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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, in the collection basket or online.

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PARKING LOT UPDATE

Crews began milling the old asphalt off the parking lot on Monday, Oct. 12. New asphalt was laid Tuesday and Wed., Oct. 13-14. The rain came and helped to "cool" the asphalt and also identified three low spots. Crews from the asphalt company were expected to return this past week and correct the low spots. As of press time, a striping company was scheduled to strip the parking lot today (Sat., Oct. 24), unless it rains. If you are reading this and you see stripes, you know we got that finished. If not, please know that he works on Saturdays only so we will have to reschedule this work. Thanks to all who contributed to the building fund which is turn will pay for the new asphalt parking lot.



PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY from the St. Joseph Parish Family to:

Karen Schwaller and family on the death of her mother, +Judith Schroeder, 92, of Kingsley, who died Oct. 11, 2026. Her Mass of Christian Burial was held Thurs., Oct. 15 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, in Kingsley.

CONGRATULATIONS and BEST WISHES to:

✓ Jackson and Sunny (Duffney) Steburg who were married at St. Joseph on Sat., Oct. 17. May your new life be filled with much happiness.



JUST a reminder...Funeral Group #2 will be in charge of the next funeral luncheon.



The Knights of Columbus are starting their Coats for Kids annual coat drive. Please drop off new coats, hats, gloves, etc. for kids. Items can be left in the office and will be distributed in November. The deadline is Friday, Oct. 30, 12 noon, in the office. Thanks to those who have already contributed a new coat(s). The children in the area will be most appreciative of your support.



Happy Birthday Msgr. Seifried!

Friends are cordially invited to a 90th birthday celebration open house for Msgr. Ken Seifried on Sunday, October 25th from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Cobblestone Inn in Holstein. His birthday is Monday, Oct 26th. Monsignor requests no gifts. Cards and best wishes may be sent to him at 513 E Mueller Street, Holstein IA 51025. Msgr. served as Pastor of St. Joseph Parish from 2005-2009.

PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

After countless hours of taking photos, finding photos, page lay-out and proofing, the directory has been sent to the printer. In about 20 days, the printer will return a proof to St. Joseph for final inspection. The corrected directory will be returned for printing which will take about 20 days. If all goes as planned, we should have the directories available before Christmas. Thanks to the 159 of 750 families who had their photos taken and to the 10 families who submitted photos. The directory will include 86 photos of committees, groups, events, etc. and then the photo section of the members who participated. Each family who had their photo taken will receive a free directory. We ordered 60 extra copies that will be sold for \$20 each. If you wish to secure a directory, please stop at the office and get on the list.

Remembrance Table

The CDA remembrance table will be set up Wed., Oct. 28. Parishioners are invited to place photos of your family and/ or friends who will not be at your table for All Saints and All Souls Day through Thanksgiving.

News From St. Joseph Parish



Take a moment now to mark your calendar with these events.

Tues., Oct. 27: OCIA in St. Joseph, basement, 6:30 to 8 p.m. and continues each Tuesday evening.

Wed., Oct. 28: Religious Ed classes: CGS with Olivia: 5-6:30 p.m.; Grades 1-4 from 5:15-6:15 p.m.; Grades 5-8 7-8 p.m.; High School at OB Conference Center, 7-8 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 7: 5 p.m. Annual CDA Veterans Soup Supper, parish center. All Veterans and their spouse or significant other are invited to attend.

Tues., Nov. 17: 5:30 p.m. Mass of Remembrance, CDA Rosary of Remembrance, to follow

Sat., Nov. 21: 1 p.m. SHARP potato peeling and table setting for annual Harvest Dinner.

Sun., Nov. 22: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Annual Harvest Dinner, parish center.

Thurs., Nov. 26: 12 noon. Annual Thanksgiving Dinner.



THANK YOU to the seven St. Joseph volunteers who prepared the food and served nearly 200 less fortunate persons at the Sioux City Soup Kitchen on Thurs., Oct. 22. It's an eye opening experience that makes us realize who blessed we are. Assisting in this mission were Randy and Lois Eckard, Chad and Kori Wellendorf, John Hough, Deacon Darwin Messerly and Susan Reiser.



ROSARY/ALTAR CHRISTMAS BAKING PROJECT UPDATE

For anyone who would still want to help with the Rosary/Altar Cookie Box project Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, call the office. We are now taking "orders" for goodie boxes at \$20/box. Only 150 boxes will be made. What better gift for a neighbor, a relative or a friend that has everything? You don't have to dust this gift!



PRAY for these members: Mike Laake, Kenneth Koeppen, Jolene Rubis, JoAnn Chaffin, Linda DeMuth, Rick Barry, Jan Nau and Terry Abbas.

Non-Members: Robin Elser, Nathan Rizzo, Raymond Wenzel, Lyle Calvert, Janaan McGinness, Ryan Naatjes, Rhonda Wittrock Repinski, Christine Petersen, JoAnn Baxter, Chris Swartz, Bennett Jones and Kate Jensen. Please call to place your loved one on the list. Requests must be made by family members.

Ministry Schedule

Solemnity of All Saints

Saturday, October 31st @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Deb Bode, Karen Naber, Terri & Tom Rierson, Brad Shell

LECTOR: Molly Mulqueen

SERVERS: Brian Oyler

HOSPITALITY: Larry Arndt, Anne Donovan, Doug Heller, Monica Koepen, Joel Naber

Sunday, November 1st @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Dori Lippon, Darlene Moritz, Scott Neppl, Marlys Nolan, Jan Piethan

LECTOR: Ron Swartz

SERVERS: Eli Cable, Sherlyn Santos

HOSPITALITY: Bill & Cheryl Aumer, James Nelson, Connie Tesene

LIVESTREAM: Jack and Julie Kliegl

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 24

4 p.m.: +Clarice Heller

Sunday, October 25

9 a.m.: For The People

Monday, October 26

No Mass Today

Tuesday, October 27

5:30 p.m.: Liv & Dec CDA members

Wednesday, October 28

7:30 a.m.: +Donald Gengler

Thursday, October 29

7:30 a.m.: +Jack and +Ginny Yore

Friday, October 30

7:30 a.m.: +Ervin Schmidt

Saturday, October 31

4 p.m.: Deceased Mulhern Fam.

Sunday, Nov. 1

9 a.m.: For The People



Monday, October 26

7:30 p.m.: AA meets in Nazaeth Hall

Tuesday, October 27

2 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration

5:15 p.m.: Benediction

5:30 p.m.: Mass

6:30 p.m.: OCIA, basement

Wednesday, October 28

7:30 a.m.: Mass

Religious Education:

CGS with Olivia: 5:15-6:45 p.m.

1-4: 5:15-6:15 p.m.

6:15 p.m.: Meal

5-8: @ 7-8 p.m.

Thursday, October 29

7:30 a.m.: Mass

8 a.m.: Bible Study

Friday, October 30

7:30 a.m.: Mass

Saturday, October 31

4 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, November 1

9 a.m. Mass

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The Spirit Lake Council meets the
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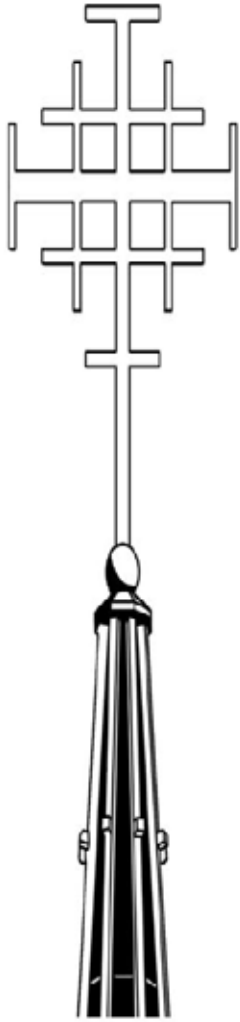


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News From St. Mary's Parish



Coats for Kids Donations

The Knights of Columbus is asking for donations of new or gently used coats to be left in the Narthex. The Coats for Kids donations go directly to children in the community who may be in need this winter.

Religious Education Family Meals

Thank you to Jenny Pope and Erika Kuntz-this year's meal coordinators! In an attempt to offset the cost, we are asking parishioners to make a donation. It takes \$300 to provide a meal each week. If you'd like to help make weekly meals happen, please consider donating. Thanks for considering!

Weekend Mass Schedule

Our Mass schedule at St. Mary's is 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Daily Mass Schedule

St. Mary's will have Mass at Noon on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

Holiday Market

Please take note of a date change to the Holiday Market. The event will take place on Saturday, November 14. We are accepting any holiday/decorating items to add to the items we have. This is a collaboration between the St. Mary's Decorating and interested parishioners. Proceeds will go toward church decorations, music, Religious Education meals and more. Anyone interested in donating may call Teresa at 712-898-3728.

CDA Rosary and Bake Sale

Our local Catholic Daughters Court, Our Lady of the Lake, will be praying the rosary before each Mass on the weekend of October 24 and 25. All are invited to join us. Our Lady of the Lake Court will also be having a bake sale after each Mass the weekend of October 24 / 25, with all proceeds going to the Fall Food Event, which supports needs in our diocese and locally. All women of the St. Mary's Parish are invited to join Catholic Daughters, which meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the north classroom at the parish and has various charitable activities throughout the year. Helping others through charitable acts in the spirit of Jesus Christ is the heart of our organization. For more information, please visit us after Mass at the bake sale or email: stmarycdofa@gmail.com.

New Website Update

The new website for St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Church is live! Visit thelakescatholic.church for registrations, parish contact information, live streams of Masses, and much more.

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.

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 Sara in the office at support@thelakescatholic.church or 712-320-8528.



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Parish Office Hours:

Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday-Thursday;

8 a.m. to noon on Friday

Reconciliation:

4:45 p.m. Sat;

9:45 a.m. Sun; 11:30 a.m. 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 (stmarys-spiritlake.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

This Week's Mass schedule

Monday, Oct. 26

12 noon: +Mary Newton

Tuesday, Oct. 27

No Mass Today

Wednesday, Oct. 28

12 noon: L & D of St. Mary's

Thursday, Oct. 29

5:30 p.m.: +John Bortscheller

Friday, Oct. 30

12 noon: +Patricia Brown

Saturday, Oct. 31

5:30 p.m.: +Mike Hawn

Sunday, Nov. 1

10:30 a.m.: L & D of St. Mary's



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE



Monday, Oct. 26

12:00 p.m.: Mass

Tuesday, Oct. 27

No Mass

Wednesday, Oct. 28

11:30 a.m.: Confession

12:00 p.m.: Mass

Thursday, Oct. 29

2 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Friday, Oct. 30

12:00 p.m.: Mass

Saturday, Oct. 31

4:45 p.m.: Confession

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, Nov. 1

9 a.m.: Lectio Divina Group, clsm

9:45 a.m.: Confession

10:30 a.m.: Mass

A Note Of Thanks

As colder weather sets in please take time to recognize and thank the following individuals who took time to plant, weed, water and maintain the many areas around our church the past 5 months to enhance the beauty of St. Marys. Teresa Brooks, Brian & Kathy Nokelby, Donna Nellis, Sue Olsen, John & Jolene Brown, Cyndy Powers, Jean Mohr, Jim & Marlys Blum, Darrell Bergen, Bob & Mary Emgarten, Elsie Smith, Rick & Jan Dehner, Larry Bortsheller, Joe & Dianna Endres and Dave & Linda Hansen. Throughout the summer we had fresh flowers for the altars thanks to these individuals and their efforts.

Grain Donations

If you farm, you can provide support for your parish by donating your grain. If you would like to donate your grain, you will need to bring a Grain Ownership Transfer form to your elevator. Please contact Cynthia in the parish office (smoffice@thelakescatholic.church or 712-336-1742) to obtain this form. This form is needed to ensure that your donation will be a grain donation rather than a cash donation.

How to Get the Diocesan News

Be sure you are signed up to receive the free LumeNotes e-newsletter in your email inbox. Receive links to news articles, briefs, photos, videos and the Illuminating Catholics podcast. Email news@scdiocese.org to sign up. Find the news anytime at lumenmedia.org.

Women's Gathering

Registration for "I will give you rest", the 2026 women's gathering, is now open! This even is scheduled for Saturday, November 14 from 10 am to 3 pm at St. Edmond Catholic School in Fort Dodge. Meg Hunter Kilmer, campus minister at the University of Notre Dame and presenter at the National Eucharistic Congress will be the keynote speaker. In addition to the keynotes, the day will include Adoration, confession, small groups, vendors, and more! Register at www.scdiocese.org/gathering. If you have any questions regarding the women's gathering, please contact Maddie McLarty at maddiem@scdiocese.org.

Ministry Schedule

Solemnity of All Saints

Saturday, October 31st @ 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Sharon Crowley, Patty Delaney, Annette & Tom Kalkhoff, Jamin Trautman

LECTOR: Ron Crowley

SERVERS: Creighton Trautman, Kennedy Trautman

HOSPITALITY: Jim Bunt, Jim Carney, John Delaney, Tom Kellen

ONLINE: Kaitlyn Trautman

Sunday, November 1st @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: John & Joleen Brown, Mary Emgarten, Kellie Ferguson, Toni Nicks

LECTOR: Karen Fergen

SERVERS: Gabe Bennett, Noah Dahm

HOSPITALITY: Brian & Michella Koppen, Brian & Kathy Nokleby

Following is general information that may be helpful to you.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Thursday from 2 to 5:15 p.m.

BAPTISMS:

Complete the Baptism In-Take form on the parish website. Contact Sara at support@thelakescatholic.church or 712-320-8528 to schedule a pre-baptism class.

MARRIAGE:

Contact Ali Oyler at 712-320-8527 or lurgy@thelakescatholic.church 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.



A Note From Fr. Hemann

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus gives us the greatest commandment: to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Yet, He only asks us to do this because He first loved us. As we read in the First Letter of John, love consists of this: not that we have loved God, but that He has loved us. God continually shows us that He loves us with all His own heart, soul, mind, and strength in the person and body of Jesus Christ. Christ passed into our humanity so that our humanity could pass into His divinity and His divinity is defined by one single word: Love.

When Jesus tells us to love our neighbor as ourselves, it is important to remember that love is not necessarily a warm, cozy feeling. In its deepest Christian sense, love is willing the good of another. Even if someone has hurt you deeply and your feelings toward them have grown cold, you can still will their good. A wonderful prayer to say in these moments is, "Father, into your just and merciful hands I commend [name]." We ask for His justice meaning if they need an attitude change or a little chastisement, so be it but we also appeal to His mercy, recognizing they may just need His grace! By commending them to God, we place the situation entirely in His hands and let go of it in our own.



Ultimately, these two commandments are entirely inseparable. We cannot truly love God without extending that same love to the people He places in our path. When we strip away the expectation of warm feelings and simply choose to will the good of our neighbors, we become a reflection of the Father. The way we are

truly known to belong to God is by the way we love one another.

- Common Ground -

To St. Joseph and St. Mary's Parishioners.

Thank you for having Unbound in your parish. It was a great weekend with 35 new sponsors from Dickinson County. Thank you parishioners for your commitment to the poor.

Fr. Paul Kelly

Stewardship



REPORT

We fulfill the commandment to love our neighbor when we exercise good stewardship -- joyfully sharing our gifts of life, abilities, and resources to meet our neighbor's need.

ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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Loose: \$2,624.00

Candles: \$63.00

WOMO: \$30.00

World Mission: \$1,178.00

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ST. MARY'S FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Oct. 17-18, 2026 Att: 586

Adult: \$5,034.00

Loose: \$944.01

Online Offertory: \$925.00

Votive: \$42.10

Dollar Collection: \$908.00



The Lakes Catholic Community Staff

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