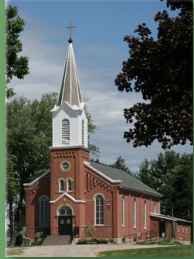


St. Catherine, St. Donatus,
St. Joseph & Sts. Peter & Paul
Catholic Churches
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 17, 2021



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mk 10:43-45

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday (vigil)

- ◇ 4:15 PM St. Joseph
- ◇ 5:30 PM St. Catherine (May - October)

Sunday

- ◇ 8:00 AM Sts. Peter & Paul
- ◇ 8:00 AM St. Donatus (May - October)
- ◇ 10:15 AM St. Joseph

Daily Mass/Holy Days--See inside

Main Parish Office

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- Lori Thielen (St. Donatus) 563-580-2931
- Dean Upmann (St. Joseph) 563-357-2528
- Greg Thomas (Sts. Peter & Paul) 563-663-0690

Reconciliation

Saturdays at SJ, 8:10-8:45 AM; 3:00-3:30 PM; Sundays at SPP 7:00-7:30 AM

Baptisms-Parents must be registered members of one of the parishes and attend a Pre-Baptism Class. Expecting families please contact the parish office at 872-3234 to schedule a class for St. Catherine, St. Donatus, St. Joseph and Sts. Peter & Paul.

Weddings-Arrangements should be made at least 8 months prior to the marriage by contacting the St. Joseph Parish office. One or both of the parties needs to be a registered, practicing member of one of our parishes or a parish where they reside. The latest time for a wedding at St. Joseph is 1:30 p.m. if held on Saturday. In addition to the pastor/deacon, other priests/deacons may preside at weddings with pastor's permission.

Pastoral Care

Call the parish office for Anointing of the Sick, Holy Communion, and visits to the homebound. If no answer, call Deacon Loras Weber at 563-599-6717.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Adults who wish to become Catholic should call the office.

The community of St. Catherine, St. Donatus, Ss. Peter & Paul, and St. Joseph Parishes has been called to a holy life by our loving Father in REVERENT WORSHIP. We are empowered with the Holy Spirit to experience FREEDOM IN CHRIST. We seek to live out our lives through the LOVE OF CHRIST. -Mission Statement

A MESSAGE FROM FR. MILLER/OTHER

Friends

Peace be with you.

For the past couple of weeks, I've spent my exercise time in St. Joe's Cemetery in Bellevue taking down a few trees. I do this, in part, because it's an enjoyable form of exercise for me and because the particular trees I'm taking down are dying. It's a challenge, nonetheless, to take down the trees without hitting any of the headstones and possibly causing damage. While I've been there, I've been thinking about writing a column for both the parishes' bulletin and the Bellevue Herald Leader reflecting on cemeteries as we enter in the Fall and Winter of the year. I'm guessing most if not all of what I'm writing would be true of all cemeteries.

First, please remember that a cemetery is holy ground not a gym or a playground. It's good to walk or ride a bike through the cemetery as long as you stay on the driveway or sidewalks that are provided. Please don't walk or ride your bike across people's graves for exercise because that isn't what the purpose of that area is. It is intended to be a place to show reverence to the deceased person buried there. And, for the past two years, we've had issues with a snowmobiler or two riding their snowmobiles along the side of the cemetery during the first few snows. In the process, they've not only ridden across people's graves but over some grave markers that are flush with the ground. This isn't just disrespectful, it is illegal. They can and will be prosecuted. So, please don't ride any vehicles through the cemetery aside from cars on the driveway. And I'd ask parents of kids who have snowmobiles to explain to their kids why they shouldn't ride on cemetery property out of respect for the dead.

This brings me to my second point, it's becoming more and more common to hear about people scattering their loved one's ashes after a person has died and is cremated. I know funerals are expensive and it seems fitting to scatter a person's ashes in their favorite locale but I think it's a bad idea. It means your family and friends who miss you have no place they can go as part of the process of saying goodbye. You're gone and they can't go to a cemetery or mausoleum to remember you. Further, when your grandson or great granddaughter is trying to do some research into her family tree in a few years, he or she won't be able to go to a headstone and know when you lived and died. A number of years ago, My Dad and I spent time in a cemetery in Haverhill, Iowa walking to the graves of his parents and his grandparents and it helped me immensely to learn about who my ancestors were and, strangely, it helped me feel more connected to them. They were, somehow, more real because I could see where they were buried. So, please spend the money and buy a burial plot or niche.

Lastly, please consider donating to the cemeteries your ancestors are buried in. Most cemeteries I've been associated with struggle to pay the bills because they don't have a regular income. They operate by a perpetual care fund that is intended to supply all the needs of the cemetery in perpetuity. The problem is that most cemeteries

Message from Fr. Miller continued

put so little away in the perpetual care fund when the graves were sold that it couldn't possibly be expected to cover lawn maintenance forever, let alone any other expenses that unexpectedly happen like tree removal or paving or repaving a driveway. So I ask for your help. I'm guessing most cemeteries will give you a choice to donate to the general fund or to donate to the day-to-day expenses taken care of by the checking account. And thank you to those who give of their time and talents taking care of our cemeteries. It is a testament to your respect for the dead in what you have done and are doing.

YOUTH GROUP/ EPIC/HS FF/CONFIRMATION

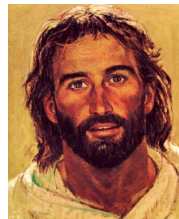
- Sunday, Oct. 17 - Confirmation Sponsor meeting at St. Joseph Church, from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 17 - EPIC Movie - meet in Kruse Center - 3:00-5:00 p.m. Bring snacks/drink/comfy chair/blanket.
- Sunday, Oct. 17 - High School Faith Formation Class in Fr. Kruse Center from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 17 - Middle School Faith Formation Class, check in Fr. Kruse Center from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 24 - Final NCYC meeting in SJ Church from 7-8 p.m.



Our sympathy and prayers to the family of Loella "Babe" Carter who passed away on Oct. 8th. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

St. Donatus Breakfast

Planning has begun for St. Donatus' 58th annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast which will be held November 7, 2021! Envelopes for each family will soon be in the back of church and will include important information about the breakfast. Please take your envelope when available in order to keep our postage costs down. The donation list is also posted at the back of church. If you have any questions, please contact Dina Theisen or Missy Gregorich.



CEW (Christian Experience Weekend)

A Christian Experience Weekend for women will be held on November 5-7, 2021, and for men on November 19 - 21, 2021, at the Sugar Creek Retreat Center. Each weekend will begin at 8:00 PM on Friday and end at 4:00 PM on Sunday.

The Christian Experience Weekend is an adult renewal experience which offers participants a better understanding of old and new aspects of their Christian life. It is open to anyone over 18 years of age. Attendance is limited and advance registration is required. Registration forms and additional information are available in the back of church or call Denise Michel, 563-581-3625 or Jeff Nieland at 319-480-3446.



OTHER

St. Catherine/St. Donatus Parish News

All ladies of St. Catherine and St. Donatus parishes are invited to gather together on **Monday, October 25, at 1:00 pm at St. Catherine Parish Center**. We will share prayer and reflect on passages in the book Into His Likeness: Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ by Edward Sri. Free copies of this book can be found in the back of church. (You don't have to have read the book to join us.) Bring something to drink if you'd like. Any questions? Please call Judy Lochner at 556-6643 or Marybeth Wagner at 582-0058.

Our **Monthly Special Collection designee** for October is the Dubuque Rescue Mission, which "has been serving Christ in the poor for 75 years," helping the needy through love and faith by providing shelter for homeless men, hot meals to all who are hungry, vouchers for clothing and household items, and city bus passes for job searches. Envelopes for donations to our monthly designees can be found at the end of each of our pews and placed in the regular collection basket at either parish any weekend of this month. Thank you for supporting those in need.

Welcome to Sts. Peter & Paul Parish's Annual Fall Breakfast!

Please enjoy this great meal! Thank you for your support! A Big Thank You to all who came on Thursday evening to help set up and do the meal prep work. Thanks to the brave souls who fired up the grills before the sun came up this morning so we could have that marvelous sausage with our pancakes & eggs. We need to give thanks to our Parish Life Committee for organizing and running this event and the members of Circles 4, 5, & 6 for manning the kitchen and working the room and to the members of Circles 1, 2, & 3 for their donations of pastries. Enjoy your Breakfast & have a great week!

Marquette Catholic School Make-a-Difference Day

Marquette Catholic High School students will be participating in their annual community service day known as "Make A Difference Day" on Thursday, October 28th, 2021 from approximately 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Student groups along with faculty and staff chaperones will be available to work within southern Dubuque County and the greater Jackson County area. Senior citizens, physically challenged community members or non-profit organizations within these boundaries who need help with small jobs from yard work to outdoor house cleaning may contact Kari Moore at (563) 872-3356 by Thursday, October 21st, 2021 during regular school hours. If you have any questions, please contact Marquette Catholic School at (563) 872-3356 during regular school hours.

IMMACULEE ILIBAGIZA will host a retreat at Resurrection Church on Friday, Nov 5th from 5-9pm, and Saturday, Nov 6th from 9a-1230. For more information, contact Diane Link @ 563.590.5686 or dmlinkrn@gmail.com or Laurie Ready at 563-451-9565 or LaurieReady-@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

St. Catherine

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| Adult Contributors | |
| Envelopes..... | \$955.00 |
| Online giving..... | \$80.00 |
| Offertory..... | \$18.00 |
| Total..... | \$1053.00 |

St. Donatus

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| Adult Contributors | |
| Envelopes..... | \$351.00 |
| Summer Collection..... | \$750.00 |
| Offertory..... | \$257.00 |
| Votive..... | \$33.00 |
| Dubuque Rescue Mission..... | \$5.00 |
| Total..... | \$1396.00 |

St. Joseph

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| Adult Contributors | |
| Envelopes..... | \$3876.00 |
| EFT (Auto Deposit) | \$3134.00 |
| Offertory..... | \$311.02 |
| Youth..... | \$13.00 |
| Votive..... | \$40.00 |
| Online giving..... | \$970.00 |
| Total..... | \$8344.02 |

Sts. Peter & Paul

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| Adult Contributors | |
| Envelopes..... | \$590.00 |
| EFT (Auto Deposit) | \$126.00 |
| Online giving..... | \$30.00 |
| Offertory..... | \$190.00 |
| Votive..... | \$18.00 |
| Total..... | \$954.00 |



Congratulations to Dale Zeimet & Mary Jo Boehm on their marriage on Oct. 16th at SPP Parish and to Jack & Anna Mae Tebbe on their 50th Wedding Anniversary from SPP Parish and to Bernard & Darlene Michel on their 65th Wedding Anniversary from SJ Parish.

Weekend Mass Change at St. Donatus and St. Catherine

Because of St. Donatus' breakfast on November 7th, Mass at SD will be on Sunday, November 7th at 8:00 a.m. and Mass at SC will be on Saturday, November 6th at 5:30 p.m. The following weekend Mass times will switch at SD and SC. Mass on Saturday, November 13th will be at 5:30 p.m. at SD and Mass on Sunday, November 14th will be at 8:00 a.m. at SC.

October~Month of the Rosary!



A MESSAGE FROM BROTHER STEPEHN/OTHER

Church-wide Synod

"Listen to him [Holy Spirit], listen to each other; do not leave anyone out" Pope Francis told members of the Diocese of Rome when he spoke on September 18 in the Paul VI audience hall at the Vatican. Pope Francis was talking about a Church-wide synod he would open on October 9, 2021 and plans to conclude in October 2023.

Pope Francis emphasized listening as the primary concern affording the opportunity to listen to all levels of the Church and for the various levels to listen to each other. He envisions the involvement of the bishops, clergy, men and women religious, and the laity from all economic, ethnic and cultural traditions from each of the 3,000 plus Catholic Dioceses in the world.

The word *synod* means *walking together and doing so makes it possible for the church, the people of God, to remain open to the movement of the Holy Spirit. Pope Francis noted how to walk together and to remain open to the Holy Spirit may well require us to walk in a different direction and to let go of perspectives on convictions that keep us from listening to the Holy Spirit and our brothers and sisters of faith with different views.*

Much attention has been given to Pope Francis' bold statement: "Rigidity [in the Church] is a sin against the patience of God." He said the aim of this synod is to alter the misguided understanding or model of the Church from believing that bishops and priests teach and everyone else is to follow them, to one of listening to and respecting all involved in the life of the Church. He reminds us that we are all sheep, pastors, bishops, clergy, religious, Christians all. The Lord is our Shepherd.

Pope Francis asked that Catholic churches be "neighborhood houses," places where all are welcome. A place that is open to all brothers and sisters in the Lord, including those who disagree with you, do not look like you, or who do not consistently attend community worship. This is consistent with Pope Francis' letter: *Fratelli Tutti* where he says, "the aim of the church today is to be a school of fraternity."

Pope Francis urges all of us, the people of God world-wide, to listen to the Holy Spirit, to one another, to be open to all, to believe and witness that we wish to and will walk together. He invites all Catholics to speak up and to listen. It is worth noting that listen and silent are spelled with the same letters.

Will you contribute by sharing your thoughts/experiences or will you be silent and listen?

How possible is it for you to trust, to listen to, or to walk with, those with whom you disagree, whose priorities or cultural backgrounds are different from yours?

What do you want the synod representatives to consider as they reflect on and listen for ways to improve or adapt the structures, the style, and the mission of the Church to better serve the people of God in today's world?

Sts. Peter & Paul's Liturgical schedule ends with Sunday, November 14th. If anyone would like their name added or omitted, please contact Mary Lou Clasen at 872-4465 or Jan Steines at 872-4790 by Monday, Oct. 25th.

LITURGICAL ROLES

St. Joseph - Saturday, October 23 at 4:15 PM

Lector: Gail Michels **Eucharistic Minister:** Judy Moran, Donna Mottet, Patty McClimon, Melissa Brinker
Lead Rosary: Judy Moran **Sacristan:** Carol Ries
Servers: Adleigh Kettmann & 2 Volunteers **Ushers:** Steve Engelman, Perry Feller, John Kieffer, Terry Mueller, Bob/Molly Ploessl

Sunday, October 24 at 10:15 AM

Lector: Moica McHugh **Eucharistic Minister:** Melissa Sturm, Dahlia Beauchamp, Matt Tracy, Julie Schmidt **Lead Rosary:** Kim Moore **Sacristan:** Carolyn Weber **Servers:** Allie/Louie Gonner & Landon Veach **Ushers:** Dan Jacobs, Jerry Marshall, Steve Schmidt, Loras Sieverding, Glen Sprank, Jacob Sturm

Sts. Peter & Paul - Sunday, October 24 at 8:00 AM

Lector: Susan Williams **Eucharistic Minister:** Gregg Kilburg
Server: Connor Thomas & Cameron Gerlach **Lead Rosary:** Anita Griebel **Ushers:** Mark/Tyler Banowitz, Steve Cloos & Greg Thomas

St. Donatus - Sunday, October 24 at 8:00 AM

Server: Myles Herrig **Lector:** Ana Herrig **Eucharistic Minister:** Dianne Weber **Ushers:** Mark Heitz & Cody Heitz

St. Catherine - Saturday, October 23 at 5:30 PM

Lector: Michelle Colbert **Eucharistic Minister:** Dee Schilling
Ushers: Dennis Noel & Craig Cannon

AREA EVENTS

- ◆ **Sts. Peter & Paul, Springbrook, Fall Breakfast**, Sunday, Oct. 17th from 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. in Kilburg Hall.
- ◆ **Mary's Inn Auction**, Sunday, October 24th to be held at Dubuque County Fairgrounds. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. Lunch available. Asking for donations of homemade or new unused items.
- ◆ **Preston Knights of Columbus Breakfast**, Sunday, Oct. 24th from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Dine-in or carry-out. Serving blueberry & buttermilk pancakes, rope sausage, scrambled eggs, toast, applesauce, coffee, juice & milk. Everyone welcome
- ◆ **Springbrook's Fire & Rescue Sausage, Pancake, Egg Breakfast**, Sunday, October 31st from 7 AM -12:00 noon at the Springbrook Fire Station. To pre-order breakfasts, call the fire station at 563-689-3473. Any questions, call Kevin Sieverding at 563-542-0545 or Joe Deppe at 563-599-5177.
- ◆ **St. Donatus Pancake & Sausage Breakfast**, Sunday, Nov. 7th from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. All you can eat homemade hickory-smoked sausage, pancakes, sweet rolls, applesauce. Country store, raffle & cash prizes.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
HOLY HOUR for Vocations
Saturdays 8:00 a.m.— 9:00 a.m.



MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

Monday, October 18

5:30 PM - SJ No Mass

Tuesday, October 19

8:25 AM - SJ † Alvin & Edna Laffey, Bernard Medinger,
Jr., Mary Kay Finch & Collin Long
† Hazel & Donald Lemer
† Butch Sieverding & Family

5:30 PM - SC For the People

Wednesday, October 20

8:25 AM - SJ † Velma & Bennett Schwager
† Richard Eggers
† Mary "Shirley" Monner
† Wilfred Schwager Family

10:00 AM - Mill Valley Care Center

† Rosemary Schwager

Thursday, October 21

8:00 AM - SPP † Edna & John Leonard
† Mark & Glenna Kueter
† George & Alverda Gonner Family

Friday, October 22

8:00 AM - SD No Mass

8:25 AM - SJ † Melvin Wagner
† Tom & Rita Daugherty
† Bob & Marcy Engelman
† Arnie & Bernice Kueter & Deceased
Members of the Muenster Family

5:30 PM - SJ Wedding of Julia Schwager & Michael
Parker

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS CONTINUED

Saturday, October 23

4:15 PM - SJ † Randy Stillmunkes, Ray & Isabelle
Stillmunkes & Family; † Paul Finzel
† Don, Evelyn, & Gary Neubert
† Leo "Red" & Karen Dunne

5:30 PM - SC 25th Wedding Anniversary of Dave &
Jody Neuwohner

Sunday, October 24

8:00 AM - SD † Milton Weber
† Donnie Capesius & Mary Capesius

8:00 AM - SPP For the People

10:15 AM - SJ † Mary Ann Ties; † George Kinmonth
† Orville, Rosemary, Lynn, Lavonne Roling
& Cletus Kilburg
† Peter & Clara Michels; † Lillian Knake

Change for Upcoming Masses

From October 18th to Oct. 27th Fr. Dave will be gone. Fr. Miller will be gone on Oct. 26th. There will not be Mass in SJ on Monday, Oct. 18th & 25th & on Tuesday, Oct. 26th. On Wednesday, Oct. 27th, there will not be Mass at SJ but MVCC will have Mass.

There will not be a Mass at SC on Tuesday, Oct. 26th and there will not be a Mass at SD on Friday, Oct. 22nd.



Through the waters of Baptism we welcome, William Ambrose Thole, son of David & Jessica (Smalley) Thole, who was baptized last weekend at St. Donatus.