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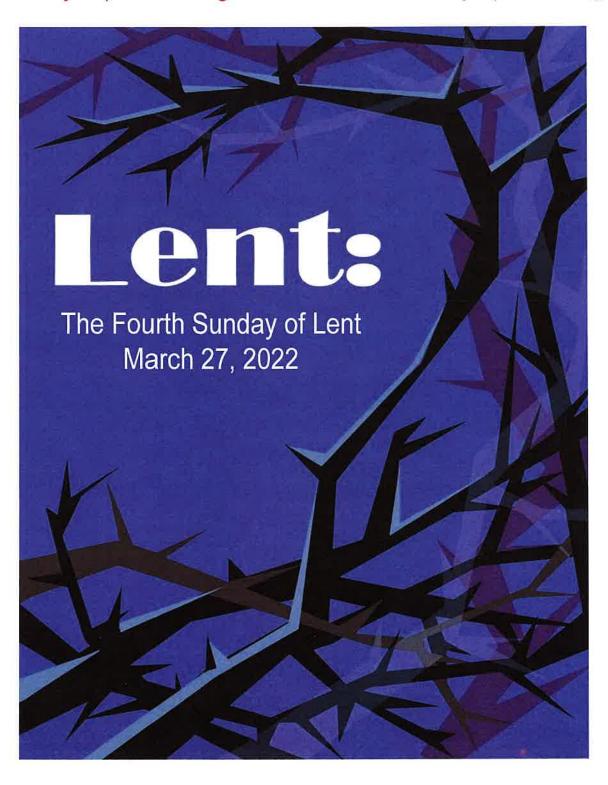
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Lenten Soup Update

Thank you to the St. Joseph Staff for preparing and serving the March 22 Soup Supper. Financial information will appear in the April 2-3 bulletin. Next Tuesday, March 29, the Reiser Crew will make beef noodle, potato and a surprise soup.

Lenten Tuesdays

On the Tuesdays of Lent we will follow a special schedule that will include: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 2 p.m., Stations of the Cross at 4:45, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:15 and Mass at 5:30. Mass will followed by a soup supper in the parish hall. All are encouraged to attend.



STATIONS of the CROSS

Tuesdays at 4:45 p.m.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

- ✓ Words cannot express the appreciation for all of the wonderful volunteers who helped to make the 2022 Chicken N' Noodle Dinner a success. Every job is important and every person who fills those jobs play an important part in the outcome. Because of staff vacation, this bulletin is being printed early. Information from the dinner will be printed in the April 2-3 bulletin. Thanks to parishioners who brought a salad or a dessert item to be served at the dinner.
- Thanks to the great volunteers who covered the parish office while I was on vacation.
 Susan Reiser





Monday, March 28

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

Tuesday, March 29

2-4:45 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration **4:45 p.m.**: Stations of the Cross

5:15 p.m.: Benediction

5:30 p.m.: Mass

6 p.m.: Soup Supper by Reiser Crew featuring beef noodle, potato and a surprise soup

6:30 p.m.: Bible Study, PC

Wednesday, March 30

3:45-5 p.m.: Rel. Ed Grades K-5 **7 p.m.:** Rel. Ed Grades 6-12

Thursday, March 31

8 a.m.: Bible Study, overflow room. **7-9 .pm.:** Driver's Ed, basement.

Friday, April 1

9:30-1:30: LifeServe blood drive on a bus in the St. Joseph parking lot.

Sunday, April 3

1:30 p.m.: Confirmation at Spirit Lake.

PLAN to attend our annual Volunteer Appreciation Supper Tues., April 19, 6 p.m. in the Parish Center. The event is free to all volunteers but a reservation is necessary for proper food count. This is your time to be honored for all the volunteer work you do at St. Joseph! Call the parish of-

fice to register or sign up on the sheet on the lobby windows. Deadline to attend is Wed., April 13.

News From St. Joseph Parish

Faith Formation

By Sharon Mayer

It was a quiet week at St. Joseph as we did not have any students here last Wednesday. Okoboji was on spring break. This is something we did not have when I was in school. Our spring break was Easter weekend: Friday through Monday.

That was always okay though as it was something we looked forward to. I was always blessed to get a new Easter dress, maybe shoes and at that time a hat. It didn't seem to matter when Easter was, but it meant spring and you saw lots of springy colors. Now most people do not even dress up for Easter. Is it just another day?

It doesn't really matter if you get together for a large meal with family or if you dress up or not if you recognize why we celebrate Easter. To young children, it is about the Easter bunny and eggs, and candy. I'm okay with that if they know why we celebrate at all. This year, during Holy Week we will present an Easter "fair" for the students in grades K-5. Through rotations they will learn about the events of Holy week and why Easter Sunday is our greatest feast.

I don't think it would hurt any of us to dress up for Easter and take pride in the Feast Day. It is just another way of recognizing the special act of love Jesus did for us that is beyond compare. We are halfway through Lent now. Have you made or accomplished the effort of giving something up? Doing more for others? Adding more prayer or Mass to your life? It is not too late. Accept the challenge of Lent.



Palm Sunday: Sat., April 9 & Sun., April 10

Masses Saturday night at 4 p.m. & Sunday at 9 a.m.

Holy Thursday: Thurs.April 14

6 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper. Visits to Repository until 10 p.m.

Good Friday: Friday, April 15

6 p.m. Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord.
Holy Communion

Holy Saturday - April 16

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass at St. Mary's, Spirit Lake.

Easter Sunday, April 17

Sunrise Mass at 7 a.m. Mass at 9 a.m.



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: Dr. Doug Schulte, Joan Hall, Adam Hall, Kate Jensen, 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, March 26

4 p: Dec. Wuebker Fam. Mem

Sunday, March 27

9 a: For The People

Monday, March 28

No Mass Today Tuesday, March 29

5:30 p: +Floyd & +Bev Sporrer

Wednesday, March 30

7:30 a: Liv/Dec Halbur/Johnson

Thursday, March 31

7:30 a: +Joe & +Gertrude Moore

Friday, April 1

7:30 a: +Joy Walz

Saturday, April 2

4 p: For The People

Sunday, April 3

9 a: +Alberta Nolan

Steubenville Trip Support

If you are interested in fully or partially supporting a St. Joseph's High School student for our Steubenville trip this summer, please contact Teresa Goehring at 712-330-1189 or via email at teresa@stjosephmilford. org. The fee for each student is also supported through their work during fundraisers. Steubenville is a great Catholic Conference that brings together the best speakers nationwide to help prompt faith development.

Ministry Schedule

Fifth Sunday of Lent Saturday, April 2nd @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Irene McCoy, Jim McCoy, Jerilyn Streit

LECTOR: Lois Eckard

SERVERS: Deb Johnson, Mark

Johnson

HOSPITALITY: Eldon Kraninger, Mary Kraninger, Irene McCoy, Jim McCoy

Sunday, April 3rd @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Dennis Cole, Connie Hinrichs, Rick Houseman

LECTOR: Cheryl Houseman

SERVERS: Bryce Anderson, Will Anderson

HOSPITALITY: Bill Aumer, Cheryl

Aumer, Arend Swygman, Molly Swygman











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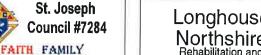
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News From St. Mary's Parish



St. Mary's Parish Fish Fry

St. Mary's will be hosting a Lenten Fish meal in the parish hall on 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.

St. Mary's Gigantic Garage Sale

Spring is in the air, and what better time to look around and check for any good used items you would like to donate. We will be accepting items

after May 1st. Items NOT to bring are: TV's, computers, large appliances, microwaves, portable phones, mattresses or box springs.

Stations of the Cross

On Thursday evenings during Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 4:45 p.m. and benediction at 5:15. Mass will be at 5:30 followed by a light supper in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend any or all of the evening events.

Shadow Stations

Coming up on April 13th, parishioners are invited to join us for a student performed rendition of the Stations of the Cross told via shadow. This event is a powerful visual representation of Christ's sacrifice and the perfect way to continue to prepare our hearts for the celebration of His passion, death, and resurrection. Shadow stations will be held in the parish hall at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Week Schedule

We would like to let you know the schedule for Holy Week so you can make plans for the beautiful liturgies of the Easter Triduum. Holy Thursday, April 14th Mass is at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's and 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph. Our Good Friday service is at 12 Noon at St. Mary's and 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph. The Easter Vigil is at 8:30 p.m. only at St. Mary's. Easter Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m..

Men's Conference

On Saturday, April 2, 2022 at All Saints Parish in LeMars, from 8-3:00 p.m. they will hold the annual Diocesan Men's Conference. The cost for the event is \$40 if you register by March 26th. After March 26th, the cost is \$50. If you register father/son, there is a \$5 discount for each participant. This year they will have Dcn Harold Burke-Sivers as keynote. Confession, Adoration, breakout sessions, and Mass with Bishop Nickless all will be a part of the day, as well as Plymouth County Fair Chops for lunch! To learn more and/or to register please go to: https://scdiocese.org/mens-ministry.

EMMAUS Summer Camp

Attention upperclassmen! If you have had an encounter with Christ, have experienced conferences and retreats, but are ready for something bigger – ready to grow deeper in your relationship with the Lord, you are invited to consider attending a 5 day summer camp called EMMAUS. Emmaus is a deep intentional experience for teenagers to be brought into their own role as God's witnesses. It is a place to ask questions, grow in prayer, and experience virtuous friendships. Alongside that, there will be a bunch of awesome activities such as hiking, water games, campfires, and more! This opportunity is for students finishing their 10th-12th grade years of high school. It will be held from June 15-19, 2022 at the Creighton University Retreat Center. Cost is \$400 per student with scholarships available through the diocese up until May 23rd. Registration is open now and will stay open until May 5th. For more information, contact the parish office or follow the links on the diocesan website.



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Mass Schedule:

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Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage-Filmed on FORMED Given the busyness of life, it can be difficult to prepare one's mind and heart for the holy week. Thankfully, a contemplative experience isn't always difficult to come by. Available on the FORMED website for anyone who would like, Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage is waiting to help everyone prepare themselves for the Christ's Passiontide. In just 30 minutes, you and your loved ones can experience a beautiful contemplative journey to make Christ's passion, death, and resurrection intimately present for us here and now. For instructions on how to use FORMED or find the video, check St. Mary's website or contact the office.

Liturgy Sign-up Sheets

In the back of the church on the table you will find some sign-up sheets. Please take a moment to see if you are available to help in anyway with our liturgies during Holy Week.

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: March 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.



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, March 28

No Mass Today

Tuesday, March 29

5:30 p.m.: +Karen Arnold

Wednesday, March 30

12 noon: +Jim and +Helen Besch

Thursday, March 31

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

Father April 2

12 noon: +Edwin and +Mary Catherine Duffy Family

Saturday, April 2

5:30 p.m.: Living and Deceased of St. Mary's

Sunday, April 3

10:30 a.m.: +Bob and +Carol Kirschbaum

Ministry Schedule

SATURDAY, April 2 @ 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Eileen Skogerboe, Jed Skogerboe, Linda Han-

sen

LECTOR: Josh Zigrang

SERVERS: Carter Trautman, Zach Steffens

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: Jim Carney, Joe Endres,

Jim Leinbaugh

MUSIC MINISTERS: Barbara Staver

WEEKEND VIDEOGRAPHER: Dave Hansen SUNDAY, April 3 @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Tom Lynch, Margie Lunch, Toni Nicks

LECTOR: Mary Brandt

SERVERS: Marie Mueting, Miles Wasson

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: Larry Bortscheller, Brian

Nokleby, Kathy Nokleby, Kim Kirschbaum

MUSIC MINISTERS: Donna Williams, Jim Schlueter

Middle School Lock In-April 8th

It's about that time; St. Mary's annual Middle School Lock-in is upon us! If any eager 5th-8th grade students have ever wanted to stay up all night so they can eat pizza and play capture the flag in the parish hall at 2 a.m., this is their opportunity! Join us for an awesome all night event filled with games, snacks, and shenanigans. Starting April 8th at 8 p.m. and going until April 9th at 6 a.m., the annual lock in is sure to be an activity you won't want to miss out on! For any who want to sign up

as a participant, a volunteer helper (for those parents and high school students that are feeling brave), or just to learn more, pick up a sign up sheet in the back of the church, print one off the website, or call the parish office!





Bishop Nickless and The Sacrament of Confirmation

We are looking forward to the Confirmation of a nice group of young people for both parishes. Bishop Nickless will be here for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, April 3rd. For 18 years we have shared a single Confirmation ceremony between both parishes. We continue that tradition this year with the Liturgy taking place at St. Mary's in Spirit Lake. We would like to congratulate our Confirmation students and ask all to pray that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will rush upon them and strengthen them to live the faith with firm conviction and abiding courage.

From St. Joseph's Parish: Kayleigh Anderson daughter of Ben and Amber Anderson; Jon Berg son of Chuck and Stephanie Berg; Tayler Berglund daughter Scott and Michaela Berglund; Adison Frerichs daughter of Chad and Erin Frerichs; Aubry Knudtson daughter of Cory and Karess Knudtson; Lily Miller daughter of Josh and Kristi Miller; Noah Rice son of Nick and Kara Rice; Noah Walleck son

of Phil and Abby Walleck and Brendan Wintz son of Tim and Kristi Wintz.

From St. Mary's Parish: Brooke Nicks daughter of Randy and Toni Nicks; Anna Hartzell daughter of Ben Hartzell and Amy Hartzell-Peterson; Samuel Odendahl son of Bryan and Lisa Odendahl; Joshua Wavra son of Aaron and Rachel Wavra; Eric Fechter son of Matthew and LeAnn Fechter; Zac Fisher son of Eric and Dawn Fisher; Emma Straus daughter of Peter and Anne Straus; Landon Mercer son of Brad and Sherry Mercer; Callie Taylor daughter of Timothy and Yvonne Taylor; Aidan Gigstad son of Daniel and Kristina Gigstad; Owen Lalumendre son of Jeff and Kristin Lalumendre; Evan Beck son of Chris and Laura Beck; John Carr son of Tom and Deb Carr; Preston Rose son of Jeff Rose and Amy Ring-Rose; Simon Leinbaugh son of Josh and Mindy Leinbaugh; Lauren Borthwick daughter of Lindsay Brown and Rylee Johannsen daughter of Michael and Jenny Johannsen.

In addition we have a small group of adults from neighboring parishes who will also be confirmed. We would also like to thank the catechists who have helped us with their faith formation; Teresa Goehring and Mary Brandt served as coordinators and Judge John Sandy, Karen Schwaller, and Erin Lorch shared the teaching sessions. Blessings upon our Confirmation students, their parents and spon-

sors and our wonderful and dedicated teaching staff.



The stewardship message in the parable of the Prodigal Son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.

ST. MARY'S FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP March 19-20, 2022 Attendance: ???

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