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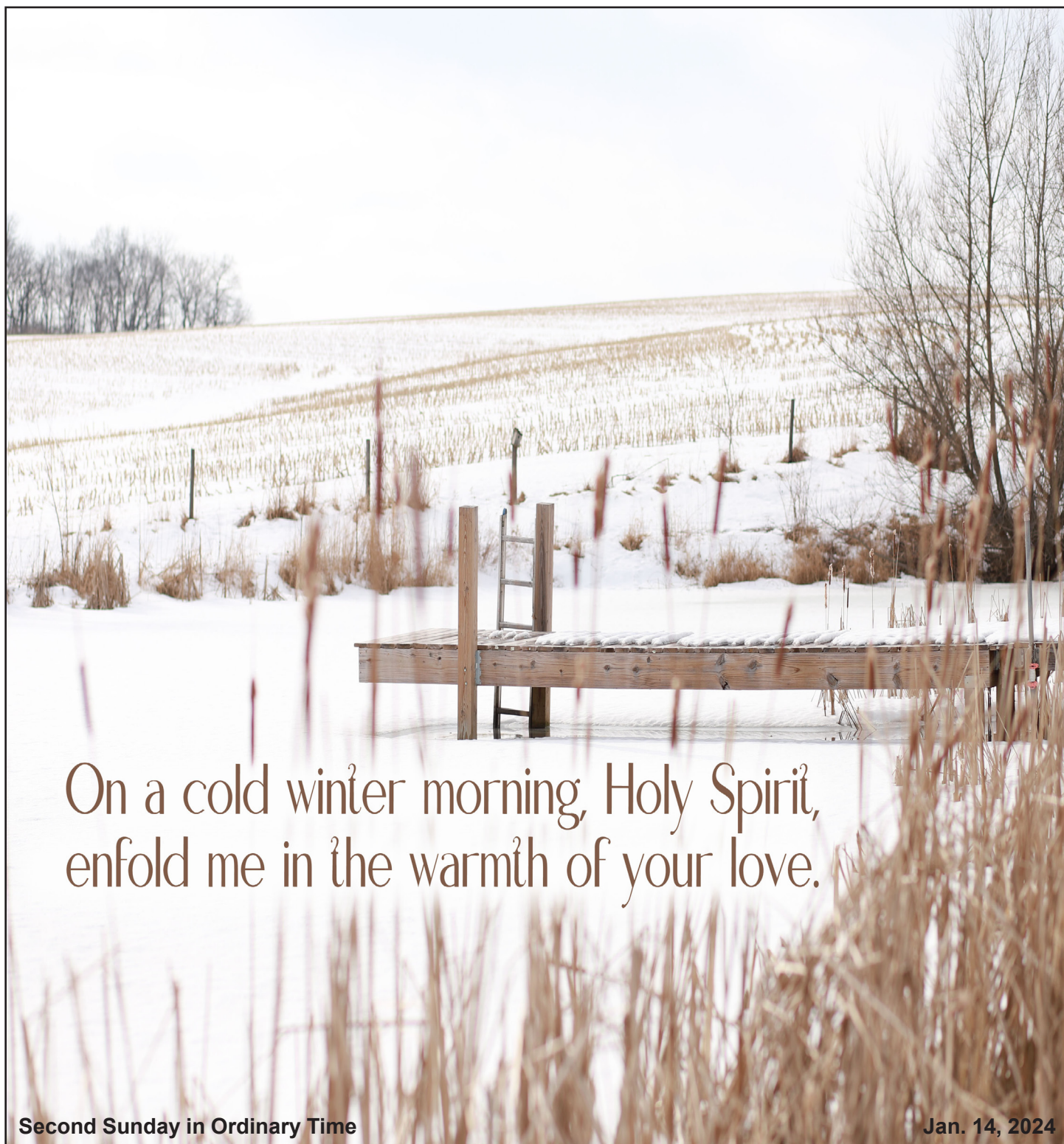
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On a cold winter morning, Holy Spirit,
enfold me in the warmth of your love.

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 and 9 a.m.

Are you new to the community? Would you like to join St. Joseph Parish? Just fill out the coupon below and return to the office or in the collection basket.

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THANK
you.

Thank you to Funeral Group #7 who served the +Ginny Yore funeral luncheon on Fri., Jan. 5. Your assistance to a family in their time of need is greatly appreciated. Funeral Group #8 will serve the next funeral luncheon.



willing to make their favorite kind of soup. The parish pays for the soup ingredients., The group must prepare the soup, serve it and clean up following the supper. Call the office or one of the group heads if you would like to help in this fun experience.

Not only is the soup delicious, but the fellowship is outstanding. A free will offering will be taken at each supper to help defray the cost of the soup. Following is a list of the Lent Soup Supper dates. Call the office if you want to volunteer for any of these dates. We are relatively sure that each of these groups would welcome additional help. Thanks to all who have volunteered.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14: CDA

Tues., Feb. 20: KC's

Tues., Feb. 27: Jones Crew

Tues., March 5: Rosary Altar

Tues., March 12: Open

Tues., March 19: St. Jo Staff

Tues., March 26: Reiser Crew

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 20th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Connie Chapman, Brad Shell

LECTOR: Molly Mulqueen

SERVERS: Asher Knudtson, Isabel Nelson

HOSPITALITY: Anne Donovan, Loretta Halbur, Doug Heller, Eldon Kraninger

Sunday, January 21st @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Bill & Cheryl Aumer

LECTOR: Aaron Lorch

SERVERS: Alex Anderson, Will Anderson

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



News From St. Joseph Parish

Religious Education News

By Erin Lorch

Director of Faith Formation

Greetings! Faith Formation is back in session! It's so wonderful having our students back in the building on Wednesdays! Ali Oyler, our wonderful Music Director, will be spending time weekly with the children in grades K-4 to form a Children's Choir here at St. Joseph's! The children will be a great source of encouragement to the rest of us in the pews to sing with the voice God gave each of us on Sundays. You can expect to hear them on Ash Wednesday, February 14 at the 6 p.m. mass along with March 3 at the 9am mass. The children will be involved in the other mass ministries as well at those upcoming masses.

Next weekend, our 2nd graders will make their First Reconciliation. Please pray for them as they continue to prepare for the mercy of God.

All students in grades 8-12 are kindly invited to attend the Steubenville Conference in St. Paul, MN from July 26-28, 2024. This is a weekend you won't regret! Contact our Youth Minister, Jacques Bouli with any questions!

Blessings! *Erin*

Upcoming Dates

January 17-Class

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

January 24-Class

January 28-Confirmation Retreat-Please pray for the Confirmation students of St. Joseph's and St. Mary's as they continue to prepare to invite the Holy Spirit into their lives.



Adult Ministry Faith Break

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.



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, Deny 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. 13

4 p: +Roland Taylor Fam

Sunday, Jan 14

9 a: For The People

Monday, Jan. 15

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Jan. 16

5:30 p: +Sheila Benedict

Wednesday, Jan. 17

No Mass Today

Thursday, Jan. 18

No Mass Today

Friday, Jan. 19

7:30 a: +Irma Reiser

Saturday, Jan. 20

4 p: For The People

Sunday, Jan. 21

9 a: +Marilyn Higgins

Youth in grade K-5 are invited to attend VBS! 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. 15

7:30 p.m.: Al-Anon meets by zoom

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, Jan. 16

2 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration.

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Wednesday, Jan. 17

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

Thursday, Jan. 18

No events today

Friday, Jan. 19

7:30 a.m.: Mass

8 a.m.: Bible Study, overflow

Saturday, Jan. 20

10 a.m.: First Reconciliation

4 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, Jan. 21

9 a.m.: Mass



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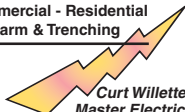
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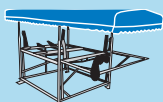
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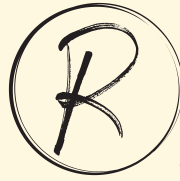
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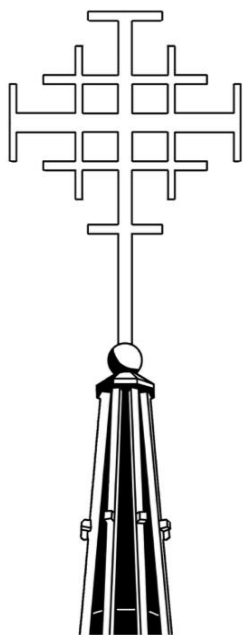
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News From St. Mary's Parish



Thank You

Thank you to Funeral Group #2 for your donations of food for the Paul Neppel funeral

luncheon. Thank you also to the kitchen helpers.

Weekend Mass Schedule

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



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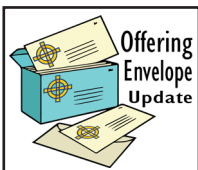
If you would like to be notified by email or text message when Adoration and/or Mass is cancelled or rescheduled, please contact Cynthia in the parish office at smoffice@thelakescatholic.church. Please include your first and last name, email address, and phone number in the request, and indicate whether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

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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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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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This Week's Mass Schedule

Monday, Jan. 15

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Jan. 16

No Mass Today

Wednesday, Jan. 17

12 p.m.: +Robert Kurth

Thursday, Jan. 18

2 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m.: +Mary Lou & +Gilbert Korwes

Friday, Jan. 19

No Mass Today

Saturday, Jan. 20

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

Sunday, Jan. 21

10:30 a.m.: +Robert Kurth

I HAVE
CHOSEN THE WAY
of faithfulness;
I HAVE
SET MY HEART
on your laws.

Psalm 119:30,

Monday, Jan. 15

No events today

Tuesday, Jan. 16

6 p.m.: Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, Jan. 17

12 p.m.: Mass

Thursday, Jan. 18

2 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m. Mass

Friday, Jan. 19

No events today

Saturday, Jan. 20

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, Jan. 21

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

10:30 a.m.: Mass

Adult Ministry Faith Break

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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.

Take a moment to pray.

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, January 20th @ 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Curt & Sandi Smith

LECTOR: Phyllis McKeown

SERVERS: Gabe Bennett, Mackenzie Bennett

HOSPITALITY: Jim Carney, Ron & Sharon Crowley, Kevin Delaney

Sunday, January 21st @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Kelly Ferguson, Susan Lynn

LECTOR: Margie Lynch

SERVERS: Jasper Robinson, Tyson Robinson

HOSPITALITY: Sylvia Jennings, Ruth Putnam, Kerri & Korey Robinson

ONLINE: Greg Rolling

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.

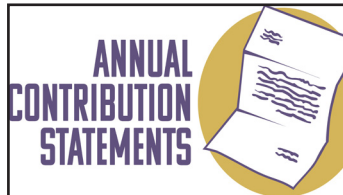
Pastor's COLUMN

From the Desk of Deacon Darwin Messerly

Some of you may have noted that I have been gone for a few days last week. I am very sad to say that my son-in-law, Sean Patterson, died suddenly of a heart attack last Thursday. Sean leaves my daughter and their two teen-age children to grieve his loss. Please pray for Sean and for my family. Thanks for your expressions of sympathy and your prayerful support.

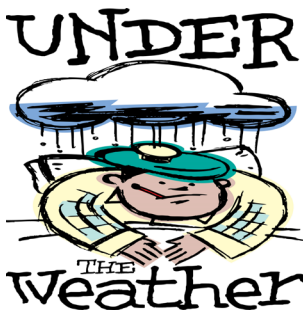
Closed Books for 2023

At both parishes we have closed our financial records for 2023. We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their generous contributions during the last year. We run our books on a fiscal year, but we are in the process of preparing financial reports of your contributions from this past year. We will be ready to mail them within the next two weeks.



Appliance Project

Many thanks for the folks who have contributed to our "Appliance Collection" this week. We are about a third of the way to our goal. As we announced last week, we are preparing a house for a retired priest to live in so that we can have assistance for daily Mass at both parishes for much of the year. The house at 1011 15th Street has come to us through a generous gift from Tom Clary. Tom is presently remodeling the house but we do not have any appliances. We need a refrigerator, stove, microwave, dishwasher, and a washer and dryer. If you would like to contribute to this collection and assist us with this project, please drop your gift in the collection basket or drop by the office. Please clearly mark all contributions "Appliance Collection". Thanks for considering a gift to this project.



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 REPORT

In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the Psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

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Online: \$2,339.60
Loose: \$926.00
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