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## **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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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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.

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Just a note....New Year's Day Mass Monday, Jan. 1, 2024 at 9 a.m. This would be a great way to start the New Year out right.

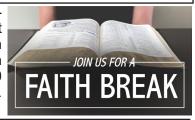




**THANK you** to all who treated the parish staff with Christmas candy and cookies this season. It was all delicious. Many of us will begin our diets soon because of your thoughtfulness! **The Parish Staff** 

## Faith Break Dates By Jacques Bouli

Hello Community, I wish you a blessed happy new year. For the month of January, St Joseph will host the men's faith break on Saturday, January 6th and women's faith break, on Saturday, January 20th from 8:30 to 10:00. You are warmly invited to join us. God Bless you.



#### Rosary/Altar To Meet

The St. Joseph Rosary/Altar Society will meet Tuesday, Jan. 9, in the parish center following Mass. A light supper and short business meeting is planned.



✓ Thank you to all who sent Christmas cards, gifts and goodies to us during the holiday. It is very much appreciated.

#### Deacon Darwin and Deacon Ken

✓ Your gracious donation to our organization is greatly appreciated. We are beyond humbled by your kindness and blessings. *CAASA* 

#### **Together As One**

**Thank you** to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through TAO. As of Dec. 27, we have raised \$25,522 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$40,197.00 with gifts from 114 households. Will you help us meet our fundraising goals? Visit www.scdiocese.org/together-as-one.



#### **Ministry Schedule**

## The Epiphany of the Lord Saturday, January 6th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Doug Heller, Connie & Dick Mataloni

**LECTOR:** Loretta Halbur **SERVERS:** Ben Garcia, John Garcia **HOSPITALITY:** Bonnie Duhn, Monica Koeppen, Eldon Kraninger, Terri & Tom Rierson

#### Sunday, January 7th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Bob & Barb Kollasch, Beth Lorch

**LECTOR:** Karen Schwaller

**SERVERS:** Asher Knudtson, Simon Walleck

HOSPITALITY: Bill & Cheryl Aumer, Michael & Sharon Sjoblom, Abby

Walleck

## News From St. Joseph Parish

#### **Religious Education News** By Erin Lorch

Director of Faith Formation

Greetings! Merry Christmas to all of you! What a glorious Christmas season it has been! This weekend, we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. What wonderful models we have! Mary is the perfect example of what all wives and mothers should strive to be like. Joseph was a strong father figure, who too, is a perfect model of what husbands and fathers should strive to be like. Jesus is a model for us all, but the child Jesus is the perfect model for all children who perfectly loved and honored His parents. Scripture gives us limited information of what this Holy Family was like. However, the few passages we do get show us love, protection, and care for one another. Regardless of our different states in life, we can all look to the Holy Family with great admiration and respect. Pray to the Holy Family to help you but also asking for their intercessory prayers for your family as you continue to grow in faithfulness and holiness.

Blessings!

Erin

**Upcoming Dates** 

January 1-Office Closed January 3-No Class January 10-Classes Resume

#### Have You?

Picked up your new 2024 calendar? Thanks to the Rosary/Altar Society, new church calendars are available on the table in the lower level or across from the elevator.

**PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY from the St. Joseph Parish Family to:** ✓ Sue Reuland on the death of her husband, +Tom, who died Dec. 17, 2023. Memorial Services will be Fri, Jan. 5 at the Roof Garden, in Arnolds Park, at 11 a.m.;

- ✓ Vicki Willison on the death of her husband, +Mike, who died Sat., Dec. 23. His Mass of Christian Burial will be Sat., Jan. 6, 1 p.m. at St. Joseph; and to
- Roger and Mike Wittrock on the death of their brother, +Jerry, of Urbana, MO, who died Dec. 25. His funeral was held Fri., Dec. 29 in Urbana. THANK YOU to the Meals on Wheels Drivers from St. Joseph who delivered meals to the homebound during December. Your work is greatly appreciated.

THANK you to the following for poinsettias this Christmas season: In memory of (IMO) +Bob and +Marilyn Higgins by the kids; +Geraldine Klute and +Tillie Wolden by Dennis and Ala Klute; Deceased friends and relatives by Mary Beth Gehling and Jim and Irene McCoy.

PRAY for these members: Donna Kramer, Pat Graves, Dean Ulrich, Charles Reckard, Vince Bronson, Linda Cunningham, Mark Kollasch, Tutti Willison, Becky Wittrock, Kiana Svoboda, Andrew Gross, Mary Mittag, Mary Langel, Geneva Knudtson, Rick DeMuth, Mary Ann Sigler, Dennis and Alma Please Praying for...

Klute, Jerry Clark, Robert Rowland, Bill James, Marie Van Hofwegen, Steve Painter, Ginny Yore, Finley Brunsvold, Phyllis Hintz. PLEASE pray for these special persons: Teri Tiefenthaler, Hudson Grace

Koeppen, Kim Higgins, Janet Norgaard, Cozy Nelsen, Ron Heller, Zenrik Young, Elizabeth Olson, Mark McGill, Kevin Tracy, Mary Jones, Pat Reckard, Hope Anderson, Christine Fischer, 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, 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.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec. 30

4 p: +Dave Lambert

Sunday, Dec. 31

9 a: For The People

Monday, Jan. 1

9 a: For The People

Tuesday, Jan. 2

5:30 p: Dec & Liv CDA members

Wednesday, Jan. 3

No Mass Today

Thursday, Jan. 4

No Mass Today

Friday, Jan. 5

7:30 a: +Dorothy Determan

Saturday, Jan. 6

4 p: Liv/Dec Bellinhause/Nelsen Fam

Sunday, Jan. 7

9 a: For The People





#### Monday, Jan. 1

Parish Offices closed.

9 a.m.: Mass

Tuesday, Jan. 2

Parish Offices reopen at 8 a.m. 2 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration.

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Wednesday, Jan. 3

**No Religious Education** 

Thursday, Jan. 4

No events today.

Friday, Jan. 5

7:30 a.m.: Mass

8 a.m.: Bible Study, overflow

Saturday, Jan. 6

4 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, Jan. 7

9 a.m.: Mass



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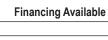


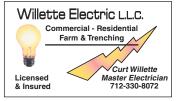






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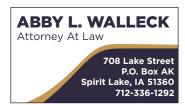
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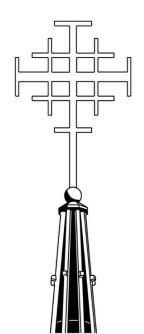
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#### **Religious Education News**

There will be NO CLASS on January 3rd- We will meet again for class on January 10th, and our 2nd Graders will celebrate their First Reconciliation on Saturday, January 13th from 10AM-Noon. Let's keep them in our prayers as they prepare for their First Communion by receiving the mercy of God!

#### Holiday Parish Office Hours

The office will be closed on Monday, January 1 for the New Year's holiday.



#### Mass on January 1st

St. Mary's will have Mass at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 1st.

#### **Weekend Mass Schedule**

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



#### **Christmas Flowers – In Honor/Memory**

Thank you to everyone who dropped off their Christmas Flowers envelope. We had a few more envelopes with names submitted this week. In addition to the loved ones named in last weekend's bulletin, we also honor/remember the following: +Susan Sundlin,

+Cliff Garvey, +Henry Bibow, +Mildred Bibow, and +Mary Ellen McDonald by Teresa Garvey; and the deceased relatives and friends of Joe and Sylvia Jennings.

#### **FORMED**

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Once you have an account, consider downloading the FORMED app on the App Store or on Google Play (search: FORMED Catholic). Downloading the app makes viewing FORMED content easy.

#### 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 or 712-336-1742.

#### **New Parishioner Registration**

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!

#### **Together As One**

Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through TAO. As of November 30, we have raised \$20,561.00 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$30,923.00 with gifts from 80 households. Will you help us meet our fundraising goals? Visit www.scdiocese.org/together-as-one.



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<a href="Parish Office Hours:">Parish Office Hours:</a>

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.

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

#### Tuesday, Jan. 2

**No Mass Today** 

#### Wednesday, Jan. 3

12 p.m.: +Mary Lempiainen

#### Thursday, Jan. 4

2 p.m.: Adoration

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

#### Friday, Jan. 5

**No Mass Today** 

#### Saturday, Jan. 6

5:30 p.m.: +Cliff and +Loretta Owens

#### Sunday, Jan. 7

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





#### Monday, Jan. 1

Office Closed 10:30 a.m.: Mass

#### Tuesday, Jan. 2

No events today

#### Wednesday, Jan. 3

12 p.m.: Mass

#### Thursday, Jan. 4

2 p.m.: Adoration 5:30 p.m. Mass

#### Friday, Jan. 5

No events today

#### Saturday, Jan. 6

5:30 p.m.: Mass

#### Sunday, Jan. 7

9 a.m.: Lectio Divina Group, clsrm. 10:30 a.m.: Mass

#### Adult Ministry FaithBreak

Hello Community, I wish you a blessed happy new year. For the month of January, St Joseph will host the men's faith break on Saturday, January 6th and women's faith break, on Saturday, January 20th from 8:30 to 10:00. You are warmly invited to join us at St Joseph's! Hope to see you there. God Bless you. — Jacques Bouli



#### **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.



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.



#### **Ministry Schedule**

#### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, January 13th @ 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Kim Ingwersen, Eileen & Jed Skogerboe

**LECTOR:** Doug Zemler **SERVERS:** Noah Lee

**HOSPITALITY:** Nancy Carlson, Gayle Eral, Mark Ingwersen, Tom Kellen

**ONLINE:** Jean Mohr

#### Sunday, January 14th @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Mary Brandt, Mary Emgarten, Toni Nicks

**LECTOR**: John Walz

**SERVERS:** Wes Walz, Sadee Wheatley

**HOSPITALITY:** Bob Emgarten, Brian & Michella Koppen, 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.
- ✓ **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday from 2 to 5:15 p.m.



#### **Restoration of Some Beautiful Items**

This week we received several items back from metal restoration experts. The original cross above the center tabernacle and the two side tabernacle doors have all been restored and put back in place. The parish chalice that is used often here was also replated and will return to regular use. Several months ago we found the

original processional cross in the attic and have had it restored also. We will display it near the fireplace in the lower narthex. Having items like this restored is an expensive venture and we want to say a word of thanks to an anonymous benefactor whose generous gift paid for much of the work. The St Joseph Rosary and Altar Society have also contributed to this venture. Our beautiful church seems a bit brighter this week because of those beautiful restorations.

#### A Gigantic Christmas Gift

This week we received an incredibly generous gift: Mr. Tom Clary deeded to us a house at 1011 15th Street in Milford. Tom has completely remodeled the interior of the house. The house has been given to us to provide a residence for a retired priest to live here to assist with daily Mass so that we can have Mass each day in both parishes. We are grateful for Tom's generosity but we are especially impressed by Tom's devotion to daily Mass here at St. Joseph and St. Mary's. A retired priest living here among us will also be able to provide valuable assistance to the pastor. Renovations on the house are nearing completion and once all the work has been finished, we will have an Open House so that all of you will be able to see this very nice house. We will keep you posted about the time and date of the Open House. We are grateful for Tom's hard work on this project and many other ventures at St. Joseph and we want to acknowledge this generous gift to the Church here in Dickinson County.

#### **Appliances**

Several families have stepped forward and donated furniture for the house at 1011 15th Street. We will need to purchase a few pieces of furniture but we have received enough furniture to set up housekeeping there. We still have one major project that remains. The house has no appliances. We would like to invite members of both parishes to contribute to a fund to purchase the necessary appliances. We will need a refrigerator and stove, a microwave, a dishwasher for the kitchen and a washer and dryer for the laundry. All of you know that these are costly items but we hope that many will consider a contribution to this venture. If we work together, we will be able to complete this project that will be used by our priests for many years to come. This residence for a retired priest will serve the needs of both parishes. If you would like to make a contribution, please make the checks payable to either St. Joseph or St. Mary's and note "appliances" in the memo. A fund for the purchase of these necessary household items will be set up this week.

## Stewardship YYYYY REPORT

"Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, "...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. .Give thanks to God the Father through him." And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist "through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

# ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP Dec. 23-25, 2023

Attendance: Dec. 23-24: 474 Christmas Eve & Day: 924

Adults: \$17,160.00 Loose: \$5,297.30 Online: \$6,370.00 Candles: \$63.00 Building: \$55.00 Peace & Justice: \$55.00 Endowment: \$7.00

Christmas Gift/Offering: \$4,092.00 Catholic Charities: \$905.00 Youth Ministry: \$300.00

Food Bank: \$100

### ST. MARY'S FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

<u>Dec. 23-24, 2023 Att: 402</u> <u>Christmas Eve & Day: 710</u>

Adults: \$6,643.00 Online: \$3,620.60 Loose: \$1,966.12 Votive: \$61.00

**Dollar Collection: \$607.60** 



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