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Second Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 5, 2023

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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8:15 am Sun

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Tuesday 12 noon

MASS SCHEDULE:

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Sunday at 9 a.m.

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Saturday at 4 p.m.

Sunday at 7, 9 and 11 a.m.

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LENTEN TUESDAY MASS, STATIONS & SOUP



Tuesdays at St. Joseph

On Tuesday evenings during Lent, we will have Stations of the Cross at 4:45 p.m. and benediction at 5:15 p.m. This week there is no Mass but a soup supper follows by the Jones Crew. They will serve chili, cheeseburger and sausage tortellini. A free will offering is taken to defray the cost of the soup. All are welcome to attend any or all of the evening events.

THE FINAL KC Fish Fry will be Fri., March 10, 5 to 7 p.m., drive-thru or eat-in. Cost is \$12/adults for fish, mac and cheese, cheesy potatoes, cole slaw and a cookie.

COMMUNITY LENTEN Ecumenical Services resume for their 45th season. Light of the Lakes, in Arnolds Park, will host on Fri., March 10., 9:30 a.m. Refreshments follow.



Funeral Group #3 will handle the next funeral luncheon.

CONFIRMATION is scheduled for Sun., March 19, 1:30 p.m. at St. Joseph for youth from St. Mary's and St. Joseph. The Mass will be livestreamed.



LOOKING Ahead to next Sun., March 12, Lenten Penance Service will be held at St. Mary's, Spirit Lake, at 2:30 p.m. and at St. Joseph, Milford, at 4 p.m.



TAKE a moment before you leave today to sign up to volunteer at the annual Chicken N' Noodle Dinner set for Sun., March 26, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



THE ST. JOSEPH MIRACLE CHOIR has begun practicing for the Easter Season. If you would like to join us we will now meet at 6 p.m. on Mondays in the church. Thanks to the voices from St. Mary's who are assisting their sister parish this season. We appreciate you!

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Saturday, March 11th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Bonnie Duhn, Marlene Nelson (Dcn. Darwin)

LECTOR: Lois Eckard

SERVERS: Ben Garcia, John Garcia

HOSPITALITY: Jim Baumgard, Loretta Halbur, Joel & Karen Naber

Sunday, March 12th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Bev Kruger, Darlene Moritz, Marlys Nolan (Dcn. Darwin)

LECTOR: Susan Willette

SERVERS: Noah Walleck, Simon Walleck

HOSPITALITY: Terry Abbas, Marshall Matuska, Jon Sorenson, Abby Walleck



THANK YOU to the Knights of Columbus and CDA for cooking and serving soup on Tues., Feb. 28. Here are the numbers:

#Attended: 52 **Income:** \$261.00

Soup Expense: \$0 **Net:** \$261.00

Thank you to the KC's and CDA for covering the cost of the soups.

News From St. Joseph Parish

Faith Formation

By Sharon Mayer

We are already to the second Sunday of Lent. How are your Lenten changes going. Mine took awhile to kick in but I am doing pretty well with what I have given up, the prayer I have added, and I include Tuesday stations, Mass and soup to my weekly routine. Each year I try to learn a new prayer.

This week all of our grades, except for K and 1 have the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Even though our youngest learners do not yet participate in it, they do talk about doing wrong, saying I'm sorry and having consequences when you do not treat someone nicely. It is a good time to talk about the "golden rule" or Great Commandment as Jesus taught. Even little children at home can grasp this. We cannot do what we want. There are others to think about. As we talk about preparing for reconciliation, it is a good time to talk about our Mass and the two prayers we say at the beginning; the Penitential Act and the "Lord Have Mercy". In each case we are asking for the Lord's forgiveness.

Next Wednesday, March 15, we do not have religious education classes as Okoboji will be on Spring break. Following that our tenth graders from St. Mary and St. Joseph will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Nickless at a 1:30 Mass on Sunday, March 19 also the feast of St. Joseph. Then It won't be long until Easter and then First Communion. Please pick up the name of one of our second graders that is in the basket on the Holy Water font at the back of church. It would be nice to get all names adopted soon. First Communion is Sunday, April 16 at the 9 a.m. Mass. We have 14 students preparing to receive this Sacrament.

Thank You, Thank You!

- ✓ Thank you to the Altar/Rosary volunteers who assisted with the World Day of Prayer on Fri., March 3. We appreciate your willingness to assist.
- ✓ Thank you to Funeral Group #2 for serving the +Pat Kennedy funeral luncheon on Thurs., Feb. 2. Your kindness to a family in their time of need is appreciated.



- ✓ Thank you for continuing to host blood drives with LifeServe. You help create a big impact on all your local communities. Here are the results: 15 were registered and 15 products were collected with 45 potential lives saved.
Alexandria Jackson @ LifeServe

Ministry Schedule

PRAY for these members: Mary Jo Coffey, Mark Kollasch, Phil Nau, Scarlett Ann Stellish, Briggs Harmelink, Becky Wittrock, Kiana Svoboda, Janet Delaney, Tutti Willison, Andrew Gross, James Higgins, Mary Mittag, Jerry Finch, Dirk Hansen, Mary Langel, Geneva Knudtson, Rick DeMuth, Mary Ann Sigler, Dennis and Alma Klute, Jerry Clark, Robert Rowland, Bill James, Marie Van Hofwegen, Steve Painter, Ginny Yore, LaDonna Jansen, Finley Brunsvold, Phyllis Hintz.

PLEASE pray for these special persons: Christine Fischer, Joan Beckman, Paul Roth, Tom Kallis, Cheryl Kallis, Duane Doran, Jane Baxter, Wanda Randall, Norine Kennedy, Bruce and Sandy, Susan Sunland, Nova Goodnight, Kaydan, Adam Hall, Kate Jensen, Cooper Hatfield, Corey Langner, Claire Yaw, Cheryl Kallis, Sammy Schumann, Ellie Wiemers, Mary W., Mary Bolan, Charles Graves, Zoe Lorenzen, Heather Hamann, Esther Morris, Wayne Bellinghausen, Maxine Thompson, Lois Doran, Dale Gentry, Susan Barnes, Mike Cooper, Denny Daberkow, Ray Langel, Tailen Sturtz, Aimee Wallrich, Peggy Price, John Bruening, Ashlyn Clark, Jerry Wolford, Kami Svoboda, Darrel Wedeking, Dan Mulder, Colleen Mulder, Jamie O'Neill.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 4

4 p: +Frank Kennedy

Sunday, March 5

9 a: For The People

Monday, March 6

No Mass Today

Tuesday, March 7

No Mass Today

Wednesday, March 8

No Mass Today

Thursday, March 9

7:30 a: +Janet Saggau

Friday, March 10

7:30 a: +Ron Dog and +Charree Sweeten

Saturday, March 11

4 p: For The People

Sunday, March 12

9 a: +Don and +Joyce Fear



Monday, March 6

6:30 p.m.: Driver's Ed, basement

8 p.m.: Al-non meets via zoom.

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, March 7

2 to 5:15 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration

4:45 p.m.: Stations of the Cross

5:30 p.m.: NO Mass

5:30 p.m.: Soup Supper by Jones'

6 p.m.: Bible Study

Wednesday, March 8

7:30 a: NO MASS TODAY

Thursday, March 9

11 a.m.: Ones meet at Mill Creek.

Friday, March 10

8 a.m. Bible Study

9:30 a.m.: Lenten Ecumenical Service at Light of the Lakes, Arnolds Park.

5-7 p.m.: KC Fish Fry, eat-in or drive-thru with suggested cost of \$12/adults.

7 p.m.: Stations of the Cross.

Saturday, March 11

4 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, March 12

9 a.m.: Mass

2:30 p.m.: Lenten Penace at St.

Mary's; 4 p.m. at St. Joseph.

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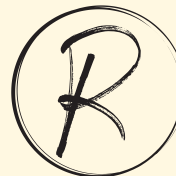
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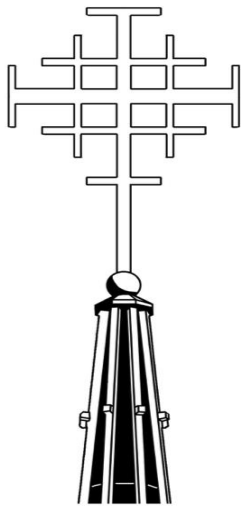
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News From St. Mary's Parish

Weekend Mass Schedule

The current weekend Mass schedule at St. Mary's Church is 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. Mass at St. Joseph's is at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and 9:00 a.m. on Sunday.

Stations of the Cross During Lent

Stations of the Cross during Lent will be at 4:45 p.m. on Thursdays (March 9, March 16, and March 30) and 7:00 p.m. on Fridays when there is a Fish Fry (March 17, March 24, and tentatively March 31).

CDA Meeting

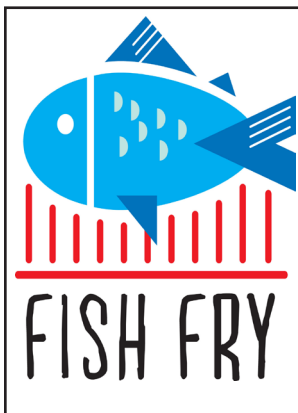
The next Catholic Daughters meeting will be on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Soup Supper

The Knights of Columbus will be the cooks for a soup supper on Thursday, March 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Please come and join us!

St. Mary's Lenten Fish Fry

St. Mary's will be hosting our annual Lenten Fish Frys on Friday, March 17th, 24th, and 31st. The 3/31 date is tentative. On the menu will be fried pollock, baked red potatoes, coleslaw, drinks, and dessert. Deacon Darwin has a special fish seasoning that is the talk of northwest Iowa; come and taste for yourself! Mac & Cheese will also be offered for the kids. \$12 for adults, \$6 for kids ages 12 and younger, 2 and younger are free. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Andrew Vortherms (507-884-6139) or Rob Waterhouse (712-320-0269) for additional information.



Toy Drive

The daycare room at St. Mary's is a valuable part of the R.E. program, allowing volunteers with very small children to be here to catechize our children and youth. The toys in the room are needing to be rotated out, so we are asking our parishioners to support our TOY DRIVE, which will happen the weekends of Feb. 24/25 and March 4/5 in the narthex. We respectfully ask for toys that are either new OR gently used and appreciate anything you can do to help support this important parish ministry. Several of our youth and one adult volunteer care for these children each week, and our R.E. program would be much more difficult to maintain without this vital link in the chain. Thank you for contributing!



Ministry Schedule

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT **Saturday, March 11th @ 5:30 p.m.**

EMHC: Patty Delaney, Eileen & Jed Skogerboe

LECTOR: Jean Mohr

SERVERS: Noah Lee

HOSPITALITY: Ron Crowley, Sharon Crowley, John Delaney, Gayle Eral

ONLINE: Hansens

Sunday, March 12th @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Mary Emgarten, Margie Lynch, Toni Nicks

LECTOR: Sylvia Jennings

SERVERS: McKinley Lalumendre, Jasper Robinson, Tyson Robinson

HOSPITALITY: Larry Bortscheller, Bob Emgarten, Kerri & Korey Robinson



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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

This Week's Mass schedule

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 6

No Mass Today

Tuesday, March 7

5:30 p.m.: +Cece Cox

Wednesday, March 8

12 noon: +Joy Walz

Thursday, March 9

2-5:15 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m.: +Jacque Banks

Friday, March 10

12 noon: +Gilbert Korwes

Saturday, March 11

5:30 p.m.: +Art Berg

Sunday, March 12

10:30 a.m.: Liv/Dec of St. Mary's



Monday, March 6

No events today

Tuesday, March 7

5:30 p.m.: Mass

6 p.m.: CDA Meeting (parish hall)

Wednesday, March 8

12 noon: Mass

Thursday, March 9

2 p.m.: Adoration

4:45 p.m.: Stations of the Cross

5:30 p.m.: Mass

6 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal, church

Friday, March 10

12 noon: Mass

Saturday, March 11

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, March 12

9 a.m.: Lectio Divina Group (clsm)

10:30 a.m.: Mass

Registration Deadline for CPR/AED Class

If you would like to register for the CPR/AED class on Thursday, March 23rd from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., please contact the St. Mary's parish office. The registration deadline is Monday, March 13, 2023. Class location: 809 Lake St in Spirit Lake.

Special Collections in March

Donations for the Social Justice collection should be placed in the basket on the weekend of March 5. Donations for the Annunciation and Easter Flowers collections should be placed in the basket on the weekend of March 26. Please make checks payable to "St. Mary's," and write "Social Justice," "Annunciation," or "Easter Flowers" in the memo line. If you would like to give to these collections online, please visit our website (st-marysspiritlake.org), and click on the "Give" option at the top of the screen. Then click on the "Click Here to Make an Online Donation" button. To see all available funds, click on "View All Funds." Choose the fund you want to give to, and click "Give Now." The March special collections will be available on our website from March 1-31. Thank you for your generous support!

Together As One

Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through TAO. As of January 31, we have raised \$25,922.00 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$28,699.00 with gifts from 128 households. Will you help us meet our fundraising goals? Visit www.scdiocese.org/together-as-one.

Meals on Wheels

St. Mary's has agreed to deliver Meals on Wheels for the second half of March. There is a sign-up sheet and information on the table in the narthex. We are grateful to all who assist with this project.

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Liturgical Ministries

The March schedule is posted on the website now. Reminder that you are responsible for finding your own substitutes if you are unable to attend that weekend. As always, you can let Ali know of your unavailability prior to the 15th of the month to avoid the hassle of finding substitutes.

App World Lock-In

An "App World" Middle School Lock-In will be held March 10/11 at St. Mary's Church from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. This event is for St. Mary's Grades 6-8. Cost: \$10. Permission slips & details available in narthex. Return permission slips to south kiosk in narthex.

Prayer Chain

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 in the narthex of the church.

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.



Pastor's COLUMN

Communal Penance Service

Here in the Northern Hemisphere the season of Lent coincides with the arrival of spring. This is a wonderful time of year and while Spring marks a change in the landscape so it is with Lent. The Lenten Season marks the call of Christ to allow new goodness to bud forth in our spiritual lives. A big part of spiritual renewal in every season and at every stage in life is the challenge of dealing with our mistakes and the behaviors and attitudes that we adopt that wound our neighbor, diminish ourselves and offend God. I encourage all to make these Lenten weeks a time for the Sacrament of Confession. Here in Dickinson County we will have the opportunity to participate in two Communal Reconciliation Services. Next Sunday, March 12th we will gather for Confessions at 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary's and at 4 p.m. at St. Joseph's. We will have a group of priests here to assist us in our spiritual renewal. Please come and join us as we journey together to the great Feast of Easter.

Next Weeks' Mass Schedule

I will not be available for Mass on Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning at St. Joseph's. We will have Adoration, Stations and Benediction on Tuesday at the regularly scheduled time and we will have a light soup supper after Benediction. Mass at St. Mary's will be at the regularly scheduled time; Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 12:00 Noon.

Fish Fry Friday's

Many thanks to the folks who are working hard to provide Fish Fry's on the Friday's of Lent. These are a great opportunity to gather to share a bit of fellowship with others in the community. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Many Thanks

I would like to say a word of thanks for the many folks who have offered prayers and concern for my brother Jim who has been recovering from some serious health issues. He is making great progress and, like the rest of us, is anxious for spring so that he can be outside a bit. Thanks again for all your prayers.

Pastor Fr. Brian Hughes
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Stewardship REPORT

"Bear your share of the hardship which the gospel entails," St. Paul tells Timothy in today's second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?

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Baptism Class

Those expecting a baby in the coming months, or those with children wanting to be baptized, are invited to attend a baptismal class in the next few months. Please call the parish office to register for this class.

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