight's report by Brad Shell: "Thank you to all the Knights that supported the KC Mass on Sunday November 6th, great turn out, Thank you. Scott and I attended the Leaders Meeting on Sunday November 6th in Emmetsburg. The State Deputy would very much like more Council members to attend."

Chaplain's / Lecture's Report: Bob Moore lead a Thanksgiving Prayer. District Deputy's Report: Dave mentioned that the

KC's are a family organization and try to involve the family when possible. Discussed ultra sound machines for Birth Right Centers, if a council raises fund towards purchasing a machine the Supreme Council has funds to help reach their goal. A short recap of the Leaders meeting. Financial Secretary and Treasures' reports were approved.

Old Business

KC Mass December 18th at 9 a.m. Mass. Joseph will be Lector. Need other ministers. Breakfast to follow, menu: Cinnamon French Toast and Scrambled Eggs and Sausage. Donations collected will be Donated to Discovery House, matched up to \$500. Motion by Bob, 2nd by John, approved. Coats for Kids: received a \$100 donation.

Food Drive 2022: KC Food Drive starts November 27th. Mark and Dale spoke with Upper Des Moines Opportunity about donating the food items to them. Discussion followed to purchase hams this year instead of turkey. Bob made motion to spend \$1000 for hams and food items. 2nd by John. Duane will do price checking on hams at Fareway. Also discussed buying gift cards for the Parish office to hand out to those in need. No action taken.

Fish Frys 2023: Dates will be February 24th, March 10th. We will need to locate a trailer for cooking in.

Council Spelling Bee: The Date is set for Thursday January 26th at the Okoboji School. Discussion to put an ad in the Lakes Shopper. Motion made by Dustin, Jeff 2nd, approved. We will serve refreshments following contest. Regional Spelling Bee: Our Council will host. The date tentatively set for Sunday, February 19th at St. Joseph's. Free Throw Contest: Doug will check on gym availability at the High School with possible date of January 22.

Tootsie Roll Update: We had \$1,168.33 to spend. The order for supplies for the students with mental disabilities was placed spending \$1,450.00. We have 51 of the 55 items ordered. Items will be presented to the Okoboji Elementary School on Tuesday November 22 at 1 p.m. Those that plan to go and present the items are Doug, Brad, Jeff, Mark, Dale, Duane, and John.

New Business

KC Mass in January, date to be set. Breakfast menu will be biscuits and gravy. Dues for 2023: Supreme and State \$20, Special Council Assessment \$5.

Good of the Order: Patricia Heller, Karen Naber, Frank Kennedy, Ray Schley.

Next Meeting Thursday December 15th. Attendance Drawing: Arron Hyatt- NP. Closing Prayer and Adjourn 8:20

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Nepl

Scott Nepl

Recorder

St. Joseph Social Justice Committee

St. Joseph Catholic Church Social Justice Committee Minutes December 7, 2022



The St. Joseph Social Justice Committee met Wednesday, December 7, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 8:18 a.m. by Chair Koelder. Present were Lois Koelder, Connie Bjornstad, Fran Cerny, Bob Moore, Diane Clary, and Dedie Thompson. Dennis Lippon attended by proxy given to Bob Moore. Father Brian Hughes joined the meeting at 9:12 a.m.. Bob Moore opened the meeting in prayer.

Agenda – There were no additions or changes to the printed agenda.

Minutes – A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Cerny to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2022 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 to November 30, 2022. A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Bjornstad to approve the financial statements as of November 30, 2022. Hearing no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote with all present voting aye. Motion carried.

Discussion noted that the approvals made at the November meeting had not been paid but will be paid in the near future.

Old Business

Adoption of Mission – Action tabled for present time. Father Hughes reported that a mission committee will be formed with members from both St. Joseph's and St. Mary's and then a sister parish through the Parish Twining Program of the Americas will be chosen.

Family in Need – A motion was made by Bjornstad and seconded by Thompson to send \$100 in a food gift card to the designated family. Following discussion, the motion was put to a vote with all present voting aye. Motion carried.

New Business

Review of Policy Statements and Procedures – Moore moved to change the wording of Policy Statement and Procedures under Section 1 as follows:

From: 1b. It shall have a chair person and secretary elected by the group or appointed by the pastor.

To: 1b. It shall have a chair and secretary elected by the group or appointed by the pastor. Election for these offices to be held every three years, beginning June 2021.

From: 1e. The chair person shall be responsible for providing an agenda for each scheduled meeting at least one day prior to the meeting.

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The motion was seconded by Thompson. Following discussion, the motion was put to a vote with all present voting aye. Motion carried.

Love Inc. – Chair Koelder reported that St. Joseph's had been contacted by another local church to join Love Inc. Koelder provided information on the Love Inc. program. The consensus of the Social Justice Committee was to not join the group at the present time.

Request for Help from Former Sister Parish in Haiti – Discussion was had on the request and although the Committee is empathetic to the needs of the former sister parish in Haiti, no action was taken especially as the current political unrest in Haiti and the uncertainty of the banking system makes it impractical to donate to the parish.

The next meeting of the St. Joseph Social Justice Committee is scheduled for January 4, 2023 at 8:15 a.m.

Father Brian Hughes lead the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned by executive order at 10:14 a.m.

Connie Bjornstad

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Secretary



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 Michael Peterson | 12 Barb Kollasch |
| 2 Teresa Anderson | 12 Bonnie Duhn |
| 2 Kathryn Hansen | 12 Bob Epping |
| 3 Mary Arndt | 12 Mark Fisher |
| 3 Mary DeMuth | 13 Julie Banks |
| 3 Patrick Fairchild | 13 Emi Gebel |
| 3 Connie Homan | 13 Lyn Marksbury |
| 3 Jean Kolbeck | 13 Amy Maschino |
| 3 Wayne Langel | 13 Cheryl Moss |
| 3 Tom Murphy | 13 Wesley Radunz |
| 4 Carl Anderson | 14 Becca Mayou |
| 4 Miles Bender | 14 Brian Oylar |
| 4 Laura Fairchild | 14 Becca Spooner |
| 4 William James | 14 Curt Willette |
| 4 Jim Metzger | 14 Richard Wuebker |
| 4 Roger Moss | 15 Ben Anderson |
| 4 Hazel Smith | 15 Kyle Clark |
| 4 Nora Smith | 15 Adam Kraninger |
| 4 Lincoln Wolf | 16 Debra Goetzinger |
| 5 Patrick Carr | 17 Clint Banks |
| 5 Landyn Mohning | 17 Donna Krogman |
| 6 Julie Fairchild | 17 Shaun McCarthy |
| 6 Andrew Frerichs | 18 Hudson Berning |
| 6 Peggy Muhlbauer | 18 Creighton Uridil |
| 6 Ray Tesene | 19 Jaime Berning |
| 7 Mary Mohni | 19 Jesus Garcia |
| 8 Roger Doyle | 19 Lauren Lorch |
| 8 Scott Goehring | 19 John Elser |
| 9 Jane Black | 19 Marlene Gillette |
| 9 Austin Booge | 19 Linda Keenan |
| 9 Scott Swenson | 19 Emily Modder |
| 10 Janet Baschke | 20 Alex Jones |
| 10 Brody Titterington | 20 Walter Hanson |
| 11 Susan Carr | 20 Shane Akin |
| 11 William Morrow | 20 Kurt Eckard |
| 11 Adam Nelson | 20 Dave Garberding |

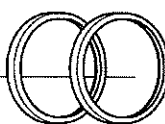
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| 21 Pat Graves | 26 Matthew Mayou |
| 21 Caley O'Leary-Holman | 27 Bradley Simpson |
| 21 Maria Sorenson | 27 Linda Higgins |
| 21 Brianna Swenson | 30 Lynette Newell |
| 21 Jerry Welter | 30 Jim Allen |
| 21 Kathy Welter | 30 Talyn Anderson |

- 22 Barb Overman
 22 Jan Pithan
 23 Matt Sewell
 23 Ann Stein
 24 Cheryl Muhlbauer
 24 Keith Rimmer
 25 Suzi Epping
 25 Wayne Hemstreet
 26 Todd Maschino
 25 Craig Newell
 26 Judy Kramer

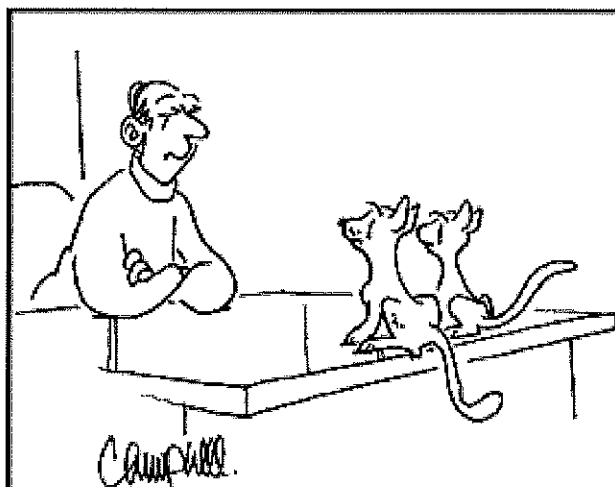
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Celebrating

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



"Marriage is for life, you know ...
all nine of them."

January Volunteer Ministry Schedule

Solemnity of Mary

Saturday, December 31st @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Deb Faulkner, Doug Heller, Aaron Hyatt

LECTOR: Brad Shell

SERVERS: Oliver Miller, Kaiden Mueller, Ron Swartz

HOSPITALITY: Jim Baumgard, Loretta Halbur, Eldon & Mary Kraninger

Sunday, January 1st @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Terry Abbas, Steve Eral, Aaron & Erin Lorch

LECTOR: Beth Lorch

SERVERS: Noah Walleck, Simon Walleck

HOSPITALITY: Marshall Matuska, Abby Walleck, Curt & Susan Willette

The Epiphany

Saturday, January 7th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Connie Chapman, Irene & Jim McCoy

LECTOR: Joseph Schmidt

SERVERS: Isabel Nelson, Grace Davis, Brody Titterington

HOSPITALITY: Connie & Dick Mataloni, Joel & Karen Naber

Sunday, January 8th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Bernie Kramer, Dori Lippon, Jim & Laurie Murray

LECTOR: Ron Swartz

SERVERS: Alex Anderson, Will Anderson, Porter Prentice

HOSPITALITY: Bill & Cheryl Aumer, John Heller, Dennis Lippon

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 14th 4 p.m.

EMHC: Eldon Kraninger, Jean Petitti, Jerilyn Streit

LECTOR: Loretta Halbur

SERVERS: Ben Garcia, John Garcia

HOSPITALITY: Anne Donovan, Bonnie Duhn, Doug Heller, Monica Koppen

Sunday, January 15th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Mick Baack, Jeff Nelson, Jan Pithan, Susan Willette

LECTOR: Karen Schwaller

SERVERS: Asher Knudtson, Ryder Clark

HOSPITALITY: Terry Abbas, Gary Espinoza, Arend & Molly Swygman

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 21st @ 4 pm.

EMHC: Bonnie Duhn, Karen Naber, Marlene Nelson

LECTOR: Connie Chapman

SERVERS: Brody Titterington, Ron Swartz

HOSPITALITY: Jim Baumgard, Doug Heller, Eldon & Mary Kraninger

Sunday, January 22nd @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Connie Hinrichs, Bev Kruger, Darlene Moritz, Marlys Nolan

LECTOR: Aaron Lorch

SERVERS: Emily Breuer, Faith Garcia

HOSPITALITY: Julie & Tim Fairchild, Marshall Matuska, Jon Sorenson

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 28th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Faith Garcia, Alma Klute, David Loebig

LECTOR: Deb Bode

SERVERS: Grace Davis, Kaiden Mueller

HOSPITALITY: Connie & Dick Mataloni, Iren & Jim McCoy

Sunday, January 29th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Bill & Cheryl Aumer, Chris Hinshaw, Pete Laven

LECTOR: Sara Laven

SERVERS: Jerron Heller, Jocelyn Heller

HOSPITALITY: Terry Abbas, Dennis Lippon, Curt & Susan Willette

HOLIDAY office hours: Closed Fri, Dec. 23 and Mon., Dec. 26. Open 8 to 12 noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 27-29. Closed Fri., Dec. 30 and Mon., Jan. 2, 2023. Reopen at 8 a.m. on Tues., Jan. 3, 2023.