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**Palm Sunday**

**March 24, 2024**

# 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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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:

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Sunday at 9 a.m.

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### March 12 Soup Supper Update

Attn.: 35 Income: \$160.00

Expense: \*0

Thank You to the Norlands and Skopecs for covering the soup cost.

### March 19 Soup Supper Update

Thank you to the staff who prepared soup this past Tuesday.

Attn: 43 Income: \$193.00

Expense: \$103.57

The final soup supper will be next Tuesday, March 26 by the Reiser Crew.

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 feels good to clean God's House.

### Church Cleaning



Parish Offices will be closed Fri., March 29 and Monday, April 1, in observance of the Easter holiday.



✓ The family of Marlene Nelsen wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude for the church members mom referred to as her other family. Though her death was unexpected and sad, our hearts were warmed by the outpouring of love and affection through your prayers, cards, flowers, and memorials. Mom was secure in her faith and confident in her next destination. Oh, to be that confident! Many blessings.

✓ Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who filled in at the office during my recent vacation. You did a great job!

--Susan Reiser

**Adoration and Vespers** will be in Spirit Lake, this Sunday @ 4 p.m. This is a wonderful way to embark on Holy Week - pray before the Blessed Sacrament, braid palms, meditate on the Stations of the Cross, say the Rosary or Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All are welcome!

### Ministry Schedule

#### Easter Sunday, March 31st @ 7 a.m.

**EMHC:** Steve Eral, Connie Hinrichs, Cheryl & Rick Houseman

**LECTOR:** Darlene Moritz

**SERVERS:** Asher Knudtson, Ron Swartz

**HOSPITALITY:** Julie & Tim Fairchild, Marshall Matuska, Michael & Sharon Sjoblom

#### Sunday, March 31st @ 9 a.m.

**EMHC:** Chris & Connie Jones, Jim & Laurie Murray, Jeff Nelson

**LECTOR:** Linda Hirsch

**SERVERS:** Alex Anderson, Will Anderson

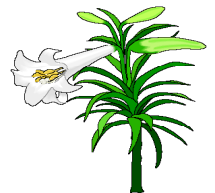
**HOSPITALITY:** Bill & Cheryl Aumer, Arend & Molly Swygman, Abby Walleck, Curt & Susan Willette



### 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.



### 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



# News From St. Joseph Parish

## Religious Education News

By Erin Lorch

Director of Faith Formation

Greetings! This week we prayed the Stations of the Cross in the church as we prepare our hearts and minds for Holy Week. In addition, we had a wonderful meal in between class times. We are quickly approaching Confirmation and First Communion! Please continue to keep these students and their families in your prayers.

### CRS RICE BOWLS

Thanks to all who are participating in the CRS Rice Bowl Project. 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 let Erin know if you're interested in helping in any capacity!

*Erin*

### Important Dates

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

**3/31**-Happy Easter!

**4/3**-Class (First Communion Retreat)

**4/7**-Confirmation, St. Mary's, 1:30 p.m.

**4/10**-Class

**4/13**-First Communion Practice at 9 a.m.

**4/14**-First Communion, St. Joseph at 9 a.m.



### 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 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 23

**4 p:** For The People

### Sunday, March 24

**9 a:** +Dennis Kasperbauer

### Monday, March 25

**No Mass Today**

### Tuesday, March 26

**5:30 p:** +Dolores Wunn

### Wednesday, March 27

**No Mass Today**

### Thursday, March 28

**6 p.m.:** For The People

### Friday, March 29

**6 p.m.:** For The People

### Saturday, March 30

**8:30 p.m.:** Mass at St. Mary's, Spirit Lake

### Sunday, March 31

**7a.m.:** For The People

**9 a.m.:** For The People



### Monday, March 25

**8 a.m.:** Church Cleaning

**6:30 p.m.:** "Jesus & The Eucharist"  
Bible Study, Parish Center.

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

### Tuesday, March 26

**2 p.m.:** Eucharistic Adoration

**5:30 p.m.:** Mass

**6 p.m.:** Soup Supper by Reiser Crew

### Wednesday, March 27

**10 a.m.:** Centering Prayer in St. Rita Conference Center. All welcome.

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

### Thursday, March 28

**6 p.m.:** Holy Thursday Mass

### Friday, March 29

**8 a.m.:** Parish Offices Closed

**8 a.m.:** Bible Study, overflow

**3 p.m.:** Family Stations of the Cross

**6 p.m.:** Good Friday Service

### Saturday, March 30

**8:30 p.m.:** Easter Vigil at St. Mary's

### Sunday, March 31

**7 a.m.:** Easter Mass

**9 a.m.:** Easter Mass

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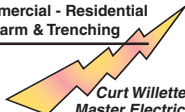
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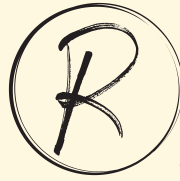
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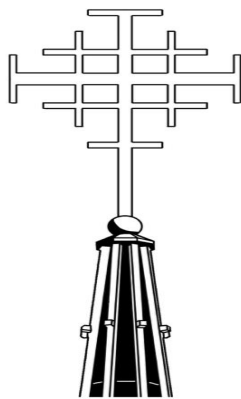
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## News From St. Mary's Parish



### Eternal Rest

Please remember +Betty Lou Milberger in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



### Vespers on March 24

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

### Garage Sale

Save the dates! Catholic Daughters annual GIGANTIC garage sale will be June 6th, 7th, and 8th this year! As you do your spring cleaning, please think of donating your gently used items to our sale! We can't accept large appliances, microwaves, TV's, computers, phones, or other electronics. Please do not bring exercise equipment, mattresses, or box springs. We can accept donated items in any of the classrooms, beginning May 4.



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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.

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](http://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!



### 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.

### Easter Masses

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

### 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.

### Attention: Men of St. Mary's

The Knights of Columbus Council #1543 is looking for a "few good men" to become members. This worldwide Catholic men's family-oriented program is open to men 18 years and older. We are primarily a charity-focused group helping St. Mary's parish among other programs. Our next exemplification of members will be April 21. Contact Brian Nokleby at 712-339-0083 if you would like to join us.

### St. Mary's CDA High School Senior Scholarships

The St. Mary's CDA will be awarding two senior scholarships this year. Applications are on the table in the Narthex. They are due April 14 and should be returned to the St. Mary's church office.

### Scholarships from Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus of St. Mary's are offering two \$500 scholarships to qualifying graduating seniors. Applications can be picked up at R.E. classes on Wednesdays, or anytime during business hours in the R.E. office. They can also be mailed to you directly if needed. Applications are due back by April 21, 2024.

# News From St. Mary's Parish

## This Week's Mass schedule

**Monday, March 25**

No Mass Today

**Tuesday, March 26**

No Mass Today

**Wednesday, March 27**

12 p.m.: +Catherine Brown

**Thursday, March 28**

6 p.m.: Liv & Dec of St. Mary's

6:30 p.m.: Adoration

**Friday, March 29**

12 Noon: Good Friday Service

**Saturday, March 30**

8:30 p.m.: Liv & Dec of St. Mary's

**Sunday, March 31**

8:30 a.m.: Liv and Dec of St. Mary's

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



## WEEKLY Calendar

**Monday, March 25**

No events today

**Tuesday, March 26**

5:30 p.m.: Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, March 27**

12 p.m.: Mass

**Thursday, March 28**

6 p.m. Mass

6:30 p.m.: Adoration

**Friday, March 29**

Parish Office Closed

12 Noon: Good Friday Service

**Saturday, March 30**

8:30 p.m.: Mass (Easter Vigil)

**Sunday, March 31**

8:30 a.m.: Mass

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

10:30 a.m.: Mass

## 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*

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Wanted

Do you have a heart that loves seeing 3-6 year olds fall in love with Jesus? Do you love the beauties of the Catholic faith and its mysteries and want to learn to how transmit that to these little ones? Please consider becoming a trained Level 1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Catechist this summer! The Diocese is offering a 5 day training this summer in LeMars and we are planning on expanding our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program for 2024-2025. Reach out to Brigitte Bouli at the office (smdre@thelakescatholic.church) or to any of our current CGS Catechists if you are interested! You will be mind blown by the fruitfulness and power of this youth program. We currently have 32 children involved in CGS, and I'm excited to see what is in store for next year!

## 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!

## Parish Office

Our parish office will be closed on Good Friday (March 29) and Easter Monday (April 1).

## Ministry Schedule

**Easter Vigil - Saturday, March 30th @ 8:30 p.m.**

EMHC: Ron & Sharon Crowley

LECTORS: Jim Staver

SERVERS: TBD

ONLINE: TBD

HOSPITALITY: Jim Bunt, Tom Kellen, Jim Leinbaugh, Doug Zemler

## Easter

**Sunday, March 31st @ 8:30 a.m.**

EMHC: Mary Emgarten Toni Nicks, Chris & Renee Quance

LECTOR: Don Breuker

SERVERS: TBD

HOSPITALITY: Bob Emgarten, Michella Koppen, Need help here.

**Sunday, March 31st @ 10:30 a.m.**

EMHC: Mary Brandt, Kim Kirschbaum, Jeannie James, Sylvia Jennings

LECTOR: Cyndy Powers

SERVERS: Layne Jacobsma, Lucas Jacobsma

HOSPITALITY: Mike Davis, Alan Ditsworth, Brady Kramer, Margie & Tom Lynch

ONLINE: Liam Fetcher

**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.



# Pastor's COLUMN

NOTE change of date and time from previous publication.



## 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 is set for Wednesday, April 3 from 6 to 7 p.m. We thank the gracious contributors to this project.

## Stewardship REPORT



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Online: \$1,770.00

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#### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

March 9-10, 2024 Att.: 502

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Online: \$1,245.60

Loose: \$990.00

Dollar Collection: \$283.00

Votive: \$86.29

March 16-17, 2024 Att.: 509

Adults: \$6,321.00

Online: \$1,470.60

Loose: \$683.00

Dollar Collection: \$240.00

Votive: \$19.89

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