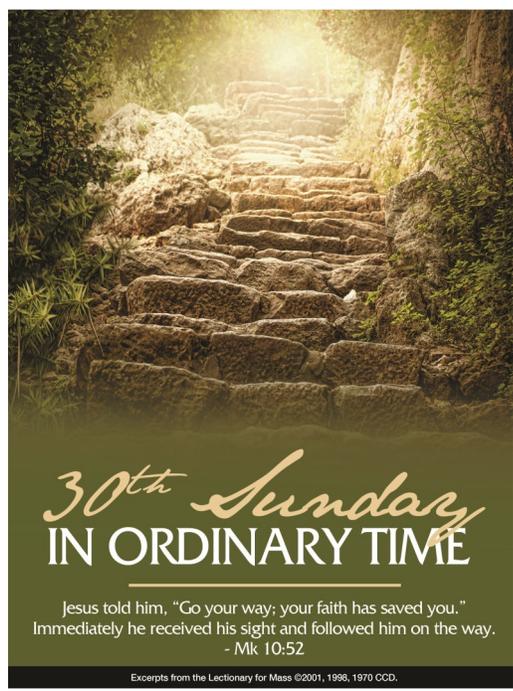


St. Catherine, St. Donatus,  
St. Joseph & Sts. Peter & Paul  
Catholic Churches  
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 24, 2021



### Mass Schedule

#### Saturday (vigil)

- ◇ 4:15 PM St. Joseph
- ◇ 5:30 PM St. Donatus  
(November - April)

#### Sunday

- ◇ 8:00 AM Sts. Peter & Paul
- ◇ 8:00 AM St. Catherine  
(November - April)
- ◇ 10:15 AM St. Joseph

**Daily Mass/Holy Days**--See inside

### Main Parish Office

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Bellevue, IA 52031 **405 Franklin St.**  
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**Website:** www.sjandspp.com; **Facebook:** facebook.com/  
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- Ashley Lochner (St. Catherine) 563-590-4363
- 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, Sts. 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.

In Chapter 25 of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus preaches the parable of the sheep and the goats. In the parable, Jesus talks about how, at the final judgment, the Lord will separate us into two groups like a shepherd would between those two animals. The sheep are destined for eternal life while the goats are destined for eternal punishment. The challenge, then, becomes what characteristics are common among those who are the sheep. Jesus says starting in verse 34...

Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'

And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Traditionally, this list, along with "Bury the dead" has been called the Corporal Works of Mercy. They are corporal because they all involve physically putting your body to service for another person in a way that also serves their body.

Notice, that the sheep are surprised to hear the Lord say they are doing these acts. In the next part, the goats are just as surprised that there were opportunities to do these acts that they missed. One cannot help but wonder why that is. Perhaps it was because the sheep did these acts without thinking. They didn't need a thank you note or a receipt. It had become so second nature that, if they saw someone in need, they helped. Similarly, the goats had put so many obstacles in the way of being charitable that they never helped anyone. A naked person had to prove they weren't hiding a bunch of clothes somewhere in order for the goats to even think about giving them some. A hungry person better look emaciated in order to prove they were worthy of receiving food or they were told to go away..

Notice, also, that welcoming the stranger is right at the heart of this list. I think Jesus included it and "visit the imprisoned" to make us all feel a little uncomfortable. The stranger is, generally, someone we are told to avoid. "Stranger danger!" we say to our kids. Why is Jesus turning around and telling us to reach out to welcome strangers? Our heritage has several examples where divine realities happen when we welcome the stranger. When Abraham saw three men walking by his field on their way to Sodom, he ended up having a meal with three Angels and negotiating for the life of his brother Lot (See Genesis 18). When Raguel and Sarah welcomed Tobias and Azariah into their home, they not only welcomed an angel who

## Message from Fr. Miller continued

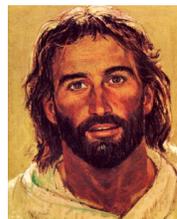
would drive out the demon that had prevented their daughter from having a successful marriage but welcomed a Son-in-law who would ask God to bless a marriage to their daughter (see the Book of Tobit). We serve God when we serve those in need.

Perhaps the most challenging of these "welcome the stranger" stories in all of Sacred Scripture is The Good Samaritan. A man is walking between Jerusalem and Jericho and he gets beaten up and robbed. Two priests walk by him and do nothing. But, a Samaritan stops, takes care of the man, and provides for his needs. The story is shocking because the Samaritans are not from Judah or Galilee. They are from the neighboring country, Samaria. They speak a different language. They look different. They have their own temple and even a different name for God. What gave that Samaritan the right to even walk onto Judah's soil? Most people probably assumed he was up to no good. Maybe he was there doing work the Jews couldn't do because of their religious beliefs, like helping those with open running sores or burying the dead. Or maybe his family was hungry and the only work he could find was in Jerusalem. We don't know. We just know he was a neighbor, he welcomed the stranger.

This is how we are called to live our lives if we are going to be called Christian. It's not an argument for open borders or building a wall. To be honest, the Church doesn't have a definitive teaching on that. Pope Francis and the USCCB have offered their opinions but that's all they are: opinions. The reality is that, regardless of what we believe about any of that, we will be judged by how we treat our neighbor. If we say that we will only feed people who are legal, we are creating an obstacle to charity that Jesus never put there. Are we more the sheep or the goats?

### Corrected Weekend Mass Change at St. Donatus and St. Catherine

The first weekend in November, Mass times will switch at SD and SC. Mass on Saturday, November 6th will be at 5:30 p.m. at SD and Mass on Sunday, November 7th will be at 8:00 a.m. at SC.



### 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.

## Sts Peter & Paul Fall Breakfast Results

Adults Served: 300 Children Served: 28 **Total Served: 328**  
**Gross Income: \$6428** \*less Meat cost: (\$606) and start up cash: (\$575)

Breakfast \$2,769, Meat Money \$476, Bake Sale \$486, Donations 468, Raffles \$931, 50/50 \$1295

**Net Income: \$5244** \*

\*Final totals and expenses are still being tallied

**Raffle Winners:** (\*Number of entries)

\$100 Bill: Carol Sprank (\*319)

Fareway Gift Card: Dale Petesch (\*324)

Preston Meat Certificate: Taylor Gerlach (\*270)

50/50 Drawing: LaVonne Nemmers (\*259)

**Thank you to all who came, cooked, served, and cleaned up after! Thanks to the Parish Life Committee who organized and managed the morning. But most of all, to those who came to have a fantastic breakfast and help support our parish!**

## 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.

## STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

### St. Catherine

Adult Contributors	
Envelopes.....	\$320.00
EFT (Auto Deposit) .....	\$350.00
Offertory.....	\$23.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$693.00</b>

### St. Donatus

Adult Contributors	
Envelopes.....	\$1046.72
EFT (Auto Deposit) .....	\$530.00
Offertory.....	\$134.00
Votive.....	\$16.00
Dubuque Rescue Mission.....	\$28.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1754.72</b>

### St. Joseph

Adult Contributors	
Envelopes.....	\$2703.00
EFT (Auto Deposit) .....	\$652.00
Offertory.....	\$434.00
Youth.....	\$3.00
Votive.....	\$46.00
Card Party.....	\$53.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3891.00</b>

### Sts. Peter & Paul

Adult Contributors	
Envelopes.....	\$4713.77
EFT (Auto Deposit) .....	\$451.00
Offertory.....	\$346.29
Votive.....	\$6.00
Energy Needs.....	\$50.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$5567.06</b>



Congratulations to Dave & Jody Neuwohner on their 25th Wedding Anniversary from St. Catherine Parish and to Julia Schwager & Michael Parker who were married this past week at St. Joseph.



Through the waters of Baptism we welcome, Julian Joseph Herrig, son of Roger Herrig, who is being baptized this weekend at St. Donatus.

### 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 are available in the back of church and includes important information about the breakfast. Please take your envelope in order to keep our postage costs down. The work schedule and donation list are also posted at the back of church. If you have any questions, please contact Dina Theisen or Missy Gregorich.

# A MESSAGE FROM JULIE SCHMIDT/OTHER

## Catzehist Corner from Julie Schmidt

In this week's Gospel we reflect on the story of the blind man, Bartimaeus. There are a couple points that stood out to me in this reading. One, Bartimaeus continually called out to Jesus. He didn't quit. And two, as he was begging for Jesus's mercy, he was shunned and told to be quiet.

As I attempt to make connections, or lack thereof, between myself and Bartimaeus, I see his persistence. He doesn't just yell out to Jesus once or twice, he begs over and over, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." Even after being scoffed and pushed to the side, he continues to call out to Jesus. This is where I feel my faults and insecurities creep in. My impatience and fix-it behavior often gets in the way when I call out to Jesus and make a request through prayer and after only a short time of praying over and over, I just give up. I let go of the request and move on. Let us pray that we can all be more like that of Bartimaeus and show persistence in our prayer, no matter how big or small the request.

The second point that I have reflected on is that throughout his requests, we hear that Bartimaeus was angrily told to be silent and tossed aside amid the commotion of Jesus and his disciples making their way through town. Here we have a man in need, who is calling on the Savior, with a crowd of people who believe he is the same Savior that Bartimeaus does, who is treated very unchristian-like. I wonder how I would have behaved if I were in that crowd. Would I too have told him to shut up and get out of the way? Would I have led this behavior, or would I have been a follower? Would I have quietly tried to help him, so that no one would notice? Or would I have been like Jesus, and said stop and invited him forward with me? How often do we do this in our own lives when someone is in need? How often do we make judgement of that need or chastise someone for asking for help? Let us pray that we can all be more like Jesus and show love and mercy to those in need.

For prayers and devotions for love, healing, and strength, go to: [www.prayer.knowing-jesus.com](http://www.prayer.knowing-jesus.com).

## Mass for Deceased Knights of Columbus Members

The LaMotte/Key West Knights of Columbus #4236 will be hosting a Mass for deceased members on Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at St. Joseph Key West.

## YOUTH GROUP/ EPIC/HS FF/CONFIRMATION

- Sunday, Oct. 24 - Final NCYC meeting in SJ Church from 7-8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 27 - Youth Faith Formation- meet in Kruse Center & Kieffer Hall 3:15-5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 27 - Home Study Faith Formation- parent (s) work with child(ren) at home on assigned lesson.

**Sts. Peter & Paul's Liturgical schedule** ends with Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. 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. 25<sup>th</sup>.

## LITURGICAL ROLES

### **St. Joseph - Saturday, October 30 at 4:15 PM**

**Lector:** Melissa Brinker **Eucharistic Minister:** Sue Kieffer, Cortney Kueter, Leonard Ernst, Rhonda Petesch  
**Lead Rosary:** Marilyn Ploessl **Sacristan:** Bob/Molly Ploessl  
**Servers:** Tate & Paige Kueter & 1 Volunteer **Ushers:** Steve Engelman, Perry Feller, John Kieffer, Terry Mueller, Bob/Molly Ploessl

### **Sunday, October 31 at 10:15 AM**

**Lector:** Bill Lampe **Eucharistic Minister:** Kim Moore, Kristie Pffnner, Carolyn Weber, Megan Capesius **Lead Rosary:** Kim Schroeder **Sacristan:** Monica McHugh **Servers:** Joe Deaver, Landon Sturm, Juli McHugh **Ushers:** Dan Jacobs, Jerry Marshall, Steve Schmidt, Loras Sieverding, Glen Sprank, Jacob Sturm

### **Sts. Peter & Paul - Sunday, October 31 at 8:00 AM**

**Lector:** Denise Krogman **Eucharistic Minister:** Marv Budde  
**Server:** Charlie & Mary Lane **Lead Rosary:** Volunteer  
**Ushers:** Larry Clasen, Dan Zeimet, Steve Peters, Jim Portz

### **St. Donatus - Sunday, October 31 at 8:00 AM**

**Server:** Katie Tritz **Lector:** Jim Herrig **Eucharistic Minister:** Dianne Weber **Ushers:** Mark Heitz & Cody Heitz

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

**Lector:** Francis Weber **Eucharistic Minister:** Judy Lochner  
**Ushers:** Ken Lochner & Bob Jaeger

## AREA EVENTS

- ◆ **Preston Knights of Columbus Breakfast**, Sunday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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. 7<sup>th</sup> 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.
- ◆ **Feather Party** - 20 games of Bingo for Turkeys & Hams, Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Assumption Catholic Church, Charlotte, Iowa. Free lunch & door prizes!

## Change for Upcoming Masses

There will not be Mass in SJ on Monday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> & on Tuesday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. On Wednesday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, there will not be Mass at SJ but MVCC will have Mass.

There will not be a Mass at SC on Tuesday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>.

October~Month of the Rosary!

## MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

### Monday, October 25

5:30 PM - SJ No Mass

### Tuesday, October 26

8:25 AM - SJ No Mass

5:30 PM - SC No Mass

### Wednesday, October 27

8:25 AM - SJ No Mass

10:00 AM - Mill Valley Care Center

† Barbara Rowan

### Thursday, October 28

8:00 AM - SPP † Don & David Gibbs, Adolph &  
Elizabeth Mesch

† Collin Long

† Tom Crouch

### Friday, October 29

8:00 AM - SD † Milton Weber

8:25 AM - SJ † Lucille Bormann

† Marilyn Clasen

† Paul & Sally Banowitz & Deceased

Members of the Dominic & Florence Kilburg Family

### Saturday, October 30

4:15 PM - SJ For the People

5:30 PM - SC † Susie & Al Blatz

† Janet Kemp

### Sunday, October 31

8:00 AM - SD † Milton Weber

8:00 AM - SPP † Kayla Nemmers & Lee Homan

† Mike Peters; † Sylvester Tebbe

## MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS CONTINUED

### Sunday, October 31

10:15 AM - SJ Living Members of the Rosary Society

† Mary Ann Ties; † Lillian Knake

† Joe & Helen Roling & Anthony & Rosella  
Kilburg Families

† Curt Gothard



### Welcome to St. Joseph Parish

We welcome Nichole Helmle and her family, who recently joined St. Joseph Parish and Breanna & Shania Frett who joined as adults.

*Stewardship Quote ...* Today's psalm says, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." Good stewards demonstrate by their living and giving that they understand God as the Source of all they are and have.



Mesi' Anpil!! **Thank you very much** to all the parishioners who helped make the **ServeHAITI Bellevue Golf Fundraiser** a huge success with your sponsorship, donations, and especially your constant prayers! Please continue to pray for the people in Grand-Bois who we work in solidarity with to achieve a better quality of life. These are troubling times in all of Haiti as we try to navigate ways to get supplies to the Health Center and hopefully be able to travel there ourselves soon.