

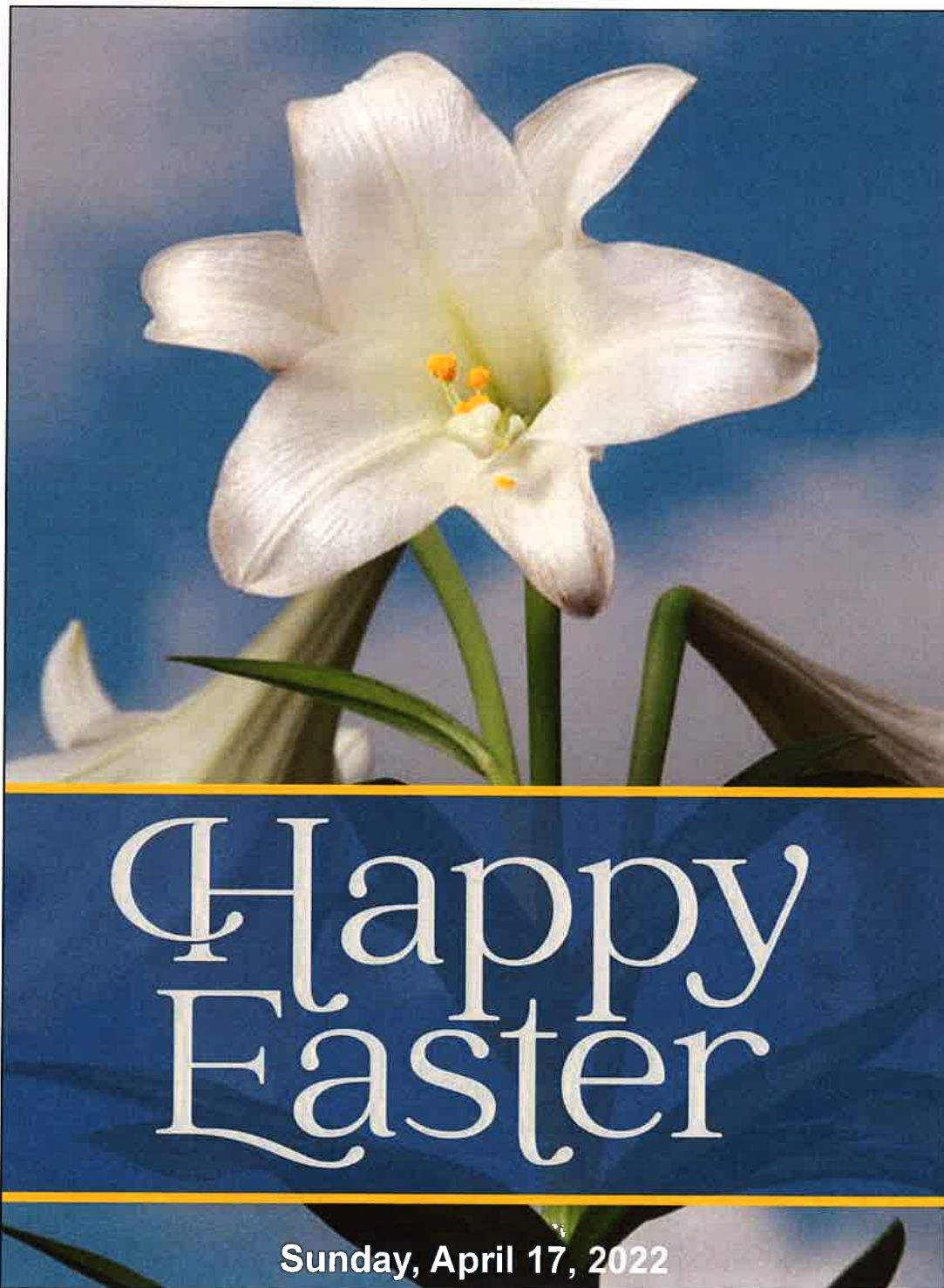
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News From St. Joseph Parish



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RECONCILIATION:

3:15 pm Sat;
8:15 am Sun

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Tuesday 12 noon

MASS SCHEDULE:

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Lenten Soup Update

Thanks to John and Maxine Elser, Bob and Donna Elser, Mike and Sharon Sjoblom and Dick and Connie Mataloni for preparing and serving the final soup supper on Tues., April 12. All costs associated with the soup were paid by the crew.

April 5 Soup Supper

#Served: 75

Income: \$371.00 Exp: \$0

Net: \$371.00*

*Thanks to the Altar/Rosary Society for their contribution of soup costs.

April 12 Soup Supper

#Served: 45

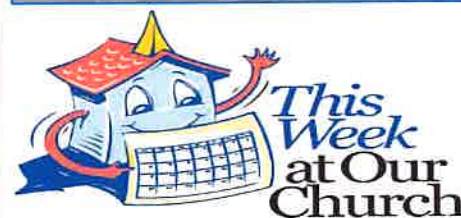
Income: \$205.00 Exp: \$40.00

Net: \$165.00

THANK YOU to the "St. Joseph Strippers" of Palms who worked Thurs., April 7 in prep of Palm Sunday: Becky Wittrock, Carol Lee, Kathy Christensen, Molly Mulqueen, Tom Johnson, Marlene Nelson, Bev Kruger and Sharon Mayer.



MOGEN'S HEROES will be in concert at St. Joseph on Sun., May 1, 4 p.m. in the church. A free will offering will be taken. A reception will follow the performance in the parish center. The concert is being hosted by the St. Joseph Art Committee.



Monday, April 18

Parish Offices closed.

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

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, April 19

5:30 p.m.: Mass

6 p.m.: Annual Volunteer Appreciation Supper in parish center.

Wednesday, April 20

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

5:15 p.m.: Rosary/Altar quarterly meeting in PC with light supper.

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

Thursday, April 21

8 a.m.: Bible Study, overflow room

Saturday, April 23

9 a.m.: First Communion practice and photos.

Sunday, April 24

9 a.m.: First Communion during the 9 a.m. Mass.

JUST A NOTE....

✓ There is no morning Mass at St. Joseph on Fri., April 22. We invite you to the Anointing Mass at St. Mary's, in Spirit Lake, at 12 noon.

✓ Parents of First Communicants are reminded of photos and practice Sat., April 23. Please be on time.

✓ The Finance Council will meet Tues., April 26, 6:15 p.m. in the St. Rita Room.

✓ Looking ahead to Sat., May 7, the CDA will host their annual salad luncheon and style show. Doors open at 11 a.m. Lunch at 11:15. Cost is \$15/person. Styles by Sara Ruhs, of Elegance, in Okoboji.

News From St. Joseph Parish

Faith Formation

By Sharon Mayer

Happy Easter! Pretty chilly for the Easter Bunny but I guess that won't stop his mission of bringing spring happiness to young and old. Easter came to the kids last Wednesday as we held an Easter fair for the afternoon grades. It was a focus on Holy Week but included them coloring Easter eggs and special treats for the season. Analogies and visuals are useful when teaching young children about the resurrection. They know caterpillars transform and have a new life and new life comes from eggs so why can't Jesus have new life too? It is a joyous time even though part of it is sad.

We held our last Children's Liturgy last Sunday. It will make a return during Advent. The children who came seemed to really enjoy it. Next Sunday, will be a very special Sunday for our second graders. They will make their First Communion at the 9 a.m. Mass. They have practiced and learned about Jesus and our Mass and now can experience Him in the Eucharist. This is a milestone and highlight for any young Catholic.

Our regular year comes to a close on April 27 with May Crowning for our K-5 students beginning at 4 p.m. in the church followed by hot dogs and such in the parish center. Families are most welcome to attend. In the evening, we will have a closing service followed by a BBQ which they look forward to. Thank you to our seniors who assist with this event. Our senior Mass will be May 1 at the 9 a.m. Mass followed by breakfast for them and their families. Another major milestone in the life of a "once" child now an adult.

Please pick up a registration form for Catholic Kidz Camp at the back of church to be held June 13-17 from 9 a.m.-noon. We hope to get all registered by June 5th. If you would like to volunteer to help please call me or send an email. I would love to have you.

If you took a Rice Bowl home for Lent, you can return it anytime now within the next couple of weeks.

Thank You, Thank You!

- ✓ Thank you to all who cleaned the church Mon., April 11 for Holy Week including Donna and Patrick Goebel, Karen Naber, Holly Skopec, Donna Elser, Deb Bode, Carol Lee, Tom Johnson, Marlene Nelson, Monica Koeppe, Cindy Myers, and Maxine Elser.
- ✓ Thank you to Loretta Halbur who baked garlic bread and nearly 100 dozen cookies for the seven soup suppers this year. Your work was delicious!
- ✓ Thank you to Jeff Nelson for cleaning the kitchen refrigerator following the KC Fish Frys. We appreciate your hard work.



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, 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 Willson, Steve Painter, Ginny Yore, LaDonna Jansen, Dale Langel, Finley Brunsvold, Dee Bryant, Phyllis Hintz, Terry Abbas.

PLEASE pray for these special persons: Kaydan, 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 16

8:30 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's

Sunday, April 17

7 a: For The People

9 a: For the People

Monday, April 18

No Mass Today

Tuesday, April 19

5:30 p: +Edwin Graettinger Fam

Wednesday, April 20

7:30 a: +Ed & +Marge Wollner

Thursday, April 21

7:30 a: +Sally Fairchild

Friday, April 22

No Mass Today

Saturday, April 23

4 p.m.: Dec. Luchtel Family Mem.

Sunday, April 24

9 a: For the People

JUST A REMINDER for those who signed up to attend the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, please attend. It begins with beverages at 6 and the meal to be served at 6:30 p.m. Always a good time. We have paid for your dinner if you reserved a spot. Please don't disappoint us!

Parish Offices are closed
Mon., April 18.

Ministry Schedule

Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday, April 23rd @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Deb Faulkner, Doug Heller, Marlene Nelson

LECTOR: Irene McCoy

SERVERS: Grace Davis, Loretta Halbur

HOSPITALITY: Jim Baumgard, Anne Donovan, Monica Koppen, Jim McCoy

Sunday, April 24th @ 9 a.m.

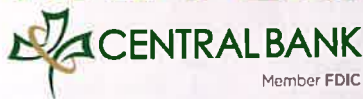
EMHC: Terry Abbas, Faith Garcia, Marlys Nolan

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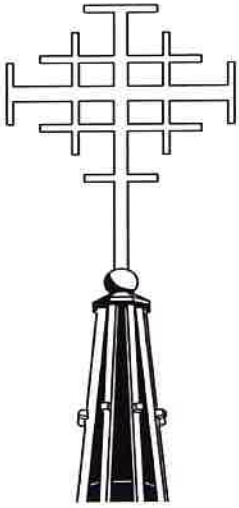
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News From St. Mary's Parish



Parish Office

Our parish office will be closed on Monday, April 18th in observance of Easter. All of the St. Mary's staff wishes you and your families a blessed and joyous Easter!

Lifesaver Sunday

Catholic Daughters will be in the narthex on the weekend of April 23/24 after Masses trading sweets for donations to support the annual "Lifesaver Fundraiser". All proceeds go to support State and Local centers for abused individuals. Please be generous and enjoy a sweet treat at the same time. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Housekeeper Needed

St. Mary's is in need of a housekeeper for the rectory here. Duties include general cleaning and light laundry, once a week for approximately 1 to 2 hours. Please contact the parish office if interested.

High School Seniors

Attention graduating high school seniors of St. Mary's Parish! You are invited to apply for a \$500.00 scholarship from the St. Mary's Catholic Daughters. Applications are due by May 1st. Contact Mary Brandt if you have not received an application form.

Wal-Mart Food Pick-up

During the month of May, on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, at 9:00 a.m. St. Mary's is responsible for the UDMO food pick-up. Go to the produce area at Wal-Mart and inform the worker that you are there to pick up meat and produce for UDMO. Someone will assist you with taking the food out to your vehicle. It is suggested you take a pickup or van if possible. You then transport the food to UDMO office located on the east side of the Great Lakes Mass. There is a sign-up sheet to volunteer for this, along with instructions.

Coffee and Rolls May 1

Join our Steubenville students on May 1st after Mass for coffee and rolls. Delicious home-made confections, fresh coffee and all the extras are included. Bring the family and enjoy time with your fellow parishioners for a great cause. Please pray for our students as they prepare for the trip to Colorado in July. Thank you for your support!



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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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

Anointing Mass

There will be an Anointing Mass on Friday, April 22nd at the 12:00 Noon Mass. Following Mass there will be a light luncheon served in the parish hall. Everyone is invited!

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sunday after Easter, April 24th, marks a special feast of mercy when Christ promised to St. Faustina that, "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment". This means that any one who participates in the Eucharist and reconciliation within a week of Divine Mercy Sunday receive a plenary indulgence. We like to encourage all to participate in this celebration of mercy and to consider participating in a Divine Mercy novena as well. In this way, we can deeply experience our Lord's infinite mercy! To learn more, check our parish website.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Ron (Doc) and Elsie Smith on their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday, April 28th. Cards may be sent to 904 8th Street, Spirit Lake, IA 51360. What a beautiful example of faithfulness and loyalty! May God bless you!

First Communion

Coming up on April 24th, some of our students will be receiving their First Communion! This special reception of the sacrament will be at 1:00 p.m. on Divine Mercy Sunday here at St. Mary's. As stated in the catechism, the Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. Therefore, let us keep in our prayers, all those who are about to receive the Blessed Sacrament for the first time!

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 18

No Mass Today

Tuesday, April 19

5:30 p.m.: +Murphy Copeland

Wednesday, April 20

12 noon: +Louie and +Susan Huber

Thursday, April 21

5:30 p.m.: +Bob Mulhern

Friday, April 22

12 noon: +Sam Steele

Saturday, April 23

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

Sunday, April 24

10:30 a.m.: +Art Berg

Ministry Schedule

SATURDAY, April 23 @ 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Eileen Skogerboe, Jed Skogerboe, Marilyn Fleming

LECTOR: Scott Trautman

SERVERS: Carter Trautman

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: Jim Carney, Dale Vorthems, Mark Ingwersen, Gayle Eral

MUSIC MINISTERS: Barbara Staver, Shauna Donovan

WEEKEND VIDEOGRAPHER: Trautman Family

SUNDAY, April 24 @ 8:30 a.m.

EMHC: Jeannie James, Renee Quance, Chris Quance

LECTOR: Doug Zemler

SERVERS: Marie Muetting, Miles Wasson

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: Larry Bortscheller, Brian Koppen, Michella Koppen, Kim Kirschbaum

MUSIC MINISTERS: Angela Olsen, Gaylene Rolling

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.



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.

Our Winter Bible Study

We have completed a very successful Bible study based on the video series Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible. We had a great turnout from both parishes. We would like to say big word of thanks to Deb Bode and Denise Wunn who took on the project of planning and coordinating this big effort. Their hard work and generosity made this nice series possible. We had about 60 participants each week and some folks participated from home. We hope to introduce another adult education effort again soon.



Soup and Camaraderie

On Tuesdays in Milford and on Thursdays in Spirit Lake we have been able to offer a soup supper each week during Lent. Thanks to all of those who contributed to these very nice events. The soups were fantastic and the enjoyable conversations were fun. Many hands contributed to these great Lenten events... a great tradition in both parishes.

Father Tom Flanagan Departs for Africa and India

Fr. Tom Flanagan has been a great help to our parishes for the last year. Fr. Tom has daily Mass in Spirit Lake and rotates on weekends between both parishes. This week Fr. Tom leaves for some work in the missions of Africa and will be gone off and on during the summer and fall months. Beginning this next week we will follow a new daily Mass schedule that will allow both parishes to have some daily Mass. We have about 45 people at daily Mass in Milford and about 30 individuals attend daily Mass in Spirit Lake. We will follow a new daily Mass schedule until Fr. Tom returns. As noted in the chart above.

Day of Week	Time	Location
Tuesday	5:30 PM	Milford
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Milford
Wednesday	12:00 PM	Spirit Lake
Thursday	5:30 PM	Spirit Lake
Friday	7:30 AM	Milford

Worldwide Synod

Last Friday Bishop Nickless completed the Diocesan portion of the world-wide Synod called by Pope Francis. We want to thank all the members of both parishes that participated in our online survey. Special thanks to Deb Bode and Denise Wunn and Mary and Bob Emgarten who represented our parishes at the Algona hearing session and attended the Diocesan Liturgy and Lunch in Storm Lake where Bishop Nickless shared the Diocesan summary.

Easter Thanks

Big thanks to all of the folks who's extra efforts enhanced our beautiful Holy Week liturgies. The folks who decorated the churches, lectured, ushered, served Mass, sang, played the organ or piano and offered hospitality all did a great job. Happy Easter to everyone.



In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to "be intent on the things above rather than things on earth." We too, have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad!

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