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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Feb. 27, 2022



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News From St. Joseph Parish



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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.

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3:15 pm Sat;

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Saturday at 4 p.m.

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Get Your Ashes Here!

Start your Lenten season out right by attending one of two Ash Wednesday Masses available at St. Joseph. Masses will be held at 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. at St. Joseph. If those times are not convenient, Mass will be held at 12 noon and 6 p.m. at St. Mary's, in Spirit Lake.

The St. Joseph Catholic Daughters will serve soup at 6:30 p.m. featuring tomato, fish soup and potato soup. All are invited to enjoy soup, garlic bread, cookie and drink. The soup is free but a free will offering will be taken to help defray expense.

Lenten Guidelines

Lent is a special time in the life of the Church and it is good to remind ourselves of the customs that all Catholics follow during the Lenten Season:

◀ Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are both days of fast and abstinence. Adult Catholics are bound to take only one full meal and two small meals on both of these days. Further we are asked to avoid eating meat on those days we fast.

◀ Catholics are obliged to abstain from eating meat on the Fridays of Lent. We fast and abstain during Lent to help us focus on the truth of the journey to heaven and to guide us to concentrate on the personal demands of "The Way, the Truth and the Life" that Jesus preached.

◀ All are encouraged to take up a personal act of penance during the Lenten season. We "give up" something during Lent to remind ourselves of the small disciples that Life in Christ demands.

◀ All Catholics are reminded of the obligation to go to Confession once between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost Sunday (50 Days after Easter). Our Penance Services are tentatively set for Sun., March 27 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary's and 4 p.m. at Milford. We offer Confession each Saturday at 3:30 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m.



Monday, Feb. 28

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

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, March 1

5:30 p.m.: Mass

6 p.m.: Bible Study, Parish Center

7-9 p.m.: Driver's Ed, basement

Wednesday, March 2

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

6:30 p.m.: CDA Lenten Soup Supper featuring tomato, fish soup and potato soup.

Thursday, March 3

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

Friday, March 4

9:30 a.m.: World Day of Prayer Service at Faith Community. Refreshments to follow.

5-7 p.m.: KC Fish Fry To Go Only! featuring fish, cheesy potatoes, mac and cheese, coleslaw, cookie.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



Sign Fundraiser Update

Fundraising for the new sign continues. To date \$5,520 or 18.4% 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.

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News From St. Joseph Parish

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

✓ Thank you to the Knights of Columbus who delivered meat baskets to some St. Joseph Parishioners on Wed., Feb. 16. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

✓ Thank you to the Altar/Rosary Society for the new ice machine in the kitchen which was installed Thurs., Feb. 17. Thanks to the men with muscles from Clary Lake Service that assisted us in the installation. We appreciate your willingness to assist.

✓ Thank you to the Altar/Rosary Society for the Magnificat books available to parishioners for Lent. One per family please.

✓ Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who worked the annual pancake and sausage breakfast Sun., Feb. 20.

Here are the figures:

Served: 110 **Income:** \$960.00

Expense: \$211.50 **Net:** \$748.50

Thank you to the Lambert Family for the eggs and to Ron and Carol Swartz for the whole hog sausage. We were short a few in attendance and short a few workers.

THERE is still time to volunteer to make soup for the March 22 Soup Supper. Call the office today if you would like to help!



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: Joan Hall, Adam Hall, Kate Jensen, 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 Witrock, Charlotte Tiesler, Tailen Sturtz, Aimee Wallrich, Jan Wolf, Peggy Price, Joan Mertz, John Bruening, Ashlyn Clark, Jerry Wolford, Kami Svoboda, Darrel We-deking, Dan Mulder, Colleen Mulder, Jamie O'Neill.

KC FISH FRY

Fri., March 4

5 to 7 p.m. or
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Additional Fish Fry Dates:
March 25 and April 8

*Amazing Grace
How sweet the sound*

TAKE TIME before you leave to sign-up to help at the annual Chicken Noodle Dinner set for Sun., March 20, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or when we run out! Sign-up sheets are on the lobby windows. We are planning to have food ready to serve or take out at 10 a.m. to accommodate those attending Mass. Food obligations from parishioners are as follows: Those with last names A-M are asked to bring one homemade pie, a pan dessert or cake and those with N-Z are asked to bring a salad that feeds 10-15 people.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Feb. 26

4 p: +Dec. Wuebker Family
For The People

Sunday, Feb. 27

9 a: +Martin Langel

Monday, Feb. 28

No Mass Today

Tuesday, March 1

5:30 p: +Floyd Sporrer

Wednesday, March 2

7:30 a: +Bill Mehan

+Bob Mehan

6 p: +Paul Delaney

Thursday, March 3

7:30 a: +Tina Sattler

Friday, March 4

7:30 a: +Bill Mehan

+Bob Mehan

Saturday, March 5

4 p: For The People

Sunday, March 6

9 a: +Joy Walz



World Day of Prayer

ALL ARE INVITED to the annual World Day of Prayer Fri., March 4, 9:30 a.m. at Faith Community Church, in Milford. The theme is "The Plans I Have For You" by the women of England. Refreshments to follow.

Ministry Schedule

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, March 5th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Jim Baumgard, Molly Mulqueen, Marlene Nelson

LECTOR: Irene McCoy

SERVERS: Faith Garcia, John Garcia

HOSPITALITY: Bonnie Duhn, Jim McCoy, Terri Rierson, Tom Rierson

Sunday, March 6th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Jim Murray, Laurie Murray, Jeff Nelson

LECTOR: Ron Swartz

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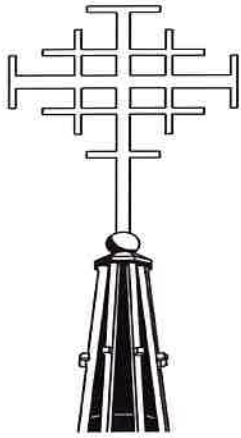
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News From St. Mary's Parish

St. Mary's Parish Fish Fry

St. Mary's will be hosting Lenten Fish meals in the parish hall on March 11th, March 18th, and April 1st. Serving time will be from 5-7 p.m. Fried fish, French fries, baked potato, coleslaw, beverages including beer and wine along with desserts. Proceeds will be supporting parish programs and local community charities. If you



would like to help out by volunteering, contact John Sandy at 651-245-0199 or Rob Waterhouse at 712-320-0269. If you would like to help bake desserts or volunteer at the dessert table, contact Teresa Garvey at 712-898-3728.

Prayers Requested

Your prayers are requested for a former parishioner, Jerry McQuire who passed on Friday, February 18th and for John Walz from Estherville, father of John Walz, a member of our parish. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.



Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

On Ash Wednesday the Mass schedule is as follows: 7:30 a.m. at St. Joseph, 12:00 Noon at St. Mary's and 6:00 p.m. at both St. Mary's and St. Joseph's.



Ash Wednesday

The solemn season of Lent begins on Wednesday, March 2nd. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Catholics are to avoid eating between meals and to abstain from meat. Two small meals and one regular sized meal is the custom. Fasting and prayer for a day demands a little attention and planning. It is a day of focus and intention and the fasting helps prolong that experience on the Lord and his presence in our lives.

Meals on Wheels

During the month of March, St. Mary's is responsible for delivering meals to our shut-in people. Please take a moment to check the calendar sign-up sheet to help with this worthy cause in our area.

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! Watch the bulletin or website for more info as the dates get closer! March 10th: High School Lock-in, April 8th: Middle School Lock-in, April 27th: Religious Education End of Year Picnic, June 20th-24th: Vacation Bible School, June 28th-July 3rd: Steubenville of the Rockies.

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.



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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.

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News From St. Mary's Parish

No Classes or Youth Group on Ash Wednesday

Coming up on March 2nd, there will be NO religious education classes or youth group due to the holy day. Students are instead encouraged to attend whichever mass they are able to attend! Note that there will be a small meal hosted after St. Mary's 6:00 p.m. mass that the whole community is invited to. We look forward to seeing the kids' smiling faces back in class on March 9th!

KC Meeting

There will be NO KC Council meeting on February 28th. We are changing the schedule so both the Council meeting and the Officer's meeting are on the first Monday of the month. Officers at 5:00, Council at 6:15 with a meal provided each month for the Council meeting. Our next meetings will be on March 7th.

Pre-Lenten Musical Festival

On Sunday, February 27th, at 3:00 in the afternoon several choirs and a guest organist will present a "Pre-Lenten Musical Festival" at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Estherville. Many of the choir members of St. Mary's parish will be participating and would love your supportive presence. What a great way to celebrate the gift of music in our faith and our community. We hope to see you there!

Middle School Bible Study

We would like to invite our middle school students to participate in a 4-week bible study program about the story of salvation history. It will be held on Saturday evenings before mass at St. Mary's beginning at 4:30 p.m. The dates will run from February 19th till March 12th. Contact Derek in the parish office.

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 p.m. and Sunday at 9:45 a.m.
- ✓ **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday from 2 to 5:15 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Feb. 28

No Mass Today

Tuesday, March 1

5:30 p.m.: +Matt and +Mary Hoven

Wednesday, March 2

12 noon: +Orval and +Mary Ann Schlichte

Thursday, March 3

5:30 p.m.: +Cliff Garvey

Friday, March 4

12 noon: +Joy Walz

Saturday, March 5

5:30 p.m.: +Steve Bortscheller

Sunday, March 6

10:30 a.m.: +Billie Schuett

Living and Deceased of St. Mary's

Ministry Schedule

SATURDAY, March 5 @ 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Eileen Skogerboe, Jed SKogerboe, Susan Sundlin

LECTOR: Jean Mohr

SERVERS: Carter Trautman

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: Gayle Eral, Dale Vorth-
erms, Mark Ingwersen, Kim Ingwersen

MUSIC MINISTERS: Charlene Hamann, Mary Moor-
man

WEEKEND VIDEOGRAPHER: Trautman Family

SUNDAY, March 6 @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Margie Lynch, Michella Koppen, Mary Emgar-
ten

LECTOR: Karen Fergen

SERVERS: Mackenzie Bennett, Marie Mueting

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: Larry Bortscheller, Tom
Lynch, Brian Kopen, Mike Davis

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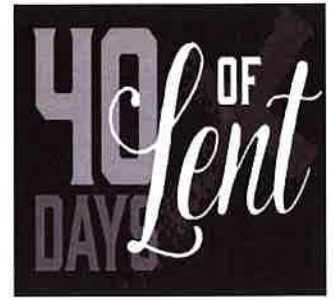
High School Group Study

"What Happens at Mass?", a high school group study, will be held each Sunday in March after the 10:30 Mass at St. Mary's. Students will explore the many fascinating aspects of the Holy Mass and learn what makes it such an important part of our Catholic faith. Snacks will be provided! Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

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.





The Deacon's Message

We are about to enter the season of Lent. Lent invites us to participate in that same preparation process of Jesus as He prepared for the start of his public ministry – going to the desert and listening to the voice of God. A good beginning is important to the whole journey, and not just through this one liturgical season into the next (Easter), but as a crucial recalibration of our essential baptismal identity around the mystery of Jesus.

Lent always begins with the temptation story, and this story is very important to us as we begin another Lenten journey. Just as the overture of a symphony introduces the many musical themes of the coming work, Matthew's temptation story signals the many themes that converge in his gospel to reveal who Jesus is.

From the very beginning, Lent is a reminder to us that to be baptized is to walk with Jesus. We take this time to review the temptations that are a part of our lives, that we might know ourselves more deeply and adjust our lives toward the will of God. Lent is a time to see how faithfully we are living out our baptismal call to holiness in the world, so we need to enter the desert to fast, pray and expose our souls to scrutiny.

The desert is both a place and a passage. The desert has many faces. A protracted illness may strip away our sense of self-sufficiency and quicken our appreciation of how short life really is, as I now know so well through the past several months in my own desert. A bout of insomnia can open us up to painful introspection and haul us into a "night court" of relentless self-questioning. Personal failure or loss may suddenly topple our assumptions about God, the meaning of life, the purpose of our existence. Crisis thrusts us into a time of self-examination.

Lent can come at any moment, and the wilderness always waits at the edges of our often too-comfortable lives, ready to blur our certainties and challenge our sense of self-sufficiency. Lent invites us to surrender ourselves to the desert for a while, to let ourselves be tested, our commitment probed. We imagine that we are strong, ready to follow Jesus wherever He goes. But how will we know without being tested?

It is Lent. Jesus has gone out into the desert, and He is inviting us to follow Him.



Today's Gospel has encouraging words for good stewards--"Give and it shall be given to you. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you." What encouragement to give generously of the resources entrusted to our care!

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