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PSALM 34:14

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, Sept. 17, 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:

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Saturday at 4 p.m.

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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FINAL Garage Sale last day Monday, Sept. 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feel free to stop in and help us clear the building. Everything is FREE!



THE FAMILY of Marcella Brodersen, a long-time St. Joseph Parishioner, requests a card shower for Marcella Brodersen's 100th birthday on October 3, 2023. Cards can be sent to 1501 St Luke Drive, Apt # 119, Spencer, IA. 51301. She is the mother of the late +Father Steven Brodersen.



UPCOMING EVENTS

To keep the calendars up to date and our parishioners and visitors better informed, please note these upcoming events.

- ◀ **Sunday, Sept. 24** - 4-6 p.m.: Holy Hour in Church.
- ◀ **Wed., Sept. 27:** Fr. Brian's Birthday
- ◀ **Tuesday, Oct. 10,** 5:30 p.m.: Healing Mass at St. Joseph.
- ◀ **Sat., Oct. 14,** 4 p.m.: KC Mass
- ◀ **Tues., Oct. 17,** 6 p.m.: Rosary/Altar meets for a short meeting in PC.
- ◀ **Fri., Oct. 27,** 9:30-2: LifeServe Blood Drive in parking lot.
- ◀ **Wed., Nov. 1,** 6 p.m.: Holy Day Mass, meal to follow in PC.
- ◀ **Sat., Nov. 4,** following Mass, CDA Veterans Soup Supper, PC
- ◀ **Sun., Nov. 5,** 5 p.m.: Fr. Sichko to speak followed by pizza and ice cream in Parish Center.
- ◀ **Mon., Nov. 6,** 7 p.m.: Fr. Sichko to speak at St. Mary's followed by refreshments.
- ◀ **Sat., Nov. 11-Sun., Nov. 12:** Women's Retreat at St. Joseph
- ◀ **Sat., Nov. 18,** 1 p.m.: Table setting, potato peeling for Harvest Dinner
- ◀ **Sun., Nov. 19:** Annual Harvest Dinner. See sign up sheet for jobs.
- ◀ **Thurs., Nov. 23,** 12 noon: Annual Thanksgiving Dinner.
Reservations required. No charge. No delivery. No carry-outs.
- ◀ **Thurs., Nov. 23-Fri., Nov. 24:** Parish Offices closed for holiday.
- ◀ **Wed. Dec. 6,** 12 noon: Healing Mass at St. Mary's. Light lunch to follow.
- ◀ **Wed., Dec. 13:** Christmas Pageant for K-8 students. Pizza to follow.
- ◀ **Fri., Dec. 22,** 9:30-2: LifeServe Blood Drive, parking lot.
- ◀ **Sat. and Sun., Dec. 23-24:** Normal times for weekend Masses.
- ◀ **Sun., Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve Mass at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- ◀ **Mon., Dec. 25:** Mass at 9 a.m. only.
- ◀ **Tues., Dec. 26:** Parish Offices closed for Christmas Holiday.
- ◀ **Wed., Thurs., Fri., Dec. 27-29:** Parish Offices open 8 to 12 noon daily for year-end contributions and business.

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior.

WOMEN'S WELCOME Retreat is November 11-12, 2023 @ St. Joseph's in Milford. Welcome is one of the only ministries that not only connects with people's hearts, but also triggers conversion. In many cases, people have their first encounter with God on the Welcome Weekend (a two-day, one-overnight renewal weekend). Applications can be found in the narthex and returned to the parish office. Retreat Team Contact: Diane Gubbels @ 712-210-1166



News From St. Joseph Parish

Religious Education News
By Erin Lorch
Director of Faith Formation

Greetings! This weekend is Catechetical Sunday. We honor and pray for the amazing Catechists who volunteer weekly to teach our students the faith. Thank you, Catechists!

A special thanks to the children who signed up to help with the mass this Sunday, September 17 at the 9 a.m. mass. We love seeing you at mass and volunteering to help.

It isn't too late! Please register your child(ren) if you haven't already for grades K-12! Also, drop of payment to the parish office.

God bless you!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

-Faith Formation Class meets Wednesday, September 20 and starts off in the Parish Center!

-K-4 meets from 5-6:15 p.m.

-5-10 meets from 6:45-8 p.m.

-11-12 meets at The Well Coffee Shop,
Spirit Lake, 7-8:30 p.m.

-Please sign up to be a Hall Monitor! Help us ensure the safety of our students on Wednesday nights. Sign up for one time or weekly! Thank you!

You can find the sign up by scanning the QR code.



ATTENTION Lectors! The new lector books for 2024 are in. Please stop by the office to pick one up.

WE are still collecting all kinds and sizes of socks for the less fortunate persons at the Sioux City Soup Kitchen. Leave them at the office. Our next visit is Thurs., Oct. 26.



Ministry Schedule

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Saturday, September 23 @ 4 p.m.**

EMHC: Bonnie Duhn, Aaron Hyatt, David Loebig

LECTOR: Diane Frank

SERVERS: Asher Knudtson, Ron Swartz

HOSPITALITY: Jim Baumgard, Doug Heller, Eldon & Mary Kraninger

Sunday, September 24 @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Connie Hinrichs, Barb & Bob Kollasch, Bernie Kramer, Aaron Lorch

LECTOR: MaryBeth Gehling

SERVERS: Emily Breuer, Porter Prentice

HOSPITALITY: Terry Abbas, Billy & Cheryl Aumer, Terri & Tom Rierson

PRAY for these members: Vince Bronson, 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: Cozy Nelsen, Ron Heller, Zenrik Young, Dr. Rod Langel, Elizabeth Olson, Amanda Kuhlman, Mark McGill, 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, Sept. 16

4 p: For The People

Sunday, Sept. 17

9 a: +Delores Bryant

Monday Sept. 18

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Sept. 19

5:30 p: +Dr. Ken Conry

Wednesday, Sept. 20

No Mass Today

Thursday, Sept. 21

No Mass Today

Friday, Sept. 22

7:30 a: +Dirk Hansen

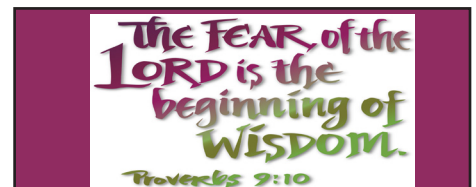
Saturday, Sept. 23

2 p: Mayer/Thompson Vows

4 p: For The People

Sunday, Sept. 24

9 a: +Patrick Aumer



Monday, Sept. 18

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

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, Sept. 19

2 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Wednesday, Sept. 20

No Mass Today

Rel. Ed: K-4 @ 5-6:15 p.m.; Grades 6-10 @ 6:45 to 8 p.m.; Grades 11-12 @ St. Mary's

Thursday, Sept. 21

No Mass Today

Friday, Sept. 22

7:30 a: Mass

8 a.m.: Bible Study, overflow

Saturday, Sept. 23

1:30 p.m.: Mayer/Thompson Vows

4 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, Sept. 24

9 a.m.: Mass

4 p.m. Holy Hour in Church

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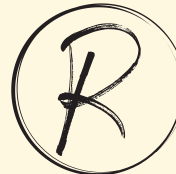
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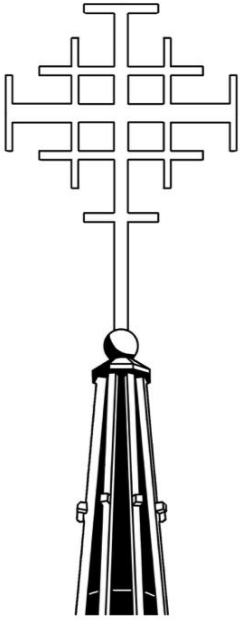


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News From St. Mary's Parish



Rosary During October

Before the Masses during the month of October, we will be praying the rosary. If you are interested in leading this beautiful prayer in honor of Mary, please put your name and contact information on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Weekend Mass Schedule

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



Daily Mass Schedule

Our daily Mass schedule is Wednesdays at 12 p.m. and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. If a funeral is scheduled at St. Mary's, the daily Mass at St. Mary's will be cancelled that day.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter for Married Couples

Consider making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and enrich your lives together. It is a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Christian marriage. The upcoming dates are April 12-14, 2024, in Epworth; September 27-29, 2024, in Dubuque; and November 8-10, 2024, in Holstein. For more information, call 563-920-9419.

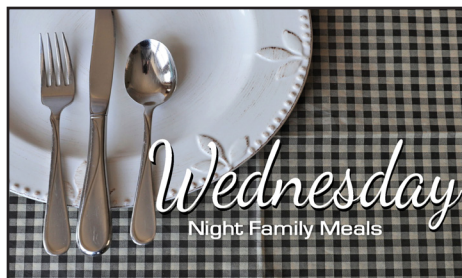


Mass Intentions

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.

Religious Ed Family Meals are back!

We are bringing back Wednesday night family meals to make things easier for the parents and children involved in family faith formation. To help cover the expenses to provide food for these busy families, we are looking for family or business sponsors who are able and willing to donate \$300 to cover the expenses of one Wednesday meal. If you'd like to support our parish families in this way, you can contact the Parish Office or sign up as a financial supporter using the Religious Ed Volunteer Form available on the parish website. Checks can be made payable to St Mary's Church, and can be brought in or sent via mail, with a note or memo specifying that it is to sponsor a Wednesday meal. Plenty of other volunteer opportunities are available to make these meals happen, for all parishioners and all ages! Volunteer online or contact the office to become part of a great team of service! Thank you in advance for supporting our Parish youth and families!



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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; 11:30 am Wed

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 (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, Sept. 18

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Sept. 19

No Mass Today

Wednesday, Sept. 20

12 Noon: +Donald Rodawig, Jr.

Thursday, Sept. 21

2 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m.: +Teresa Hanson

Friday, Sept. 22

No Mass Today

Saturday, Sept. 23

5:30 p.m.: +Jeanne Early

Sunday, Sept. 24

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

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

WEEKLY Calendar

Monday, Sept. 18

No events today

Tuesday, Sept. 19

No events today

Wednesday, Sept. 20

12 p.m.: Mass

Thursday, Sept. 21

2 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m.: Mass

6 p.m.: Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Sept. 22

No events today

Saturday, Sept. 23

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, Sept. 24

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

10:30 a.m.: Mass

Together As One

Together As One (TAO) is a pillar of support for caring for the marginalized and for the critically needed ministries such as religious education, adult formation, and youth and young adult ministry. Our TAO goal this year is \$30,923.00. Join us today in support of TAO with a gift or pledge through the brochure that was mailed to you or by giving online at www.scdiocese.org/together-as-one.

Sign Up for Notifications of Adoration and Mass Schedule Changes

If you would like to be notified by email or text message when Adoration and/or Mass is cancelled or rescheduled, please contact Cynthia in the parish office at smoffice@thelakescatholic.church. Please include your first and last name, email address, and phone number in the request, and indicate whether you would like to be notified of schedule changes for Adoration, Mass, or both.

Prayer Chain

All Confidential Prayer Chain requests may be directed to Jean Mohr, our Prayer Chain Coordinator, at 712-320-0748. Prayer intentions may be entered in the prayer request book, which can be found in the narthex of the church.

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.

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Liturgical Ministries

The September 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.

Ministry Schedule

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 23rd @ 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Linda Hansen, Eileen & Jed Skogerboe

LECTOR: Doug Zemler

SERVERS: Ava Wasson, Miles Wasson

HOSPITALITY: Jim Bunt, Joe Endres, Dave Hansen, Sarah Meyer

Sunday, September 24th @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Margie & Tom Lynch, Susan Lynn

LECTOR: Halliegh Hawkins **SERVERS:** Wes Walz, Saedd Wheatley

HOSPITALITY: John Chappas, Bob Emgarten, Michella Koppen, Ruth Putnam, Jim Wiese

ONLINE: Liam Fetcher

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

Together as One

Again, this year we are launching our annual diocesan appeal called Together as One. Together As One gathers funds from every parish in the Diocese to communally support the effort of our Bishop's office and assists in funding the many programs that the Dioceses provides each year. Diocesan services include, youth ministry, marriage preparation, liturgy, marriage tribunal services, bookkeeping service, and support. TAO is our opportunity as members of the larger Catholic community to have an impact on the physical and spiritual lives of our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Sioux City. This is a significant obligation that we have and I would like to encourage every household to make a contribution. Together we can reach our goal and fulfill our obligation. The goal for St. Mary's Parish is 30,923.00 and the goal for St. Joseph is \$40,197.00 Please consider a contribution to this worthy cause. You can give by returning the pledge card that was mailed to you or by giving online at scdiocese.org/tao.

Religious Education Program

Our religious education programs are off to a good start in both parishes. We want to thank the many volunteers, helpers and catechists who have stepped to the plate to help our children grow in love for the Lord. Parents we encourage all of you to review with your children the content of the weekly classes. It is especially important to pray with your children and bring them to Mass each week. We



have provided every child with a small blue book that contains the prayers and important information about our faith that is appropriate to every age level. Please review this information with your child every week.

Stewardship REPORT

Stewardship is not optional! None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master," says St. Paul. "While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die we die as his servants."

ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP Sept. 9-10, 2023 Att. 744

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