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Lent:

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 3, 2022

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.

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Saturday at 4 p.m.

Sunday at 7:30, 9 and 10:30 a.m.

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Lenten Soup Update

Thank to Lois and Randy Eckard, Dean and Susan Reiser, Pam Hanson, Mary Lou Schroeder and Bill and Cheryl Aumer for preparing and serving the March 29 Soup Supper. Thanks to the Eckards and the Reisers for contributing the cost of the soups. Next week, the Altar/Rosary Volunteers will prepare pasta fagioli and two surprise soups!

March 22 Soup Supper Info:

#Served: 43 Income: 236.00
Expense: \$197.03 Net: \$38.97

March 29 Soup Supper Info:

Served: 64 Income: \$265.00
Expense: \$63.97 (Fixed)
Net: \$201.03

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.

CHICKEN N'NOODLE UPDATE:

Served: 309 (includes 80 carry-outs)
Income: \$3,673.00

Expense: \$83.30 (Shopper Ad)

Net: \$3,589.70

Thanks for to John and Tutti Willison, Deb and Alex Jones and Dean and Susan Reiser for donating the cost of the food for the dinner.



Monday, April 4

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

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, April 5

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 Altar/Rosary Volunteers featuring pasta fagioli and two surprise soups!

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

Wednesday, April 6

3:45-5 p.m.: Rel. Ed Grades K-5

7 p.m.: Rel. Ed Grades 6-12

Thursday, April 7

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

Friday, April 8

5-7 p.m.: KC Fish Fry. Dine-in or carry-out only.

The annual Spencer Sacred Heart Spring CDA Garage Sale will be held Friday, April 8, 2- 8 p.m. and Saturday, April 9 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Sacred Heart School Gym, 1111 4th Ave W, Spencer. Free will donation unless items are marked.

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 office 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

As April begins this coming week, our religious education year will wind down. Before that though, Our tenth graders will be Confirmed at a special Mass with the Bishop this Sunday in Spirit Lake. Students will participate in our Easter fair during Holy week for grades K-5 and following that, our second graders will be making their First Communion. That will take place at the 9 am Mass on April 24. We only have 6 students this year for the Sacrament. April 27 will be our last religious education class with a May Crowning and lunch for the students and families that come. It will begin at 4 pm in the church.

On May 1 we will honor the graduating seniors from our parish. If you have a son /daughter that has been Confirmed and is graduating, please let me know if I missed you. I don't always see the students or know which year they graduate if they do not attend Okoboji.

The next event will be Catholic Kidz Camp June 13-17 for any child in fall grades PK-4th. The theme this year is the Vatican Express. We cover St. Peter, Pope Francis, St. Jerome and the Vatican in general. It is a fun week filled with good things to learn about and do. It runs from 9 am- noon M-F and the registration is \$10.00 per child. Weather permitting, we close the week with water games and food!



CALLING all graduating seniors from St. Joseph. The KC's will be awarding scholarships this year. Okoboji Seniors

have had the opportunity to apply for them through the school. The KC's are looking for additional graduating seniors from neighboring schools, who are members of St. Joseph, to apply for these scholarships. Applications are available in the office. Please stop and pick one up. Deadline is Mon., April 25.

PLEASE Note: On Palm Sunday, Mass will begin in the Parish Center.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

✓ to Funeral Group #4 for serving the +Sally Fairchild funeral on Tues, March 29. Your service to a family in need is appreciated. Funeral Group #5 will handle the next funeral luncheon.

✓ Thank you so much for your generous donation to Birthright of Spencer. Your continued support of our pro-life mission benefits so many families in need of our services. We pray they are blessed by your love and generosity. May God bless our efforts to serve God and others.



PRAY for these members: Baby Reegen Vanderpool, 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 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, 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, April 2

4 p: For The People

Sunday, April 3

9 a: +Alberta Nolan

Monday, April 4

No Mass Today

Tuesday, April 5

5:30 p: +Mary Delaney

Wednesday, April 6

7:30 a: +Ed & +Marge Wollner

Thursday, April 7

7:30 a: +Joyce Fear

Friday, April 8

7:30 a: Dec. Wuebker Fam. Mem.

Saturday, April 9

4 p: For The People

Sunday, April 10

9 a: +Earl & +Joan Langel



PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY from the St. Joseph Parish Family to Tim Fairchild and family

on the death of his mother, +Sally, who died Fri., March 25. Her Mass of Christian Burial was held Tues., March 29 at St. Joseph.

LOOKING for a few volunteers to help strip palms in prep for Palm Sunday. Let's get together Thurs., April 7, 9 a.m. in Nazareth Hall.

Ministry Schedule

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 9th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Chris Jones, Connie Jones, Karen Naber

LECTORS: Loretta Halbur, Deb Leners

SERVERS: Oliver Miller, Ron Swartz

HOSPITALITY: Doug Heller, Terri Rier-son, Tom Rier-son, Joel Naber

Sunday, April 10th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Steve Eral, Donna Goebel, Erin Lorch

LECTORS: Beth Lorch, Karen Schwaller

SERVERS: Jerron Heller, Jocelyn Heller

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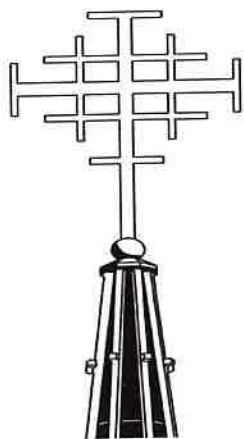
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News From St. Mary's Parish



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.



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.



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.



Thanks

God bless you for all the meals, flowers, cards, and prayers after my accident. I appreciate it all, especially knowing all the prayers, I pray in thanksgiving for all of you. Thanks so much, I hopefully will be back active soon.

Susan Sundlin



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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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

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: 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.

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, April 4

No Mass Today

Tuesday, April 5

5:30 p.m.: +Catherine Bortscheller

Wednesday, April 6

12 noon: +Bill and +Millie Kisting

Thursday, April 7

5:30 p.m.: +George Unfried

Friday, April 8

12 noon: +Billie Schuett

Saturday, April 9

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

Sunday, April 10

10:30 a.m.: +Joe and +Pauline Schoo Families

Ministry Schedule

SATURDAY, April 9 @ 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Annette Kalkhoff, Tom Kalkhoff, Patty Delaney

LECTOR: Sharon Crowley

SERVERS: Kaleb Lee, Noah Lee

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: Jim Carney, Jim Leinbaugh, Ron Crowley, John Delaney

MUSIC MINISTERS: Donna Williams, Shauna Donovan

WEEKEND VIDEOGRAPHER: Greg Rolling

SUNDAY, April 10 @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Stacy Sieperda, Mary Emgarten, Margie Lynch

LECTOR: John Walz

SERVERS: Mackenzie Bennett, Wes Walz

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: Larry Bortscheller, Bob Emgarten, Mike Davis, Tom Lynch

MUSIC MINISTERS: Donna Williams

Catholic Daughters



PENCIL IT IN

The Catholic Daughters will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 5th in the parish hall following the 5:30 Mass. All ladies of the parish are welcome!

4th Degree Meeting

Monsignor McCoy Assembly will meet Tuesday, April 12th, at McKeen's, Spirit Lake. Social at 6:00 p.m. Order from the menu starting at 6:30 p.m.



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.

Pastor's COLUMN

Confirmation Collection

In both parishes this weekend, we will be taking up a second collection to assist Bishop Nickless in the many charitable requests that he receives each year. Each year as Confirmation approaches all the parishes of the Diocese of Sioux City take up this special Confirmation Collection. Thank you for your generosity in assisting Bishop Nickless in responding to the many requests for charitable support that he receives each month.

Retired and Infirm Priest Collection

On Easter weekend, we have the unique opportunity to thank our diocesan priests for their years of service. We the faithful, can make a small sacrifice to make certain that our priests will have financial security in retirement and/or dealing with health challenges. There is no better way to say thank you to the dedicated men who have been there for us at weekend and daily Masses and ensured that we have access to the Eucharist and the sacraments. Whether you attend Mass at the Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday, we encourage you to contribute to the annual Retired and Infirm Priests Collection. All the funds benefit our diocesan priests well into the future. Join me in saying thank you to our priests and participating in the Easter Retired and Infirm Priests Collection.

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!



In today's second reading, St. Paul says, "For his sake I have forfeited everything: I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth."
Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same?

ST. MARY'S FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

March 19-20, 2022

Attendance: 530

Adults: \$ 6,846.00

Loose: \$643.00

Votive: \$37.00

March 26-27, 2022

Attendance: 498

Adults: \$4,646.00

Online: \$601.00

Loose: \$629.01

Dollar: \$302.85

Votive: \$14.50

Special Ukraine: \$3,315.75

ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

March 19-20, 2022

Attendance: 453

Adults: \$ 4,363.00

Loose: \$3,459.00

Online: \$485.00

Peace & Justice: \$65.00

Aid to Global Church: \$100.00

Candles: \$76.00

2nd Collection Ukraine: \$3,318.00

March 26-27, 2022

Attendance: 465

Adults: \$5,478.00

Loose: \$1,060.00

Online: 1,585.00

Catholic Relief Ukraine: \$400.00

Candles: \$89.81

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