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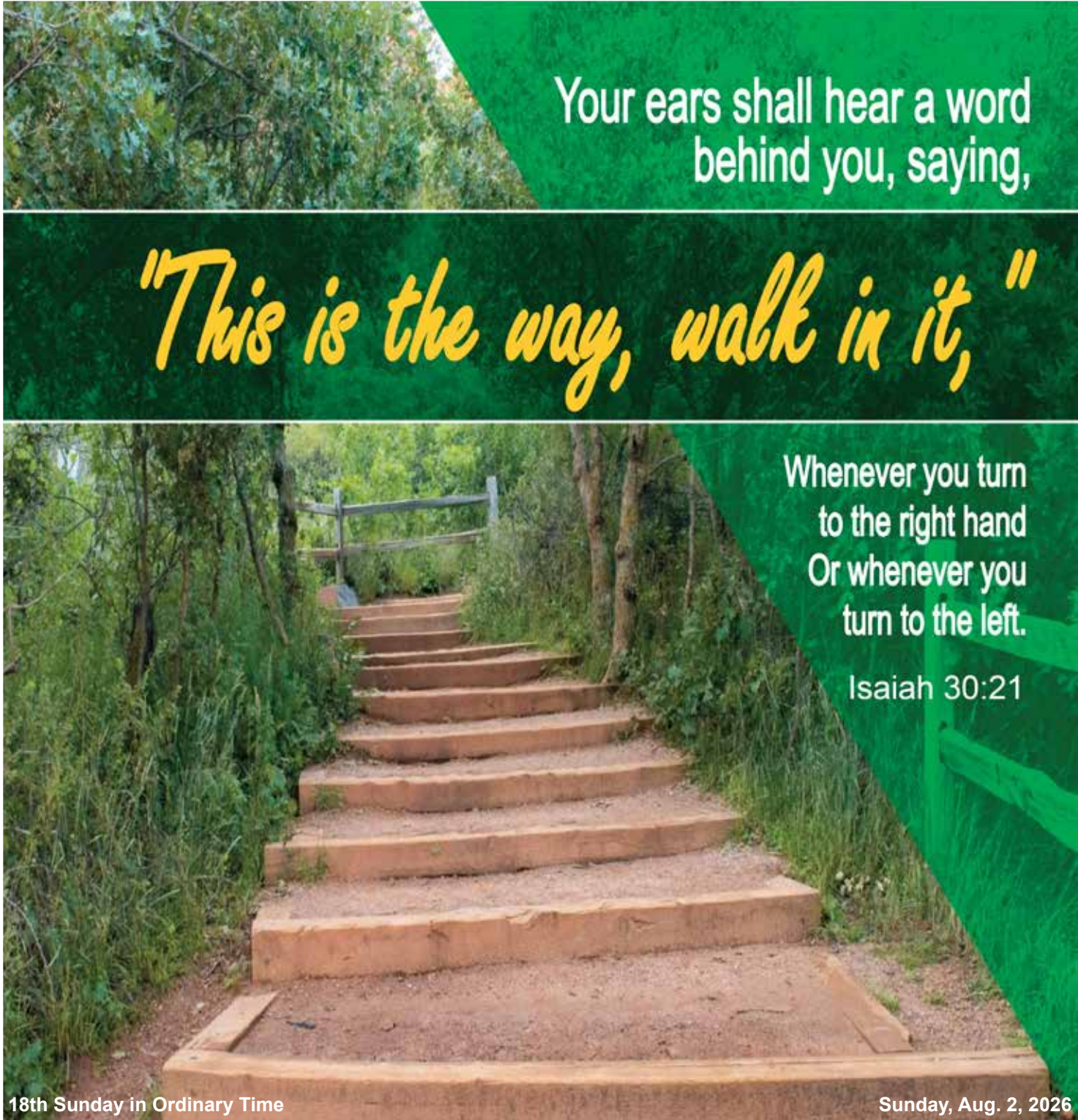
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Your ears shall hear a word
behind you, saying,

"This is the way, walk in it,"

Whenever you turn
to the right hand
Or whenever you
turn to the left.

Isaiah 30:21

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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St. Joseph Arts Council presents "Karess and Ryan in Concert", Sunday, August 9, 2026, 2 p.m. at St. Joseph, in Milford. Free Will Offering. Reception follows.



WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH TO:

- ✓ Josephine Lorraine Berkenpas, daughter of Cole and Stephanie Berkenpas, who was baptized Saturday, July 25 at St. Joseph; and to
- ✓ Presley Marie Sullivan, daughter of Devin Sullivan and Autumn Peterson, who was baptized Sunday, July 26 At. St. Joseph.

JUST A reminder...The Mass of Christian Burial for +Ervin Schmidt is Mon., Aug. 3, 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES To

Gabe and Kaitlyn Goehring who were married at St. Joseph on Sat., July 25. May your new life together be filled with much happiness.



THANK YOU to Randy and Lois Eckard, Maxine Elser, John Hough, Kori Wellendorf, Michelle Mercer and Susan Reiser who prepared the food and served 200+ less fortunate persons at the Sioux City Soup Kitchen on Thurs., July 30 on behalf of St. Joseph. It is always an eye opening and humbling experience.

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 Susan in the parish office at sjoffice@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 and/or church updates.



Treasure Chest Update



Unfortunately, the Treasure Chest Garage Sale is overrun with items and asking that no

additional items be contributed at this point. The next sale is Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 27-29. Thursday's hours are 4 to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday hours are 7 to 11 a.m. We have plenty of new items stored in the school, that were contributed earlier, that we can easily stock this sale.



IT'S PIE TIME...the

Knights of Columbus will make their mouth-watering pies Aug. 22, 29 and Sept. 12. Pies will be available for sale on Aug. 22-23, Aug. 29-30 and Sept. 12-13. Only three baking days so respond quickly. Pies will also be available at the parish office during regular business hours. Cost is \$15 each. Once they are gone, they are gone!

Capital Campaign

St. Joseph is seeking contributions to our building fund for the Capital Campaign to pay for the new roof and parking lot. Specially marked envelopes are in the pews. Donations can be made online at stjosephmilford.org, in person at the office, or in an envelope in the weekly collection at church.

News From St. Joseph Parish



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

Sat., Aug. 8: 8 a.m. to noon, private meeting in Parish Center.

Sun., Aug. 9, 2 p.m.: Karess and Ryan in concert. Free will offering.

Mon., Aug. 10: 3 p.m., 4th Degree Knights of Columbus meeting in kitchen and parish hall.

Mon., Aug. 10: 6:30 to 9 p.m. Religious Education meeting, overflow.

Mon., Aug. 10: 6:30 p.m. St. Monica Holy Hour

Fri., Aug. 14: 5:30 p.m. Assumption of Mary Mass

Fri., Aug. 14: Rehearsal dinner in Parish Center for Huss/Bork wedding

Sun., Aug. 16: Fr. Hemann's 67th birthday. Card shower. Cards can be sent to him at 1305 Okoboji Ave., Milford, IA 51351.

Sat., Aug. 22: 7 a.m. KC pie making and sales.

Sat., Aug. 22 and Sun., Aug. 23: KC pies on sale at Mass. \$15 each. Limited number available this year. Get them before they are gone.

Religious Education for Preschool-12th Grade

Please register your children for Religious Education on the Parish website! We are in great need of a 5th grade catechist. Please contact Erin for details at 712-339-4555.



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

Non-Members: Raymond Wenzel, Lyle Calvert, Keli King, 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.

A FREE movie night will be held Wed., Aug. 12, 8:30 p.m. on the St. Joseph ballfield. "Sandlot Under The Stars" will be shown. Bring a chair or blanket. Several local businesses are hosting this event.

Ministry Schedule

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, August 8th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Doug Heller, Eldon Kraninger, Brad Shell

LECTOR: Ali Johnson

SERVERS: Audry Johnson Lleyton Peter

HOSPITALITY: Larry Arndt, Jim Baumgard, Dan & Mona O'Neil

Sunday, August 9th @ 7 a.m.

EMHC: Shelly & Marshall Matuska, Darlene Moritz

LECTOR: Ron Swartz

SERVERS: Alex Anderson, Jacob Anderson

HOSPITALITY: Bob & Donna Elser, Jon Sorenson

Sunday, August 9th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: John Heller, Cory Knudtson, Dori Lippon, Jerilyn Streit, Susan Willette, Becky Wittrock

LECTOR: MaryBeth Gehling

SERVERS: Emily Breuer, Olivia Breuer

HOSPITALITY: Dennis Lippon, James Nelson, Abby Walleck, Curt Willette

LIVESTREAM: Jack and Julie Kliegl

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 1

4 p.m.: +Nancy Meinen

Sunday, August 2

7 a.m.: For The People

9 a.m.: +Thomas Muhlbauer

Monday, August 3

10:30 a.m.: +Ervin Schmidt Funeral Mass

Tuesday, August 4

5:30 p.m.: +Tom Clary

Wednesday, August 5

7:30 a.m.: +Nancy Meinen

Thursday, August 6

7:30 a.m.: +Mary Davenport

Friday, August 7

7:30 a.m.: +Arlo Newman

Saturday, August 8

4 p.m.: +Don Baschke

Sunday, August 9

7 a.m.: For The People

9 a.m.: +Ervin Schmidt

CORRECTION: In the July 26th bulletin, the date for +John Bjornstad's funeral was inadvertently printed as Thurs., July 23. The funeral was held Thurs., July 30. We regret the error.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT JOSEPH

Monday, August 3

10:30 a.m.: +Ervin Schmidt Funeral

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

Tuesday, August 4

2 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration

5:15 p.m.: Benediction

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Wednesday, August 5

7:30 a.m.: Mass

Thursday, August 6

7:30 a.m.: Mass

8 a.m.: Bible Study

Friday, August 7

7:30 a.m.: Mass

Saturday, August 8

8 a.m. to Noon: Private Meeting, Parish Center

4 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, August 9

7 a.m.: Mass

9 a.m. Mass

2 p.m.: Arts Council Concert



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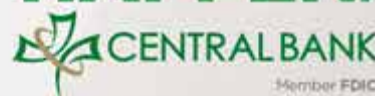
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The Spirit Lake Council meets the
1st Monday of each month at
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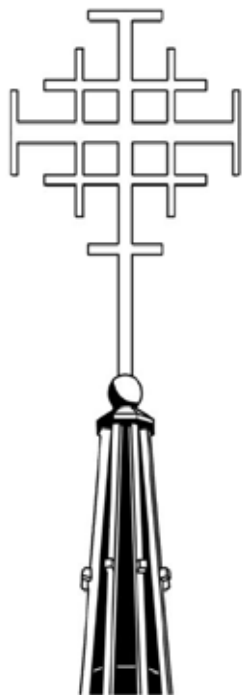
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News From St. Mary's Parish



Congratulations

Congratulations to Baker Brian Branigan, child of Benjamin and Amanda Branigan, who was baptized here at St. Mary's on July 26, 2026. Blessings to the Branigan family, and welcome Baker!



CDA Meeting

The next Catholic Daughters meeting will be on August 4th at 5:30 p.m. The ladies of St. Mary's are invited to attend.

Sunday Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a breakfast on August 16. Please join us for a fantastic breakfast and fellowship.

Summer Mass Schedule

Our summer Mass schedule at St. Mary's is 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

COR Men's Prayer and Faith Discussion

The next COR Men's Prayer & Faith Discussion session will take place on Monday, August 3rd, 17th, and 31st at 6:30 a.m. at St. Mary's. All men of the parish are invited to attend! Bring your coffee and join in lively and heart warming discussion!

Religious Education for Preschool-12th Grade

Please register your children for Religious Education on the Parish website! We are in great need of a 3rd, 4th, and 6th grade catechist. Please contact Erin for details at 712-339-4555.

Looking to hire a Meal Provider for 8 meals total to be hosted on Wednesday evenings this school year. Please contact Fr. Hemann for details!



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Monday-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:

Summer:

Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday at 8:30 and 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!

St. Mary Parish

In Search of a

Meal Provider

Role Description

- Provide Meals for Religious Education on Wednesday evenings
 - meal planning
 - shopping
 - cooking
 - organizing volunteers to help serve and clean up after meals

Contact

Fr. Hemann for more information

Meals to be served on
Wednesdays at 6:15pm on:

- 2026 Meals:
 - 9/9, 10/14, 11/11, 12/9,
- 2027 Meals
 - 1/20, 2/24, 3/17, and 4/14



News From St. Mary's Parish

This Week's Mass schedule

Monday, Aug. 3

12:00 p.m.: +Margaret Chonko-Meiners

Tuesday, Aug. 4

No Mass Today

Wednesday, Aug. 5

12 noon: +Stephanie Waddell

Thursday, Aug. 6

5:30 p.m.: +Lisa Galm

Friday, Aug. 7

12 noon: +Mike Koenecke

Saturday, Aug. 8

5:30 p.m.: L & D of St. Mary's

Sunday, Aug. 9

8:30 a.m.: +Marlyn & +Joyce Lonneman

10:30 a.m.: +Vonnire Grell

THIS WEEK AT GLANCE



Monday, Aug. 3

6:30 a.m.: COR Men's Prayer & Faith Discussion (Classroom)

12:00 p.m.: Mass

6:30 p.m.: Knights of Columbus Meeting (parish hall)

Tuesday, Aug. 4

5:30 p.m.: CDA Meeting (classroom)

Wednesday, Aug. 5

11:30 a.m.: Confession

12:00 p.m.: Mass

Thursday, Aug. 6

2 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Friday, Aug. 7

12:00 p.m.: Mass

Saturday, Aug. 8

4:45 p.m.: Confession

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, Aug. 9

8:30 a.m.: Mass

9 a.m.: Lectio Divina Group, clsm

9:45 a.m.: Confession

10:30 a.m.: Mass

2 p.m.: Lumen Christi Prayer Meeting (church)

Save the Date!

Gus Lloyd is coming to our parishes for a Day of Lenten Renewal on Saturday March 6, 2027! Who is Gus Lloyd? Gus was the host of the daily morning show on the Catholic Channel on Sirius XM (Channel 129) for 19 years. He retired in December. Gus lives in Tampa, Florida and travels the country to speak about Catholicism, motivating people to become all that God desires them to be. To find more about Gus, you can go to his Facebook page, website (<https://guslloyd.com/>), or You Tube page (@RealGusLloyd). Gus posts a daily reflection on the readings from the daily Mass. Please stay tuned for more information on this Day of Lenten Renewal featuring Gus Lloyd.

Build a New Life Workshop

The Diocese of Sioux City has partnered with Abounding Joy Ministries and their upcoming Build a New Life Workshop! Build a New Life is a Christ-centered, online support and healing Intensive created especially for Catholics experiencing the pain of marital stress, separation, divorce, or annulment. Led by certified Catholic Divorce Healing Coach Carolyn Klika Catino, this 12-week journey provides tools for emotional healing, spiritual renewal, and practical rebuilding — grounded in the truth and love of the Church. The next workshop begins on September 3! Use coupon code SIOU-100F26 for a discounted rate. Unsure if this is for you? Join an informational webinar on August 4. Visit www.aboundingjoyministry.com/events for more information.

How to Get the Diocesan News

Be sure you are signed up to receive the free LumenNotes 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.

Ministry Schedule

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 8th @ 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Patty Delaney, David Loebig, Sandi Smith

LECTOR: Scott Trautman

SERVERS: Creighton Trautman, Kennedy Trautman

HOSPITALITY: Jim Bunt, Nancy Carlson, John Delaney, Tom Kellen

ONLINE: Kaitlyn Trautman

Sunday, August 9th @ 8:30 a.m.

EMHC: John & Joleen Brown, Renee Quance

LECTOR: Doug Zemler

SERVERS: Nora Sandy

HOSPITALITY: Ron & Sharon Crowley, Dale Vortherms, Jim Wiese

Sunday, August 9th @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Brian & Michella Koppen, Margie & Tom Lynch

LECTOR: Don Breuker

SERVERS: Gabe Bennett

HOSPITALITY: Mike Davis, Sylvia Jennings, Kim Kirschbaum

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 Cynthia at smoffice@thelakescatholic.church or 712-339-4554 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.

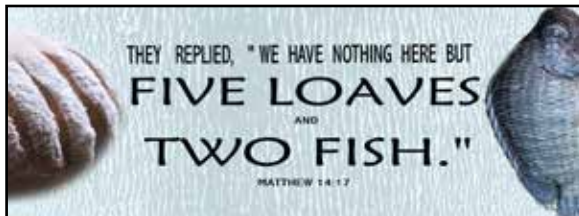
CONFESSIONS:

Wednesday at 11:30 a.m., Saturday at 4:45 p.m. and Sunday at 9:45 a.m.



A Note From Fr. Hemann

On the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A), the Gospel presents the profound miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, where Jesus feeds a vast crowd with just five loaves and two fish. This powerful narrative reveals a God who deeply desires to nourish us, both physically and spiritually, refusing to send us away hungry. Just as He spoke the entire universe into existence out of nothing, the Creator of all things can effortlessly multiply our meager offerings—proving that when we place what little we have into His hands, His divine abundance easily surpasses our greatest limitations.



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ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

OICIA begins Tues., Sept. 1, 2026. Classes this year will be held at St. Joseph's. Contact Erin, Director of Faith Formation, at 712-339-4555 for more information. These classes are for all who are interested in joining the Catholic Faith and those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. Catholics seeking a deeper understanding of the faith are also welcome.

4th Degree Monsignor McCoy Assembly. Social on Mon, Aug 10. Mass at 5:30 at St. Joseph in Milford. Social will follow Mass. This is our Annual Steak Fry, Meal cost will be \$15 each. Let Don Breuker know for a head count. Text or Call: 712-461-1321. bfsdonb@msn.com. Or reply to our Assembly e-mail. Find your role for God, family and country as a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus.

Ministry Support Specialist Needed

Are you organized, friendly, and looking to serve our parish community? St. Mary's Church is hiring a full-time Ministry Support Specialist to help manage our busy parish office and activities. Duties include answering phones, greeting visitors, coordinating parish activities and communications, coordinating calendars and facility bookings, and supporting our ministry leaders. An ability to learn and use electronic systems is required. If you are interested in applying for this position, please submit an application and resume to Fr. Hemann or the parish office. Applications are available on the counter in the narthex.

The Lakes Catholic Community Staff

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Stewardship REPORT

In today's Gospel, Jesus feeds the five thousand with five loaves and two fish. The message of stewardship is that God's gifts, *shared*, will always be more than enough.

ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL STEWARDSH

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