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# **Choose Joy**

James 1:2-3

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday, July 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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### **RECONCILIATION:**

3:15 pm Sat;

8:15 am Sun

### **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

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### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

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Sunday at 9 a.m.

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## PRAYERS and SYMPATHY

from the St. Joseph Parish Family to:

- ✓ Gary and Nancy Espinoza, and family, on the death of their 9-month-old great granddaughter, +Dahlia Williams, who died July 12. Her funeral was Tuesday, July 18; to
- ✓ Katie Kilgore and children on the death of +Jesse Kilgore, 40, who died Thurs., July 13. His Mass of Christian Burial was held Wed., July 19 at St. Joseph; and to
- ✓ Judi McIntosh and family on the death of her husband, +Arnie, 76, who died Fri., July 14. A graveside service was held Wed., July 19 at Lakeview Gardens, in Okoboji.



**The Campus Women's Club** will host an omelet breakfast this Sun., July 23, 8 to 12 noon in the parish center. Free will offering. Omelets of all types and freshly baked cinnamon rolls will be served. Don't miss this one. Bingo begins Sunday at 1:15 p.m.

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

- ✓ To Funeral Group #8 who served the +Dahlia Williams funeral luncheon on Tuesday, July 18 and to Funeral Group #1 who served the +Jesse Kilgore funeral luncheon on Wednesday, July 19. Your service to a family in their time of need is greatly appreciated. Funeral Group #2 will serve the next funeral luncheon; and
- ✓ To all who contributed items to the Treasure Chest garage sale, who worked the garage sale or made lunch for the garage sale workers. You all are appreciated and an important part of the garage sale puzzle.



## The joy of the Lord is your strength.

Nehemiah 8:10

**Women's WELCOME Retreat** is November 11-12, 2023 @ St. Joseph's in Milford. This is a local opportunity for adult women to grow in their faith. Applications can be found in the narthex and returned to the parish office. Retreat Team Contact: Diane Gubbels @ 712-210-1166.

**LifeServe** will be at St. Joseph's for a community blood drive on Fri., Aug. 25, 9:30 to 2 p.m.

**BECAUSE of staff vacations**, early deadlines will be in effect for the July 29-30, Aug. 5-6 and Aug. 12-13 bulletins. Please have your bulletin items turned in by Wednesday, July 26 for these bulletin dates. Thanks in advance.



## LOOKING AHEAD....

- ✓ All are welcome at the Friday morning Bible Study in the overflow room following Mass.

**RAFFLE TICKETS** for the Rosary/Altar Annual Quilt Raffle project will be on sale at the 4 p.m. and 9 a.m. Masses each weekend during the summer beginning Memorial Day Weekend. In addition, tickets are included in the newsletter and may be returned via the collection basket, dropped at the parish office or sent to the office. Thank you for your support.





# News From St. Joseph Parish

## Religious Education News

By Erin Lorch, Director of Faith Formation

Greetings! The Holy Spirit is at work! I am so encouraged by the teens of St. Joseph's and St. Mary's. It was an absolute privilege taking part in Eucharistic Adoration, the sacraments of confession and Eucharist in daily mass, and all the fun adventures at the Steubenville Conference weekend. I pray that all parishioners would spiritually support these teens as they continue in their faith journeys.

This is my second weekend of attending training for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) in Madrid, IA. CGS uses the Montessori methods of teaching and allows children an outlet where they can connect with God and form a relationship with Him on their level. What more could we want for our young children?

Catechists who have committed to teaching this year, please plan on attending our Catechist Kick-Off on Sunday, August 27 from 4-6 p.m.. Location TBD.

The parish is in need of 6-7 more committed catechists (MEN AND WOMEN) for the following grades: 1st, 3rd, 6th, 7th, 8th, 11th/12th. You do not need to have a teaching background. All you need is a passion for making a difference for our youth and Catholicism. I will equip you with all of the tools you will need for success. Please prayerfully consider this request and contact me with questions or a commitment.

God bless you!

## Ministry Schedule

### 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Saturday, July 29th @ 4 p.m.

**EMHC:** Deb Faulkner, David Loebig, Jim McCoy

**LECTOR:** Irene McCoy

**SERVERS:** Asher Knudtson

**HOSPITALITY:** Bonnie Duhn, Monica Koeppen, Connie & Dick Mataloni

#### Sunday, July 30th @ 7 a.m.

**EMHC:** Cory Knudtson, Darlene Moritz, Marlene Nelson

**LECTOR:** Diane Frank

**SERVERS:** Deb & Mark Johnson

**HOSPITALITY:** Bob & Donna Elser, Joel & Karen Naber

#### Sunday, July 30th @ 9 a.m.

**EMHC:** Faith Garcia Cheryl & Rick Houseman, Jan Pithan

**LECTOR:** Theresa Eckard

**SERVERS:** Ben Garcia, John Garcia

**HOSPITALITY:** Donna & Patrick Goebel, Myrna & Paul Herbers

#### Sunday, July 30th @ 11 a.m.

**EMHC:** Chris Hinshaw, Aaron & Erin Lorch

**LECTOR:** Susan Willette

**SERVERS:** Noah Walleck, Simon Walleck

**HOSPITALITY:** Dennis Lippon, Arend & Molly Swygman

**PRAY for these members:** Jan Nau, Linda Cunningham, Mark Kollasch, Becky Wittrock, Kiana Svoboda, Tutti Willison, Andrew Gross, 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:** Elizabeth Olson, Amanda Kuhlman, Mark McGill, Karen Morrison, Kevin Tracy, Mary Jones, Pat Reckard, Hope Anderson, Christine Fischer, Joan Beckman, Tom Kallis, Cheryl Kallis, Duane Doran, Jane Baxter, Wanda Randall, Norine Kennedy, Bruce and Sandy, Kaydan, Adam Hall, Kate Jensen, Cooper Hatfield, Corey Langner, Claire Yaw, 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, July 22

4 p: +Bob Eilers

### Sunday, July 23

7 a: For The People

9 a: +Dirk Hansen

11 a: +Bob Mulhern

### Monday July 24

No Mass Today

### Tuesday, July 25

5:30 p: +Ann Miller

### Wednesday, July 26

No Mass Today

### Thursday, July 27

No Mass Today

### Friday, July 28

7:30 a: Special Intention (40th Hart)

### Saturday, July 29

4 p: +David Carey

### Sunday, July 30

7 a: +Bob Eilers

9 a: +Roland Taylor

11 a: For The People

**I am covered with God's protection. Isaiah 41:14**



### Monday, July 24

No Mass Today

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

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

### Tuesday, July 25

2 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration

5:30 p.m.: Mass

### Wednesday, July 26

No Mass Today

### Thursday, July 27

No Mass Today

8 a.m.: Sioux City Soup Kitchen

### Friday, July 28

7:30 a.m.: Mass

8 a.m.: Bible Study, overflow

### Saturday, July 29

4 p.m.: Mass

### Sunday, July 31

7, 9 and 11 a.m.: Mass

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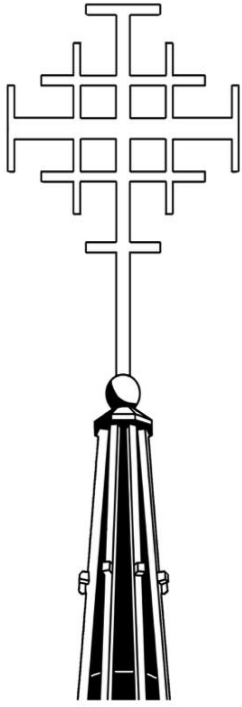
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# News From St. Mary's Parish



## Congratulations

Congratulations to Annie Jo Fairchild, daughter of Patrick and Laura Fairchild, who was baptized here at St. Mary's on July 15, 2023. Blessings to the Fairchild family, and welcome Annie!



## Eternal Rest



Please remember Gerald "Jerry" Irlbeck 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.

## Thank You

Thank you to funeral group #6 for the donation of food and also for the kitchen helpers for Jerry Irlbeck's funeral luncheon.

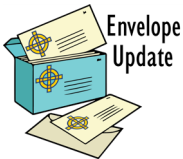


## Summer Weekend Mass Schedule

Masses at St. Mary's will be 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

## Daily Mass Schedule

Our daily Mass schedule is Wednesdays and Thursdays only. If a funeral is scheduled at St. Mary's, the daily Mass at St. Mary's will be cancelled that day.



## Offering Envelope Updates

If you have any updates for your offering envelopes (e.g., start or stop receiving envelopes, new address, name change), please contact Cynthia in the office at [smoffice@thelakescatholic.church](mailto:smoffice@thelakescatholic.church) or 712-336-1742.

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## Liturgical Ministries

The July 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](mailto:liturgy@thelakescatholic.church).

## Mass Intentions

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention for a weekday or weekend Mass, please contact Cynthia in the office at [smoffice@thelakescatholic.church](mailto:smoffice@thelakescatholic.church) or 712-336-1742.

## Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Rachel's Vineyard is an extraordinary opportunity for any person who struggles with emotional and spiritual pain of abortion(s). The weekend is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. For more info and a list of upcoming dates, email: [rachelshelpersofiowa@gmail.com](mailto:rachelshelpersofiowa@gmail.com) or call 712-898-5550.



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Bulletin Deadline

Monday at 8 a.m.

Mass Schedule:

Summer:

Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday at 8:30 and 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 ([stmarysspiritleake.org](http://stmarysspiritleake.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, July 24**

No Mass Today

**Tuesday, July 25**

No Mass Today

**Wednesday, July 26**

**12 Noon:** +Clement McCoy

**Thursday, July 27**

**2 p.m.:** Adoration

**5:30 p.m.:** +Jim Hughes

**Friday, July 28**

No Mass Today

**Saturday, July 29**

**5:30 p.m.:** +Jim Bortscheller

**Sunday, July 30**

**8:30 a.m.:** Liv. & Dec. of St. Mary's

**10:30 a.m.:** +Tom and +Jan Skram

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

## WEEKLY Calendar

**Monday, July 24**

No events today

**Tuesday, July 25**

No events today.

**Wednesday, July 26**

**12 p.m.:** Mass

**Thursday, July 27**

**2 p.m.:** Adoration

**5:30 p.m.:** Mass

**Friday, July 28**

No events today

**Saturday, July 29**

**5:30 p.m.:** Mass

**Sunday, July 30**

**8:30 a.m.:** Mass

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

**10:30 a.m.:** Mass

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

St. Mary's will be offering The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd method of faith formation for the four to six-year-old children this fall. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based approach to the religious formation of children, rooted in Sacred Scripture and Liturgy. We are looking for donations of any of the following, or monetary donation:

- Two small, low tables for prayer tables
- low shelving units of 2 or 3 shelves at least 10" deep
- child-sized wooden table or chairs
- two full-length mirrors
- chime bells
- small or medium area rugs
- candle snuffers, small metal trays, small pitchers
- low candleholders and small taper candles
- sacred art, crucifixes, small plants
- Small statues of The Good Shepherd and Mary

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### Marriage Is a Journey

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pazazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. For more info, call Denise at (563) 920-9419 or register at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org).

### 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.

### Ministry Schedule

#### 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, July 29th @ 5:30 p.m.**

**EMHC:** Sharon Johnson, Curt & Sandie Smith

**LECTOR:** Jean Mohr

**SERVERS:** Carter Trautman, Kaitlyn Trautman

**HOSPITALITY:** Jim Carney, John Delaney, Joe Endres, Gayle Eral

**Sunday, July 30th @ 8:30 a.m.**

**EMHC:** Mary Emgarten, Mindy Leinbaugh, Renee Quance

**LECTOR:** Doug Zemler

**SERVERS:** Ava Wasson, Miles Wasson

**HOSPITALITY:** Dan & Marcia Allen, Larry Bortscheller, Bob Emgarten

**ONLINE:** Liam Fechter

**Sunday, July 30th @ 10:30 a.m.**

**EMHC:** Don & Linda Breuker, Teresa Townsend

**LECTOR:** Halliegh Hawkins

**SERVERS:** McKinley Lalumendre, Sam Wavra

**HOSPITALITY:** Mike Davis, Alan Ditsworth, Sylvia Jennings, Kim Kirschbaum

## 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.

# Pastor's COLUMN

We have been working hard the last weeks to make some changes to our religious education programs in both parishes. Recently we have been reviewing several available text books so that we can have a systematic curriculum for all grade levels. We have several volunteers who have been attending training for an important and innovative education program for younger students called "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd". We are very excited about inaugurating this program at St. Mary's this fall for Pre K and Kindergarten with the dream of expanding that program as space and staff permits. We hope to be able to establish Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. Joseph in the fall of 2024. We are hoping to make the final selection of our new catechetical series within the next week so that materials will be available to our volunteer teachers by mid-August. We are making some changes to our two-year Confirmation program this fall and we hope to be able to draw our 11 and 12 grade students into a new adult based program that has received great praise on college campuses all over the county. Registration for our 2023-24 Religious Education Year will begin the weekend of July 29-30. You will have a chance to register after all Masses or you can also take advantage of our on-line registration that can be found on our parish websites. We are still looking for catechists for several age levels so if you would like to share our faith with our young students, please give us a call. We will be meeting most Wednesdays beginning on Wednesday, September 6th. Please pray for the success of our RE programs this year and please ask God's blessings on all of our children and their families.



## Stewardship REPORT

"Those who are just must be kind," says today's first reading. If our words and deeds are kind and selfless, we will be like the good seed in the Gospel parable and gathered as wheat in the Lord's harvest.

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**Votive:** \$48.50

### Lakes Catholic Community YOUTH GROUP NEWS Regular Meeting

The High School Youth Group meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Students that just finished 8-12th grades from both St. Mary's and St. Joseph are welcome. There are also many events scheduled. The summer calendars are located in the back of the church. Both parents and youth can sign up for the "Remind Service" listed on the schedule for updates or weather cancellations.

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