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Fourth Sunday of Advent
Dec. 19, 2021



A LITTLE CHILD
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Isaiah 11:6, NIV

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.

Sunday at 7:30, 9 and 10:30 a.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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LAST CHANCE to make these activities a part of your Advent Season this year.

✓ **The Mitten Tree** is up in the hallway leading into the church. This project welcomes new hats, gloves, snowpants and winterwear for children and adults. The items left on the tree will be distributed to those in need utilizing the St. Joseph Clothing Room.



✓ **New socks** are being accepted in the office for the less fortunate patrons of the Sioux City Soup Kitchen.

NW IOWA MEN'S WELCOME Retreat is scheduled for March 12-13, 2022 @ St. Joseph, Milford. This is an opportunity in fellowship and faith. Contact Aaron Lorch @ 712-363-2372; Jeff Nelson @ 712-541-2379; Dcn. Frank Boever @ 712-262-8342; Bill Kersting @ 712-363-1613. More details to follow.



THE KC's continue to collect in date canned and non-perishable items for their Christmas basket project. Please leave items on the bench near the west entrance. Deadline is Monday morning, Dec. 20th.



Monday, Dec. 20

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

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 21

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

5:30 p.m.: Mass

7 p.m.: Confessions

Wednesday, Dec. 22

NO Religious Education

7 p.m.: Confessions

Thursday, Dec. 23

8 a.m.: Bible Study meets, overflow.

LifeServe Blood Center will host a Milford Community Blood Drive Tues., Dec. 21, 1:30 to 5:30 in the parish center. Appointments are required. Text Lifeserve to 999-7771 or call 1-800-287-4903.

NEW 2022 CALENDARS will be arriving soon, hopefully by Dec. 24. We also continue to wait for the new ice machine. Thanks to the St. Joseph Altar/Rosary Society for contributing the calendars and the ice machine. You will be rewarded for your generosity.



REMEMBER your loved one with a poinsettia on the altar this Christmas season. \$12 each. Stop in office or include in collection. Deadline for inclusion in the bulletin is Wed., Dec. 22 at 12 noon.



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Faith Notes

By Sharon Mayer

Warmed by the fires of Advent, Part 4

Having come through Advent, our homes are ready, the food and gifts are bought, it is time to rest. Rest in the spirit of love that has been building since Thanksgiving. Our fourth flame of love is lit, and the fires of Advent are burning brightly for all.

Two women, two men, two boys and God are the players in the story of the salvation of the world. The thought of it! A story that will be told year after year as long as man endures. Told, until the Son of Mary comes again and asks "were you waiting for me? I hope so."

Will the fires of Advent still be burning as brightly then as they do now? Are they burning in your heart and soul as they should be? With all the hope, peace, joy and love that only a belief in Jesus Christ can bring. Mary knew and believed. She shared the warmth of her Son's fire with the world and blessed us all.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

To Fr. Brian, the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion, Funeral Group #1 and anyone else who remembered our dad, +Earl Sporrer, at the time of his death and funeral. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

The Family of +Earl Sporrer



Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible study registration will take place in person after each Mass this weekend, December 18 and 19, at both St. Mary's and St. Joseph's. Registration forms are also posted at each parish and can be mailed to the address on the form. All details are in the December 12 bulletin.



Christmas Shopping Made Easy

St. Joseph Centennial items on sale in the parish office. Stop in.

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS: We are in need of two ushers for the 12 midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. If you can serve in this capacity, please call the parish office.



PRAY for these members: Andrew Gross, James Higgins, 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 Brunsfold, Dee Bryant, Phyllis Hintz, Terry Abbas.

PLEASE pray for these special persons: Rich Oliphant, Roy Townsend, Virginia Bensman, 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, Colleen Mulder, Jamie O'Neill.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec. 18

4 p: Edwin Graettinger Family

Sunday, Dec. 19

9 a: For the People

Monday, Dec. 20

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Dec. 21

5:30 p: +Jerry Westcott

Wednesday, Dec. 22

7:30 a: +Betty Newman

Thursday, Dec. 23

7:30 a: +Cae Shima

Friday, Dec. 24

4 p: For the People

12 Mid: For The People

Saturday, Dec. 25

9 a: +Merlin and +Rita Wuebker

+Tom Wuebker

+Margaret Demke

4 p: For the People

Sunday, Dec. 26

9 a: +Earl and +Frances Connors

Livestream Available

We will be livestreaming Masses on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 at 4 p.m. and 12 Midnight as well as Christmas Day Mass at 9 a.m. and the regular weekend Masses Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 25 and 26 at 4 p.m. and 9 a.m. respectively.



FR. HUGHES and Fr. Flanagan will be available for last minute confessions in both churches before Christmas on Tuesday, Dec. 21 at 6 p.m. and Wed., Dec. 22 at 7 p.m.

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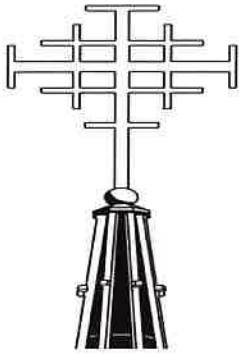
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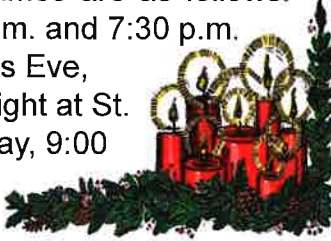
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News From St. Mary's Parish

Christmas Masses

The Christmas Mass times are as follows:
Christmas Eve, 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
at St. Mary's. Christmas Eve,
4:00 p.m. and 12 midnight at St.
Joseph's. Christmas Day, 9:00
a.m. St. Joseph's and
10:30 a.m. St. Mary's.



Thank you

We had a wonderful turnout for our Anointing Mass last Thursday. We would like to say a big thank you to Neal and Mary Brandt, owners of Squealers, who provided the delicious meal afterwards. Our next Anointing Mass is scheduled on February 15th at 5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's in Milford.

Liturgical Schedule

With Christmas fast approaching there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for liturgical ministries for our Christmas Masses. Please take the time to consider helping wherever you can.

Hats Off to a Great Semester of Religious Education

We at St. Mary's would like to say, "Wow!". What a great semester of RE. The amounts of kids involved and the liveliness is a joy to behold. We would especially like to thank everyone and who assisted in any capacity; our catechists, meal workers, donors, and all other volunteers! We would also like to thank every parent and guardian who has their children attend. It shows such a great love for our faith in this parish! Here's looking forward to another great semester beginning on January 5th!

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

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Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be serving pancakes and sausages in the parish hall on Sunday, December 19th. The Church Committee is: James Bunt, John Chappas, Steve Early, Tom Matuska, Jim Miller, Tom Riehm, Mike Schunk, Doc Smith, Tim Trei, Bob Wegelin, James Wiese, Bob Kirschbaum and Korey Robinson.



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.



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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

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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News From St. Mary's Parish



Rosaries

The 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas weekend, Zach Steffens will have a table in the narthex displaying several rosaries he has made. Zach's Grandma-Marilyn Wingert has made over 10,000 rosaries and Zach thought it would be a great hobby to take on. So, this holiday season get yourself or a loved one a beautiful (high quality) handmade rosary! Or, simply stop by his table to check them out!

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 white-water 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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary's is on Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. If you would like to come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. You can sign up to cover every week or once a month, a full hour or 30 minutes, whatever works with your schedule. What a beautiful way to exalt the greatness of God and acknowledge our dependence on Him in all things.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Dec. 20

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Dec. 21

5:30 p.m.: +Grady and +Joyce Parham

Wednesday, Dec. 22

12 noon.: +Joe and +Dora Rooney

Thursday, Dec. 23

5:30 p.m.: +Kathryn Crowley

Friday, Dec. 24

5:30 p.m.: +Jim and +Helen Besch

7:30 p.m.: +Mark and +Mary Williams

Saturday, Dec. 25

5:30 p.m.: +Liv/Dec Klemish/Studenly Families

Living and Deceased Members of St. Mary's

Sunday, Dec. 26

10:30 a.m.: +Patrick Nellis

+ Pat Donovan

Ministry Schedule

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, Dec. 25 @ 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Eileen Skogerboe, Jed Skogerboe, Sandi Smith

LECTOR: Phyllis McKeown

SERVERS: Noah Lee, Kaleb Lee

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: Dale Vortherms, Mark Ingwersen, Kim Ingwersen, Jim Carney

MUSIC MINISTERS: Donna Williams, Gaylene Rolling

Sunday, Dec. 26 @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Susan Lynn, Michella Koppen, Pam Wingert

LECTOR: Mary Brandt

SERVERS: Miles Wasson, Carter Trautman

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: Mike Davis, Tom Lynch, Margie Lynch, Brian Koppen



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 p.m. and Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

✓ **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday from 2 to 5:15 p.m.

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