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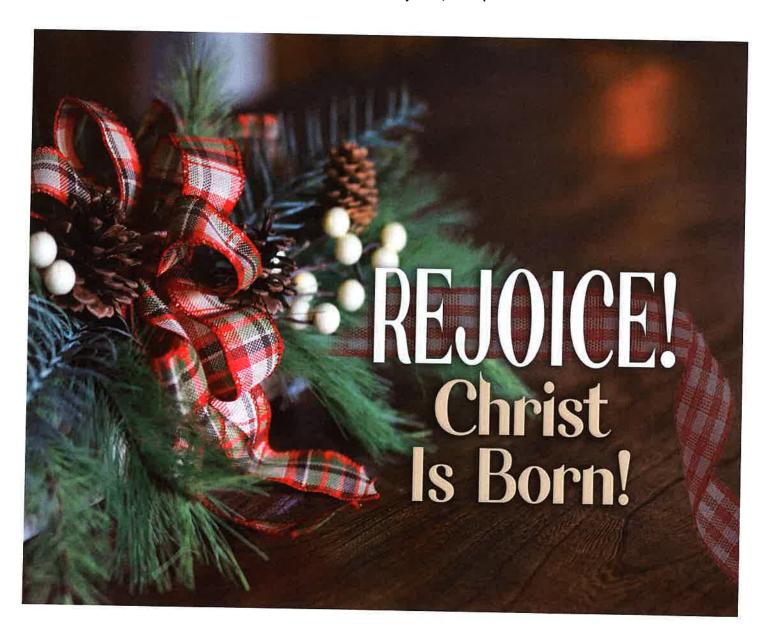
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### News From St. Joseph Parish



#### 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.

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#### Monday, Dec. 27

#### Parish Offices Closed

8 p.m.: Ala-non meets by zoom. 8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

#### Tuesday, Dec. 28

Parish Office open 8 to 12 noon.

No Eucharist Adoration

No Mass today

#### Wednesday, Dec. 29

Parish Office open 8 to 12 noon. No Mass No Religious Education

#### Thursday, Dec. 30

No Mass

Parish Office open 8 to 12 noon. No Bible Study

#### Friday, Dec 31

Parish Offices closed.

Mass at 4 p.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 6 p.m.

#### Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022

9 a.m. New Year's Day Mass 4 p.m. Mass

#### Sunday, 2, 2022

9 a.m. Mass

Parish Offices reopen Tues., Jan. 4



**THANK you** to all who remembered the staff with goodies and gifts throughout the Christmas Season. You warmed our hearts with your kindness. We wish you the best in 2022.

NEW 2022 CALENDARS are here. Take time to pick one up before you leave church today. Thanks to the St. Joseph Altar/Rosary Society for contributing the calendars. You will be rewarded for your generosity.

**Parish Office Holiday Hours** 

The Parish Office will be closed Mon., Dec. 27 but will be open Tues., Wed., and Thurs., Dec. 28-30 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon each day to handle church business that may be needed before the end of the year. Just a note that all financial contributions must be received by the parish office before Sat., Jan. 1., 2022.

### **Next Weeks Daily Mass Schedule**

Next week the Mass schedule at St. Joseph will change a bit. We will have a 7:30 a.m. Mass on Monday and then we will not have Mass again until the 4 p.m. Mass on Friday evening. There will be no Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of this week at St. Joseph. We will follow the regular Mass schedule at St. Mary's

**Synod Survey Questions** 

During the month of December and into early January we are participating in the world-side Synod that Pope Francis has convened to listen to Catholics throughout the world. This is a wonderful opportunity to express your experience of various aspects of Church life. Everyone's voice is important and valuable. We will be holding our hearing sessions on line and we ask that each of you consider completing at least some of the 10 questions that our Holy Father has posed for Catholics throughout the world.

Please take a few moments to visit one of our websites: stjo-sephmilford.org or stmarysspiritlake.org. You will find the questions there. We will gather all of the responses together and submit them to our deanery meeting on January13th in Algona. Please take a few minutes and express your experience.

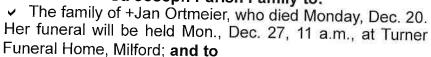
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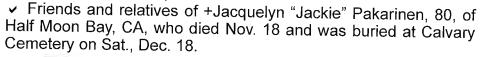
"Let There Be Light" Sign Fundraiser Begins! Many have noticed that the sign out in front of the church is not working. After investigation, it has been determined that we need to replace the sign. At their December meeting, Finance Council members approved the purchase of a sign similar to the one shown below. Cost is nearly \$30,000 with tax for the 63.5 by 85 inch full color sign. To assist in the payment of the sign, a fundraiser has been started. Already a \$2,000 contribution has been received. Please



mark on your check that it is for the sign project. Thanks in advance for any help you can give. It takes about 8 weeks for the new sign to arrive. We will keep you posted on our fundraising progress.

PRAYERS and sympathy from the St. Joseph Parish Family to:





THANK you to the +Earl Sporrer Family for the altar flowers left following his funeral.



WELCOME to the St. Joseph Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism to Dax Alan Spooner, son of Alex and Becca Spooner, who was baptized Sun., Dec. 19 at St. Joseph.

Many Thanks - We would like to thank the Altar and Rosary Society for hosting last week's Christmas Open House. We had a nice gathering and enjoyed the hospitality and goodies of the season.



PRAY for these members: Tutti Willison, 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 Brunsvold, 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 De-Witt, 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. 25

4 p: For the People

Sunday, Dec. 26

9 a: +Earl & +Frances Connors

Monday, Dec. 27

7:30 a: +Betty Mataloni

Tuesday, Dec. 28

No Mass Today

Wednesday, Dec. 29

No Mass Today

Thursday, Dec. 30

No Mass Today

Friday, Dec. 31

4 p: For The People

Saturday, Jan. 1

9 a: For The People

4 p: +Merlin Wuebker

Sunday, Jan. 2

9 a: For The People

Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God Friday, December 31st @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Chris Jones, Connie Jones,

Karen Naber

**LECTOR:** Lois Eckard

SERVERS: Faith Garcia, John Garcia HOSPITALITY: Jim Baumbard, Bonnie Duhn, Doug Heller, Monica Koppen

Saturday, January 1st @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Bill Aumer, Cheryl Aumer,

Mariys Nolan

**LECTOR:** Beth Lorch

SERVERS: Deb Johnson, Mark John-

HOSPITALITY: Michael and Sharon

Sjoblom

Epiphany of the Lord Saturday, January 1st @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Holly and Paul Skopec, Jerilyn

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LECTOR: Need a lector here.

SERVERS: Isabel Nelson, Ron Swartz HOSPITALITY: Eldon Kraninger, Mary Kraninger, Terri Rierson, Tom Rierson

Sunday, January 2nd @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Connie Hinrichs, Cheryl Houseman, Rick Houseman

**LECTOR:** Susan Willette

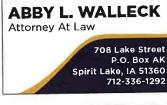
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derson

HOSPITALITY: Gary Espinoza, Julie Fairchild, Tim Fairchild, Curt Willette









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### News From St. Mary's Parish

#### Thank you

A big thank you to the following for decorating our church for the Christmas season: Brian & Michella Koppen, Donna Nellis, Gayle & Theresa Eral, Joe & Diana Endres, Teresa Garvey, Susan Sundlin, Tom & Margie Lynch, Paula Miller, Elsie Smith, Linda Hansen, Derek Probst, Scott and Jamin Trautman family and Jeff and Amy Rose family. It is beautiful!

#### **Catholic Media on FORMED**

In the midst of this joyous season, we would again like to encourage all to explore the great resources available on the FORMED website. There are high quality movies, inspirational reflections, and fun shows for kids! All of this through the lens of a faithful Catholic viewpoint. Since December 1st, 2021, those in our community that are already signed up have watched close to 700 videos with over 12,000 minutes of watch time! If you are interested in taking advantage of our subscription, you can head to FORMED. Org and search for Dickinson County Catholic Community. You can also find the link available on our website. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

### Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

All of us here at St. Mary's wish you a joyous and blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year! The parish office will close at noon on December 24th and will reopen on Tuesday, December 28th.

#### **Take Some Time For Christ**

Our youth are busy. Too busy sometimes. They are so busy that their faith life takes a back seat to all the other things such as sports, work, school, and music. Give your son or daughter the chance to put God at the center of everything-encourage them to go to Steubenville this summer. It may mean a few days away from all the other things, but in the big picture of life, God is everything. There are many spots open for our trip to Denver. Sign up by completing a registration form. They are located on the south kiosk in the narthex of the church.

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!

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

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

#### Congratulations

We would like to say congratulations to Ben and Ashley Miller on the baptism of their son, Everson Joseph, on Saturday here at St. Mary's. Everson is the grandson of Roger and Cindi Miller of our parish. Many blessings to this family! Also, congratulations to Patrick and Kathryn Muldoon on

the baptism of their daughter Layla and to Benton and Anne Stansel on the baptism of their son Walter who were baptized on Sunday. Congratulations!



#### **Found**

A man's wedding band was found in church last Saturday. You can contact Donna in the parish office if you are missing your ring.

#### St. Mary's Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

This Friday and Saturday (New Year's Eve and New Year's Day we will celebrate the Feast of Mary the Mother of God. This is a universal Holy Day of Obligation but this year the obligation for Mass attendance is set aside because of it proximity to Sunday. The day is the patronal Feast of St. Mary's in Spirit Lake. When St. Mary's Parish was founded more than 100 years ago the members asked that it be dedicated to "Mary, the Mother of God". Join us for Mass on that day to pray for the people of our Parish.

#### Rosaries

This 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!



#### **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. 27

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Dec. 28

5:30 p.m.: +Richard Grienke

Wednesday, Dec. 29

12 noon.: +Paul Delaney

Thursday, Dec. 30

5:30 p.m.: Special Intention

Friday, Dec. 3

5:30 p.m.: +Lee Eral

#### Saturday, Jan. 1

9 a.m.: Living/Deceased of St. Mary's

5:30 p.m.: +William Brown

#### Sunday, Jan. 2

10:30 a.m.: +Grace Catlin-Ritzer

Living/Deceased of St. Mary's

#### Ministry Schedule

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Saturday, Jan. 1 @ 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Sharon Crowley, Ron Crowley, Sandi Smith

LECTOR: Phyllis McKeown SERVERS: Sam Odendahl

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: Jim Leinbaugh, Gayle Eral,

Dale Vortherms, Dave Hansen MUSIC MINISTERS: Barbara Staver

#### Sunday, Jan. 2 @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Mindy Leinbaugh, Margie Lynch, Tom Lynch

**LECTOR:** Karen Fergen

SERVERS: Libby Leinbaugh, Simon Leinbaugh

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: Brian Nokleby, Kathy Nokle-

by, Andrew Vortherms, Mike Davis

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## 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.
- **► EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday from 2 to 5:15 p.m.



#### **Merry Christmas**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our guests who have joined us for our Christmas celebrations. It is great to have you here and we are grateful that you have shared with us at the table of the Lord. May God bless and protect you all in the new year and grant you safe travel as you return home.

#### Many Thanks

We would like to thank the many folks who have contributed to our Christmas celebrations. The folks who decorated the church, the musicians, the liturgical ministers have all greatly enhanced our prayer and our gatherings. Thank you for your generous community service.

### **New Year's Holy Hours**

Next week we will not have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament the usual times. At both St. Mary's and St. Joseph's we will be having special time for prayer and Adoration after the New Year's Eve Masses. On Friday, December 31st Eucharistic Adoration will begin after the 4 p.m. New Year's Eve Mass at St. Joseph's and will conclude with Benediction at 6 p.m. At St. Mary's, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 5:30 p.m. New Year's Mass and continue until 7:30 p.m. This is a great time to come together to pray for our families, our nation and our parish as we embark on a New Year together.

#### Welcome Zach Jones

Deacon Zach Jones has returned from Rome for a couple of weeks of family time. We welcome Deacon Zach and are grateful for his presence at our Christmas Season liturgies. Deacon Zach will return to the Seminary in Rome for the second semester and then will return this summer to be ordained to the priesthood at our Cathedral in June of this year.



The first reading today provides a challenging guideline for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

#### ST. MARY'S FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Dec. 18-19, 2021 Attendance: 467

Adults: \$10,944.00 Online: \$666.00 Loose: \$897.75 Dollar: \$442.00 (Guatemala)

Votive: \$107.00

### ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Dec. 18-19, 2021 Attendance: 470

Adults: \$9.920.00 P&J: \$30.00 Loose: \$1,770.00 Candles: \$59.00 Catholic Charities: \$105.00 **Poor Box:** \$41.00

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