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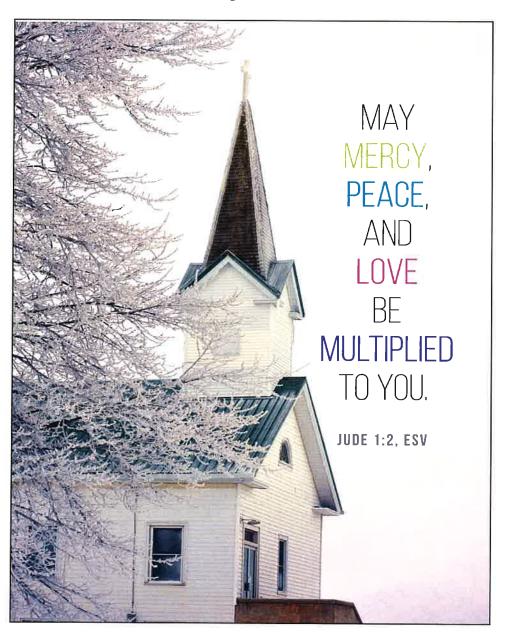
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News From St. Joseph Parish



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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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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WELCOME Winter Games visitors. We hope your weekend was filled with fun and festivities.



THANK YOU to the volunteers who served the less fortunate Thursday at the Sioux City Soup Kitchen. Your commitment to this ministry is appreciated.

THANK YOU to the Family of +Billie Schuett who left flowers in her memory following her funeral mass last Saturday.

PINK FEBRUARY THE St. Joseph Journal (newsletter) is available for pick up in the church lobby or on the counter across from the elevator.

Blessing of **Throats**

Father will be the blessina throats of school children at Religious Education Wed., Feb. 2. He



will bless throats following morning Mass for persons attending Mass.

SIGN-UP sheets for the Feb.

pancake 20 breakfast are lobthe on windows. by Please take time to volunteer.





MARK YOUR CALENDARS.... the next Anointing of the Sick (Healing Mass) is

set for Tues night, Feb. 8, 5:30 p.m. The CDA will provide a light supper following.





Monday, Jan. 31

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

Tuesday, Feb. 1

2 to 5:15 p.m.: Eucharistic Adora-

tion

5:30 p.m.: Mass

6 p.m.: Bible Study, Parish Center

Wednesday, Feb. 2

3:45 p.m.: Rel. Ed for K-5 **7-8 p.m.:** Rel Ed for grades 6-12

7 p.m.: Young Adults meet.

8 p.m.: High School youth group

meets at St. Joseph

Thursday, Feb. 3

7:30 a.m.: Mass with Blessing of Throats to follow.

8 a.m.: Bible Study in overflow

room.

THANK YOU to Funeral Group #2 for serving the +Billie Schuett funeral luncheon. Your willingness to assist a family in their time of need is truly appreciated. Funeral Group #3 will be in charge of the next funeral lun-

Sign Fundraiser Update

Fundraising for the new \$30,000 sign continues. To date \$3,350 has been raised toward the \$30,000 needed for the new sign. Please mark on your check that it is for the sign project. Thanks in advance for any help you can give.



News From St. Joseph Parish

Faith Formation

By Sharon Mayer

A BIG weekend at the Lakes has arrived-Winter Games. Welcome to all of the visitors. This has grown each year it seems since its beginning. Some years warmer than others but always a hit since it provides a bright spot in the "dead" of winter. Like everything else, it had to be adjusted during COVID but now has many activities to choose from; the tried and true and the new. Something for everyone.

For us in religious, January has been typical with students and Catechists out for various kinds of illnesses. Maybe now that we are to the end of January, that too will subside. They used to say the colder the weather, the less germs around. I don't know if I believe that anymore. I think like us the germs have learned to adapt!

This coming week, we will see what the official Groundhog brings us in terms of folklore weather. No one really likes to hear "six more weeks of winter". That same day, our students will hear about St. Blaise and have the blessing of throats that has been a common practice in this parish for many years. It will also be offered at morning Mass on his Feast Day, the 3rd. The 2nd is also the Feast of the Presentation and Candlemas as it is also a feast of light. Blessed candles have been offered in the past for use in your home over the year. I would imagine you can bring candles to be blessed as well.



THERE is still some winter months left. Our clothing room is in need of adult men and women's coats. If you ever needed a reason to clean your closet, this

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.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Our Lady of La Salette/ St. Joseph's Parish continue to collect items for their annual layette project. Donations may be left in the cradle in the church lobby thru February.



PRAY for these members: Janet Delaney, 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, Jan. 29

4 p: +Leo Shoo

Sunday, Jan. 30

9 a: For the People

Monday, Jan. 31 No Mass Today

Tuesday, Feb. 1

5:30 p: +Fr. Jim Smith

Vednesday, Feb. 2 7:30 a: +Mary Negus

Thursday, Feb. 3

7:30 a: +Tina Sattler

Friday, Feb. 4

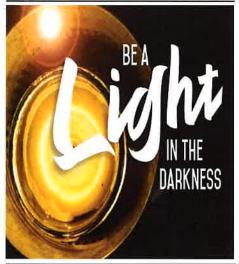
7:30 a: +Joe Schmitz

Saturday, Feb. 5

4 p: +Bob Berning +Korey Halbur

Sunday, Feb. 6

For the People



Ministry Schedule

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, February 5th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Bonnie Duhn, Anne Dono-

van, Loretta Halbur **LECTOR:** Lois Eckard

SERVERS: Faith Garcia, John Gar-

HOSPITALITY: Jim Baumbard.

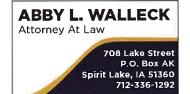
Irene McCoy, Jim McCoy

Sunday, February 6th @ 9 a.m. **KC Mass**

EMHC: KCs LECTOR: KC SERVERS: KCS **HOSPITALITY: KCS**













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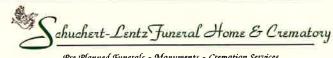
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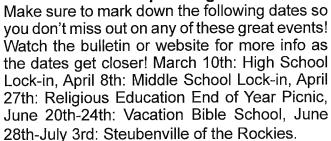
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News From St. Mary's Parish Mark Your Calendars Events for Upcoming Months Make sure to mark down the following dates so you don't miss out on any of these great events!



Movie Night

The Catholic Daughters invite everyone to a free movie, "The Chosen", at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 1, in the parish hall. Snacks and drinks will be served.

High School Scripture Study

High School Students small group scripture study opportunity on Sunday evenings at St. Joseph's: We will gather in the Youth Group room in the basement at 7:00 p.m. for a study of the Acts of the Apostles driven for teens called "Act Like It". Dates: Feb. 27, March 13, 27, April 10, 24th (the off Sundays join Teresa at OHS Commons at 7:00 p.m. for the nondenominational Fellowship of Christian Athletes scripture studies.) No need to register for either, just come as you are on Sunday evenings.

Men's WELCOME Retreat

We all have a deep desire to feel like we belong and as Catholics, to feel welcome in our own parish. Coming up on March 12th-13th, there will be an opportunity for the men of our parish to participate in a WELCOME retreat. It is a chance to meet other Catholic men with similar values, encounter the Holy Spirit intimately, and re-energize your faith. Check the bulletin in upcoming weeks for more information.

Musicians and Cantors Needed

We are in need of more accompanists and cantors for our weekend Masses here at St. Mary's. We love to provide beautiful music at our Masses, unfortunately, we are short on volunteers to help in this aspect of the liturgy. If we cannot find anyone to assist we regrettably will have to celebrate some Masses without music. We are willing to help train anyone interested and can provide a mentor to teach them the procedure of the Mass. Please prayerfully consider if you are called to this ministry. Contact Donna at the church office.



Seeking A Summer Place

Jack Deters, a Mechanical Engineering student at Iowa State University and a member of St. Thomas Aquinas in Ames is searching for a place to stay for the summer. He will be interning at Pure Fishing from May to August of 2022. He is 21 years old and from Quincy, IL. He is reserved, respectful, outgoing and enjoys yard work, and loves to cook. If anyone has a spare room he could rent, he would be most appreciative. Contact Donna in the office for more information and his number.



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Reconciliation:

4:45 pm Sat; 9:45 am Sun

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday 12 noon

Mass Schedule:

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

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News From St. Mary's Parish

Confirmation Students-Mark Your Calendars

All first and second-year confirmation students are expected to attend the confirmation retreat set for Sunday, February 6th from 10:00 a.m. until

4:00 p.m. It will be held at St. Joseph this year. Students are expected to fulfill their mass obligation BEFORE the retreat as there will be no mass during the retreat. All parents should have received an email regarding the event. Please contact Mary Brandt or Teresa Goehring if you have any questions.



Catholic Media on FORMED

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 1,200 videos with over 20,000 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.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will host a Sweetheart Dinner following Mass on Feb. 12, 2022. Mary Brandt and Squealers on Wheels will be catering. All Knights, their wives and wives of deceased Knights are invited to attend! RSVP by text or call required by Feb. 8 to Jed Skogerboe, 712-330-8892 with your name and number of attendees. This will be a no charge event.



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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Jan. 31

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Feb. 1

5:30 p.m.: +Andy and +Pat Shell

Wednesday, Feb. 2

12 noon: +John and +Ruth O'Neill Families

Thursday, Feb. 3

5:30 p.m.: +Dr. Amy Ruipiper-Taggert

Friday, Feb. 4

12 noon: +Harold and +Juanita OVermann

Saturday, Feb. 5

5:30 p.m.: +Thomas Dluopolski

Sunday, Feb. 6

10:30 a.m.: Living and Deceased of St. Mary's Living and Deceased of TheFergen Family

Ministry Schedule

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, Feb. 5 @ 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Marilyn Fleming, Sharon Johnson, Ron

Crowley

LECTOR: Josh Zigrang

SERVERS: Noah Lee, Kalen Lee

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: Kim Ingwersen, Mark

Ingwersen, Dave Hansen, Linda Hansen

MUSIC MINISTERS: Angela Olsen, Laura Slawson

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Sunday, Feb. 6 @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Sylvia Jennings, Mary Emgarten, Toni Nicks

LECTOR: Mary Brandt

SERVERS: Marie Mueting, Will Ditsworth

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: Kim Kirschbaum, Larry

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Please Keep in Your Prayers

All Confidential Prayer Chain requests may be directed to Jean Mohr, our Prayer Chain Coordina-



tor 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.



Financial Reports

We hope that all of you have received the reports of your parish financial support of the 2021 calendar year. We are deeply grateful for every bit of support that we have received to help us advance the work of the Lord here in Dickinson County. Our corporate efforts have reached many in ways that might never know. If there is any discrepancy in your report, please do not hesitate to call the parish office so that we can make any necessary changes. Again, thanks for your financial support.

Mass Server Training

We are just completing the first round of Mass server training at both St. Mary's and St. Joseph's. We hope to be able to take up the second round in the next couple of weeks. We are grateful to the families of our young servers who encourage their children to serve at the Altar. Serving Mass can teach our children about the importance of our worship, strengthen their private devotion and allow them to grow in self-confidence before a large group of people. Thanks to the parents who support our efforts to encourage Mass severing among our young students.

Prayers for Peace

The Holy Father, Pope Francis has expressed grave concern about the growing tensions in eastern Europe. The situation appears very tense and the idea of war in Europe is frightening. Please join the Holy Father in praying for all who are negotiating on behalf of all parties involved. Please pray for our President and for the Russian President but let us especially pray for the people of Ukraine. War always leave scars in peoples lives. May God protect us and protect our nation and the people of eastern Europe. Please pray for peace.



The US bishops' pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from I Corinthians: "Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members--the personal responsibility of the members - the personal responsibility of each one of us. We all are stewards of the Church.

ST. MARY'S FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Jan. 15-16, 2022 Attendance: 378

Adults: \$6,431.00 Loose: \$1,341.05 Votive: \$63.00

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ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Jan. 15-16, 2022 Attendance: 349

Adults: \$6,827.00 P & J: \$151.00 Loose: \$607.00 Initial Env: \$16.00 Solemnity: \$250.00 A/R Dues: \$40.00 Bulletin: \$216.00 Candles: \$69.00 Clothing Room: \$55.00

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