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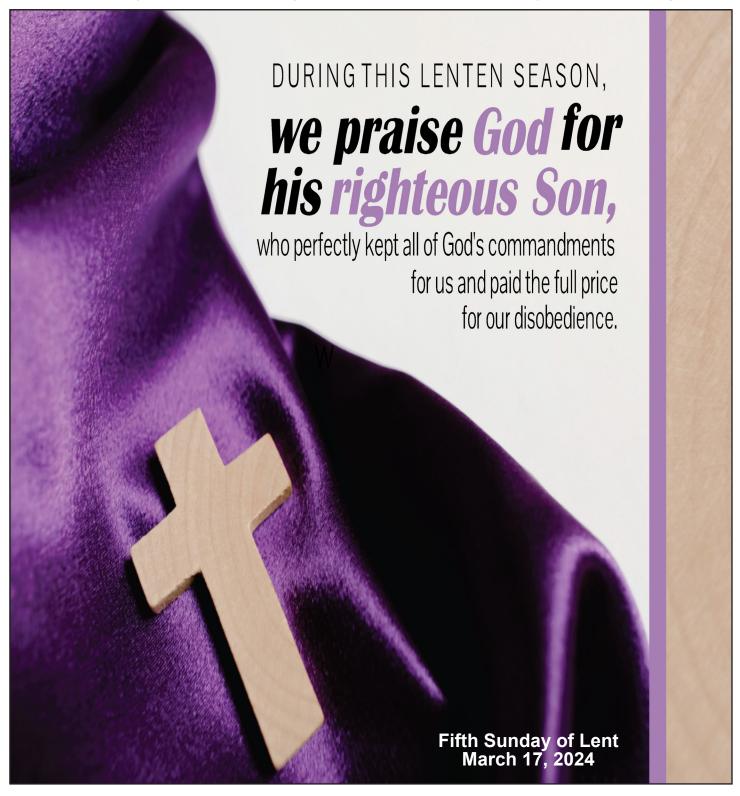
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News From St. Joseph Parish



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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MASS SCHEDULE:

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Sunday at 9 a.m.
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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 to the Norland/ Skopec Crew for preparing, serving and cleaning up following the March 12 soup supper. We appreciate your willingness to volunteer. The next soup supper will be next Tuesday, March 19 by the St. Joseph Staff. Financial info for March 12 and March 19 will be in the March 23-24 bulletin.



Fish Fry Dates

Mark Your Calendars! The Fish Fry season will soon be here. The last remaining date is March 22 at St. Joseph's.



PUT this on your calendar....Annual Church cleaning for



Holy Week is on Mon., March 25, 8:30 a.m. Both men and women are encouraged to assist in this project. Refreshments following.It

REMEMBER

your loved one with an Easter Lily or flowers that will be used to decorate the church for Easter.



Cost is \$15. Wed., March 27 is the deadline for names to be included in the bulletin.



PRAYERS AND SYM-PATHY from the St. Joseph Parish Family to Colleen Anderson on the death of her

husband, +Ray, who died Feb. 18, 2024. His Mass of Christian Burial will be Mon., March 18, 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph. Thank you to Funeral Group 2 for serving the lunch.

Get Your Calendar Out....

- ✓ Confirmation at St. Mary's on Sun., April 7, 1:30 p.m.
- → First Communion at St. Joseph on Sun., April 14, at the 9 a.m. Mass
- ✓ Volunteer Appreciation Supper on Thurs., April 25. Reservations to office by Mon., April 22.
- ✓ Sun., April 28 Senior Mass/ Brunch at the 9 a.m. Mass

Together As One

Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through TAO. To date, 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

Palm Sunday Saturday, March 23rd @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Faith Garcia, Loretta Halbur, Aaron Hyatt

LECTOR: Ali Johnson, Brad Shell

SERVERS: Grace Davis, Brody Titterington

HOSPITALITY: Jim Baumgard, Doug Heller, Joel & Karen Naber, Dan &

Mona O'Neil

Sunday, March 24th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Bill & Cheryl Aumer, Jan Pithan **LECTOR:** Aaron Lorch, Karen Schwaller **SERVERS:** Jerron Heller, Jocelyn Heller

HOSPITALITY: Larry Arndt, John Heller, Lorna Kruger, Dennis Lippon,

Michael & Sharon Sjoblom

News From St. Joseph Parish

Religious Education News By Erin Lorch

Director of Faith Formation

Greetings!

This past week was awfully quiet without having Religious Education on Wednesday. We hope the students had a great Spring Break! Our catechists met to discuss the rest of our year and met virtually with our Word of Life Curriculum Coach to receive some training on the online portal. A special thanks to our catechists who consistently show up for the kids!

CRS RICE BOWLS

It isn't too late to take part in the CRS Rice Bowl Project. You can pick up a rice bowl and check out the tri-fold poster for more information near the Parish Center! Please return your bowls to the Parish Office by April 5.

We Need Help!

If you'd like to volunteer at VBS June 9-13, please attend the VBS Volunteer Meeting on March 20 at 6:15pm in the Parish Center! Erin

Important Dates 3/20-Class (Stations of the Cross for all students and Examination of Conscience for 2nd-9th grade)

3/20-VBS Volunteer Meeting at 6:15pm in the Parish Center-All are welcome!

3/27-Class (Confession for 2nd-9th grade, Holy Week Activities for K-1st grade)



Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 23 and Sunday, March 24

Masses Saturday night at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 9 a.m.

Holy Thursday, March 28

6 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper. Visits to Repository until 10 p.m.

Good Friday, March 29

6 p.m. Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord, Holy Communion.

Holy Saturday, March 30

8:30 p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass at St. Mary's, Spirit Lake. Alternating years between the two parishes.

Easter Sunday, March 31

Sunrise Mass at 7 a.m. and Mass at 9 a.m.

PRAY for these members: Dan O'Neill, Donna Kramer, Pat Graves, Charles Reckard, Vince Bronson, Linda Cunningham, Mark Kollasch, Tutti Willison, Becky Wittrock, 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, Finley Please be Praying for...

Brunsvold, Phyllis Hintz. **PLEASE** pray for these special persons: Robbie Hesseltine, Diane Esch. Dave & Lori F & Family, Jullie F., Jamie F., Dave Maranell, Cindy Smith, Robbie

Hesseltine, Diane Esch, Izabella Rose, Terri Henkels, Teri Tiefenthaler, Hudson Grace Koeppen, Kim Higgins, Janet Norgaard, Cozy Nelsen, Ron Heller, Zenrik Young, Elizabeth Olson, Kevin Tracy, Mary Jones, Pat Reckard, Hope Anderson, Christine Fischer, Tom Kallis, Cheryl Kallis, Duane Doran, Jane Baxter, Wanda Randall, Norine Kennedy, 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, 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, March 16

+Roland Taylor 4 p:

Sunday, March 17

For the People 9 a:

Monday, March 18

No Mass Today

Tuesday, March 19

5:30 p: Dec. Halbur/Johnson Families

Wednesday, March 20

No Mass Today Thursday, March 21

No Mass Today

Friday, March 22

7:30 a: +Sean Enfield

Saturday, March 23

4 p: +For the People

Sunday, March 24

9 a.m.: +Dennis Kasperbauer



Monday, March 18

6:30 p.m.: "Jesus & The Eucharist" Bible Study, Parish Center. 7:30 p.m.: Al-Anon meets by zoom 8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, March 19

2 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration

5:30 p.m.: Mass

6 p.m.: Soup Supper by Parish Staff

Wednesday, March 20

10 a.m.: Centering Prayer in St. Rita Conference Center, All welcome. Rel. Ed: K-4 @ 5-6:15 p.m.; Grades

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

Thursday, March 21

No activities today.

Friday, March 22

7:30 a.m. Mass

8 a.m.: Bible Study, overflow

5-7 p.m.: KC Fish Fry

Saturday, March 23

4 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, March 24

9 a.m.: Mass



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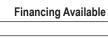


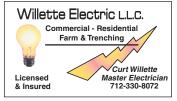






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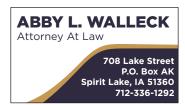
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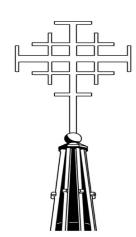
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News From St. Mary's Parish



Jesus and the Eucharist Video Series

Our Jesus and the Eucharist Video series runs until March 21st. The series is held every Thursday from 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Vespers on March 24

Vespers is scheduled for St. Mary's at 4:00pm on Sunday, March 24. All are welcome to come and pray Vespers before the Blessed Sacrament.

Garage Sale Donations

The Catholic Daughters will start collecting items on May 4th for the garage sale that will be held in June.

Holy Thursday Adoration and Mass

St. Mary's will have Mass at 6 p.m. on Holy Thursday (March 28). There will be Adoration following Mass. There will not be Adoration before Mass.

Good Friday Service

St. Mary's will have a Good Friday service at 12:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday

St. Mary's will host Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil Mass on Sat., March 30 at 8:30 p.m. This Mass alternates annually between St. Mary's and St. Joseph.

Easter Masses

St. Mary's will have an Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 30 and an Easter Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Anointing of the Sick

We will have an Anointing Mass at St. Mary's at the Noon Mass on Wednesday, April 10th. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us. Mass will be followed by a light lunch.

Adult Ministry News

All adults: join us for a Parish Retreat this Lent as we prepare for Easter together on Saturday, March 23rd, from 9-10AM in the Church. There will be no Men or Women's Faith Breaks during the month of March outside of the Retreat.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Amore Dinner a wonderful success. All who are involved with the Steubenville event are grateful for your support.



Youth Ministry/11th/12th Grade News

We are happy to build a group of young adults that are fervent and fully engaged in their faith. This takes time, trust, and a gradual building of relationships. Christ helps us and is at the heart of our encounters. As mentioned above, we are going to have the Stations of the Cross especially for you and your families. For this, I'm looking for High School volunteers to help read, carry the cross, and to help lead music for this unique occasion. Contact me at youth@thelakescatholic.church if you are willing to step up and help! If you're interested in helping with music (instruments or vocal), join me at St Joseph's for our first rehearsal on March 16th from 9-10 a.m.

Together As One

Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through TAO. As of January 31, we have raised \$29,196.00 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$30,923.00 with gifts from 130 households. Will you help us meet our fundraising goals? Visit www.scdiocese.org/together-as-one.



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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 (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!

News From St. Mary's Parish



Monday, March 18

No Mass Today

Tuesday, March 19

No Mass Today

Wednesday, March 20

12 p.m.: +Richard Grienke

Thursday, March 21

2 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m.: +Dolores Mergen

Friday, March 22

No Mass Today

Saturday, March 23

5:30 p.m.: +Mary Stanford

Sunday, March 24

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



Monday, March 18

No events today

Tuesday, March 19

5:30 p.m.: Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 20

12 p.m.: Mass

5:15 p.m.: Adult Book Study (Family Rm)

Thursday, March 21

2 p.m.: Adoration

4:45 p.m.: Stations of the Cross

5:30 p.m.: Mass

6 p.m.: Soup Supper (parish hall) 6:30 p.m.: Jesus and the Eucharist (P Hall)

Friday, March 22

No events today

Saturday, March 23

9 a.m.: Parish Retreat (church)

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, March 24

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

10:30 a.m.: Mass 4 p.m.: Vespers

Special Collections in March

Donations for the Easter Flowers collection should be placed in the basket on the weekend of March 17. Donations for the Retired Priests of the Diocese of Sioux City collection should be placed in the basket on the weekend of March 31. Please make checks payable to "St. Mary's," and write "Easter Flowers" or "Retired Priests – SC" in the memo line.

If you would like to give to these collections online, please visit our website (stmarysspiritlake.org), and click on the "Give" option at the top of the screen. Then click on the "Click Here to Make an Online Donation" button. To see all available funds, click on "View All Funds." Choose the fund you want to give to, and click "Give Now." The March special collections will be available on our website from March 1-29. Thank you for your generous support!

Religious Education News

The Stations is a very beautiful devotion our Church offers us during this time of Lent, most especially on Good Friday. We wanted to provide a unique, youth-led opportunity this year for Good Friday: we will be doing a joint outdoor Family Stations of the Cross together with the families of St Joseph's Church on March 29th at 3:00PM at St Joseph's Parish. Mark your calendars! This is such a unique opportunity for your entire family to come and experience this beautiful devotion outdoors in an interactive way, with music, youth participation and meditations led by our High Schoolers. We hope to see you ALL there!

Brigitte Bouli - Director of Religious Education

Remembering Loved Ones for Easter Flower Offering

If you would like to remember your loved ones when submitting your Easter Flower offering, please include their names on the Easter Flower Offering envelope that you received in your packet of offertory envelopes, this month. If you give online, you can give to the Easter Flowers fund online but will need to give your list of names to Cynthia in the parish office (smoffice@ thelakescatholic.church). To be included in the list of



names in the bulletin, we will need your envelope or list of completed names by 8 a.m. on Monday, March 18.

Ministry Schedule

Palm Sunday Saturday, March 23rd @ 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Patty Delaney, Eileen & Jed Skogerboe

LECTORS: Ron Crowley, Jean Mohr

SERVERS: Noah Lee

HOSPITALITY: Nancy Carlson, John Delaney, Kevin Delaney, Gayle Eral

ONLINE: Hansens

Sunday, March 24th @ 10:30 .m.

EMHC: Kelly Ferguson, Michella Koppen, Mindy Leinbaugh

LECTORS: Margie Lynch, John Walz **SERVERS:** Wes Walz, Sadee Wheatley

HOSPITALITY: Sylvia Jennings, Kerri & Korey Robinson, 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.



1011 15th St. House

As many of you know, we have been working on a house at 1011 15th Street, in Milford, to prepare it for retired priests who will assist with Masses and other projects here in Dickinson County. Tom Clary purchased the house more than a year ago and donated it to St. Joseph just before the 1st of the year. Over the last months, Tom has undertaken the remodeling of the house. A good deal of work has been completed in recent months. The kitchen and bathrooms have been completely replaced and the laundry was moved from the basement to the main floor. The floors in the garage and in the basement were cleaned, repaired and resurfaced. New appliances were purchased and recently installed. The furnaces has been repaired and a new front window was installed. The electrical system has been completely reworked and the walls and woodwork have been painted. We are planning an open house so that members of both parishes can see the house and take note of Tom's generous gift. The open house will take place after the 5:30 p.m. Tuesday evening Mass and Soup Supper at St. Joseph on March 26. All are welcome to have a bowl of soup and then see the "new" house from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



Palm Sunday Details

Next Sunday we will celebrate Palm Sunday. Please gather as you enter the church for Mass and then we will process to the Church. Our 40 days of Lent are almost over. The King is Coming...."Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord."

The busyness of the spring and summer season is upon us. Easter, Confirmation, First Communion, a volunteer supper, Senior Mass, CDA salad luncheon, quilt raffle tickets, weddings, graduation, cinnamon rolls, the garage sale, more weddings, Memorial Day, an omelet breakfast, farewell parties and then we are to July 1. And who says St. Mary's and St. Joseph is not busy?

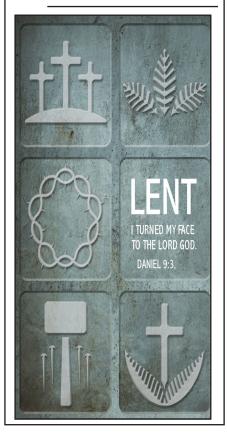
With all these activities it takes volunteers, many volunteers. We are beyond grateful for the hundred of hours that people give to both St. Joseph and St. Mary's church. There are countless opportunities available for you if you want to get involved. Call the parish office to find the right job for you.



Stewardship YYYYY REPORT

"If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be." In what ways is Jesus inviting *me* to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?

Financial information for the weekend of March 9-10 and March 16-17 will be printed in the March 23-24 bulletin.



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