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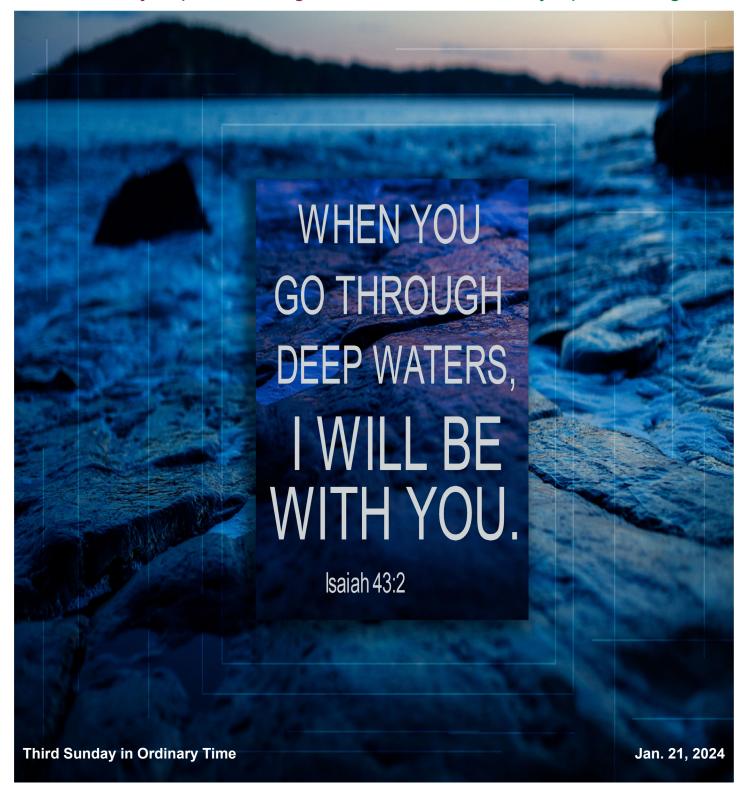
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### News From St. Joseph Parish



#### 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 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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PRAYERS and SYM-PATHY from the St. Joseph Parish Family to the family of +Jean Kestel. Jean died Sun., Jan. 14. Her Mass of Christian Burial will be Wed., Jan. 24 at St. Joseph, 10:30 a.m., with burial at St. Mary's Cemetery, in Storm Lake.



For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.



Soup Suppers Begin Feb. 14th Each Tuesday during Lent, there will be Mass at 5:30 p.m. with soup to follow. This year, the first soup supper will be held on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14 and then continue for six Tuesday evenings Feb. 20, Feb. 27, March 5, March 12, March 19, March 12 remains open. 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., March 12: Open
Tues., Feb. 27: Jones Crew
Tues., March 19: St. Jo Staff
Tues., March 26: Reiser Crew

They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord. Psalm 112:7

#### **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**

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, January 27th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Karen Naber, Marlene Nelson, Ron Swartz

**LECTOR**: Deb Bode

**SERVERS:** Ben Garcia. John Garcia

HOSPITALITY: Bonnie Duhn, Monica Koeppen, Connie & Dick Mataloni,

Joel Naber

#### Sunday, January 28th @ 9 a.m.

**EMHC:** Chris & Connie Jones, Bev Kruger, Jan Pithan

**LECTOR:** Cheryl Houseman

**SERVERS:** Emily Breuer, Porter Prentice

HOSPITALITY: John Heller, Michael & Sharon Sjoblom, Curt & Susan

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### News From St. Joseph Parish

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

Director of Faith Formation

Greetings! I am thankful that the weather this past week did not affect having classes on Wednesday, January 10 or 17! I am excited to say that every classroom is now equipped with a TV, cart, and laptop to bring the online components of our new curriculum to each grade level. Word of Life is a curriculum written by The Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press, two very highly favored and reliable Catholic institutions. For not having a local Catholic school, we are extremely blessed to be able to provide a Catholic curriculum at the highest caliber that calls our children, parents, and catechists to conversion and transformation in Christ. Both the workbooks and online resources provide faithful Church teachings, but also show that the faith is relevant in today's modern culture. Parents have the ability to continue what is taught on Wednesdays in their homes by accessing the online resources. If used to it's fullest ability, we will witness a major transformation in our families and parish. I continue to pray for the deeper conversion of all of us involved in faith formation, that we would live exactly as Christ calls each of us to live.

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!

Congratulations to our 2nd grade class on their First Reconciliation. May the peace and mercy of Christ be with each and every one of you.

Blessings!

#### **Upcoming Dates**

January 20-First Reconciliation

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.

January 31-Class

#### THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

✓ Thank you so much for the sweet contribution towards gas cards for patients! This is such a need and so helpful for so many. We appreciate your kindness and support.

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#### THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Thank you for your generous donation to Mary's Meals. We are grateful for your support of our mission to provide a daily meal to children in their place of education. Because of donors like you, we were able to serve 2.4 million children in some of the world's poorest communities. Terry Bonet - Mary's Meals USA, Inc.

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, 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. 20

4 p: For The People

Sunday, Jan 21

9 a: +Marilyn Higgins

Monday, Jan. 22

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Jan. 23

5:30 p: +Ginny Yore

Wednesday, Jan. 24

No Mass Today

Thursday, Jan. 25

No Mass Today

Friday, Jan. 26

7:30 a: +Dirk Hansen

Saturday, Jan. 27

4 p: For The People

Sunday, Jan. 28

9 a: +Charles McCabe

Youth grade K-5 are invited

attend



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. 22

7:30 p.m.: Al-Anon meets by zoom 8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall Tuesday, Jan. 23

2 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration

5:30 p.m.: Mass

#### Wednesday, Jan. 24

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

#### Thursday, Jan. 25

8 a.m. Soup Kitchen Ministry

#### Friday, Jan. 26

7:30 a.m.: Mass

8 a.m.: Bible Study, overflow 11 a.m. Winter Games Bridge

Saturday, Jan. 27

4 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, Jan. 28

9 a.m.: Mass



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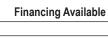


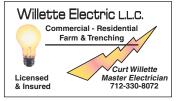






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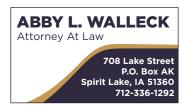
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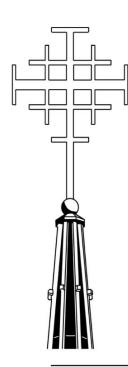
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### News From St. Mary's Parish



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#### Thank You

A big thank you to the crew that helped take down and put away the Christmas decorations.

We greatly appreciate the time and assistance you offered!

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If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all. Isaiah 7:9

#### Weekend Mass Schedule

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

#### Fish Fry Dates

Mark Your Calendars! The Fish Fry season will soon be here and the dates this year will be 2/16, 2/23 and 3/1. More details in the weeks to come. Questions and volunteer opportunities may be directed to Andrew Vortherms at 507-884-6139 or Rob Waterhouse at 712-320-0269.

#### **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.



#### 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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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.

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Monday, Jan. 22

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Jan. 23

No Mass Today

Wednesday, Jan. 24

12 p.m.: +Frank and +Viola Hoven

Thursday, Jan. 25

2 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m.: +Louie & +Susan Huber

Friday, Jan. 26

No Mass Today

Saturday, Jan. 27

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

Sunday, Jan. 28

10:30 a.m.: +Mary Newton





Monday, Jan. 22

No events today

Tuesday, Jan. 23

No events today

Wednesday, Jan. 24

12 p.m.: Mass

Thursday, Jan. 25

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

Friday, Jan. 26

No events today

Saturday, Jan. 27

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, Jan. 28

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

10:30 a.m.: Mass

#### **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.

#### **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.

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#### 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.

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**

#### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, January 27th @ 5:30 p.m.

**EMHC:** Ron & Sharon Crowley, Jean Mohr

**LECTOR:** Scott Trautman

SERVERS: Carter Trautman, Kaitlyn Trautman

HOSPITALITY: Jim Bunt, Joe Endres, Jim Leinbaugh, Sarah Meyer, Doug

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#### Sunday, January 28th @ 10:30 a.m.

**EMHC:** Shawna Ditsworth, Michella Koppen, Mindy Leinbaugh

**LECTOR:** Don Breuker

SERVERS: Layne Jacobsma, Lucas Jacobsma

**HOSPITALITY:** Mike Davis, Alan Ditsworth, Margie & Tom Lynch

**ONLINE:** Liam Fetchner

#### 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.



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#### **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.

#### A note from Fr. Hughes

On Thursday I will be leaving for two weeks for a winter warm-up. Fr. Ed



Girres and Fr. Bruce Lawler and I have done this together for 30 years so I am looking forward to quiet reading, cards and great sunsets. While I am gone there will be several priests covering Masses. Msgr. Seifried will be here for daily Mass and Fr. Travis Crotty and Fr. Tom Flanagan will be covering weekend Masses. Please contact the office for any emergencies and Deacon Darwin will do his best to meet all needs.

## Stewardship YYYYY REPORT

There is a certain urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples--Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus *immediately*, unhesitating abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow workers. To what is Jesu calling me--at *this* moment, in *theses* cirumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

#### ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Jan. 13-14, 2024 Attn: 180

Adults: \$2,265.00 Loose: \$391.00 Online: \$5,160.00 Altar/Rosary Dues: \$60.00

Peace & Justice: \$120.00 Candles: \$39.00

Candles: \$39.00 Cans: \$703.56

Solemnity of Mary: \$45.00

#### ST. MARY'S FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP Jan. 13-14, 2024 Att: 350

Adults: \$8,141.00 Online: \$850.60 Loose: \$572.00 Votive: \$1.00

**Dollar Collection: \$192.00** 



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