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**MATTHEW 21:22**

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, Sept. 24, 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;

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### BULLETIN DEADLINE

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**CONGRATULATIONS and Best Wishes** to Brady and Robi (Fanslau) Haberman who were married at St. Joseph on Sat., Sept. 16. May your new life together be filled with happiness.



**JUST A NOTE....**if you are planning on getting married in 2024 at St. Joseph, it would be wise to set your date quickly. Dates are on a first-come, first-served basis. To date, we have 12 weddings on the calendar for St. Joseph and three at St. Mary's. Prospective brides and grooms can book their wedding online at stjosephmilford.org.



**THE TEMPERATURES** and winter will soon be upon us. The Knights of Columbus are starting their annual coat drive in hopes of warming children this season. Winter coats, boots and snowpants are being accepted for this project thru Oct. 31. Donations may be left in the box in the church hallway.

**NEW PARENTS** are reminded that a Baptism Class is required before your child can be baptized. The Baptism Class is led by Deacon Darwin. For more information or to register for the class, call the parish office at 338-2274.



**TAO Collection Update** - The campaign most essential to the work of the Diocese of Sioux City has begun for 2023-24! Thank you for your continued support of the ministries and work of our Diocese. Join us today in support of TAO with a gift or pledge through the brochure that was mailed to you or giving online at scdiocese.org/tao. Your support enables the works of all Diocesan ministries including Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, Catholic Charities, Parish Accounting and much more! Our Together As One (TAO) Appeal goal is \$40,197.00. If you haven't returned your contribution, please do so asap.



**\*FUNERAL GROUP #4** will handle the next funeral luncheon. Thanks in advance!

**\*JUST A NOTE....**please pick up the bowl or pan that you brought to church for a recent funeral or food event. They are located under the tables in the kitchen or on the pew in the east hallway.

**\*PLEASE** notify Ali in the office, 338-2274, with any dates of unavailability for the month of November for ministry duties. Save yourself the hassle of finding substitutes as we begin our month of celebrations!

**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. **Deadline to register is Sunday, Oct. 1**





# News From St. Joseph Parish

## Religious Education News

By Erin Lorch

Director of Faith Formation

Greetings! We are preparing for our last Faith Formation Class of the month. The children and teens are learning so much already. Thanks to everyone who makes Wednesday night classes possible!

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.

The feast day of Saint Padre Pio is September 23. He is known for the saying "Pray, hope, and don't worry!" This is a disposition people of all ages can adopt into their lives.

God bless you!

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

-Faith Formation Class meets Wednesday, September 27 and starts off in the Parish Center!

-K-4 meets from 5-6:15pm

-5-10 meets from 6:45-8pm

-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.

**CDA meets** Tuesday, September 26th in Nazareth following 5:30 mass. All Catholic women are welcome to check us out.

**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

### 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, September 30 @ 4 p.m.**

**EMHC:** Connie Chapman, Karen Naber, Marlene Nelson

**LECTOR:** Molly Mulqueen

**SERVERS:** Kaiden Mueller, Grace Davis

**HOSPITALITY:** Loretta Halbur, Connie & Dick Mataloni, Joel Naber

**Sunday, October 1st @ 9 a.m.**

**EMHC:** Bill & Cheryl Aumer, Deb Johnson, Pete & Sara Laven

**LECTOR:** Linda Hirsch

**SERVERS:** Emily Breuer, Porter Prentice

**HOSPITALITY:** Julie & Tim Fairchild, Jon Sorenson, Arend & Molly Swygman

**PRAY for these members:** Dave Lambert, 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. 23**

**4 p:** For The People

**Sunday, Sept. 24**

**9 a:** +Patrick Aumer

**Monday Sept. 25**

**No Mass Today**

**Tuesday, Sept. 26**

**5:30 p:** Liv/Dec CDA Members

**Wednesday, Sept. 27**

**No Mass Today**

**Thursday, Sept. 28**

**No Mass Today**

**Friday, Sept. 29**

**7:30 a:** +Charles & +Kathleen Hughes

**Saturday, Sept. 30**

**2 p:** Steichen/Crees Vows

**4 p:** For The People

**Sunday, Oct. 1**

**9 a:** +Janet Saggou



**Monday, Sept. 25**

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

**8 p.m.:** AA meets in Nazareth Hall

**Tuesday, Sept. 26**

**2 p.m.:** Eucharistic Adoration

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

**6 p.m.:** CDA meets

**Wednesday, Sept. 27**

**Happy Birthday Fr. Hughes!**

**No Mass Today**

**Rel. Ed:** K-4 @ 5-6:15 p.m.; Grades 6-10 @ 6:45 to 8 p.m.;

**Thursday, Sept. 28**

**No Mass Today**

**Friday, Sept. 29**

**7:30 a: Mass**

**8 a.m.:** Bible Study, overflow

**Saturday, Sept. 30**

**1:30 p.m.:** Steichen/Crees Vows

**4 p.m.:** Mass

**Sunday, Oct. 1**

**9 a.m.:** Mass

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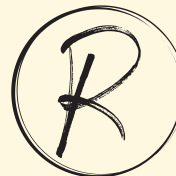
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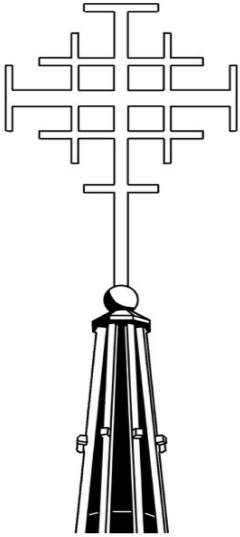


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# News From St. Mary's Parish



## Eternal Rest

Please remember +Mary Lempiainen in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



## 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.

## 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.

## Help Support Life

Dawn Grimes, the Director of Mary's Choice in Sioux City, IA, will be here to speak about how we can help support life! Mary's Choice is a Catholic, pro-life pregnancy and family resource center in our diocese. Come learn more and find out how you can help! Join us on Tuesday, October 3 at 5:30 pm in the parish hall. Hope to see you there!

## 40 Days for Life

Pray and fast to end abortion! 40 Days for Life begins September 27 and runs through November 5. Please stop by the 40 Days for Life table in the narthex for free prayer devotionals, yard signs, and other promotional materials. Also, please plan on joining us on Wednesday, September 27 after the noon mass to pray the "Rachel's Rosary," a powerful intercessory prayer for those affected by abortion.

## 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).

## 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](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, Sept. 25**

No Mass Today

**Tuesday, Sept. 26**

No Mass Today

**Wednesday, Sept. 27**

**12 Noon:** +Jeanne Early

**Thursday, Sept. 28**

**2 p.m.:** Adoration

**5:30 p.m.:** +Mary Newton

**Friday, Sept. 29**

No Mass Today

**Saturday, Sept. 30**

**5:30 p.m.:** +William S. Brown

**Sunday, Oct. 1**

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

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

## WEEKLY Calendar

**Monday, Sept. 25**

No events today

**Tuesday, Sept. 26**

No events today

**Wednesday, Sept. 27**

**12 p.m.:** Mass

**Thursday, Sept. 28**

**2 p.m.:** Adoration

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

**6 p.m.:** Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, Sept. 29**

No events today

**Saturday, Sept. 30**

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

**Sunday, Oct. 1**

**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](http://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](mailto: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.

### 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.

### Catholic Daughters Right to Life Month

October is designated "Right to Life Month" during which Catholic Daughters of St. Mary's congratulate and thank parents of babies born at Lakes Regional Hospital for choosing Life by presenting them with a gift. A crib will be placed in the Narthex as all members of St. Mary's Parish are invited to join in this "celebration." Please place any new and infant related items in the crib during the upcoming weeks. Thank you for your participation in this project.

### Liturgical Ministries

The October 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).

### Ministry Schedule

#### Saturday, September 30 @ 5:30 p.m.

**EMHC:** Marilyn Fleming, Kim Ingwersen, Jean Mohr

**Lector:** Dave Hansen

**Servers:** Noah Lee

**Hospitality:** Jim Bunt, Jim Carney, Linda Hansen, Mark Ingwersen

#### Sunday, October 1st @ 10:30 a.m.

**EMHC:** Mindy Leinbaugh, Toni Nicks, Mary Emgarten

**Lector:** Jim Staver

**Servers:** Ava Wasson, Miles Wasson

**Hospitality:** John Brown, Joleen Brown, Brian Koppen, Michella Koppen

**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

## Summer Flowers and Gardens

Summer brings the delight of flowers and the beauty they bring to our lives. We want to thank the folks who worked hard to bring the beauty of their gardens to the altars of our churches. The grounds too of both churches are beautifully and lovingly kept. At St. Mary's we have more than a dozen people who have volunteered to take a section of garden and keep it trimmed and weeded. At St. Joseph, we have crews who work hard throughout the season to keep the grass mowed and things looking wonderful. Many thanks to the folks who bring flowers for our weekend worship and thanks to the many folks who work hard to keep our grounds looking beautiful.

## Holy Hour

Twice each month we are adding an additional opportunity for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We take just one hour on Sunday afternoon twice each month to pray and then together pray the Evening Prayer of the church. At present we are speaking the Evening Prayer of the Church. During the Holy Hour we will offer an opportunity to go to Confession. Please join us for a Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Evening Prayer. We will gather at St. Joseph's in Milford on Sunday September 24th from 4:00 until 5:00. Next month we will meet at St. Mary's

## Choir Gatherings

We have begun to gather for Choir practice each week. We could use a few more voices in both parish choirs. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for times of practice in both parishes.

## Religious Education Volunteers

We are off to a great start with our Religious Education Program. We have had a good response to our request for Catechists and helpers. We could still use a couple of classroom helpers in both programs. Please call Erin at St. Joseph and Brigitte at St. Mary's if you are able to help.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

We are just getting ready to launch our annual preparation program for individuals who are interested in joining the Catholic Church. If you know anyone who is interested in learning more about the Church we invite you to give us a call and join us for the weekly meetings that lead to entrance into the Church at Easter time. You do not need to make a commitment to join the Church but simply begin class to see what it is like. We could also use a number of sponsors who are interested in supporting individuals who are planning on entering the church. We will meet on Tuesday evening at 6:30. Please call the parish office and leave your name and a number so that a member of our team can be in touch with you.

## Stewardship REPORT

In today's Gospel, the vineyard owner says, "I am free to do as I please with my money, am I not?" We are likewise free. Is a generous return to the Lord in thanksgiving for His many blessings among the choices we have made?

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