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In your great love, O God, answer me
with your **sure salvation.**

Psalm 69:13

**Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 23, 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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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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Some Restoration Needed

We have a beautiful church building and over the years we have taken great care of the many beautiful things that we own. Today there are several items that are in need of restoration. The beautiful brass and onyx crucifix that stands above the main tabernacle, the doors of the two side tabernacles and our antique processional cross all need to be restored. Restoration of these items is an expensive venture. If you are interested in assisting in these worthy projects please let us know. The continual upkeep of our church is an important offering that we can make to the Lord. Thanks for considering a contribution to this preservation project.



At the weekend masses April 22nd and 23rd the CDA will be collecting for their annual LIFESAVER CAMPAIGN. Funds will be used to benefit Iowa victims of domestic abuse. 60% of the funds raised will stay local and the remaining is sent to the Sioux City diocese to be distributed at the bishop's choosing. CDA members will be available as you leave mass to distribute lifesavers and collect donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this important cause.



THANK YOU to all the wonderful volunteers who attended the annual Volunteer Appreciation Supper Tuesday night. We also need to thank the gracious First Lutheran Church volunteers who served and cleaned up following the dinner which allowed our volunteers to completely enjoy the

evening. Thanks to the "sisters" of the Disorderly Order who provided entertainment. The meal was catered from Barry at the Graettinger Golf Course and was delicious. The table centerpieces, which became door prizes, were created by our own Lois Eckard. The volunteer plaques were created by Julie Muselman, of Waukee. St. Joseph cannot operate without volunteers. Thank you all for your service! If you would like to volunteer in some capacity, call the office. We have a job for you and never turn down a volunteer.

**We Love
Our
VOLUNTEERS**



Remember that special woman in your life...your mother, wife, aunt, sister in the Mother's Day Novena of Nine Masses which begin Sun., May 14. Envelopes are available on the elevator table. Deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday, May 10 at 12 noon.

Blessings to you today and all year. Amen.

Mark your calendar...At their quarterly meeting this past Tuesday night, the Rosary/Altar set Monday, May 15, 8 a.m. as the date for the annual church kitchen cleaning All supplies will be furnished. Refreshments follow. Many hands will make light work.

LifeServe blood drive at St. Joseph on Fri., April 28, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

Our religious education year is winding down. This Wednesday is our last class for the 2022-2023 school year. It has gone fast as usual. We will close with a May Crowning with our K-5 students beginning about 4 p.m. in the church, Parents and grandparents are most welcome. We will follow this with hot dogs and treats in the parish center. Our evening students will meet with their Catechists for any last items they would like to cover and then about 7:30 we will join in the parish center for hamburgers with all the fixings and assorted goodies.

Looking ahead, we will have Vacation Bible School June 19-23 for children ages 4-11 or grades PK-5th. It is held in the mornings from 9-noon and has a lesson, bible story, crafts, games and of course unique snacks. The cost per child is \$15 to cover materials and food. We welcome visitors and those students who attend here. I am requesting some adult or older student help for those mornings to help cover the activities. Please email me, give me a call or stop in. Hopefully we will have good participation again this year.

Also looking ahead into May, if you have not heard or read in the May newsletter, I will be retiring the end of May. It is time to hang up my "full time" hat but will still be active in other ways in the parish. I am overseeing Vacation Bible School and a few other things. I have enjoyed my time here as this is my second home. People through the years have always known that if they couldn't find me at the golf course, I would be here. It has been wonderful and doing something you love never really seems like work. I have been blessed in many ways. Stop by on May 21st after the 9 a.m. Mass for coffee and rolls (caramel, my favorite) to chat.

"God is with you in everything you do." Genesis 21:22

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, April 29th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Eldon Kraninger, Jean Petitti, Jerilyn Streit

LECTOR: Molly Mulqueen

SERVERS: Grace Davis, Isabel Nelson

HOSPITALITY: Jim Baumgard, Loretta Halbur, Connie & Dick Mataloni

Sunday, April 30th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Bill & Cheryl Aumer, Chris Hinshaw, Bev Kruger

LECTOR: Karen Schwaller

SERVERS: Emily, Breuer, Oliver Miller

HOSPITALITY: Julie & Tim Fairchild, Donna & Patrick Goebel

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, Finley Brunsvold, Phyllis Hintz.

PLEASE pray for these special persons: Mary Jones, 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, 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 22

4 p: +Bob Eilers

Sunday, April 23

9 a: For The People

Monday, April 24

No Mass Today

Tuesday, April 25

5:30 p: +Ann Miller
+Paul Schatzman

Wednesday, April 26

No Mass Today

Thursday, April 27

No Mass Today

Friday, April 28

7:30 a: +Don Baschke

Saturday, April 29

4 p: For The People

Sunday, April 30

9 a: +Roland Taylor



Monday, April 24

7:30 p.m.: Al-Anon meets in Bethlehem

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, April 25

2 to 5:15 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration
Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26

No Daily Mass

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

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

Thursday, April 27

8 a.m. Soup Kitchen Ministry

No Daily Mass

Friday, April 28

Mass at 7:30 a.m.

8 a.m.: Bible Study, overflow

9:30 to 2 p.m.: LiveServe Drive

Saturday, April 29

4 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, April 30

9 a.m.: Mass

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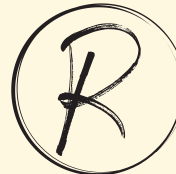
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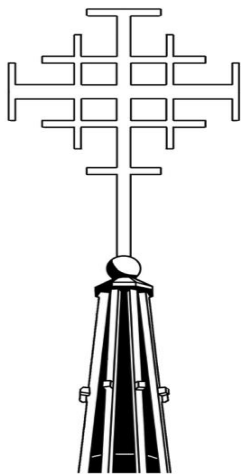


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News From St. Mary's Parish

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 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. on Sunday.

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.

Last Day of RE Classes

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



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Parish Office Hours:

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

Monday at 8 a.m.

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!



Congratulations

Congratulations to Noah John Pruss, son of Benjamin and Jennifer Pruss, who was baptized here at St. Mary's on April 15, 2023. Blessings to the Pruss family, and welcome Noah!

Upper Des Moines Food Pantry

During the month of May, St. Mary's has agreed to go to Walmart to pick up meat and produce and bring it to Upper Des Moines. We need volunteers for Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. (Upper Des Moines staff recommend trying to arrive at Walmart a little early, such as 8:45 a.m.) There is a sign-up sheet and instructions for volunteers in the narthex. Most of the days on the sign-up sheet still need a volunteer. If you have questions, please contact the parish office.

Liturgical Ministries

The May 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. Please email Ali at liturgy@thelakescatholic.church.

Together As One

Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through TAO. As of April 5, we have raised \$26,917.00 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$28,699.00 with gifts from 161 households. Will you help us meet our fundraising goals? Visit www.scdiocese.org/together-as-one.



Garage Sale Donations

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

Help Victims of Domestic Violence

Domestic violence affects many men, women, and children in our neighborhoods, schools, and communities. Next weekend (April 29/30), CDA members will be present after Mass to accept donations to go to local centers to help those affected. Please be generous and take lifesavers or other sweet treats in exchange. Thank you in advance for your support.



News From St. Mary's Parish

This Week's Mass Schedule

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 24

No Mass Today

Tuesday, April 25

No Mass Today

Wednesday, April 26

12 Noon: +Clement McCoy

Thursday, April 27

2 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m.: +Henry and +Mildred Bibow

Friday, April 28

No Mass Today

Saturday, April 29

5:30 p.m.: +Shirley Pruss

Sunday, April 30

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



Monday, April 24

No events today.

Tuesday, April 25

No events today.

Wednesday, April 26

12 p.m. Mass

Thursday, April 27

2 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m. Mass

Friday, April 28

No events today.

Saturday, April 29

5:30 p.m.: Mass

CDA Lifesaver drive after Mass

Sunday, April 30

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

10:30 a.m.: Mass

CDA Lifesaver driver after Mass

Scholarships from Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus 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 April 24, 2023.

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Spring Cleaning

The arrival of spring brings the upkeep of church grounds. This 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.

Easter Flowers

Thank you to all who contributed toward the Easter flowers. In addition to the loved ones named in the past two weekends' bulletins, we also remember the deceased relatives and friends of Patricia Donovan, Mary Kolar, Connie Lange, Joleen Brown, and Deb Brown.

Together in Concert

The St. Joseph Arts Council presents in concert Karess Knudtson, Dave Rowley, and Ryan Sather, Together in Concert, on May 7, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church in Milford. Free will donation. A reception will follow the concert.



Rosary in May

Before all Masses during the month of May, we will be praying the rosary. If you are interested in leading this beautiful prayer in honor of Mary, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, April 29th @ 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Linda Hansen, Jean Mohr

LECTOR: Dave Hansen

SERVERS: Noah Lee

HOSPITALITY: Jim Carney, Mark & Kim Ingwersen, Dale Vortherms

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

EMHC: Chris & Renee Quance

LECTOR: Karen Fergen

SERVERS: Layne Jacobsma, Lucas Jacobsma

HOSPITALITY: Larry Bortscheller, Sylvia Jennings, Kim Kirschbaum, Jim Wiese



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

Thank You to the Decorating Crew

We would like to thank all the folks at both St. Mary's and at St. Joseph's who worked hard over Holy Week to decorate our churches for our liturgies. Our church buildings always look great and the crews that often work hidden from view are responsible for all the grace and beauty that we all enjoy. Many Thanks to our decorating crews.

Volunteers

On Tuesday evening we hosted our many volunteers at an annual dinner at St. Joseph's. We are graced with many fine volunteers who carry out a wide variety of tasks. We are blessed by your service. Thanks also the crew from First Lutheran Church who graciously served the dinner so our volunteers could enjoy the evening without working. We had a nice group of folks from many churches who provided the entertainment. Their "Nun-sense" routine was enjoyable.

A Thank You Note

This week we received a detailed thank you note from Fr. Paul Kunkumbir at St. Kizito Seminary in Dedza, Malawi. Fr. Paul was with us last summer and spoke about the need for a computer classroom at the seminary where he is the Vice Rector. They did not have a single computer at the seminary with more than one hundred students. They have recently completed the purchase and installation of a computer lab for their students. On behalf of the seminary staff and students we would like to thank all who contributed to that special collection last September. A great project with a wonderful outcome.

Cemetery Decorations

As we look forward to Memorial Day, we are conscious that we want our cemeteries to look their best. We have a number of families who have left plastic flowers, decorations and other memorabilia on graves throughout the cemetery. We ask all families to please remove all decorations that have been left there throughout the winter and remember that we have a long-standing policy that all Memorial Day decorations MUST be removed from cemetery plots by June 12th, two weeks after Memorial Day. It is very difficult for our maintenance crew to work around decorations that are left on the ground around family graves. Elevated pot holders are permitted if they are anchored directly beside a grave marker or stone. We are aware that there were several "winter problems" at the cemetery. Badgers and gophers have been at work again and we lost a sign during the winter. We are replacing the signage and are hard at work to address the rodent problem with traps so please be careful to watch your step and keep your pets on a leash when walking in the cemetery. Please recall that our cemetery is closed between dusk and dawn each day.

Pastor Fr. Brian Hughes
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Stewardship



REPORT

The disciples on the road to Emmaus walked and talked with Jesus all day long, but it was not until they offered Him hospitality and He blessed and broke the bread that they recognized Him. Simple acts of loving kindness *still* reveal the presence of God in our midst.

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

April 15-16 Attendance: 432

Adults: \$2,791.00

Online: \$500.75

Loose: \$489.95

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