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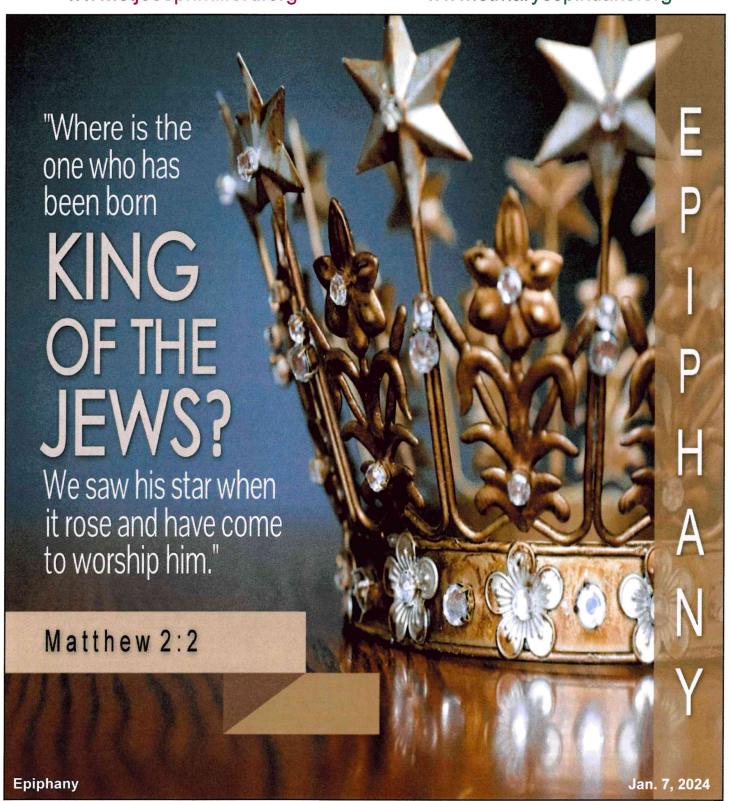
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News From St. Joseph Parish



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.

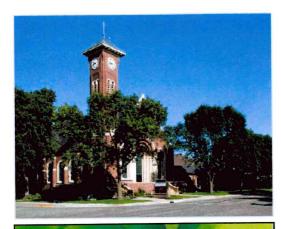
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PRAYERS and sympathy from the St. Joseph Parish Family to Jack Yore, Lynnette Cook and Erin Yore on the death of their wife and mother, +Ginny Yore, who died Saturday, Dec. 30. Her Mass of Christian Burial was held Fri., Jan. 5 at St. Joseph.







JUST A note....financial contribution statements will be mailed sometime during the week of Jan. 15.

THE 4th Degree Monsignor McCoy Assembly will meet on Tuesday, Jan 9 at Sacred Heart, Spencer. Social at 6:00 and Meeting at 6:30. Bring Socks for Vets. Dues are due. Pay Mike Maurer. \$20. Thanks. Social next month, Feb 13th.

RESULTS from the recent LiveServe blood drive: 17 registered, 19 products collected, 57 potential lives saved. Of the 17 registered, one was a first time donor. Thank you to St. Joseph for continuing to host blood drives with LifeServe. You help create a big impact on all your local communities.

Rosary/Altar Meeting Cancelled

The St. Joseph Rosary/Alfar Society will not meet on Tuesday, Jan. 9 as previously announced. With very little business on the agenda and many persons with covid and the flu, we will plan to meet in April instead.

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, January 13th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Bonnie Duhn, Aaron Hyatt, Jeff Knudtson

LECTOR: Lois Eckard

SERVERS: Grace Davis, Brody Titterington

HOSPITALITY: Irene & Jim McCoy, Joel & Karen Naber

Sunday, January 14th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Pete & Sara Laven, Marlys Nolan

LECTOR: Susan Willette

SERVERS: Jerron Heller, Jocelyn Heller

HOSPITALITY: John Heller, Dennis Lippon, Marshall Matuska, Curt Wil-

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News From St. Joseph Parish

Religious Education News

By Erin Lorch

Director of Faith Formation

Greetings! Happy New Year! This Sunday we celebrate the Epiphany. My favorite part in this Sunday's Gospel is, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Do we make mass a weekly priority? If so, when we enter the church, do we genuflect before entering our pew out of habit or knowing in our hearts that Jesus is truly present in the tabernacle? In thanksgiving for the Eucharist. do we live our lives as a gift to others? To Jesus? Do we respond to His words from the readings in the way we engage in conversation, work life. family life, and activities? We learn over and over again in Scripture that Jesus revealed himself to ALL whose hearts long for Him. Are we making an effort to seek Him? To get to know Him? To love Him? We are so blessed at St. Joseph's to have some many opportunities to learn and grow in our faith. Keep an eye out in the bulletin, monthly newsletters. and social media accounts on faith opportunities this new year. May this calendar year be the year where we reveal the reason for our hope and deliberately celebrate the epiphany of our Lord in our lives.

Blessings! Erin

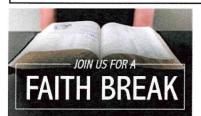
Upcoming Dates

January 10-Classes Resume

January 20-First Reconciliation-Please pray for our 11 students who will receive the mercy of Jesus this month!



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 women's faith break, on Saturday, January 20th from 8:30 to 10:00. You are warmly invited to join us. God Bless you.

--Jacques

Please Praying for...

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 Klute, Jerry Clark, Robert Rowland, Bill James, Marie Van Hofwegen, Steve Painter, Ginny Yore, Finley Brunsvold, Phyllis Hintz.

PLEASE pray for these special persons: Terro Henkels, 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, Mary W., Mary Bolan, Charles Graves, Zoe Lorenzen, Heather Hamann, Esther Morris, Wayne Bellinghausen, Maxine Thompson, Lois Doran, Dale Gentry, Mike Cooper, Denny Daberkow, Tailen Sturtz, Aimee Wallrich, Peggy Price, John Bruening, Ashlyn Clark, Jerry Wolford, Kami Svoboda, Darrel Wedeking, Dan Mulder, Colleen Mulder.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan. 6

4 p: Liv/Dec Bellinghause/Nelsen Fam Sunday, Jan 7

9 a: For The People

Monday, Jan. 8

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Jan. 9

5:30 p: +Dolores Mergen

Wednesday, Jan. 10

No Mass Today

Thursday, Jan. 11

No Mass Today

Friday, Jan. 12

7:30 a: +Dorothy Determan

Saturday, Jan. 13

4 p: +Roland Taylor

Sunday, Jan. 14

9 a: For The People

Youth in grade K-5 invited are



Vacation Bible School at St. Joseph June 9-13, 2024! We are planning a fun filled, meaningful, spirited week of activities just for you. Call Erin at 338-2274 to register.



Monday, Jan. 8

7:30 p.m.: Al-Anon meets by zoom 8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, Jan. 9

2 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration.

5:30 p.m.: Mass

6 p.m.: Rosary/Altar meets in PC

Wednesday, Jan. 10

Rel. Ed: K-4 @ 5-6:15 p.m.; Grades

6-10 @ 6:45 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 11

11 a.m.: Ones meet at One on One, AP

Friday, Jan. 12

7:30 a.m.: Mass

8 a.m.: Bible Study, overflow

Saturday, Jan. 13

4 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, Jan. 14

9 a.m.: Mass



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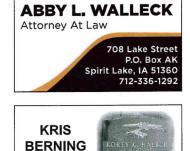














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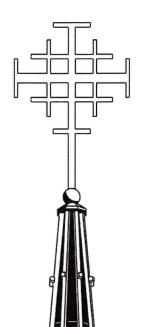
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Eternal Rest

Please remember Paul Neppel 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.

Religious Education News

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!

Weekend Mass Schedule

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

Sign Up for Notifications

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.

Knights of Columbus Members of Council #5043

If you have taken only the 1st degree ceremony, you can get your 2nd and 3rd degree by attending our local ceremony here at St. Mary's. We urge you to take advantage of this option. Please contact Brian Nokleby at 712-339-0083 to get on the list for the next ceremony.

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!

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stmarysspiritlake.org 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.

Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

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Monday, Jan. 8

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Jan. 9

No Mass Today

Wednesday, Jan. 10

12 p.m.: +Mary Lempiainen

Thursday, Jan. 11

2 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m.: +Susan MacMillan

Friday, Jan. 12

No Mass Today

Saturday, Jan. 13

5:30 p.m.: Liv and Dec of St. Mary's

Sunday, Jan. 14

10:30 a.m.: +Gerald Irlbeck

THE 4th Degree Monsignor Mc-Coy Assembly meets Tues., Jan 9 at Sacred Heart, Spencer, Social at 6. Meeting at 6:30. Bring Socks for Vets. Dues of \$20 are due.



Monday, Jan. 8

No events today

Tuesday, Jan. 9

No events today

Wednesday, Jan. 10

12 p.m.: Mass

Thursday, Jan. 11

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

Friday, Jan. 12

No events today

Saturday, Jan. 13

5:30 p.m.: Mass

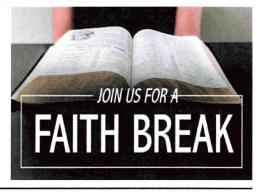
Sunday, Jan. 14

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 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.

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 information and a list of upcoming dates, email rachelshelpersofiowa@gmail.com or call 712-898-5550.

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord. Psalm 31:24

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.



Happy New Year Resolutions!

On behalf of St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Staffs, Deacon Darwin and Deacon Ken and myself, we wish you a Happy New Year filled with many blessings.

As the new year approaches, we often make plans to better ourselves. An area that is often lost or forgotten is our faith life. A good way to start the year off right is to make the commitment to understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape our day-to-day lives. Daily Mass, Bible Study, Confession and being active in the church are all great ways to accomplish this.

We also have the opportunity to listen to The Bible in a Year podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz. In 365 days, we will read through the entire Bible, with Fr. Mike acting as our guide and offering insight and prayer along the way. After the Bible, The Catechism of the Catholic Church is the second most important book for Catholics. The Catechism isn't just a reference bookit's a work rooted in Scripture that discusses and explains the fundamental teachings of our faith. Fr. Mike guides us through the Catechism in a Year. To join this journey through the Catechism, visit AscensionPress.com/CIY.

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.

Use good judgment

With the increased numbers of covid, the flu and RSV cases, please use good judgment in deciding if you should attend Mass. If you are ill or do not feel well, please stay home and watch the Mass on livestream. When you are sick, your Mass obligation is no longer in effect.

Stewardship YYYYY REPORT

The three wise men, who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newbord Savior?

ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Dec. 30-31, 2023 Attn: 570

Adults: \$9,935.00 Loose: \$1,570.00 Online: \$8,855.00 Candles: \$29.50 Poor Box: \$52.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$50.00 Christmas Offering: \$50.00 Catholic Charities: \$1,700.00

ST. MARY'S

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Dec. 30-31, 2023 Att: 540

Adults: \$10,805.00 Online: \$1,300.60 Loose: \$2,158.00 Votive: \$75.30

Dollar Collection: \$333.25



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