

The Saint Joseph Journal

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WHY DO WE STILL USE LATIN IN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH?

I remember being a high school student, already thinking seriously about the priesthood, when I saw a Roman Missal on a friend's shelf. He pulled it down, opened it, and I was struck by the Latin on the pages. I remember thinking, "If I had to pray the whole Mass in Latin, I'm not sure I would ever become a priest!" I am deeply grateful that the Church allows us to pray the Mass in the vernacular, so that the Word of God, the prayers, and especially the homily can be readily understood.

But, as is so often true in the Catholic Church, it is not simply either/or; it is both/and. The vernacular helps us understand, while Latin helps us remember that the Mass is bigger than any one parish, language, or culture. Most of the Mass is prayed in English, but certain familiar parts can be beautifully sung in Latin for very good reasons.

1. Latin is the universal language of the Church. There is something powerful about standing in St. Peter's Basilica, or in a church anywhere in the world, and hearing the same sacred words sung and prayed by people from many nations.



Our Parish

By
Fr. David
Hemann

Latin reminds us that we belong not merely to a local congregation, but to one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church that stretches across

the Agnus Dei ("Lamb of God") at both St. Mary's in Spirit Lake and St. Joseph's in Milford. These are not obscure texts; they are among the most familiar parts of the Mass. Because we already know what they mean, singing them in Latin can become not a barrier, but a bridge.

4. The parts of the Mass we sing in Latin are so well known that we can usually connect with them immediately, and sometimes even more deeply. When we sing Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, we know we are singing "Holy, Holy, Holy." Latin lifts us beyond our own familiar "sandbox" and helps us experience the wider Church. The word Catholic means universal, and the occasional use of Latin gives us a concrete way to celebrate that universality in the liturgy.

Sanctus

continents and centuries.

2. Within a Mass celebrated in the vernacular, Latin is like a beautiful seasoning: it adds depth, reverence, and continuity. It can also preserve precision. Across the centuries, Latin has helped the Church hand on her prayers with remarkable stability, so that what we pray today remains connected to what generations before us prayed.

3. For many years now, we have sung the Sanctus ("Holy, Holy, Holy") and

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OCTOBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Mass at 7:30 a.m. ✓ 8 a.m.: Bible Study St. Rita's Room ✓ 6 p.m. Brinkman/Sorenson Rehearsal	2 ✓ 7:30 a.m. Mass ✓ 2 p.m.: Brinkman/Sorenson Vows ✓ Heikens/Erickson Rehearsal	3 ✓ Heikens/Erickson Vows ✓ Mass at 4 p.m.
4 ✓ Mass at 9 a.m.	5 No Mass Today ✓ 7:30 p.m. AL-ANON Overflow ✓ 8 p.m.: AA Nazareth	6 ✓ Eucharistic Ador. 2-5:15 pm ✓ 5:15: Benediction ✓ 5:30 pm Mass ✓ 6:30 pm: OCIA, basement	7 ✓ 7:30 a.m. Mass ✓ 9 a.m.: Centering Prayer Group, St. Rita Room ✓ REL ED: 5:15-6:15 & 7 to 8 p.m.	8 ✓ 7:30 a.m. Mass ✓ 8 a.m.: Bible Study St. Rita's Room ✓ 11 A.M. ONES meet @ The Rise & Grind, Lake Park ✓ 5:30 pm: CDA meets, Nazareth	9 ✓ 7:30 a.m. Mass Cedar/Olivaries Rehearsal	10 2 p.m.: Cedar/Olivaries Vows ✓ Mass at 4 p.m.
11 ✓ Mass at 9 a.m.	12 ✓ Mass at 5:30 p.m. ✓ 6:30 p.m.: St. Monica's Holy Hour AL-ANON Overflow ✓ 8 p.m.: AA-Naz	13 ✓ 7:30 a.m. <u>Mass</u> (NOTE CHANGE OF TIME) ✓ Eucharistic Ador. 2-5:15 pm ✓ 5:15: Benediction ✓ 6:30: OCIA, bsmt	14 ✓ 7:30 a.m. Mass ✓ 9 a.m.: Centering Prayer Group, St. Rita ✓ REL ED: 5:15-6:15 & 7 to 8 p.m.	15 ✓ 7:30 a.m. Mass ✓ 8:15 a.m. Bible Study, St. Rita's Room	16 ✓ 7:30 a.m. Mass Duffney/Steburg Rehearsal	17 2 p.m.: Duffney/Steburg Vows ✓ Mass at 4 p.m.
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25 ✓ Mass at 9 a.m.	26 No Mass Today ✓ 7:30 p.m. AL-ANON Overflow ✓ 8 p.m.: AA, Naz	27 ✓ Eucharistic Ador. 2-5:15 pm ✓ 5:15: Benediction ✓ 5:30 pm Mass ✓ 6:30 pm: OCIA, basement	28 ✓ 7:30 a.m. Mass ✓ 9 a.m.: Centering Prayer Group, St. Rita ✓ REL ED: 5:15-6:15 & 7 to 8 p.m.	29 ✓ 7:30 a.m. Mass ✓ 8:15 a.m. Bible Study, St. Rita's	30 ✓ 7:30 a.m. Mass	31 ✓ Mass at 4 p.m.

11:23 AM
09/15/26
Accrual Basis

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
Profit Loss Prev Year Comparison
August 2026

		Aug 26	Aug 25	Jul - Aug 26	Jul - Aug 25
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
	40000 · PARISH INCOME	80,087.27	50,591.21	189,819.59	110,472.14
	41000 · INVESTMENT INCOME	-15,111.94	4,295.78	-14,635.69	9,267.62
	44000 · AUXILIARY INCOME	13,906.98	6,286.07	20,706.25	45,447.91
	47000 · CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS	105.00	113.00	207.00	231.00
	49000 · OTHER INCOME	2,000.00	860.00	7,304.79	2,530.00
	Total Income	80,987.31	62,146.06	203,401.94	167,948.67
Expense					
	50000 · SALARIES AND WAGES	25,465.68	26,129.08	49,106.88	53,772.95
	51000 · ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	6,348.64	6,655.65	13,019.05	12,795.16
	51300 · MISSION EFFECTIVENES	4,801.29	5,083.38	27,825.70	14,150.23
	51400 · BUILDING AND GROUNDS	12,487.23	10,403.76	26,879.59	31,068.65
	51900 · OTHER ADMIN EXPENSES	231.46	195.27	749.58	368.32
	53000 · ASSESSMENTS	2,658.00	5,276.00	5,316.00	5,276.00
	54000 · AUXILIARY EXPENSE	3,714.30	505.00	11,481.82	15,301.41
	59000 · OTHER EXPENSES	6,953.73	0.00	6,953.73	8,444.64
	Total Expense	62,660.33	54,248.14	141,332.35	141,177.36
	Net Ordinary Income	18,326.98	7,897.92	62,069.59	26,771.31
Other Income/Expense					
Other Expense					
	59943 · St. Joe's House Expense	-120.20	499.96	-36.00	502.63
	Total Other Expense	-120.20	499.96	-36.00	502.63
	Net Other Income	120.20	-499.96	36.00	-502.63
	Net Income	18,447.18	7,397.96	62,105.59	26,268.68

**PLEASE mark this on your
calendar now!**
**Sunday morning Mass on
Sunday, November 22 will
change from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
because of the
annual Harvest Dinner.**



11:29 AM
09/15/26
Accrual Basis

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
As of August 31, 2026

	Aug 31, 26	Aug 31, 25
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
11000 · CASH	266,028.27	399,753.71
12000 · INVESTMENTS	1,356,951.12	1,168,958.85
Total Checking/Savings	1,622,979.39	1,568,712.56
Accounts Receivable		
13000 · GENERAL RECEIVABLES	25,810.06	38,064.00
Total Accounts Receivable	25,810.06	38,064.00
Other Current Assets		
17000 · OTHER ASSETS	0.00	-20,887.97
Total Other Current Assets	0.00	-20,887.97
Total Current Assets	1,648,789.45	1,585,888.59
Fixed Assets		
18000 · FIXED ASSETS	3,768,316.01	3,768,316.01
19000 · ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	-502,763.92	-502,763.92
Total Fixed Assets	3,265,552.09	3,265,552.09
TOTAL ASSETS	4,914,341.54	4,851,440.68
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
22000 · PAYROLL LIABILITIES	4,344.31	1,381.04
24000 · FUNDS HELD FOR OTHERS	11,551.59	15,087.61
Total Other Current Liabilities	15,895.90	16,468.65
Total Current Liabilities	15,895.90	16,468.65
Total Liabilities	15,895.90	16,468.65
Equity		
31000 · UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE	4,621,485.28	4,593,848.58
32000 · PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED FUND B...	198,421.84	198,421.84
33000 · TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	16,432.93	16,432.93
Net Income	62,105.59	26,268.68
Total Equity	4,898,445.64	4,834,972.03
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	4,914,341.54	4,851,440.68

For Your Information

September Statistics

(as of September 20, 2026)

Baptized in Christ:

None

Weddings

August 29, 2026
Austin Harms and
Elli Hanson

Deaths

None



The St. Joseph Parish
Family warmly welcomes
the following into
membership:

- ✓ John and Patricia
Shea, of Lake Park;
- ✓ Dan and Nancy
Protector, of Okoboji;
Marcia Collins,
of Milford; and
Michael and Cathy
Comstock,
of West Okoboji.

Eucharistic Adoration Offered at St. Joseph



All are welcome
to join in Eucharistic
Adoration at St. Jo-
seph's on Tuesdays
from 2 p.m. to 5:15
p.m. Benediction at 5:15 p.m.
concludes the period of Ado-
ration.

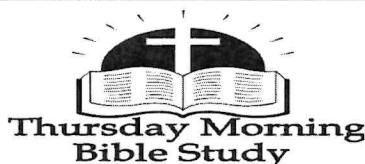


"Heaven nice day!"



All Souls Novena

Remember your loved ones in
the All Souls Day Novena of
Nine Masses which begin Tues-
day, Nov. 3. Envelopes for this
purpose are in your packet or
located near the elevator. Dead-
line for inclusion in the bulletin is
Wed., 28 at 12 noon.



Join us for Bible Study
Thursdays,
8 a.m.
in St. Rita's Room.
Good Fellowship.
Refreshments.

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Copy for the next issue is due on
the 15th of the preceding month.

Finance Council Meeting Aug. 26, 2026

The St. Joseph Finance Council met Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2026, 5:15 p.m. in the St. Rita Conference Room. Fr. Hemann called the meeting to order and led the group in prayer. The following were in attendance: Fr. Hemann, Lay Directors Doug Heller and Jim Baumgard, Council Members John Heller, Jack Kliegl, Bob Louwagie, Sherry Titterington, Anne Donovan, Chris Stein and Financial Secretary/Business Manager Susan Reiser. Kliegl moved with a second by Donovan to approve the minutes from June 10, 2026. All ayes. Carried.

Financial reports were reviewed including budget vs. actual for July, budget vs. actual for this fiscal year, balance sheet with previous year comparison for July and for this fiscal year. Baumgard moved with a second by Titterington to approve the financial reports.

Discussion was held on the reason a line item was included in the budget for the Deacon's salary when the Deacon was no longer being paid. Reiser explained that it was included at the request of Fr. Hemann. Discussion ensued concerning the hiring of a ministry support specialist at St. Mary's which Hemann indicated St. Joseph would be responsible for a portion of that salary. A job description was reviewed. Doug Heller moved with a second from Baumgard to remove the amount out of the budget. All ayes. Hemann expressed his opposition and asked that a closed session be held with Lay Directors Doug Heller and Jim Baumgard in the future.

Diocesan Annual Report

Reiser presented the required Annual Financial Report for 2025-26 required by the Diocese of Sioux City. As part of this report, finance council members were required to view a comparative balance sheet dated June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2026, a profit and loss statement for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2025 and a budget vs. actual statement for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 as well as a Corporate Resolution. The Council members signed the report for certification. The 64-page report will be sent to the Diocese early next week. Louwagie moved with a second by Stein to approve the annual financial report. All ayes. Carried.

Projects

A hail storm on Aug. 8, 2026 damaged the roof of the Clary House. An insurance inspector from Catholic Mutual determined that the roof must be replaced as it had considerable damage. The cost to replace the roof with a like kind and quality asphalt shingle will be covered less the 10 percent deductible. If the parish chooses to upgrade the roofing material, we will need to pay the difference. We need to have three competitive bids for the replacement of this roof. It is important to remember that the 10 percent deductible is never less than \$2,500 and never more than \$5,000. Finance Council members requested that staff also get a bid for a steel roof and class 4 shingles.

Some cement work will need to be completed around the portico columns, along the west side of the church, by the kitchen door and by manholes before the new parking lot can be laid. Louwagie volunteered to spearhead this project. We are anticipating a late September date for the new parking lot.

The patio fence, located on the north side of the main rectory, needs attention. It was discussed and decided that it needs to be power washed and re stained at some point. In the meantime, Louwagie volunteered to repair the fence.

An insurance inspection of the St. Joseph facilities was recently completed by Catholic Mutual. The seven-page report notes minor repairs that need to be made: a few exit lights that need batteries, one fire extinguisher that is outdated, a loose pew, repair of sealant behind the fountain wall, a broken bucket on the changing table, a "rough looking" parking lot and an unsafe paper cutter. Staff will work to correct the items noted.

A new Diocesan financial and internal control policy was reviewed. A few changes will be implemented by staff to be sure we are in compliance with this request.

An update on the \$350,000 Capital Campaign was given. A complete accounting will be released in early September.

Reiser was excused at 6:15 p.m. from the meeting while the Council spoke with Fr. Hemann. Reiser returned at 6:30 and a group photo was taken to be used for the new directory.

Stein moved with a second by John Heller to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. All ayes. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Reiser

Susan Reiser

Business Manager

Building and Grounds

The St. Joseph Building and Grounds Committee met Wednesday, September 2, 2026, 5:15 p.m. in the St. Rita Conference Room. Present: Fr. David Hemann, Jim Baumgard, Dean Reiser, Mike Sjoblom, John Heller, Bob Louwagie, Bill Aumer, Alex Jones, Lyn Moritz and Business Manager Susan Reiser. Absent and excused was Pam Fisher. Fr. Hemann called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer.

Some concrete work needs to be done prior to laying a new asphalt parking lot. The bids were discussed from Marlin Concrete and Lion G Concrete, LLC. After reviewing the bids, the Building and Grounds Committee voted to accept the bid from Lion G Concrete in the amount of \$8,353. Marlin's bid was \$11,263.04. Moved by Dean Reiser, second by Heller to approve the bid. The concrete work will include the repair of the columns on the portico with rebar and foam, the pavers by the kitchen door will be removed and concrete will be poured in that space, a corner slab in Mary's Garden and a four foot slab on the west side of the church. The southwest corner of the church will be repaired also.

The patio fence at the rectory is also in need of repair. Louwagie volunteered to repair two boards and recommended that the entire fence be pressure washed, stained and sealed. Louwagie obtained an estimate from Mike Walsh, of Milford, to complete the work. His bid of \$1,350 was approved by the committee.

Discussion of the tree stump on the southside of the church was held. It was originally thought that the maple tree removed would be an excellent area for a St. Joseph carving. After a local arborist investigated the tree stump left, it was determined that the condition of the tree was not conducive for such a carving. A second idea sprung up that a statue of St. Joseph could be placed inside the trunk of the tree. This idea was also not possible with the condition of the tree. Sjoblom moved with a second by Aumer to not pursue the St. Joseph statue idea. All ayes. Carried. Moritz moved with a second by Dean Reiser to remove the stump and landscape the area. All ayes. Carried. Staff will contact the tree firm who removed the two trees originally and have the stump removed.

Some discussion was held on the bushes on the south side of the church in front of the air conditioning units. It was suggested that these bushes be removed and new ones planted which would be lower and allow adequate air to get to the air conditioning units. Staff will visit with the landscaper.

Moved by Moritz, second by Jones to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. All ayes. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Reiser

Susan Reiser

Business Manager

CDA Table of Remembrance

The Catholic Daughters of St. Joseph's invite parishioners to share photos of loved ones who will not be at your table this Thanksgiving. The remembrance table will be set up Oct. 26 by Mary's Garden and removed before November 29th, the first Sunday of Advent.

Volunteers are the
HE **RT**
of our church

As we transition from our busy summer to our lighter winter months, we just want to say THANK YOU to our wonderful volunteers who gave of their time and talent to make the projects and ministries at St. Joseph a success the past few months.

Please know that we appreciate YOU everyday.

CDA News

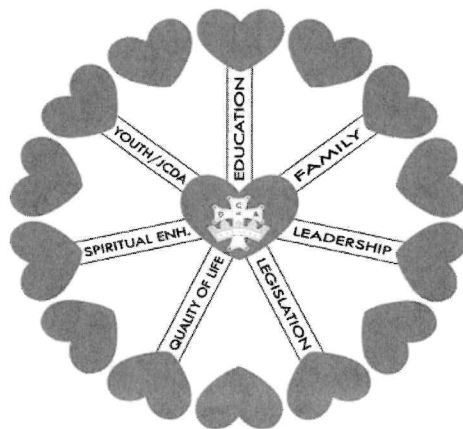


Catholic Daughters of the Americas will celebrate their 75th Anniversary on Sun., Oct. 18, 2026. The national organization was founded in 1903 with the motto of "Unity and Charity." St. Joseph Parish's Court Our Lady of La Salette was instituted on October 24, 1951, and continues to serve the parish and community with many activities organized under the seven spokes of the Circle of Love. Examples of our projects are:

- ✓ **Education:** scholarships for post high school students; support for seminarians; education contest with local, state and national prizes.
- ✓ **Family:** holiday gifts to families and nursing home residents; layette collection and donation to local charities and hospital.
- ✓ **Leadership:** biannual review of Court financial records; hosting Iowa State CDA Fall Workshop
- ✓ **Legislation:** White Ribbons Against Pornography; Lifesavers Campaign against domestic violence and human trafficking
- ✓ **Quality of Life:** free community Veterans Soup Supper (Nov. 7, 2026); serve Ash Wednesday Soup Supper (Feb. 10, 2027)
- ✓ **Spiritual Enhancement:** Tables of Remembrance, Mass of Remembrance, Prayer Ministry, & Rosary Ministry
- ✓ **Youth:** First Reconciliation Celebration and Blessed Virgin Mary Crowning.

Through fund-raisers, such as the Spring Salad Luncheon and Pioneer Days Bake Sale, we earn funds that are contributed to parish, community, state and national organizations and individuals.

Women of the parish, 18 years of older, are welcome to join our Court and help us be the hands and heart of Our Lord in our parish and community. Learn more about the CDA at our meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. With questions or interest, contact Deb Johnson Regent (712-330-2980) or Connie Tesene, Vice Regent (641-512-5288)





October is Altar Server Month

All youth and adults, men and women, are invited to be a part of this ministry. Training will be available after the 4 p.m. and 9 a.m. Masses in the month of October on Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 24. Each weekend training will cover a different part of the Mass.

If you have been a server before and wish to be once again, this is a perfect time to rejoin this ministry.

Please contact the office to let us know if you would like to be an altar server and then select the Mass times you prefer.

- - - Altar Server Sign-Up Tear-Off Section - - -

Please sign me up to serve at the following Mass Times:

(These listings include all Mass times in the winter and summer schedules).

(Please circle the times you prefer)

Saturday: 4 p.m.
Sunday: 7 a.m. 9 a.m. 11 a.m.

NAME: _____

Phone: _____

If you wish to have further training, please list a time that would work best for you.

Thank you for volunteering!



**The 14th Annual
Veterans Soup Supper,
sponsored by
Catholic Daughters
Court Our Lady of
La Salette #1585,
will be held
after the 4 p.m. Mass
on Sat., Nov. 7, 2026**

**in the Parish Center at
St. Joseph Catholic Church.**

Doors open at 5 p.m. with social time.

**Soup Supper, program and
give-aways at 5:30 p.m.**

**The meal is FREE to all Veterans and
their spouse or significant other.**

**We appreciate your
service
to our country.**



✓ Mark Your Calendar For The.....

**2026 Annual
Roast Beef and Ham
Harvest Dinner
*Sunday, Nov. 22***

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
(OR WHEN WE RUN OUT!)

at

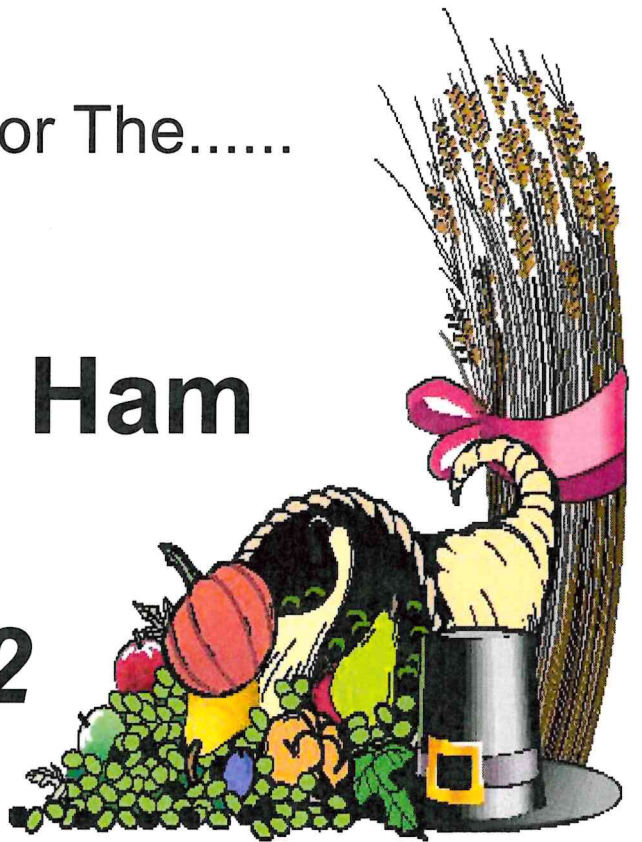
**Saint Joseph's Parish Center
Milford, IA**

**Cost is \$17 for adults; \$8 for children
ages 6-12, with preschoolers eating free!**

Carry-outs and Milford City delivery will be available.

**Call the parish office, 712-338-2274,
to be on the delivery list.**

(Logistics of meal is subject to change)



**Saint Joseph Parish
1305 Okoboji Ave.
Milford, Iowa 51351
712-338-2274**

Friday, Sept. 18, 2026

Dear Parishioners:

On Sunday, Nov. 22, 2026 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., we will have our annual Harvest Dinner here at Saint Joseph Parish, in Milford. This dinner will include roast beef and ham, real mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad and pie or dessert. To make this dinner a total success, it needs the cooperation of everyone. Printed elsewhere in this newsletter is a work sheet for that dinner listing the areas where volunteers will be needed. Sign-up sheets are on the windows in the church lobby. When all hands work together, we certainly will have a successful operation.

Cost for the dinner is \$17 for adults. Young people under 12 is \$8.00. Children under five is free. Once again, all tickets will be entered into a drawing for five \$20 cash prizes. Credit cards will be accepted.

Please also note that parish members whose last names are from **A-L** are asked to bring a **large salad that will feed 12-15 persons**. Those parishioners with last names **M-Z** are asked to bring **two homemade pies or a pan of dessert**. Please refrigerate your pies if they are of an egg nature. If you cannot bring either, a \$20 contribution is being asked. These pies and salads should be delivered to the church sometime Saturday, Nov. 21 or Sunday, Nov. 22 prior to 10 a.m. Carry-outs and will be available.

Again this year we will offer a delivery service. Persons residing within the Milford city limits can order a Harvest Dinner meal to be delivered to their home.

I am looking forward to this annual event so that we can appreciate the many blessings from the Lord and realize how He is blessing us and that we need to be good stewards. This Harvest Dinner can help remind us of all of that.

If you have any additional concerns or questions, please feel free to call the parish office.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. David

Your Pastor
Fr. David Hemann



HARVEST DINNER

Sunday, November 22, 2026 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Volunteer Schedule

Dinner Cooking Committee:

**Dean Reiser, Alex Jones, Joel Naber
Lyn Moritz, Scott Neppl**

Set-Up Saturday, November 21: (1 p.m. Sharp)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Water-Milk-Coffee:

Shift 1 - 10:30-12:00 - (Need 6)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Shift 2 - 12:00-1:00 (Need 6)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Dessert Servers: 1 SHIFT: 9 am. to End (2)

_____	_____
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Dishwashers: Shift 1: Entire Shift (2)

_____	_____
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Clean-Up: 1 PM (need many)

Many make light work for all!

**Bus People: (need 2 adults and 5 youth)
Shift 1: 10:30 until done.**

_____	_____
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Coffee Makers: 1 Shift - All Day -

Darlene Moritz

To be assigned where needed:

Ticket Signers:

Basket:

Kitchen Helpers:

Shift 1: 10:30-1:00

KITCHEN Shift 2: 12:00-2:00 (Need 2)

Michael Tindall Tracy Tindall

Gravy Maker: Lois Eckard

Money Table:

Credit Cards: S. Reiser

Scrapers: Youth and Adults:

Salad Servers: ONE Shift - (2):

10:30 a.m.-1 P.M.

_____	_____
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Take-Out Line: (FULL)

Faith Garcia (Chair), Loretta Halbur

Pam Hanson

Money: Cheryl Aumer

Potato Crew (Peelers: 1 p.m. Sat. Sharp)

Potato Mashers and Servers

All Shifts: 10:30-1 p.m. (Filled)

Lyn Moritz

Greeters and Seaters:

Shift 1: 10:30-1 p.m. (Entire Shift

Delivery People - (Need 2)

_____	_____
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Serving Line (1 shift-10:15-end) (FULL)

Bob Kollasch

Joe Kollasch

Sharon Mayer

Laundry: _____

**Home alone
on Thanksgiving?**

No place to go?

**You're invited to spend Thanksgiving
with other St. Joseph Parishioners
at the 13th annual Thanksgiving Dinner
THURSDAY, NOV. 26, 12 noon,
St. Joseph Parish Center, Milford.**

**The dinner is free but a reservation
must be made to insure adequate food.**

Call the parish office to reserve.

**There will be NO carry-outs
or deliveries.**



**JOIN US....for the 3rd
Annual Rosary/Altar Christmas Bazaar**

Saturday, Dec. 5

8:30-10:30 a.m.

Overflow Room at St. Joseph

***10 different and delicious Christmas
cookies will be baked by St. Joseph
bakers in the church kitchen
and packaged for sale!**

Price is only \$25.

**What an easy way to get your holiday
baking completed!**

***At the same time, lovely jewelry and
Christmas items will be for sale. This idea
is designed for children to be able to
purchase mom, grandma, the neighbor,
dad, uncle, brother, etc. an inexpensive
gift of for only \$5.**

Free gift wrapping!

All proceeds to building projects.



Annual Rosary/Altar Christmas Event

The "TEAM" has been assembled.

The recipes have been tested.

**The goal is to bake 600 each of 10 kinds of cookies
for a total of 6,000 cookies or 150 gift boxes.**

Thanks to all who volunteered for this adventure!

Mixers and Assistants:

Team 1: Lois Eckard & Sharon Sjoblom

Team 2: Pam Hansen & Jean Schmidt

Team 3: Linda Louwagie & Connie Tesene

Team 4: Tootie Stellmach and Kae Luchtel

Team 5: Donna Goebel & Diane Frank

Floaters and Dippers:

Susan Reiser, Diane Lynch, Marcia Collins,
Deb Travis, Mitzi Maranell, Darlene Moritz

There is always a job for another volunteer, like you, on
Mon., Nov. 30, 8:30 a.m. to mix the ingredients and bake!

Tues., Dec. 1 at 8 a.m. to package. Welcome to all!

Cookies will be on sale at the Holiday Bazaar at the Church

Sat., Dec. 5, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.,

and at 4 p.m. Mass that day if any remain.

To reserve your box, call the parish office today!

THE PROPOSED COOKIE MENU

1. Almond Bark Specials

2. Mound Balls

3. Peanut Butter Cups

4. Reese's Cups

5. Peanut Clusters

6. Sugar Cookies

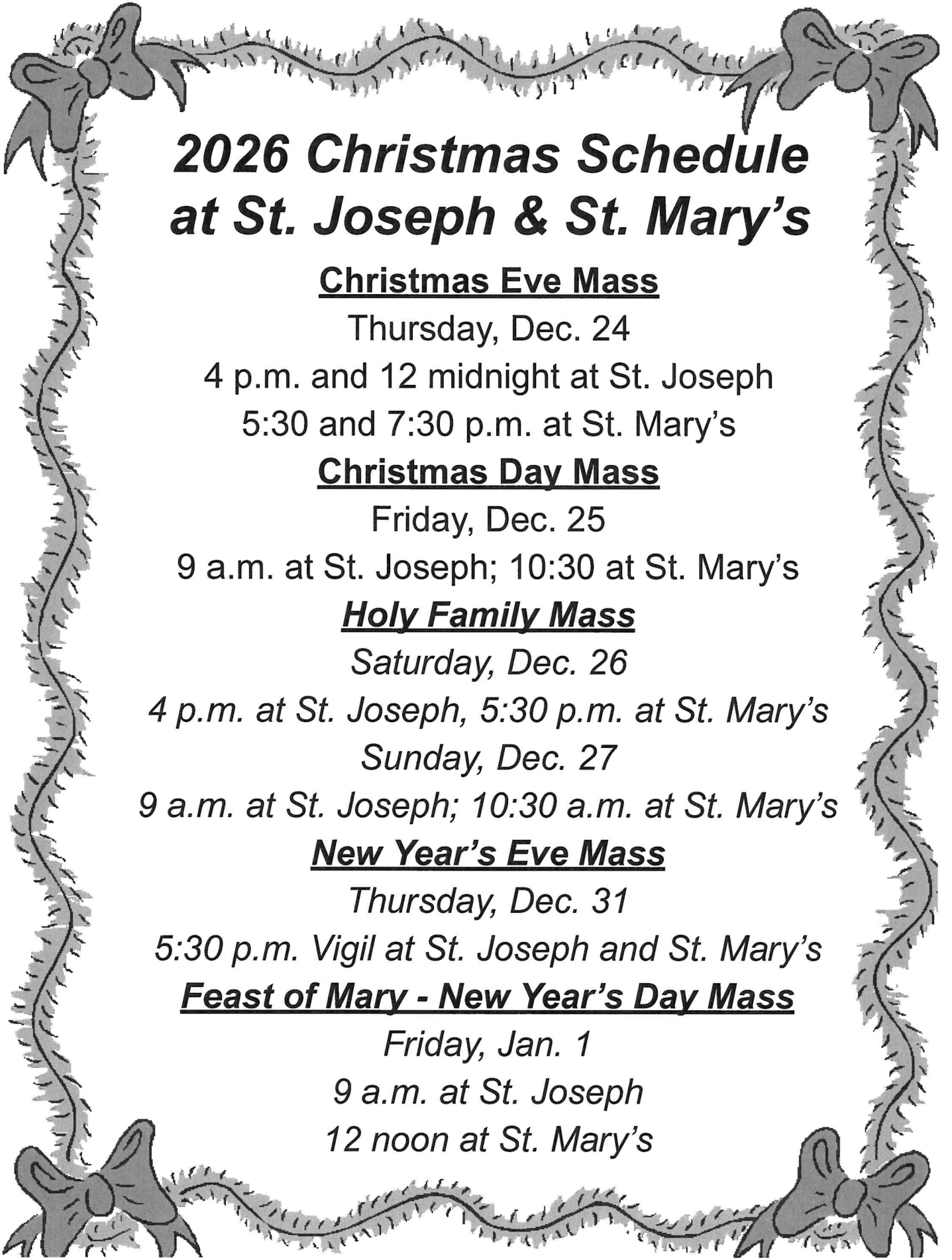
7. Chocolate Crinkles

8. Thumb Print Cookies

9. Peanut Butter Blossoms

10: M and M Cookies





2026 Christmas Schedule at St. Joseph & St. Mary's

Christmas Eve Mass

Thursday, Dec. 24

4 p.m. and 12 midnight at St. Joseph

5:30 and 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's

Christmas Day Mass

Friday, Dec. 25

9 a.m. at St. Joseph; 10:30 at St. Mary's

Holy Family Mass

Saturday, Dec. 26

4 p.m. at St. Joseph, 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary's

Sunday, Dec. 27

9 a.m. at St. Joseph; 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's

New Year's Eve Mass

Thursday, Dec. 31

5:30 p.m. Vigil at St. Joseph and St. Mary's

Feast of Mary - New Year's Day Mass

Friday, Jan. 1

9 a.m. at St. Joseph

12 noon at St. Mary's

CDA News



CDA Meeting Minutes-September 10, 2026

Our Lady of La Salette Court #1585 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas met on Sept. 10, 2026. Regent D Johnson started the meeting at 5:30 p.m. with a Hail Mary and the Pledge of Allegiance. Regent Johnson welcomed everyone including several guests and recognized new and previous officers. Roll call of officers found all in attendance and 19 members were present. Minutes from the May, 26th meeting were approved as presented by general consent. The Treasurer's Report was given by C. Houseman and approved. Bills presented and motion to approve these expenses by C. Aumer, second by C. Mataloni. Motion carried. K Naber, Financial Secretary reported court has 50 members and all dues are paid for 2026. Two new members completed paperwork for membership.

Correspondence: Father Gunther - Thank you, Youth group - Thank you for providing the breakfast before leaving for Rome. St. Mary's Court is requesting assistance with expenses for guest speaker, Gus Lloyd. Following discussion court members asked to have someone from St. Mary's court to come to our October meeting to share more details before deciding.

Circle of Love Projects Reports: D Johnson reported on CDA fundraising efforts for 2026.

Education: New member Coffee with C. Tesene and D. Johnson at Topog went well.

Leadership: D. Mortiz shared report from the National Convention that she and C Tesene attended. Our court had donated pin cushions for the Iowa fundraising table, the unsold ones were given to members present. Other items from the convention were available to members.

Request for CDA to move their supplies to the Northeast classroom. It was decided this will occur after mass on September 11th.

26/27 CDA yearbook and standing committees will be updated and available at the Oct. Meeting.

D Bode reported on CDA Sunday and 75th Anniversary on October 18. The court will participate in the Mass and the breakfast for members after Mass. Sign-up sheet was circulated for duties. IA CDA fall workshop at Emmetsburg on September 12th with D. Mortiz going.

Legislation: We will participate in WRAP the end of October. October is Right to Life and this will be mentioned at the beginning of each CDA rosary during the month of Oct.

Quality of Life: Fall Food Event was discussed. Motion by C Aumer to donate a total of \$200.00, \$100.00 to Dickinson County Hunger Coalition and \$100.00 to the state CDA, 2nd by D. Mortiz, motion carried.

Veteran Soup Supper was discussed to be held November 7, 2026 with co-chairs C Houseman and C Tesene. Following discussion D Bode made motion for court to purchase \$200.00 in gift cards and 2nd by C. Tesene, motion carried.

Spiritual Enhancement: The Table of Remembrance will be out at the end of October. Mass and Rosary of Remembrance will be held November 17, 2026 with mass starting at 5:30 followed by the Rosary.

Future Dates: Court's 75th Anniversary Oct.18, 2026, Mass and Rosary of Remembrance Nov, 17, 2026.

Prayer requests were shared.

For the Good of The Order: Vice Regent C Tesene shared information about 9/11

Following the closing prayer the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by Regent Deb Johnson

KC News



Knights of Columbus #7284 Milford, Iowa

The August 27, 2026 meeting was called to order at 7pm with 12 members present. Opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were said. Previous minutes were approved, motion by Brad, 2nd by Mark. 1 nay.

GK Message: Thanks to all the Brother Knights who helped out on Bingo night at the Milford Care Center. We had about 10 participants and it went very well. Thanks to all the faithful Knights and everyone else who helped make pies August 22. We had about 32 people and made 421 pies, finishing by 10:15. Box making and room setup went well thanks to all the great help.

Thanks for the help from brother knights that served the Seminarian dinner July 30th. We fed about 34 people. Thank you note from Birthright of Spencer was passed around to read.

Chaplain's/Lector's report: none

Insurance Agent report: none

Financial Secretary report: Membership 105. Motion to approve Scott, John 2nd, approved.

Treasurer's report: Motion to approve Brad, Doug 2nd, approved.

Old Business

- a. We owe St. Joseph's \$137.50 for our half of the add in the bulletin.

New Business

- a. The next pie box making and room setup will be at 8 a.m. on Thursday, August 27. Any and all are welcome.

- b. Pie making will be Saturday, August 29 starting at 7:30. All faithful Knights and others are welcome. The earlier we start, the sooner we finish. Thank you.

- c. The final box making and room setup for this year will be Thursday, September 10 at 8:00. Pie making will be on Saturday, September 12 starting at 7:30.

- d. We will do the Tootsie Roll Drive at Sunshine Foods on Friday, September 4 and Saturday, September 5, 9:00-3:00 both days. If you are available and want to help, call me at 712 330-6868. Signup sheet at the meeting.

- e. On Saturday, September 19 the Knights will do all the ministries at the 4:00 Mass. Please plan ahead for this.

- f. We will do the Tootsie Roll Drive at St. Joe's on September 19 and 20 following the Masses. If you're at either Mass plan to help with this worthy cause.

- g. The next Bingo night will be Wednesday, Sept. 9 at the Milford Care Center. Show up at 6:45, start at 7:00. Thanks

- h. Coats for Kids, \$1000 in budget. Ray will check with Mary Lou on sizes and number needed.

- i. Doug will reserve the gym for Free Throw Contest in January.

- j. There are 9 Seminarians in the Dioceses, we have in the budget to donate \$200 each for support. The check will be sent to the Dioceses and be distributed. Motion Joseph, Brad 2nd, approved.

Good of the Order: Terry Abbas, Jeff Luchtel, Paul Naber, Eugene Naber, Mark Foss, Rhonda Wittrock Repinski, Jolene Rubis.

Attendance Drawing: Scott Goehring-NP There was \$50 in the drawing and drew more names until some one won it, Congratulations Mark Johnson.

Next Meeting: September 24

Closing Prayer and Adjourn: 7:39 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Neppi

Recorder

Scott Neppi

OCTOBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1 Theresa Eckard | 20 Kiana Helmers |
| 1 Kizze Hromatko | 20 Heidi Wittrock |
| 1 Michael Knudtson | 21 Richard Coffey |
| 1 Lynn Moritz | 21 Denise Cole |
| 1 Meg Wagner | 21 Doug Kolbeck |
| 2 Vienna Baumhover | 22 David Christ |
| 3 Melanie Albenesius | 22 Josh DeVos |
| 3 Rebecca Buhrman | 22 Bernie Kramer |
| 4 Brady Harmelink | 22 Crystal Nussbaum |
| 4 Connie Jones | 23 Jackson Metz |
| 4 Kristi Leigh | 23 Sharon Metzger |
| 5 Cory Anderson | 23 Denise Svoboda |
| 5 Cadence Knudtson | 23 Jeff Zwagerman |
| 5 Wynette Moore | 24 Tim Cole |
| 5 Donna Schmidt | 24 Tom Henningsen |
| 6 Jean Schmidt | 25 Linda Kuker |
| 7 Chad Clary | 25 Jerry Robinson |
| 7 Carter Wagner | 25 Rick Woodley |
| 7 Raymond Zalabowski | 26 Gary Behrens |
| 8 Chris Alger | 26 Kathy McCarty |
| 8 Kae Luchtel | 26 Jim Murray |
| 9 Nancy Anderson | 26 Simon Walleck |
| 9 Patrick White | 26 Jolean Wintz |
| 10 Emily Breuer | 27 Jack Kliegl |
| 10 Kristin Roth | 28 William Anderson |
| 10 Joseph Schmidt | 28 Benjamin Garcia |
| 11 Aubry Knudtson | 28 Heather Hansen |
| 12 Marty Anderson | 28 Elizabeth Knudtson |
| 12 Kathy Loebig | 29 Karen Anfinson |
| 12 Dan Eisenbacher | 29 Bernie Berigan |
| 12 Dillion Issendorf | 29 Rylie Mehalovich |
| 12 Gary Pithan | 29 Duane Newman |
| 12 Alex Schlueter | 29 Alex Petitti |
| 12 Maxwell Titterington | 30 Terry Kramer |
| 13 Dean McCarty | 31 Anthony Davis |
| 13 Alissa Wittrock | 31 Mark McGill |
| 14 Ivan Baumhover | 31 Laurie Murray |
| 14 Allison Metz | |
| 15 Terry Abbas | |
| 15 Keaton Jones | |
| 16 Linda Linn | |
| 17 Larry Cook | |
| 17 Thomas Jorgensen | |
| 18 Shelly Langel | |
| 19 Art Hamrick | |
| 19 Karen Schwaller | |

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Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

- 1 - Bruce and Kristi Leigh
- 4 - Brandon and Shelly Berning
- 5 - Cory and Teresa Anderson
- 6 - Richard and Elaine Gross
- 9 - Kenneth and Margaret Behrens
- 14 - Michele and Robbie Abbenhaus
- 15 - Merlyn and Bev Kruger
- 15 - Don and Samantha Van Oort
- 17 - Anthony and Jennifer Davis
- 18 - Chris and Kristi Hagan
- 19 - Chris and Julie Hinshaw
- 19 - Dillion and Andrea Issendorf
- 20 - Tim and Kate Pieper
- 21 - Ron and Carol Swartz
- 24 - Alma and Dennis Klute
- 26 - Douglas and Patricia Kratz
- 26 - Jarold and Donna Krogman
- 26 - Rod and Bonnie Simonson
- 28 - Randy and Donna Anthony
- 30 - Blake and Sherry Titterington

Weddings at Saint Joseph



Friday, October 2 @ 2 p.m.

Grace Brinkman and Reid Sorenson

Saturday, October 3 @ 2 p.m.

Kade Heikens and Abby Erickson

Saturday, October 10 @ 2 p.m.

Mike Cedar and Samantha Olivaries

Saturday, Oct. 17 @ 2 p.m.

Sunny Duffney and Jackson Steburg

October 2026 Volunteer Ministry Schedule

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 3rd @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Anne Donovan, Karen Naber, Terri & Tom Riersen, Sheila & Tony Thelen

LECTOR: Kara Rice

SERVERS: Lleyton Peter

HOSPITALITY: Doug Heller, Connie & Dick Mataloni, Joel Naber

Sunday, October 4th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Cory Knudtson, Beth Lorch, Shelly & Marshall Matuska, Susan Willette, Becky Wittrock

LECTOR: Darlene Moritz

SERVERS: Brody Titterington, Zach Titterington

HOSPITALITY: Bill & Cheryl Aumer, Connie Tesene, Curt Willette

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 10th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Deb Bode, Loretta Halbur, Eldon Kraninger, David Loebig, Irene McCoy, Molly Mulqueen

LECTOR: Brad Shell

SERVERS: Thomas Henningsen, Brian Oyler

HOSPITALITY: Larry Arndt, Jim Baumgard, Monica Koeppen, Can & Mona O'Neil

Sunday, October 11th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Steve Eral, Connie Hinrichs, Cheryl Houseman, Chris & Connie Jones, Bernie Kramer

LECTOR: Aaron Lorch

SERVERS: Alex Anderson, Jacob Anderson

HOSPITALITY: John Heller, James Nelson, Jennifer Prentice, Jon Sorenson

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 17th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Larry Arndt, Patrick Carr, Doug Heller, Holly & Paul Skopec

LECTOR: Karen Schwaller

SERVERS: Audry Johnson, Cecelia Johnson

HOSPITALITY: Bob & Donna Elser, Terri & Tom Riersen

Sunday, October 18th @ 9 a.m.

All liturgical ministries will be fulfilled by the Catholic Daughters

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 24th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Jim Baumgard, Faith Garcia, Connie Mataloni, Sheila & Tony Thelen

LECTOR: Irene McCoy

SERVERS: John Garcia

HOSPITALITY: Eldon Kraninger, Dick Mataloni, Dan & Mona O'Neil

Sunday, October 25th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Nicki DeVos, Pete & Sara Laven, Jim & Laurie Murray, Jean Schmidt

LECTOR: Linda Hirsch

SERVERS: Eli Cable, Ron Swartz

HOSPITALITY: Michael & Sharon Sjoblom, Curt & Susan Willette

October 31st Mass will be included with the November schedule.



Winning Quilt Ticket Drawn
AND THE winner is....Terri Riersen! Fr. David Hemann drew her name on Tuesday, Sept. 8 from 1,236 tickets. Shown, left to right, are Riersen and Susan Reiser, representing the Rosary/Altar Society. Thanks to all who purchased tickets. Plans are already underway for another quilt to be raffled next summer.