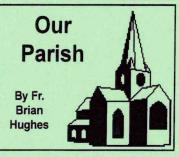
Be Witnesses for Christ in Everything We Do. Form Community. Share the Good News of Christ.

The light of day is shorter growing and the winter chill is beginning to settle around us. The month of December brings lots of activity as we prepare for the coming Feast of Christmas. Even as the waiting day of Advent unfolds around us, we make plans for the great celebration of the Birth of Our Lord. Our Christmas preparations are an important

element of our "personal liturgy." We purchase gifts, we decorate our homes and bring out the nativity scene, we send fond greetings to old friends, we bake special food and travel to be with family and friends. There is special music for the season and festive meals that are carefully prepared and laid out. Much of what

we do at Christmas is rooted in personal and family traditions and customs. All of these delightful things heighten our celebration of the Birthday of the Lord. We wrap the Feast of Christmas in beautiful and precious traditions. The Feast of Christmas, and indeed all of the liturgical celebrations of the Church year are really



about spiritual memory. We recall the great events of the life of the Lord and the Saints and in so doing we deepen our own spiritual journey. The careful celebrations that we ob-

Of course, December 25 can come and go but it can also be made into a profound act of spiritual recollection. We need to bring spiritual intention to what we do. Excess and over indulgence should be avoided but the spirit of joy and celebration should not be dampened. Gift giving is an especially

delightful part of Christmas the tradition. We give gifts in imitation of the Lord God who loved us so much that he gave us the ultimate gift and the most precious revelation, Jesus, the Lord and Savior of our lives. As we approach the month of December, let us be mindful of the spiritual mo-

ments that all of the Christmas delights points. With deep intention and careful watching, let us bring the ever living Christ Child to our homes and families.

Fr. Brian's Christmas Message

serve at Christmas cause us to pause and recall the breathtaking love of the Lord. The "spirit" of the season blossoms again as we focus on the memory of the movement of the Holy Spirit in time and place.

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Saint Joseph Catholic Church Profit Loss October 2023

		Oct 23	Oct 22	Jul - Oct 23	Jul - Oct 22
0	rdinary Income/Expense				
	Income				
	40000 · PARISH INCOME	45,411.56	56,611.87	197,050.37	211,975.60
	41000 · INVESTMENT INCOME	-1,999.54	12,639.89	-13,133.63	-2,455.09
	44000 · AUXILIARY INCOME	1,956.60	1,316.25	21,943.26	32,373.4
	47000 · CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS	5,790.00	132.00	6,164.00	409.00
	49000 · OTHER INCOME	2,500.00	125.00	5,968.61	6,496.89
	Total Income	53,658.62	70,825.01	217,992.61	248,799.87
	Expense				
	50000 · SALARIES AND WAGES	25,007.57	22,704.08	104,423.15	90,598.79
	51000 · ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	9,661.19	9,407.63	31,577.90	30,285.22
	51300 · MISSION EFFECTIVENES	584.99	1,863.46	27,664.79	10,687.74
	51400 · BUILDING AND GROUNDS	22,703.10	15,206.05	51,555.21	46,841.43
	51900 · OTHER ADMIN EXPENSES	262.40	132.61	1,342.98	601.3
	53000 · ASSESSMENTS	0.00	2,104.00	6,801.00	8,416.00
	54000 · AUXILIARY EXPENSE	2,291.94	221.78	13,420.34	15,373.26
	59000 · OTHER EXPENSES	490.00	475.00	6,485.00	5,750.00
	Total Expense		52,114.61	243,270.37	208,553.75
Ne	Net Ordinary Income		18,710.40	-25,277.76	40,246.12
et In	come	-7,342.57	18,710.40	-25,277.76	40,246.12



Financial Books Close Dec. 31, 2023

Please note that the financial books of St. Joseph Catholic Church for 2023 will close on Sun., Dec. 31. Contributions received that weekend, Dec. 30-31, should have a 2023 date on them.

The Parish Office will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 27-29 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon to accept year end contributions.

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 2024.



Jesus and the Eucharist Study

Grow closer to Jesus through
this 7-part video series
Monday evenings,
February 12 thru March 25, 2024
6:30 to 7:45 PM
at St. Joseph Parish

No registration, no cost, no homework! Optional Group discussions Part of the National Eucharistic Revival, Year of Parish Revival

For Your Information

November Statistics

(as of November 20, 2023)

Baptized in Christ: None

Weddings:

Craig Jacobsma and Grace Heikens Oct. 21, 2023

Deaths

+Mary Pitcher Died: Feb. 28, 2022 Buried: Oct. 14, 2023

+Nicole Beal Died: Oct. 8, 2023 Died: Oct. 13, 2023

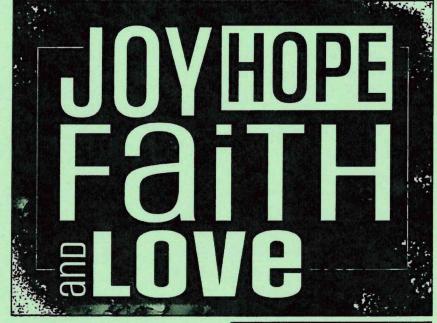


The St. Joseph Parish Family warmly welcomes the following into membership:

- Madison Hauge, of Milford;
- Eric and Kim Kohler, of Denison;
- Rick and Judy Pertzborn, of West Des Moines; and
 - → Gwen Taylor, of Terril

Together As One

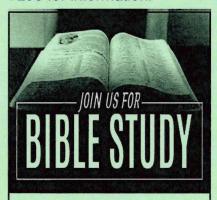
Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through TAO. As of Nov. 13, we have raised \$14,931.68 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$40,197.00 with gifts from 94 households. Will you help us meet our fundraising goals? Visit www.scdiocese.org/together-as-one.



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.



Join us in Bible Study Fridays, 8 a.m. in the Overflow Room. Good Fellowship. Refreshments. The Saint Joseph Journal is published monthly by Saint Joseph's Catholic Church, 1305 Okoboji Ave., Milford, IA 51351

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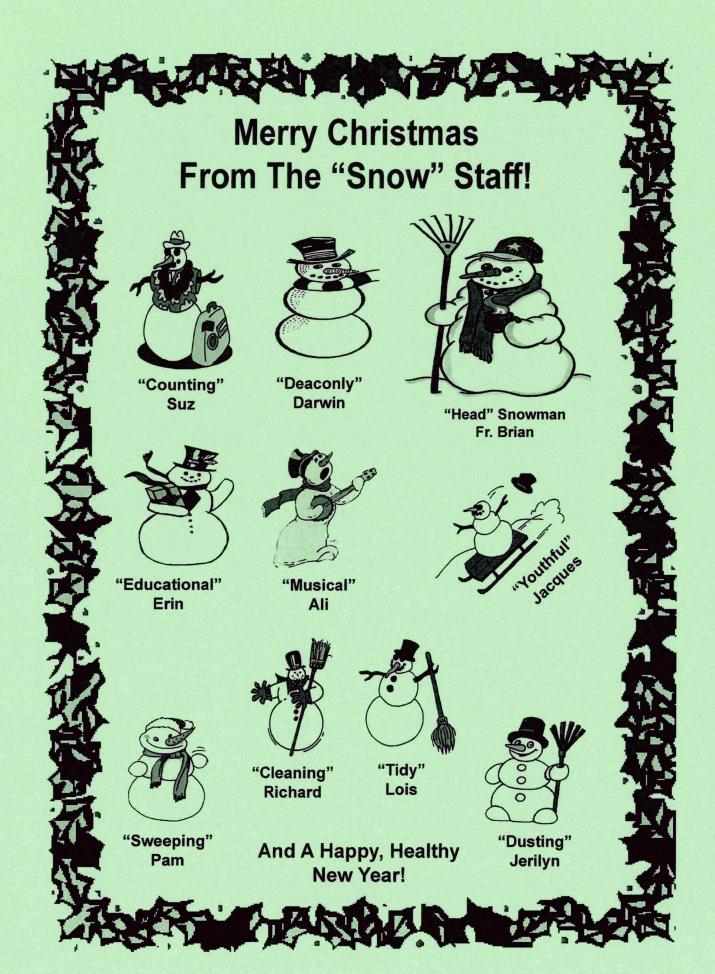
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the 15th of the preceding month.



Faith Formation News

By Erin Lorch
Director of Faith Formation

Greetings! We kick off the month of December by entering into the season of Advent! It's the beginning of our liturgical calendar and a time of preparation. What are we preparing for? We are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas and His second coming. The Scripture readings during Advent call us to be alert and ready, not distracted by the cares of this world (Luke 21: 34-36). The liturgical color is purple, like Lent, since both prepare us for great feast days.



Parents, start preparing for Christmas now with your child(ren). In the weeks leading up to Christmas, read the Nativity story together. Discuss the story. Set out a kid-friendly nativity set for them to play and pray with. Have a countdown to Jesus' birthday! Set out an Advent wreath with candles and pray weekly/daily as a family. All of these items are available and highly discounted at Hobby Lobby in Spencer! You can even easily shop online for these items. By making these deliberate choices, the reason for the season will be made known to your child(ren). Make this more about Christ's presence and not just about the presents they hope to receive this year.

Merry Christmas and may the peace of Christ be with all of you! Blessings,

Erin

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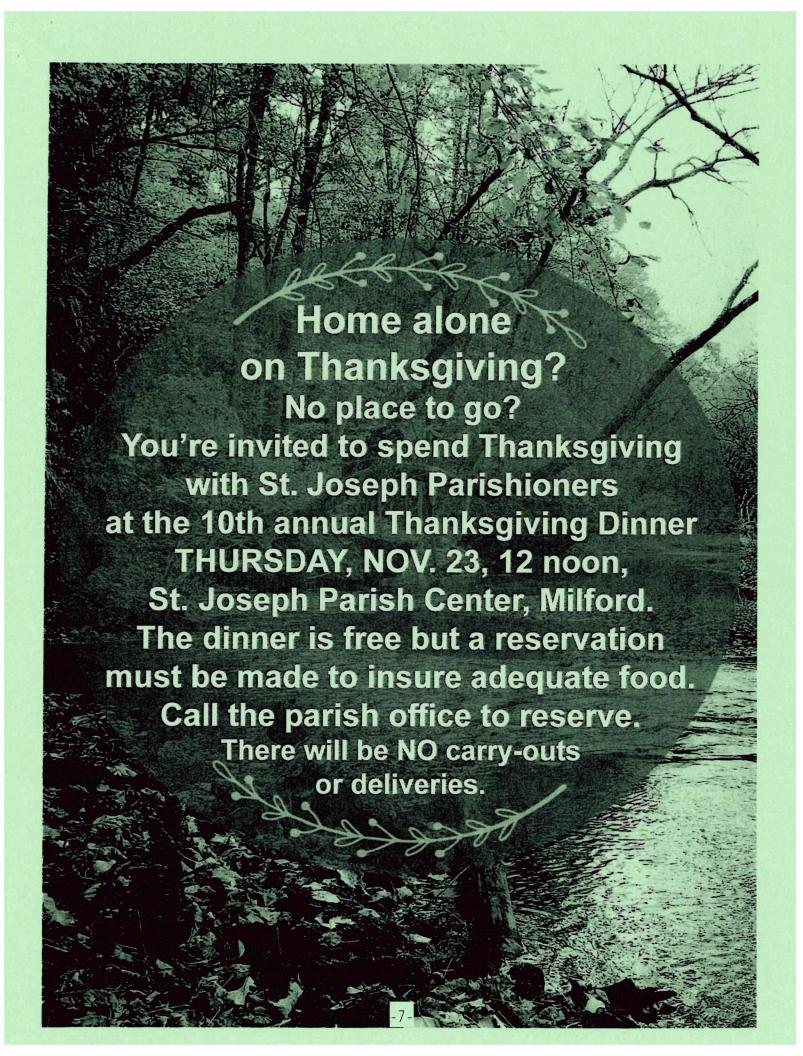
4th Grade Catechist Needed ASAP

We are in need of a 4th grade catechist for the remainder of the 2023-2024 Faith Formation calendar year. 4th grade meets most Wednesdays from 5-6:15pm. All curriculum, materials, and learning tools will be provided. VIRTUS Training is required but that is FREE and something you can do quickly online. Please contact me for more information. Thank you!

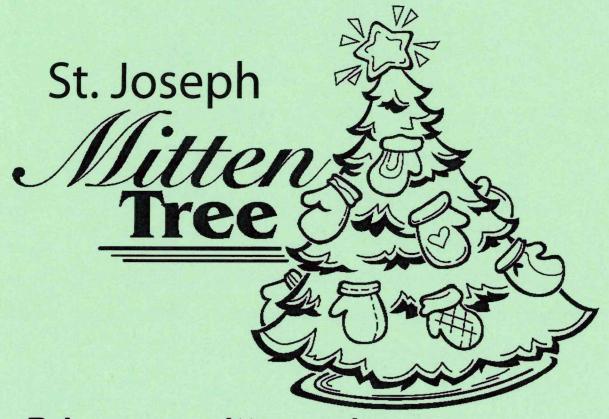
Important Dates for Faith Formation

- ◆ Wednesday, December 6-Class
- Wednesday, December 13- Christmas Prayer Service and Pizza starting at 6 p.m.
- ◆ Wednesday, December 20-No Class, Catechist Gathering @ St. Mary's from 6-8 p.m.
- ◆ Wednesday, December 27-No Class





Get in the Christmas Spirit with the



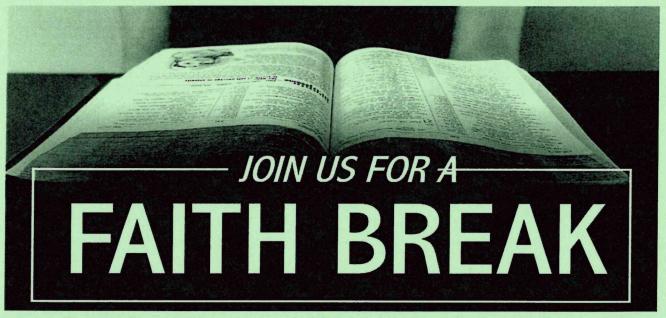
Bring new mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, etc. to be placed on the Mitten Tree in the church.

(Tree will be up and ready on Mon., Nov. 27)

These items will be distributed to less fortunate families this holiday season.

Deadline is Mon., Dec. 11.

Items will be delivered later that week.



Calling Men and Women of the Lakes Catholic Community!

A life of grace is without limits. This is why we should be willing to learn and grow closer to Him in order to better welcome all the graces He wants to share from His heart. In scripture, we see that Jesus told His disciples to "Come away for a while" (Mk 6:31). This is the inspiration behind our new Men and Women's "Faith Break" sessions that we have launched this fall. These morning encounters will help deepen our Christian lives with the aid of the Bible, the Catechism, Church History and through reflections on modern day questions. Breakfast will be provided for those who would like to share a moment of fellowship, followed by a time of prayer and adoration. Adults from St Joseph and St Mary's Parishes are all invited and the location will alternate between both parishes. We are looking forward to seeing a lot of you there! Please contact Jacques Bouli with any questions at youth@thelakescatholic. church. In December, men and women will meet jointly at the following dates and locations. "The Nativity," derived from the first to fifth Gospels, will be presented.

Men's and Women's Joint Faith Break

at St. Mary's Saturday, Dec. 9 8:30 to 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Saturday, Dec. 16 8:30 to 10 a.m.

FAITH FORMATION PRESENTS





My Gutt-The Story of Spiphony

Wednesday, December 13 @ 6pm St. Joseph Church All are welcome for a night of prayer, storytelling, and refreshments.



We Need A Few Cooks to fill our hats!



With Ash Wednesday falling on Wed., Feb. 14, 2024, it's time to begin thinking about getting our Lenten Soup Suppers organized.

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 Wed., Feb. 14 serving from 5-7 p.m. and then continue for six Tuesday evenings Feb. 20, Feb. 27, March 5, March 12, March 19 and March 26. 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.

ASH Wednesday, Feb. 14:

Tues., Feb. 20:

Tues., Feb. 27:

Tues., March 5:

Tues., March 12:

Tues., March 19:

Tues., March 26:

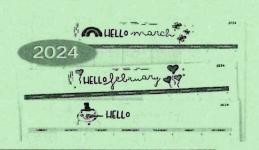
This and That



Remember a loved one or a friend with beautiful Christmas flowers on the St. Joseph altars during this holiday season. Poinsettias and other Christmas flowers will be purchased from Hy-Vee, in Spirit Lake, for \$20 each which includes foil wrap and satin bow. There is an envelope in your packet or you can send your check, or drop off at office.

Thank You, Thank You

Thank you to the Saint Joseph Altar/Rosary Society for supplying St. Joseph Parishioners with a 2024 religious calendar in memory of their loved ones. Calendars can be picked up in the church lobby as soon as they arrive. Watch for details.





Parish Office Holiday Hours

Mon., Dec. 25: Closed Tues., Dec. 26: Closed

Wed., Dec. 27-29: Open 8-12 daily

Mon., Jan. 1: Closed

Offices Reopen Tues. Jan. 2



CDA News



Minutes of October 24,2023

Following a short presentation by Sharon Shrunk on a project being undertaken by our youth group on water purity and a request for funds, Regent Deb opened the meeting at 6:25. Following our opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, 4 officers (Cheryl H was excused) and 7 members answered roll call with their favorite fall/winter recipe. The minutes of the last meeting were approved by general consent after the change of date for Fr. Sichko's visit. The

treasurer's report was approved and bills to be paid. There was no

correspondence.

Circles of Love Reports:

Education: CDA Sunday was well attended, and girls handed out invitations to join to all who expressed interest. Fall Food Event – was tabled to the next meeting to see where our funds are.

Family: Our Christmas Party was scheduled for December 19 at Perkins. More details next month. Our usual Christmas donation from our 50/50 was tabled as there doesn't seem to be a need this year. It was suggested we perhaps do something for nursing home residents at Valentines. More details as this project proceeds.

Leadership: Deb reported on a successful fall workshop with good information. The 23/24 yearbook was passed out for all members. The October financial review was successful and submitted to the state. We will be hosting the Women's Faith Breal here on November 18. Cheryl and Ramona will set up and serve the donuts and coffee.

Legislation: WRAP ribbons will be tied on the trees next week.

Quality of Life: Veterans Soup Supper - Deb B is chairing the event this year and passed around sign-up sheets. It will be our 11th year and will be served on November 4, 2023. Loretta reported on the healing mass. 34 people enjoyed BBQ's, chips, salad and bars.

Spiritual Enhancement: Fr, James Sichko will be here on November 5 and 6. A light supper will be served following his presentation here and Darlene asked for help with serving and clean-up. Our Table of Remembrance will be set up next week and we will have our Rosary of Remembrance to start the meeting in November.

Youth: It was moved by MaryBeth and seconded by Darlene that we donate \$250.00 to the youth water project.

No announcements or prayer requests. Next meeting will be on November 28, 2023, with Deb B, Ramona B and Karen N as the lunch committee. Following our closing prayer, Deb adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Aumer Cheryl Aumer Secretary Pro Tem

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Financial Secretary: Regent: Marlys Nolan marann50@hotmail.com

Treasurer: Barb Kollasch kollaschb@hotmail.com Recording Secretary: Cheryl Houseman

KC News



KC Meeting Minutes October 26, 2023

Prior to the meeting being called to order, we had guest at 6:30, Sharon Schrunk a faith formation leader and Jocelyn Heller a faith formation student. They gave a presentation on a project they are working on for the 11th and 12th grade students pertaining to SWIM (Safe Water Ministries International), a nondenominational ministry proving safe drinking water in third world countries. The 11th and 12th grade students are planning to build 20 units that make sodium chloride to purify drinking water. They are asking if the Knights would donate to support their efforts. We thanked them for their time and would dis-

cuss it in our meeting.

The October meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with 11 members present. Opening prayer was said followed by the pledge of allegiance. Previous minutes were approved, motion by Dustin,2nd by Brad.

Grand Knight's Report: Thanks for taking food to Upper Des Moines Food Pantry in September and continued support in future endeavors.

Chaplain's Report: None

Financial Secretary's Report: Brad reported that we had made approximately \$16,000 on making 2050 pies this year. Bills were read and approved, motion by Dustin, 2nd by Rick.

Treasurer's Report: Rick gave income and expenses for the month with an ending balance of \$33,724.20. Motion by Brad,2nd by Dustin, approved.

Old Business:

a: 18 thank you notes have been sent out by GK Joel to the women and nonmembers that helped with making apple pies.

b: Nativity scene has been cleaned, waiting for new skirt to be put on and date from Father Brian when to set it up.

c: Reviewed how the Tootsie Roll funds were distributed this year. Discovery House and Hope Haven would each receive about \$1050 each.

New Business:

a: KC Life insurance policy for Father Zach Jones through Rob Waterhouse. It would be a whole life \$50 k policy. We will pay 5 years of \$2,800.00 premium up front and save some money. Motion by Bob,2nd by Dustin, approved.

b: Next KC Mass is Saturday, November 18th

- c: Teresa Goehring approached us asking if the Knights would purchase rosaries for the 12 confimation student. Discussion, motion by Dustin,2nd by Bob, approved. The rosaries will be purchased from Zach Stephens a seminarian from Spirit Lake, approximate cost of \$480.
 - d: On November 1st the Knights will start collecting food items our food drive.
- **e:** Please plan to attend Fr. Sichko Mission talks (60 Minutes for Jesus) on November 5th and 6th at St. Joseph's and St. Mary's.

f: Supplies or the upcoming Spelling Bee and Free Throw contest.

g: Coats for Kids, Ray reported he had purchased items for the drive totaling \$1007.36. Motion by Brad,2nd by Scott to reimburse Ray for the amount, approved. Ray had also purchased a pair of work boots for a person in need, \$40. Motion Mark, 2nd Brad to reimburse Ray and funds would come out of the Helping Hands funds.

h: SWIM (Safe Water International Ministries) Discussion on donating to help the 11th and 12th Faith Formation students. Motion Brad,2nd Jeff to donate \$250, approved. Bob M. wanted it noted that if they need more, we would be willing contribute more.

i: Honorary Life Memberships were presented to Rick Houseman and Bob Kollasch. Congratula-

j: Next Meeting November 16th

Good of the Order: Prayers for Jamie Abbot, niece of Terry Abbott and cousin of Dustin who lost her battle with cancer. Also remember Jack and Ginnie Yore and Molly Mulqueen.

Attendance drawing: James Jackson NP Closing Prayer and adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Recorder

St. Joseph Social Justice Committee

St. Joseph Catholic Church Social Justice Committee Minutes November 8, 2023

The St. Joseph Social Justice Committee met Wednesday, November 8, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 8:16 a.m. by Chair Lois Koelder. Present were Lois Koelder, Connie Stein, Tom Johnson, Bob Moore, Dennis Lippon, Dedie Thompson, Fran Cerny, and Connie Bjornstad; Fr. Hughes arrived at 8:24 a.m. The meeting opened with a group prayer.

Agenda - There were no additions to the printed agenda.

Minutes – A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Thompson to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2023, minutes as printed. Hearing no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote with all present voting ave. Motion carried.

Financials – Koelder reported on the Social Justice financials from July 1, 2023 - October 31, 2023 and Financial Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. A motion was made by Stein and seconded by Bjornstad to approve the financial statements as presented. Hearing no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote with all present voting aye. Motion carried.

Old Business

Contribution to Clothing Room – Mary Lou Schroeder joined the meeting and reported that the donation of socks and underwear for the clothing room has been depleted and was very much appreciated by the clothing room recipients. Bjornstad moved to donate \$1000 to the St. Joseph Clothing Room for the purchase of additional pairs of socks and underwear in adult and children's sizes. The motion was seconded by Thompson. Hearing no further discussion, motion put to a vote with all present voting aye. Motion carried.

Gas Cards for Abben Oncology and Dialysis Patients – Stein reported she spoke to the Spencer Hospital social worker and gas card contribution of \$500.00 would be appreciated and will be used for patients using the hospital's oncology and dialysis services. A check in the amount of \$250.00 will be sent now and the remaining \$250.00 will be sent at a later date.

Word Among Us - Action was tabled on this item.

Adoption of Mission with Spirit Lake – Fr. Brian Hughes reported on the progress with St. Mary's parish in Spirit Lake in a joint mission project with St. Joseph. No action was needed at the present time.

New Business Request for Donations:

OKOBOJI SUCCESS PROGRAM – Lippon made a motion and was seconded by Moore to donate \$3,000 to the Okoboji Success Program. Following discussion, the motion was put to a vote with all present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAMILY IN NEED – Father Hughes presented information on a parish family in need. Lippon made a motion and was seconded by Cerny to purchase food assistance cards in incremental food cards totaling \$1,000.00 for assistance to this family with distribution supervised by Fr. Hughes. Following discussion, the motion was put to a vote with all present voting aye. Motion carried.

FOOD PANTRY ALLOWANCE – Bjornstad reported that the number of households served by the Milford Food Pantry has increased and served 76 households (166 individuals) in October 2023; the Terril food delivery now included in this pantry. This shows an increase in local food insecurity need for the pantry. Lippon made a motion and was seconded by Thompson, to increase St. Joseph meat/ protein donation from 60 to 80 units per month. Following discussion, the motion was put to a vote with all present voting aye. Motion carried.

Stein made a motion and was seconded by Bjornstad to allocated the amount of \$1000 as needed for food pantry allotment. Hearing no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote with all present voting aye. Motion carried.

Other

No Other business items were brought forward.

The next meeting of the St. Joseph Social Justice Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 8:15 a.m.

The meeting closed in prayer. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

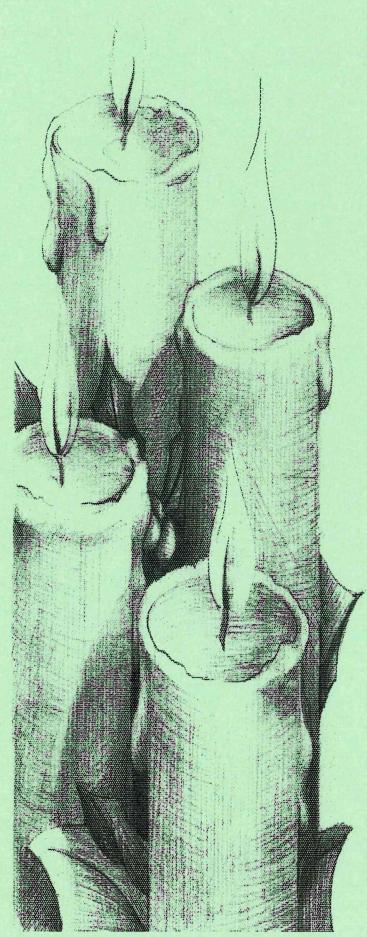
Connie Bjornstad

Secretary

This Christmas..... Mend a quarrel.....Seek out a forgotten friend......Write a love letter....Share some treasure......Give a soft answer......Encourage youth......Keep a promise.....Find some time......Forgive an enemy.....Listen.....Apologize if you were wrong......Think first of someone else...... Be kind and gentle.....Laugh a little..... Laugh a little more......Express your gratitude......Gladden the heart of a child...... Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth.....Speak your love.....Speak it again......Speak it still once again!



Anonymous



Christmas Beatitudes

Blessed is December, for Christmas is near. Blessed are the poor of pocket, for they shall be called parents. Blessed are the artistic, for they shall get stuck wrapping everyone's gifts. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall restrain children from knocking over the Christmas tree. Blessed are they who are heavily laden, for they shall be called shoppers. Blessed are they who weave paper garlands, produce plays and wear a confused look, for they shall be called teachers. Blessed are they who hunger for turkey and trimmings (and happily do the dishes) for they shall be satisfied. Blessed is the sweater knit in secret, coins sent to a food bank, dinner for a shut-in, for they shall be called love. Blessed are we who, despite the chaos, hold the real Christmas closely in our hearts... For we shall be called joy-filled.

Joan Wester Anderson

※DECEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Bill Aumer
- 1 Connie Hinrichs
- 1 Lisa Langel
- 2 Gavin Kramer
- 2 Michael Jensen
- 2 Ryan Mehalovich
- 2 Michael Roth
- 2 Gwen Taylor
- 3 Donna Asher
- 3 Lisa Spieker
- 4 Colleen Anderson
- 4 Chanda Bender
- 4 Tyler Colee
- 4 Walt Homan
- 4 Natalie Jorgensen
- 4 Denise Norland
- 4 Brianna Steichen
- 4 Leslie Whitehair
- 5 Becky Hyatt
- 5 Linda Sievert
- 6 Kay Sewell
- 7 Alana Clark
- 7 John Willison
- 8 Kent Baschke
- 8 Donna Clark
- 8 Philip Maschka
- 8 Charlotte Mercer
- 9 Roseann Doyle
- 9 Rhett Follon
- 9 Chad Frerichs
- 9 Ann Myhre
- 9 John Yore
- 10 Steven Frank
- 10 Margaret Vos
- 11 Jake Odebard
- 12 James Sporrer
- 13 Josh Appel
- 13 Audrey Herbers
- 13 Lawton Kramer
- 13 Dean Reiser

- 14 Bryan Bailey
- 14 Vince Bronson
- 14 Maggie Fairchild
- 14 David Frischmeyer
- 14 Jim Nelson
- 14 Jack Schaben
- 15 Larry Chapman
- 15 Mary Jo Coffey
- 15 Chad Loreth
- 15 Beth McCabe
- 15 MaeBelle McCarty
- 15 Gene Mohni
- 16 Mary Johnson
- 16 Donna Kramer
- 16 Tammi Schnetter
- 16 Tom Johnson
- 17 Max Simonson
- 17 Carol Sporrer
- 18 Aiden Clark
- 18 John Long
- 18 Tyler Wittrock
- 19 Linda Louwagie
- 20 Paul DeMuth
- 20 Bailey Gebel
- 20 Stan Snyder
- 21 Kent Eilers
- 21 Rolle Elloro
- 21 John Higgins
- 21 Douglas Schwaller
- 21 Dustin Schwaller
- 21 Gary Wuebker
- 22 Landi Hunziker
- 22 Miley Hunziker
- 22 Martin Hovt
- 22 Adam Skopec
- 22 Frank Tracy
- 23 Michaela Berglund
- 23 Elizabeth Brunsvold
- 23 Teegan Hunziker
- 23 Jimmy Petitti
- 24 Steven Anderson

- 24 Kayla Banks
- 24 Brian Cable
- 24 Finley Brunsvold
- 24 John Harmelink
- 24 Joseph Walker
- 25 Matthew Bender
- 25 Nancy Springman
- 25 Denise Sporrer
- 25 Dennis Stulc
- 26 Ann Barry
- 26 Jim Hamil26 Nicole Ingvall
- 26 Mary Mittag
- 26 Logan Ruble

- 26 Jean Theisen
- 26 Amber Wolf
- 27 Carli Albenesius
- 27 Christopher Whitehair
- 28 Max Grisham
- 29 Raymond Schley
- 29 Annabelle Soat
- 30 Treva Anderson
- 30 Chelsea Swenson
- 31 Elizabeth Loebach
- 31 Hillary Henningsen
- 31 Diane Lynch
- 31 Dave Muller
- 31 Trudy Pedersen



- 1 Andy and Amber Wolf
- 2 Shaun and Carrie McCarthy
- 3 Marty and Treva Anderson
- 4 Doug and Joy Roetzel
- Ryan and Kimberly Mehalovich
- 10 Aaron and Erin Lorch
- 13 Dan and Hillary Henningsen
- 19 Paul and Myrna Herbers
- 23 Jim and Kathleen Baumgard
- 26 Susan and Curt Willette
- 27 Robert and Kathy Brown
- 27 Charles and Mary Reckard28 Ron and Jean Baack
- 29 Scott and Chelsea Swenson
- 30 Thomas and Linda Keenan
- 31 Gary and Nancy Espinoza 31 Steve and Jerilyn Streit

December Volunteer Ministry Schedule

First Sunday of Advent Saturday, December 2nd @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Connie Chapman, Karen Naber, Ron

Swartz

LECTOR: Molly Mulqueen

SERVERS: Grace Davis, Brody Titterington HOSPITALITY: Loretta Halbur, Connie & Dick

Mataloni, Joel Naber

Sunday, December 3rd @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Bill & Cheryl Aumer, Bev Kruger, Jan Pi-

than

LECTOR: Sara Laven

SERVERS: Emily Breuer, Asher Knudtson HOSPITALITY: Arend & Molly Swygman, Curt &

Susan Willette

Second Sunday of Advent
Saturday, December 9th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Irene & Jim McCoy, Marlene Nelson

LECTOR: Deb Bode

SERVERS: Ben Garcia, John Garcia

HOSPITALITY: Jim Baumgard, Anne Donovan,

Bonnie Duhn, Terry & Tom Rierson

Sunday, December 10th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Cheryl Houseman, Chris & Connie Jones,

Dori Lippon

LECTOR: MaryBeth Gehling

SERVERS: Simon Walleck, Porter Prentice HOSPITALITY: Julie & Tim Fairchild, Dennis Lip-

pon, Abby Walleck

Third Sunday of Advent
Saturday, December 16th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Deb Faulkner, Faith Garcia, Jeff Knudt-

son, Jean Petitti

LECTOR: Connie Chapman **SERVERS:** Ron Swartz

HOSPITALITY: Doug Heller, Monica Koeppen,

Eldon Kraninger, Joel & Karen Naber

Sunday, December 17th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Erin Lorch, Jim & Laurie Murray, Jeff Nel-

son

LECTOR: Linda Hirsch

SERVERS: Jerron Heller, Jocelyn Heller

HOSPITALITY: John Heller, Marshall Matuska,

Michael & Sharon Sjoblom, Jon Sorenson

Fourth Sunday of Advent Saturday, December 23rd @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Terri & Tom Reirson, Holly & Paul Skopec

LECTOR: Brad Shell

SERVERS: Asher Knudtson, Brody Titterington **HOSPITALITY:** Jim Baumgard, Anne Donovan, Bonnie Duhn, Loretta Halbur, Connie & Dick Ma-

taloni

Sunday, December 24th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Dennis Cole, Chris Hinshaw, Cory Knudt-

son, Bernie Kramer, Becky Wittrock

LECTOR: Joseph Schmidt

SERVERS: Alex Anderson, Will Anderson

HOSPITALITY: Bill & Cheryl Aumer, Dennis Lip-

pon, Marshall Matuska, Arend & Molly Swygman

A sign-up sheet will be on the counter across from the elevator for our Christmas Eve Masses at 4 and 6 p.m. and Christmas Morning Mass at 9 a.m. Please assist the Masses if you are able.

Holy Family
Saturday, December 30th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Eldon Kraninger, Molly Mulqueen, Jerilyn

Streit, Sheila Thelen LECTOR: Irene McCoy

SERVERS: Grace Davis, Ron Swartz

HOSPITALITY: Doug Heller, Jim McCoy, Joel &

Karen Naber

Sunday, December 31st @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Connie Hinrichs, Deb & Mark Johnson,

Susan Willette

LECTOR: Beth Lorch

SERVERS: Emily Breuer, Porter Prentice

HOSPITALITY: Julie & Tim Fairchild, John Hell-

er, Jon Sorenson, Curt Willette

A sign-up sheet will be on the counter across from the elevator for our New Year's Eve Mass at 4 p.m. and our New Year's Day Mass on Monday, Jan. 1, 2024 at 9 a.m.

