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*Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2022*

*Honor her for all
that her hands
have done,
and let her
works bring her
praise at the
city gate.*

PROVERBS 31:31, NIV

Happy Mother's Day!

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.

Summer

Saturday at 4 p.m.

Sunday at 7, 9 and 11 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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Mother's Day 2022

The following women are being remembered in the Mother's Day Novena of nine masses which begin Tuesday, May 11. Deceased persons are marked with a +. Let us remember +Helen Roth by Mary Lou Schroeder; +Lavon Olson by Mary Beth Gehling; +Doris Gerdes, +Leona Aumer, Melissa Aumer and Christy Hickman by Bill and Cheryl Aumer; +Margaret Petersen, +Flo Emery, +Melba Byrkeland and +Luv-Ver Muhs by Ann Petersen; +Ann Muhlbauer by Ron Muhlbauer; Elizabeth Whannel, +Catherine Duffy, +Frances Connors, +Cae Shima, and Toni Whannel by Polly Connors; +Irene Theis by Vicky Theis; +Tillie Woldan by Alma Klute; +Lois Sporrer by her children; +Shirley Enderson and +Gail Enderson by Gaye Rasmussen; +Betty Newman by Donna and VerDon Schmidt; +Ruth Fitchett, Irma Reiser, +Emma Madsen and +Irene Franz by Dean and Susan Reiser; +Marjorie Giles Mulqueen, +Jewell Ingram, +Blanche Giles, +Dorothy Galm, +Amalie Galm, +Patricia Hoard, +Lucy Gilgallon, +Madellon Germscheid, +Jennie Shell, and Elizabeth Jensen by Molly Mulqueen; and +Joan Langel, Nancy Kerr, Luann Langel, Michelle Langel, +Matilda Langel, Phyllis Hintz, Mary Langel, Glatha Langel, +Dorothy Cranston, +Cindy Hintz, +Ella Hoffman, +Ella Lair and +Lorene Hoffman by Barbara Langel.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

✓ Thank you to Funeral Group #6 for serving the +Bob Higgins funeral luncheon on Mon., May 2. Your dedication to a family in their greatest time of need is truly appreciated. Funeral Group #7 will serve the next luncheon.

✓ Thank you to Funeral Group 5 and all who assisted at the funeral luncheon for +Bob Mulhern. We appreciate your kindness. *Mari Mulhern*



Monday, May 9

8 p.m.: Ala-non in overflow.

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, May 10

2 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration

5:15 p.m.: Benediction

Wednesday, May 11

8 a.m.: Bible Study, overflow room

8:15 a.m.: Social Justice meets in Saint Rita Conference Room.

Thursday, May 12

6 p.m.: Driver's Ed, basement



Prayers and sympathy from the St. Joseph Parish Family to:

✓ Susan Reiser and family on the death of her brother, +Wayne Fitchett, 77, of Milford, who died Tues., May 3. His funeral will be Monday, May 9, 10 a.m. at Turner Funeral Home, in Milford.

✓ Please note that the Mass schedule changes to the summer schedule the weekend of May 14-15. The summer schedule is Saturday night at 4 p.m. and Sunday morning at 7, 9 and 11 a.m.

✓ LifeServe will have a bus in the St. Joseph parking lot from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fri., June 3. Please donate blood if you are able.

✓ The Treasure Chest garage sale will be accepting items on Tuesday and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. We are not accepting large furniture or electronic items. Call if you have questions.

News From St. Joseph Parish

Faith Formation

By Sharon Mayer

Another year is in the books for St. Joseph religious education. We had our last event on Sunday with Mass and breakfast for our senior class and families. 13 of the 18 seniors came and it was a delightful morning. MANY thanks to the CDA for their support of our seniors with giving two scholarships. They went to Alissa Wittrock and Kayla Kollasch. MANY thanks to the benefactor who supplied scholarships to all of the seniors who attended religious education classes regularly throughout the year and congratulations to Alissa Wittrock who achieved perfect attendance for her thirteen years of religious education. MANY thanks also to the St. Joseph staff who helped get ready for this day and those who prepared the food including, Pam Fisher, Diana Jensen, Dori Lippon and Sue Richter for fruit salads, Loretta Halbur, Faith Garcia, Susan and Dean Reiser, Pam Hansen and Patti Scott for preparation and cleanup of the breakfast and and the lovely laundry lady Connie Stein. It was marvelous.

Many thanks to the ladies of the CDA who assisted with our May Crowning last Wednesday afternoon with grades K-5. In addition, thank you to my Catechists and helpers this past year. It all went by very quickly.

Next adventure is Catholic Kidz Camp in June. Parents or grandparents can register children in grades PK-4 anytime now. Information is at the back of church or in the newsletter which is also online. Please drop forms at church in person or by mail by June 5th at the latest so we know our numbers. We look forward to this week.

Finally Happy Mother's Day to all of the women out there who are moms and grandmas or aunts. Once you have children, your life



is never about you but rather what they need to make their lives wonderful. This is something that lasts a lifetime and I wouldn't have it any other way. I am blessed to have four beautiful children of my own and am grateful every day for them. Sometimes the definition of work is about the work of daily life when raising a family.



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 Wilson, 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, Deny Daberkow, 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, May 7

4 p: +Glen Luchtel
+Betty Newman

Sunday, May 8

9 a: For the People

Monday, May 9

No Mass Today

Tuesday, May 10

5:30 p: Mother's Day Novena (1)

Wednesday, May 11

7:30 a: Mother's Day Novena (2)

Thursday, May 12

No Mass Today

Friday, May 13

7:30 a: Mother's Day Novena (2)

Saturday, May 14

4 p: +Shirley Enderson

Sunday, May 15

7 a: For The People

9 a: +Fritz and +Norma Thoma

11 a: +Sally Fairchild

Ministry Schedule

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 14th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Bonnie Duhn, Irene and Jim McCoy

LECTOR: Debra Leners

SERVERS: Ron Swartz

HOSPITALITY: Anne Donovan, Doug Heller, Connie Mataloni, Dick Mataloni

Sunday, May 15th @ 7 a.m.

EMHC: Deb and Mark Johnson, Rick Houseman

LECTOR: Cheryl Houseman

SERVERS: Faith Garcia, John Garcia

HOSPITALITY: Loretta Halbur, Michael and Sharon Sjolbom, Jon Sorenson

Sunday, May 15th @ 9:00 a.m.

EMHC: Chris and Connie Jones, Jeff Nelson

LECTOR: Karen Schwaller

SERVERS: Asher Knudtson

HOSPITALITY: Donna and Patrick Gobel, Deb Harmelink and John Harmelink

Sunday, May 15th @ 11 a.m.

EMHC: Bill and Cheryl Aumer, Chris Hinshaw

LECTOR: Susan Willette

SERVERS: Noah Walleck, Simon Walleck

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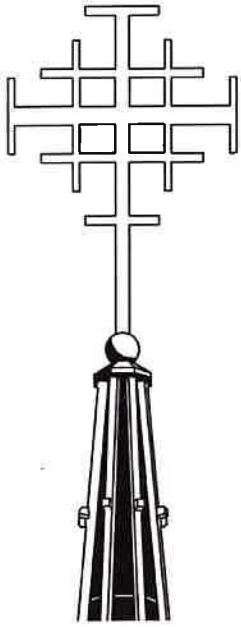
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News From St. Mary's Parish



Mark Your Calendars

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 are accepting items now, including holiday items. This is our only garage sale of the year. Items NOT to bring are: TV's, computers, large appliances, microwaves, portable phones, mattresses or box springs. The dates are Thursday, June 9th 4-7 p.m., Friday, June 10th 8 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday, June 11th 8 a.m. – noon. Come support our worthy causes, and find some treasures for your family!



Mass Schedule

May 15th we begin our summer schedule. Mass at St. Mary's will be 5:30 on Saturday, 8:30 and 10:30 on Sunday. St. Joseph's mass times will be Saturday at 4 p.m. and 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 on Sunday.

Baccalaureate Mass

Graduating seniors and their families are encouraged to attend our baccalaureate mass on May 15th at the 8:30 a.m. mass. We will honor the seniors and their accomplishments as they begin the next step in their life. Hopefully, many will be able to join us for this event and let us keep the entire graduating class of Spirit Lake in our prayers!



Parish Grounds

With spring here and summer coming, we are in search of assistance with the upkeep on the church grounds. No area is too small to commit to as many hands make light work! Areas require a spring cleanup and then maintenance throughout the summer. This can be done whenever your schedule allows and could be a family project to "give" back to the church. Please contact the office or Linda Hansen with questions.



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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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

Middle School Broomtree Retreat

Coming up in June, from the 3rd to the 5th, we will have an opportunity for middle school students to attend an overnight retreat at Broomtree retreat center in South Dakota. This event will be an awesome opportunity to grow in faith while participating in some fantastically fun activities! Registrations spots are limited so keep an eye on the bulletin and the church website for more information.



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.



4th Degree Meeting

Monsignor McCoy Assembly will meet Tuesday, May 10th at Mill Creek in Milford. Social at 6:00 p.m. Meeting starting at 6:30.



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, May 9

No Mass Today

Tuesday, May 10

No Mass Today

Wednesday, May 11

12 noon: +Henry and +Mildred Bibow

Thursday, May 12

5:30 p.m.: +Edwin and +Mary Catherine Duffy Family

Friday, May 13

No Mass Today

Saturday, May 14

5:30 p.m.: +Billie Schuett

Sunday, May 15

8:30 a.m.: +Howard Johnson

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



Ministry Schedule

SATURDAY, May 14 @ 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Linda Hansen, Annette and Tom Kalkhoff

LECTOR: Dave Hansen

SERVERS: Noah Lee

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: Mark Ingwersen, Kim Ingwersen, Dale Vortherms

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SUNDAY, May 15 @ 8:30 a.m.

EMHC: John Huigens, Sharon Crowley, Mary Emgarten

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SERVERS: Miles Wasson

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: Larry Bortscheller, Jim Wiese, Bob Emgarten

MUSIC MINISTERS: Angela Olsen and Gaylene Rolling

SUNDAY, May 15 @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Toni Nicks, Mary Brandt, Pam Wingert

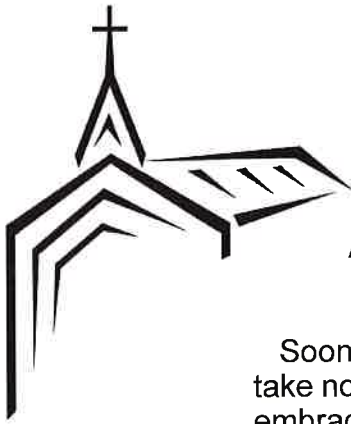
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SERVERS: Tyson Robinson, Jasper Robinson

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: Kim Kirschbaum, Korey and Kerri Robinson, Mike Davis

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The Deacon's Message

**Above all the grace and gifts that Christ gives to
His beloved is that of overcoming self.**

- St. Francis of Assisi

Soon after Pope Francis became our pope, he did something that made the world take notice, and gave us all a glimpse of why he chose Francis as his papal name. He embraced and prayed with a man covered in tumors in St. Peter's Square.

The man reportedly suffers from neurofibromatosis, which according to the Mayo Clinic is a "genetic disorder that disturbs cell growth in your nervous system, causing tumors to form on nerve tissue." While it is not contagious, this courageous act of kindness proclaims Christ in a profound and moving way.

Part of St. Francis' conversion was when he discovered his ability to embrace a leper. Growing up, he was wealthy and enjoyed the comfortable life of a spoiled rich kid. He enjoyed things that were of high quality and beautiful. One day as he was riding his horse, he encountered a leper begging on the side of the road. At first he was repulsed by the horror of the disease. But he jumped off his horse, gave the leper all the money he had with him, and kissed the leper's hand. This experience was the turning point in his life.

Today, there are many people in the world that have been declared "ugly" or "undesirable". There may even be people at your school that have been forgotten or marginalized because they do not fit the world's standard of beauty or cool.

Being a Catholic who loves Jesus challenges us to reject those false standards and give love to all. It demands we see others the way Jesus sees them and commands us to love one another as God has loved us.

St. Francis challenged his followers with these words: "The deeds you do today may be the only sermon people hear today." Pope Francis has shown us what those words mean. Let us pray that the way we love others today will proclaim how awesome Jesus is and be the next step on our path to sainthood.



Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.

ST. MARY'S FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

April 30-May 1, 2022 Attendance: 488

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