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Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 9, 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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Fri.: 8 a.m. - 12 noon

RECONCILIATION:

3:15 pm Sat;
8:15 am Sun

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Tuesday 12 noon

MASS SCHEDULE:

Winter

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Sunday at 9 a.m.

Summer

Saturday at 4 p.m.
Sunday at 7, 9 and 11 a.m.

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Lenten Soup Recap - Our final Lenten Soup Supper was held Tues., April 4. Thanks to John and Maxine Elser, Bob and Donna Elser, Jeff and Colleen Nelson and Jeanette Kellar for preparing, serving and cleaning up following the supper. **# Attended:** 79 **Income:** \$405.00 **Expense:** \$0* *Thanks to the cooks who covered the cost of the soup! Thanks to Loretta Halbur and her crew who baked cookies each week of Lent. It was a great



Lent season for soup suppers. The food was delicious and the fellowship was meaningful.



✓ **Thank You** to the wonderful volunteers who cleaned the church on Monday, April 3 including Sheila Thelen, Diane Frank, Holly Skopec, Deb Bode, Janette Nelson, Monica Koeppen, Donna and Pat Goebel, Mary Beth Gehling, Karen Naber and Cindy and Jack Myer. We appreciate your time to beautify God's House.

✓ **Thank You** to Funeral Group #4 who served the +Bob Eilers Funeral luncheon on Wed., April 5. Your willingness to assist a family in their time of need is deeply appreciated. Funeral Group #5 will handle the +Roland Taylor funeral on Tues., April 11. Funeral Group #6 will be on call for the next funeral luncheon.



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

✓ Kathy Eilers and family on the death of her husband, +Bob, who died Sat., April 1. His Mass of Christian Burial was held Wed., April 5 at St. Joseph; and to

✓ Gwen Taylor and family on the death of her husband, +Roland, who died Sun., April 2. His Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tues., April 11 at St. Joseph beginning at 10 a.m. Please note the change in starting time.

PLEASE NOTE: Fr. Kelly, of St. Patrick's Estherville, will be the celebrant at +Roland Taylor's funeral on Tuesday, April 11 at 10 a.m. This is a change from our regular funeral day schedule. In the absence of Fr. Hughes for a few days, Msgr. Seifried will be covering Milford and have Mass at St. Joseph on Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m.

TAO Collection Update - Our Together As One (TAO) Appeal goal is \$37,306. We have collected \$31,666. If all pledges are paid, our remaining goal is \$5,640.00. If you haven't returned your contribution, please do so asap.



HAVE YOU made your reservation? Call the office now to reserve your free spot at the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Supper set for Tues., April 18, 6 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. supper followed by a short program that you won't want to miss!! Deadline to sign-up is Mon., April 12.

Iowa Catholic Daughters of the Americas collect new and used rosaries for distribution to hospitals, care centers, funeral homes, and individuals upon request. There is a box marked "Rosaries for CDA" by the elevators to drop off your contribution by April 23. Thank you!

JUST A NOTE...some have called and asked when our summer schedule begins. We will move to three Sunday Masses on Sun., May 21. Mass will be at 7, 9 and 11 a.m. in addition to one Saturday night Mass at 4 p.m. We will continue that schedule thru the Labor Day Weekend Sun., Sept. 3.

ON THE HORIZON...LifeServe Blood Drive April 28, CDA salad luncheon May 6, Senior Breakfast Sun., May 7, Fr. Hughes' 42nd Anniversary in the Priesthood potluck Sun., June 4 and a summer full of cinnamon rolls.

News From St. Joseph Parish

Faith Formation

By Sharon Mayer

Happy Easter to all the families in our Parish! Hopefully the Easter bunny finds you and brings lots of treats. This coming week will be busy for our second graders. This Wednesday after they have reconciliation, they will have practice in the church for their First Communion which is this coming Sunday at 9am Mass. Their class time will be extended to 5:15 for that reason. It is a big day and they get nervous so practice helps.

Believe it or not we will only have 2 weeks of classes left. The last day, April 26, will be a celebration of the year with our May Crowning and hot dogs in the afternoon and hamburgers for the evening students. Parents, please send the older kids hungry! As always, the year has gone fast.

Even though our classes will be completed, our senior students will be honored at the 9am Mass on May 7 followed by breakfast for them and their families. We wish them the best in their future.

Bible school week at St. Joseph will be June 19-23 from 9am-noon. Registration forms will be available in our May newsletter as well as at the back of the church. This year's theme is Tracking Mary. St. Mary's in Spirit Lake will have the same theme only the following week. VBS will be available to any student whether from this parish or another ages 4-11 or PK to 5th grade. It is a week filled with activities and fun snacks. The time goes very fast.

Praying From Within Retreat, w/ Fr. Brian Feller. April 22, 9 - Noon @ St. Joseph, Milford. Opportunity in fellowship and faith. Meal provided. Register w/ Aaron Lorch @ 712-363-2372/aaron.o.lorch@gmail.com



Senior high students attending St. Joseph's: Applications for the \$500 CDA scholarships are available from Sharon Mayer and due back by April 15th.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Saturday, April 15th 4 p.m.

EMHC: Jeff Knudtson, Marlene Nelson, Ron Swartz

LECTOR: Irene McCoy

SERVERS: Grace Davis, Kaiden Mueller

HOSPITALITY: Monica Koeppen, Jim McCoy, Joel & Karen Naber

Sunday, April 16th @ 9 a.m. - First Communion

EMHC: Corey Knudtson, Aaron & Erin Lorch

LECTOR: Beth Lorch

SERVERS: Alex Anderson, Will Anderson

HOSPITALITY: Terry Abbas, Bill & Cheryl Aumer, Gary Espinoza

PRAY for these members: Linda Cunningham, Mary Jo Coffey, Mark Kollasch, Scarlett Ann Stellish, Briggs Harmelink, Becky Wittrock, Kiana Svoboda, Janet Delaney, Tutti Willison, Andrew Gross, James Higgins, Mary Mittag, Jerry Finch, 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: Pat Reckard, Hope Anderson, 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, April 8

8:30 p: For the People

Sunday, April 9

7 a: For The People

9 a: For The People

Monday, April 10

No Mass Today

Tuesday, April 11

5:30 p: +Dirk Hanson

Wednesday, April 12

No Mass Today

Thursday, April 13

No Mass Today

Friday, April 14

7:30 a: +Dale Langel

Saturday, April 15

4 p: +Darial Determan

Sunday, April 16

9 a: For The People

THE "ONES" meet Thurs., April 13, 11 a.m. at Mill Creek, Milford.



Monday, April 10

Parish Offices closed for Easter.

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

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, April 11

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

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

5:30 p.m.: Mass

6 p.m.: Rosary/Altar meets in PC

7:30 p.m.: Men's Bible Study, Naz.

Wednesday, April 12

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

7-8 p.m.: Rel Ed 6-12

Thursday, April 13

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

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

Friday, April 14

8 a.m.: Bible Study, overflow

Saturday, April 15

4 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, April 16

9 a.m.: Mass - First Communion

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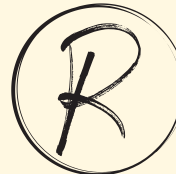
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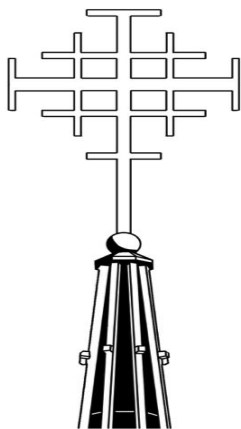
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News From St. Mary's Parish

Eternal Rest

Please remember Jim Schoo, the brother of Donna Williams, in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Senior Mass – Save the Date

Senior Mass will be at St. Mary's on Sunday, April 30 at 10:30 a.m. A lunch will follow for graduating seniors and their immediate families.

First Communion – Save the Date

First Communion will take place for St. Mary's second graders in a special Mass at St. Mary's on Sunday, April 16 at 1 p.m. Rehearsal for families will happen the day before (April 15) at 9 a.m. at the church.

Last Day of RE Classes

The last day of Religious Education classes will be on Wed., April 26.

Scholarships

The Catholic Daughters of St. Mary's are offering two \$500 scholarships to qualifying graduating seniors. Applications can be picked up at R.E. classes on Wednesdays, or anytime during business hours in the R.E. office. They can also be mailed to you directly if needed. Applications are due back by May 1.

Fr. Tom Out of Town

Fr. Tom will be leaving for Africa on April 10. He is invited to give a retreat for diocesan priests of Swaziland and South Africa. After that, he will be doing missionary work with the Opus Spiritus Sancti communities in Malawi, Kenya and Uganda before flying to Germany for a week-long meeting. He will return on May 23. Please watch the bulletin for the weekday mass schedule during that time.

Baptism Class

If you are expecting or need your child baptized, please call Deacon Messerly regarding a baptism class. You can reach him at 515-230-3963. The next baptism class will be 4:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday, April 12. Please call Deacon Messerly if you need to register for the class.

Parish Office

Our parish office will be closed on Easter Monday (April 10).



Garage Sale Donations

The Catholic Daughters will start collecting items on May 1st for the garage sale that will be held in June.



Praying from Within

Catholic Passage presents "Praying from Within" with Fr. Brian Feller. This event will be held at St. Joseph's Church, Milford, on Sat., April 22 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. All men and women are welcome to join us for faith sharing, fellowship, and food. This event is free to attend; materials and lunch will be provided. Attendance will be capped, so please register as soon as possible. Contact Aaron Lorch at 712-363-2372 or aaron.o.lorch@gmail.com, or go online to <https://rb.gy/in7paq>.



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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.

If you are a new parishioner at St. Mary's, we welcome you to register with our parish. Simply go to our parish website (stmarysspiritlake.org), and click on "Parish Registration" at the top of the page. Then complete the form, and click "Submit." We look forward to serving you here at St. Mary's!

News From St. Mary's Parish

This Week's Mass Schedule

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 10

No Mass Today

Tuesday, April 11

No Mass Today

Wednesday, April 12

12 noon: +Dee Hauber

Thursday, April 13

2 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m.: +Susan Sundlin

Friday, April 14

No Mass Today

Saturday, April 15

5:30 p.m.: +Genevive McKeown

Sunday, April 16

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



WEEKLY Calendar

Monday, April 10

Parish office closed. No events today.

Tuesday, April 11

No events today.

Wednesday, April 12

12 noon: Mass

4:15 p.m.: Baptism class

Thursday, April 13

2 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Friday, April 14

No events today.

Saturday, April 15

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, April 16

9 a.m.: Lectio Divina Group, clsm.

10:30 a.m.: Mass

1 p.m.: First Communion Mass

NEWS & Notes

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, which can be found in the narthex of the church.



Special Collections in April

Donations for the Retired Priests of the Diocese of Sioux City collection should be placed in the basket on the weekend of April 9. Please make checks payable to "St. Mary's," and write "Retired Priests" in the memo line. If you would like to give to the collection online, please visit our website (stmarysspiritlake.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 April special collections will be available on our website from April 1-28. Thank you for your generous support!

Spring Cleaning

The arrival of spring brings the upkeep of church grounds. Next week, there will be a map of St. Mary's with areas in need of TLC throughout the spring, summer, and fall months. Please consider adopting an area—even a small garden is of great assistance. Many areas need minimal care (i.e., cleanup and periodic checking through the remainder of the season). Others can be fine-tuned as you want by adding and maintaining annuals and perennials. This can be a family time, and every little bit helps. Any questions or concerns, please contact the office or Linda Hansen at 712-253-3124.

Liturgical Ministries

The April 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.

Together As One

Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through TAO. As of March 9, we have raised \$26,672.00 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$28,699.00 with gifts from 153 households. Will you help us meet our fundraising goals? Visit www.scdiocese.org/together-as-one.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Saturday, April 15th 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Sharon Johnson, Kim Ingwersen, Eileen & Jed Skogerboe

LECTOR: Phyllis McKeown

SERVERS: Noah Lee

HOSPITALITY: Jim Carney, Joe Endres, Gayle Eral, Mark Ingwersen

ONLINE: Jean Mohr

Sunday, April 16th @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Sylvia Jennings, Susan Lynn, Stacy Sieperda, Pam Wingert

LECTOR: Halliegh Hawkins

SERVERS: Jasper Robinson, Tyson Robinson

HOSPITALITY: Larry Bortscheller, Bob Emgarten, Kerri & Korey Robin-

son **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

Blessed Easter

We would like to wish you all a blessed Easter and we ask God's blessings on your

family gatherings. Special prayers for all who are traveling this weekend. We would like to thank all of the folks who have made these days of prayer and celebration an experience of grace for so many. We are especially grateful to our musicians and choir under the direction of Allison Oyler. Many weeks of work have gone into practices and planning for our liturgies in both parishes. We are also grateful for the extra service for ushers and Mass servers and lectors who have aided in our many Holy Week Masses.

Thanks Tuesday and Thursday Evening Gatherings

We have had enjoyable gatherings on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at St. Joseph and St. Mary's respectively. Lots of folks have prepared soup and other delights for our light-fare gatherings. These meals are a great time to chat with other parish members and enjoy a fine meal. Thanks to all who have contributed to this great Lenten Tradition.

Friday Evening Fish Fry's

We had nice Friday evening Fish Fry's at both St. Mary's and at St. Joseph. The Knights of Columbus at St. Joseph and the men of St. Mary's worked hard to provide great meals and a good time to gather for hospitality. This is a great tradition in many parts of the diocese and we are happy to have dedicated workers to provide us with Friday evening Fish Fry's every Lent.

Fr. Tom Flanagan

Fr. Tom Flanagan leaves on Monday for a six week tour of Africa. He will be directing a retreat in South Africa and then will travel to several other African countries before traveling to Germany for another set of meetings and will return here in late May. Please pray for Fr. Tom and the many folks he will be meeting with.

Fr. Hughes' Brother

My brother Jim continues to be confronted with some serious health issues. I am going to spend a couple of days with him after Easter. I will be leaving on Monday and returning on Wednesday. Msgr. Seifried will be at St. Joseph for Mass on Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 p.m. and at St. Mary's on Wednesday at 12 noon.

Change in the Weekly Mass Schedule

With Fr. Tom's departure for Africa we will revert to our alternate Mass schedule. We will have daily Mass at St. Joseph on Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m. preceded by Adoration and Benediction, and on Fridays at 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass at St. Mary's will be at noon on Wednesdays and at 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays preceded by Adoration and Benediction. Please remember that we do not have daily Mass when we have a morning Funeral.

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Stewardship REPORT

Very early in the morning after the sabbath, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with precious oils. The reward of this good and conscientious steward was to be the first to know that Jesus had been raised from the dead! Alleluia!

ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP April 1-2 Attendance: 630

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ST. MARY'S FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP April 1-2 Attendance: 516

Adults: \$9,424.00
Online: \$1,400.00
Loose: \$916.50
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