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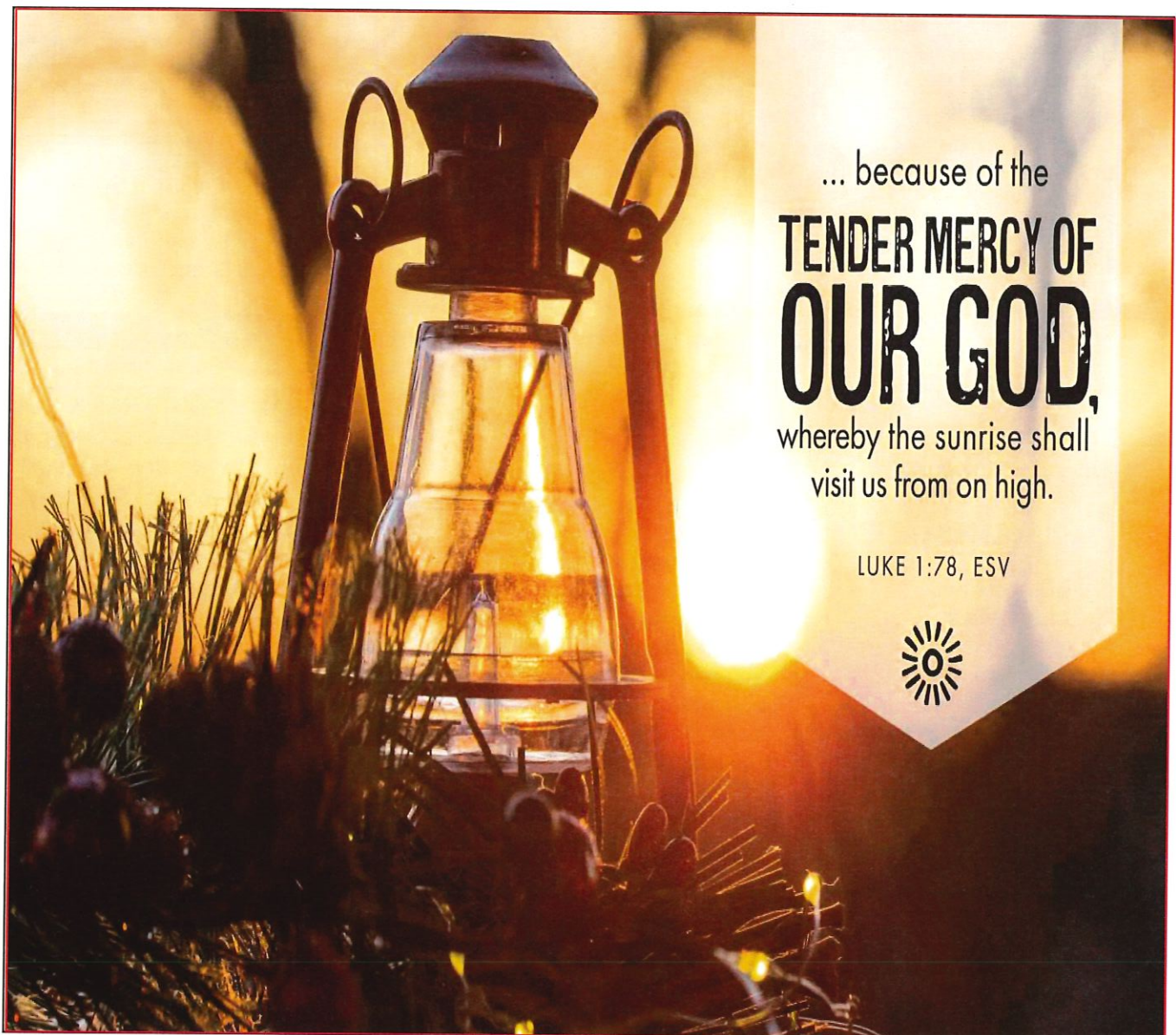
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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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visit us from on high.

LUKE 1:78, ESV



News From St. Joseph Parish



WELCOME TO SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

We hope your visit here will be a prayerful time as you enjoy the lakes region. Please consider St. Joseph's as your church away from home. Contact us at the Parish Office if we may serve you in any way.

We are committed to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ and invite you to join us!

May the Holy Spirit lead us in living as a welcoming Catholic community.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.- Thurs.: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Fri.: 8 a.m. - 12 noon

RECONCILIATION:

3:15 pm Sat;

8:15 am Sun

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Tuesday 12 noon

MASS SCHEDULE:

Winter

Saturday at 4 p.m.

Sunday at 9 a.m.

Summer

Saturday at 4 p.m.

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

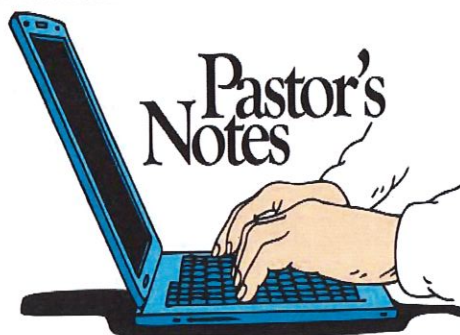
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Covid Infections

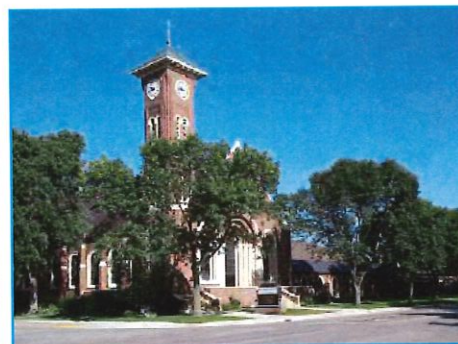
We are all aware that the rate of Covid infections in Dickinson County has increased at an alarming rate. We do not have any vaccine mandate in the parishes of the Diocese of Sioux City. We certainly support the idea that everyone needs to make their own decision regarding their health care concerns. However, the recent uptick in infections motivates us to encourage non-vaccinated parish members to wear a mask and take extra precautions at our gatherings. We continue to sanitize our churches after each Mass and we encourage all to use sanitizer as you enter the church. We ask that Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who have chosen not to be vaccinated to refrain from distributing Holy Communion until further notice. Please call the office so that we can take you off the schedule for the time being. Thanks for understanding our desire to keep everyone safe.

New Vestments

This week the St. Joseph Altar and Rosary Society purchased a new set of Deacon vestments for use here at St. Joseph's. These good women have sold rolls, flipped omelets and sold raffle tickets so that they can support a wide variety of concerns here at St. Joseph. We would like to thank the anonymous donors who purchased a new set of vestments for Deacon Darwin's use at St. Mary's. We have not had a deacon here before so we had to purchase vestments for use at Mass here at St. Mary's. Thanks for your generosity.

Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting

We had a great Parent/Student meeting for all families preparing



Sunday, Oct. 17

5 p.m.: Young Adult Scripture Study, Zoom Room.

Monday, Oct. 18

8 p.m.: Ala-non meets by zoom.

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, Oct. 19

2 to 5:15 p.m.: Eucharist Adoration

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Wednesday, Oct. 20

3:45-5 p.m.: Rel. Ed for K-4

7-8 p.m.: Rel Ed for 5-12

8 p.m.: High School youth group meets at Bible Conference Grounds, Arnolds Park.

Thursday, Oct. 21

8 a.m.: Bible Study, Nazareth Hall.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Thank you to Funeral Group #6 for serving the +Jerry Westcott Funeral luncheon on Thursday, Oct. 7. Thank you to Funeral Group #5 for serving the +Bertie Nolan funeral luncheon on Tues., Oct. 12 and thank you to Funeral Group #7 for serving the +Tina Sattler funeral luncheon on Fri., Oct. 15. Your willingness to assist a family in their greatest time of need is truly appreciated. Funeral Group #8 will be in charge of the next funeral luncheon.

Hughes....from first column

for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you were not able to attend the meeting please be in touch with our parish offices so that we can prepare a packet of information for you.

News From St. Joseph Parish

Thank You, Thank You!

✓ Thank you to the Altar Rosary volunteers for decorating the 19 flower pots along highway 71 in Milford. This is the second phase of three phase decorating included in the Milford Commercial Club planter project. The final winter decorations will be added in November. For their work, the Altar Rosary Society will recognize about \$1,750 for their treasury.



✓ Thank you to the Altar Rosary Society who graciously voted Tuesday night to purchase a new ice machine for the church kitchen at a cost of nearly \$3,000. The new machine is expected to arrive within two weeks, just in time for the annual Harvest Dinner. In addition, Rosary/Altar members voted to purchase new vestments to be used by our new Deacon Darwin Messerly. The vestments, which total about \$2,400, will match our existing priest vestments. And finally, thank you to the Altar Rosary for voting to purchase the 2022 religious calendars for parishioners and visitors. Your generosity is amazing and will be appreciated by many for years to come.

October is Respect Life Month

Please join the Catholic Daughters for a 'Rosary for Life' before the Sunday 9 a.m. Masses in October starting at 8:30 a.m.

SOCK DRIVE

On a recent visit to the Sioux City Soup Kitchen, the St. Joseph Volunteers noticed many less fortunate people without socks. To assist, a sock drive has been set up to benefit these people. Please drop off new socks in the office. The socks will be delivered to the Soup Kitchen in January. Thanks in advance for your help.



THANK YOU - The +Glen Luchtel family would like to thank everyone for the sympathy, cards and memorials. **Mitzi Maranell**

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The next healing Mass will be Tuesday, Oct. 19 at the 5:30 p.m. Mass. The CDA will serve a soup supper following in the parish center.



PRAYERS and sympathy from the St. Joseph Parish Family to Larry Sattler and family on the death of his wife, +Tina, who died Tues., Oct. 12. Her Mass of Christian Burial was Friday, Oct. 15 at St. Joseph.

BE SURE to sign up to help at the annual Harvest Dinner on Sun., Nov. 21, 11 to 1 p.m.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

News items for the November Newsletter are due Wed., Oct. 20 at 12 noon. Thanks in advance.



PRAY for these members: Mary Mittag, Jerry Finch, Dirk Hansen, June Reiman, Ann Stein, Sherri Jones, Nancy Crepeau, Mary Langel, Geneva Knudtson, Rick DeMuth, Linda Higgins, Mary Ann Sigler, Dennis and Alma Klute, Jerry Clark, Robert Rowland, Bill James, Marie Van Hofwegen, Ethel Wilson, Steve Painter, Ginny Yore, LaDonna Jansen, Dale Langel, Finley Brunsvold, Dee Bryant, Phyllis Hintz, Terry Abbas.

PLEASE pray for these special persons: Virginia Bensman, Grace Catlin, Craig Tingwald, Cooper Hatfield, Corey Langner, Claire Yaw, Cheryl Kallis, Sammy Schumann, Ellie Wiemers, Mary Gerdes Smith, Mary W., Mary Bolan, Dick Vogel, Charles Graves, Zoe Lorenzen, Heather Hamann, Esther Morris, Harvey Baxter, Jr., Wayne Bellinghausen, Maxine Thompson, Lois Doran, Dale Gentry, Susan Barnes, Mike Cooper, Denny Daberkow, Louise DeWitt, Ray Langel, Kristin Meyer, Kevin Wittrock, Charlotte Tiesler, Tailen Sturtz, Aimee Wallrich, Jan Wolf, Peggy Price, Joan Mertz, John Bruening, Ann Willette, Ashlyn Clark, Jerry Wolford, Kami Svoboda, Darrel Wedeking, Dan Mulder, Leah Brevik, Colleen Mulder, Jamie O'Neill.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Oct. 16

4 p: +For The People

Sunday, Oct. 17

9 a: +Charles McCabe

Monday, Oct. 18

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Oct. 19

5:30 p: +Glen Luchtel

Wednesday, Oct. 20

7:30 a: Dec/Liv Halbur/Johnson Fam

Thursday, Oct. 21

7:30 a: +Bob Neary

Friday, Oct. 22

7:30 a: Special Intention (JLW)

Saturday, Oct. 23

4 p: For The People

Sunday, Oct. 24

9 a: +Earl and +Joan Langel

Faith Notes

By Sharon Mayer

Today it DOES feel like fall! Windy and chilly. Mother Nature decided to relieve me of one of the big trees in my yard as well with the wind we had. At least we are not cold enough for the white stuff yet. My plants enjoyed being out longer than usual this year.

This is the month of Mary so some of our students are focusing on the Mysteries of the Rosary. Other classes are learning about Baptism or how our church came to be. At the end of this month, we will turn our focus to All Hallows Eve, Saints, Souls and of course treats! Watch for Mass times for the Feast Day. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

PLEASE return your Together as One (TAO) forms by mail, in the collection or at the parish office.



Together As One Update

Goal: \$38,759.00

Payments: \$1,900.00

Total: \$11,725.00

Remaining: \$27,034.00

% of Goal: 30.2%

Parishioners: 735

Participants: 96 %:13.06

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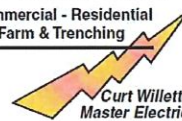
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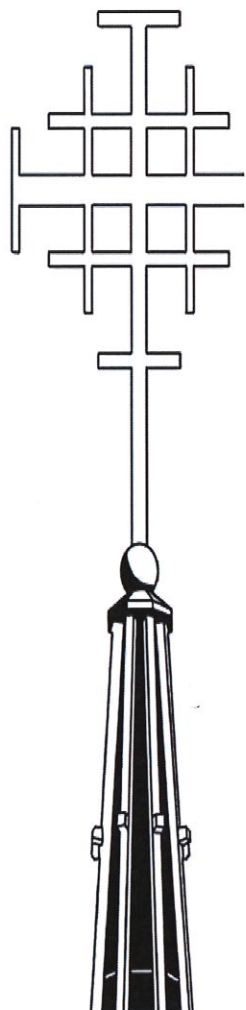
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News From St. Mary's Parish



Baptism

WE WOULD like to say a word of congratulations to Jeff and Amanda Zimmerman on the baptism of their son, Michael Edwin, here at St. Mary's this weekend. May God bless him and his family. Welcome, Michael!

Together As One Update

Just a little update as to our progress. Our Diocesan Support Goal is \$29,817.00. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to our annual appeal. As of date we have received \$17,400.00 in payments and pledges. Keep up the good work.

Upper Des Moines Food Pantry



During the month of November, St. Mary's has agreed to go to Wal-Mart and pick up meat and produce and bring it to Upper Des Moines. We need volunteers for Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Winter Mass Schedule

We have changed to the following Mass schedule: Saturday evening we will have Mass at St. Joseph's at 4 p.m. and St. Mary's at 5:30 p.m.. Sunday morning, we will have Mass at 9 a.m. at St. Joseph's and 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's. Change is always difficult, but we hope that the planned schedule will serve as many people as possible and provide a workable situation for our clergy. Fr. Tom Flanagan will continue to assist us in both parishes and he and Fr. Hughes will alternate weekends when that is possible. We ask that all our parishioners be patient and generously adapt to our "new normal".



RCIA Classes

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an 8 month process that the universal church follows when we welcome individuals into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know would like to join the Church, please call the parish office at 712-336-1742. Classes will begin in mid-October.



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Fri.: 8 a.m. - 12 noon

Reconciliation:

4:45 pm Sat;
9:45 am Sun

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday 12 noon

Mass Schedule:

Winter

Saturday at 5:30 p.m.
Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Summer

Saturday at 5:30

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News From St. Mary's Parish

KC 50/50 Raffle



Get Your Tickets!

Knights of Columbus will hold their second 50/50 raffle with the drawing on November 7th. If all tickets are sold, the payout will be \$12,500.00 spread over 15 winners. Stop after Mass at the back of the church or contact a Knight if interested. Tickets are \$50.00 each and the goal is to sell 500 tickets.

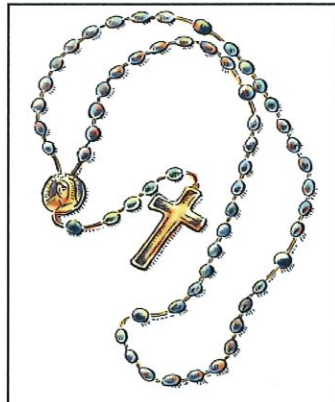
KC Breakfast

The KCs are hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast on October 17th from 9:00-Noon. The Membership Committee will be in charge of this. Members include: Todd Backhaus, James Blum, Jim Carney, Mark Dykema, Bob Emgarten, Mike Koenecke, Mark Maeyear, JT O'Neill, Dale Vortherms, Andrew Vortherms, Craig Cunningham, Alan Ditsworth, Mike Sandy, Chris Sandy and Johnny Klaschen.



Rosary During October

Before the Masses during the month of October, we will be praying the rosary. If you are interested in leading this beautiful prayer in honor of Mary, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.



Benefit Luncheon

Please come out to support Grace Catlin and her family at a benefit luncheon on Sunday, October 24th from 11-2 at Grace Lutheran Church, 901 Hill Avenue, Spirit Lake. Grace was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and liver cancer. Donations will help with out-of-pocket medical and travel costs. Homemade soups, bars and drink will be served. Free will donation. Take out available and curbside pick-up. Call 712-320-0536.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Oct. 18

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Oct. 19

5:30 p.m.: +Bill and +Millie Kisting

Wednesday, Oct. 20

12 noon: +Henry and +Mildred Bibow

Thursday, Oct. 21

5:30 p.m.: +Shannon Aeikens-Jones

Friday, Oct. 22

12 noon: +Paul Delaney

Saturday, Oct. 23

5:30 p.m.: Living and Deceased of Nic S. Hansen Family

Sunday, Oct. 24

10:30 a.m.: Living and Deceased Members of St. Mary's
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NEWS & Notes

Following is general information that may be helpful to you.

- ✓ **BAPTISMS:** Contact the office to inquire about pre-baptismal class.
- ✓ **MARRIAGE:** Contact the office at least six months before the date of the wedding.
- ✓ **CONFESSIONS:** Wednesday at 3:30 p.m., Saturday at 4:45 p.m. and Sunday at 9:45 a.m.
- ✓ **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Wednesday from 12:30 pm .to 4 p.m.

Technology Assistance

We are looking for a person who can work part time to assist us with our technology projects. Computer skills will be essential for this job. Our website, our Facebook pages and our YouTube channels all need some work. In addition, our online ministry needs some supervision. If you are interested in doing this kind of work for the parishes of Dickinson County, please give one of the parish offices a call. Much of the work can probably be managed from home.



Ministry Schedules

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, Oct. 23 @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Alex Jones, Ron Swartz, David Loebig

LECTOR: Loretta Halbur

SERVERS: Faith Garcia and crew

USHERS: Dale Hanna, Jim Baumgard, Bonnie Duhn

GREETERS: Arend Swygman, Curt and Susan Willette

Sunday, Oct. 24 @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Jeff Nelson, Jan Pithan, Connie Chapman, Connie and Chris Jones

LECTOR: Karen Schwaller

SERVERS: Deb and Mark Johnson

USHERS: Mark and Molly Foss, Patrick and Donna Goebel

GREETERS: Molly Foss, Brad Shell

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, Oct. 23 @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Patty Delaney, Susan Sundlin, Sandi Smith

LECTOR: John Mohr

SERVERS: Mackenzie Bennet

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: John Delaney, Jim Carney, Gayle Eral, Dale Vortherms

MUSIC MINISTERS: Donna Davis, Shauna Donovan

Sunday, Oct. 24 @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Brian Koppen, Michaela Koppen, Sharon Crowley

LECTOR: Mary Brandt

SERVERS: Jasper Robinson, Tyson Robinson

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: Mike Davis, Jim Wiese, Kim Kirschbaum, Ron Crowley

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