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**Call upon his name; make known
His deeds among the people!**

1 CHRONICLES 16:8, NKJV

**Christ The King
Nov. 21, 2021**



News From St. Joseph Parish



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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.

Sunday at 7:30, 9 and 10:30 a.m.

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NAME: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____



Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Day Dinner

If you will be alone on Thanksgiving, why not consider spending it with other parishioners at St. Joseph on Thurs., Nov. 25 at 12 noon. The dinner is free but reservations are required by Tues., Nov. 23. Call 338-2274.



THE CLOTHING Room will be closed Nov. 22-26th for staff holiday/vacation. It will reopen at 1 p.m. on Mon., Nov. 29.

THANK you to Funeral Group #5 for serving the luncheon and the many acts of kindness expressed to our family at the time of +Alberta's death. Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.



All CDA & KC members and a guest are invited to a joint Christmas party on December 4th after Saturday night mass. Social time followed by a meal. Meat & potatoes will be provided with each couple to bring a side dish or desert to pass. No charge but please RSVP to Jeanette - email mbaackj@aol.com or call/text 330-0576 by November 28th.



Sunday, Nov. 21

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

Monday, Nov. 22

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

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, Nov. 23

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

5:30 p.m.: Mass

6 p.m.: CDA meets following Mass.

Wednesday, Nov. 24

NO Religious Education

Thursday, Nov. 25

9 a.m.: Thanksgiving Day Mass

Friday, Nov. 26

Parish Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

All CDA members please note: November CDA meeting to follow the mass on Tuesday, November 23rd.



PARISH Offices will be closed Fri., Nov. 26 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Offices reopen Monday, Nov. 29 at 8 a.m.



Please make a note of these upcoming events:

✓ Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9

a.m. at St. Joseph

✓ Communal Penance Sun., Dec. 5: 1 p.m. St. Patrick's in Estherville; 2:30 p.m. St. Mary's in Spirit Lake and 4 p.m. St. Joseph in Milford;

✓ Anointing of the Sick (Healing Mass) at St. Mary's Spirit Lake, Thursday, Dec. 9, 5:30 p.m.

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Faith Notes By Sharon Mayer

Happy Thanksgiving to all families at St. Joseph. We have come through quite a year. Some of us got through okay but some did not. Like the very first Thanksgiving in this country, the people needed to rely on the help of others and work together. The first year was not kind to the new settlers. COVID has not been kind either, but God puts angels before us to help get through all adversity. There is always something to be grateful for.

We do not have religious education classes this week as there is no school at Okoboji. They are on holiday. I likewise am on an extended holiday as I get ready for surgery right after the Thanksgiving weekend. I do not plan to be down too long though as like a spring I hope to pop back up. Too much to do coming into Advent and Christmas. It is what keeps us going. So here is to decking the halls and wrapping the gifts and making special treats for the holiday season. I will scale back on my duties this year just a bit and just enjoy some holiday music which I am sure is already playing on a radio station near you.



Christmas Shopping Made Easy

We have many St. Joseph Centennial items on hand in the parish office that would make ideal Christmas gifts. Stop in to shop!

Parishioners are invited to the CDA Rosary of Remembrance in the Parish Center immediately after the evening mass on Tuesday, November 23rd. We will remember each CDA member who has passed away so if your friend or loved one was a member we welcome you to join us.



PRAY for these members: James Higgins, Buzz Vermeer, Mary Mittag, Jerry Finch, Dirk Hansen, June Reiman, Ann Stein, 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, Ashlyn Clark, Jerry Wolford, Kami Svoboda, Darrel Wedeking, Dan Mulder, Leah Brevik, Colleen Mulder, Jamie O'Neill.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Nov. 20

4 p: For The People

Sunday, Nov. 21

9 a: +Ken Knudtson
+Lynn Knudtson

Monday, Nov. 22

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Nov. 23

5:30 p: +Dolores Wunn

Wednesday, Nov. 24

7:30 a: +Robert & +Betty Griffin

Thursday, Nov. 25

9 a: For The People

Friday, Nov. 26

7:30 a: **No Mass Today**

Saturday, Nov. 27

4 p: +Rita Wuebker
+Tom Wuebker

Sunday, Nov. 28

9 a: For The People

Together As One Update

Goal: \$38,759.00

Payments: \$625.00

Total: \$20,697.00

Remaining: \$18,062.00

% of Goal: 53%

Parishioners: 735

Participants: 119

%: 16.1

Please return your card
as soon as possible.

Ministry Schedule

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 27 @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Alma Klute, Jeff Knudtson,
Marlene Nelson

LECTOR: Brad Shell

SERVERS: Will Anderson, Kaila
Weston

HOSPITALITY: Jim Baumgard, Lo-
retta Halbur, Monica Koppen

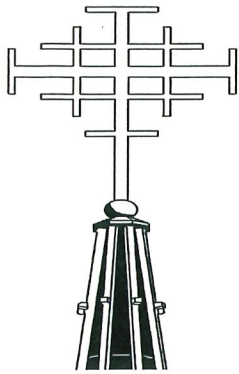
Sunday, November 28 @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Denise Cole, Steve Eral,
Chad Harms, Marlys Nolan

LECTOR: Aaron Lorch

SERVERS: Austin Harms, Need
one here

HOSPITALITY: Donna Goebel,
Patrick Goebel, Need 2 here.



News From St. Mary's Parish

Parish Office

In observance of Thanksgiving the parish office will be closed on Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th. All of the staff at St. Mary's wish you a blessed Thanksgiving Day!



Steubenville of the Rockies 2022

It is with great excitement that we announce plans to return to Colorado this coming summer for the Steubenville of the Rockies conference. The trip is planned for June 28th – July 3rd. The first three days of the trip will be spent enjoying the YMCA's Snow Mountain Ranch! This stay includes whitewater rafting, hiking, and other activities. Then we will travel to Denver for the conference and return late July 3rd. The cost of the trip has yet to be determined. Students should not avoid registering due to funding. We will have multiple fundraising events beginning in December up until the trip. The strict deadline to sign up is December 22nd. Due to the cost and extended days included in this trip, it is important that students sign up early! Registration forms are available in the narthex of both St. Mary's and St. Joseph's churches. Please contact Mary Brandt with questions regarding the trip. 712-260-8065.

2021 Holy Family Christmas Gala

You're invited to a Pro-Life Christmas Gala on November 20th! Iowans for LIFE will host a pro-life Christmas Gala, THE HOLY FAMILY, on November 20th at Hy-Vee Ron Pearson Center in West Des Moines. The evening consists of cash bar, a delicious dinner, enticing auction items, and sensational Christmas entertainment featuring top talent including Gina Gedler and Tony Valdez. Mon-signor Frank Chiodo will speak on the importance of the pro-life movement. Tables of ten/\$600; \$65/seat. Order online today: iowansforLIFE.org.

Youth Group March for Life 2022 Trip

We would like to invite our students and parents to consider joining us for a bus trip to Washington DC for the 2022 March for Life January 21st. This trip will be organized through Iowans for Life. For the cost of \$400 per participant, they cover transportation by bus and lodging (4 to a room) for the two night stay in DC. We would leave on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 19th and return on the evening of Sunday, January 23rd. Any student that is younger than high school age and would like to attend is required to have a parent or guardian accompany them for liability reasons. Registrations will be guaranteed until Nov. 1st. Any registrations received after that date are subject to be declined based on the availability. For more information or to register, please contact Derek Probst at the parish office.

Youth Group Bus Trip



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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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Religious Education Classes

There will be NO religious education classes on November 24th due to it being the day before Thanksgiving. We look forward to seeing everyone back in class when we resume RE on December 1st.

Missing

An air-bake jelly roll pan was taken by mistake from the parish hall after the Knights of Columbus Soup and Pie Supper. Please check your pans and if found please return, it has J. Staver on the back. Thank you!



Thanksgiving and Christmas Masses



It is hard to believe that this time of the year is nearly upon us. We would like to let you know the schedule for Thanksgiving and Christmas. There will not be a Mass at St. Mary's on Thanksgiving, but St. Joseph will be having one at 9 a.m. that morning. The Christmas schedule is as follows: Christmas Eve, 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's and 4 p.m. and 12 Midnight at St. Joseph's. Christmas Day, 9 a.m. St. Joseph's and 10:30 a.m. St. Mary's.



Please Keep in Your Prayers

All Confidential Prayer Chain requests may be directed to Jean Mohr, our Prayer Chain Coordinator at 712-336-2559 or 712-320-5433. Prayer intentions may be entered in the prayer Request book, which can be found in the narthex of the church.

Food and Boot Drive for November

The youth of St. Mary's are planing a food and boot drive to benefit Upper Des Moines opportunity of Dickinson County. All non-perishable items are welcome. In particularly high need are jellies and jams, canned fruit, and snow boots. Items can be placed in the entry of the church through the week of Thanksgiving. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

The 22 Haiti Team

We cannot thank you enough for your incredible support for our January 2022 Haiti team. Unfortunately, the political unrest and insecurity to Haitian's as well as Americans is so questionable that our UCI missionaries will not allow our team to come. Due to the unrest, there is terrible upheaval in the country. Our team is preparing to continue to support the ministry, not with our presence, unfortunately, but with our finances. Thanks again and blessings on your love, support and continued prayers for UCI and Haiti!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Nov. 22

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Nov. 23

5:30 p.m.: +Buck and +Joan DeWitt

Wednesday, Nov. 24

12 noon: +Gladys Doocy

Thursday, Nov. 25

9 a.m.: +Fr. Al Grendler

Friday, Nov. 26

12 noon: +Noel Schoo

Saturday, Nov. 27

5:30 p.m.: +Chris Evavold

Sunday, Nov. 28

10:30 a.m.: +Sam Steele

Living and Deceased Members of St. Mary's

Ministry Schedule

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Nov. 27 @ 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Eileen Skogerboe, Jed Skogerboe, Sharon Crowley

LECTOR: Ron Crowley

SERVERS: Kaleb Lee, Noah Lee

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: Jim Leinbaugh, Dave Hansen, Linda Hansen

MUSIC MINISTERS: Donna Williams, Shauna Donovan

Sunday, Nov. 28 @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Tom Lynch, Margie Lynch, Jeannie James

LECTOR: Catherine Strauss

SERVERS: Emma Straus, Miles Wasson

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: Brian Koppen, Michella Koppen, Pam Wingert, Anna Straus

MUSIC MINISTERS: Donna Williams, Gaylene Rolling

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 11:30 a.m., Saturday at 4:45 pm.. and Sunday at 9:45 a.m.
- ✓ **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday from 2 to 5:15 p.m.

Pastor's COLUMN

Meitler School Feasibility Study

We would like to thank everyone who attended one of the Feasibility Meetings last week. Also a big thanks to the folks who have gotten on line to complete the online surveys. They survey will continue to be open for a few more days and then we will close it down so that the data can be analyzed. We hope to be able to have all of the data. We hope to be able to have a report of Phase One of our project completed by mid-December.

Confessions

We are looking forward to a number of opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the weeks running up to Christmas. We will have student Confessions in Spirit Lake last Wednesday and will have them in Milford on Wednesday, December, 1st at St. Joseph's. Our parish Penance Services will be held on Sunday December 5th with Confessions at Estherville, St. Patrick's at 1:00, St. Mary's, Spirit Lake at 2:30 and St. Joseph's Milford at 4:00. In addition, we have Confessions 45 minutes before weekend Mass in both Parishes and on Thursdays at St. Mary's at 11:30 and at St. Joseph's at 4:30 on Tuesday's. All are welcome.

Visitors

Fr. Hughes will be away celebrating Thanksgiving with his family and Fr. Flanagan will be attending the Dedication of the new Church in Sioux Center. Msgr. Seifried will be celebrating Mass at St. Joseph's and Fr. Cosgrove will be celebrating Mass at St. Mary's. Thanks to these two priests for their faithful service.

Thanks For Your Service

Thanks to Derrick Probst and his crew who put on a great middle school retreat last weekend. Thanks also to Loretta Halbur and Mark and Deb Johnson who did a fantastic job of preparing lunch.



The readings today speak of the end of the world and the coming of the Kingdom. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship says clearly that "that life to come" is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now. May our good stewardship cause us to be numbered among the chosen on the last day!

ST. MARY'S FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Nov. 13-14, 2021 Attendance:

Adults: \$5,780.00
Online: \$636.00
Guatemala: \$
Dollar: \$208.00
Special: \$303.00 - Food Pantry
Votive: \$27.00

ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Nov. 13-14, 2021 Attendance: 391

Adults: \$4,407.00	Loose: \$728.00
Candles: \$77.00	Endowment: \$40.00
Clothing Room: \$77.55	Building Fund: \$5,444.00
Souvenirs: \$8.00	Food Program: \$300.00
Misc.: \$290.00	Peace & Justice: \$120.00
St. Jo Ed Fund: \$40.00	Poor Box: \$43.00

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