



*Catholic Parish  
Le Mars, IA*

**February 14, 2021—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

St. James Catholic Church  
109 6th Ave. SW



St. Joseph Catholic Church  
605 Plymouth St. NE

**MISSION STATEMENT**



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To love and serve God and neighbor by the way we worship, assist those in need, and educate in the faith with fidelity to Sacred Scripture and the tradition of the Catholic Church.



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**UNFAIR AND BAD PUBLICITY:** An Associated Press article that appeared recently in many newspapers “dinged” the Catholic Church for taking unfair advantage of the government PPP program, implying that the Church/Churches took money from the government that they did not need or deserve. The article ignored the fact that the Church is not one giant corporation, but made up of independent parishes each with their own isolated budgets, and that within those budgets some of the funds we handle are restricted and not available for general use. In our situation, our income stream from which we pay salaries and run programs is the Sunday collection, and due to church shutdown and limited attendance since then, we experienced a \$100,000 decrease in income in the last calendar year. We did receive some PPP funds, but like any entity experiencing a cash shortfall we qualified for these funds in order to continue to keep parish personnel employed.

**LENT IS COMING this Wednesday, February 17:**

**Prayer:** See the schedule below for the Ash Wednesday schedule and services throughout Lent.

**Fasting:** Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. The minimal fast for all between ages 18 and 59: one regular meal, two smaller ones; no eating between meals. Abstinence from meat is required of all 14 years and older. Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

**Almsgiving:** Aid to Global Churches: On the first Sunday of Lent, there is the special collection to benefit the Church in Africa, Latin America, and Eastern Europe, and the bishops’ charity organization Catholic Relief Services. Make a difference in building up the Church. There are envelopes in your packet. Thank you for your generosity.

**PRAYER:** Ash Wednesday and other Lenten services will continue to be held in St. Joseph church due to COVID protocols.

**The Ash Wednesday schedule: (including the distribution of ashes at ALL services)**

- 6:30AM: Liturgy of the Word
- 8:45AM: Mass
- 12:00Noon: Mass
- 6:00PM: Liturgy of the Word
- 7:00PM: Mass (Spanish)

Gehlen Catholic will schedule services for students in between those times. Again all services (both Mass and Liturgy of the Word) will include the distribution of ashes, but please note the procedure:

- ◆ **The formula normally spoken to each individual will be spoken once only for the whole congregation before beginning distribution of ashes.**
- ◆ **Those receiving ashes will receive them sprinkled on the top of the head, not imposed on the forehead in the form of a cross. (Please bow your head when receiving them.)**

**Weekdays of Lent—Mass schedule all at St. Joseph:**

- 6:30AM—Tuesday thru Friday
- 8:45AM—Monday thru Friday
- 12:00Noon—Tuesday thru Friday (Thanks Fr. Paul!)

**Stations of the Cross all at St. Joseph:**

- 6:30PM—Mondays (Thanks Catholic Daughters!)
- 3:00PM—Sundays

**MASS ATTENDANCE PROTOCOLS have not changed.**

Masks covering mouth and nose and social distancing are still the practice according to Diocesan directives. Thank you for your patience putting up with these restrictions; continue to pray that the pandemic will soon be behind us.



**DURING LENT:** A prayer team will take an extra hour each week to pray for your cares and/or concerns, large or small. Submit your request in the box found near the cross at the front of the sanctuary or continue to use the intention book found outside the Adoration Chapel. Place what is weighing you down at the foot of the cross. Let go! Let God! Let intercessory prayer help you through it!

**LENTEN LUNCH & STUDY:** BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) and join us on the Mondays of Lent, starting February 22 at 12:15PM in Richter Hall for Bishop Robert Barron’s **Conversion: Following the Call of Christ** (see below). We will watch a 20-minute video, followed by discussion and reflection as desired. Those on lunch break will have plenty of time to “eat, listen & run” and get back to work! Social distancing will be practiced, and we ask you to wear a mask when not eating.

**ABOUT THE STUDY:** Conversion is not just a one-time event, but an ever-deepening process of growing closer to Jesus until we are finally fully united with Him and His will. Through six biblical stories, Bishop Barron demonstrates how those who have met God are forever changed and live the rest of their lives in service to His plan and His mission. By exploring these stories, we will come to a deeper understanding of the dynamics of conversion in our own lives, how to discern God’s call to us, how to overcome the obstacles we put up to answering the call, and the fruit of saying “yes” to God.

If you would like to register for the study, contact Karmen at 546-5223 or [darwink@allsaintslemars.org](mailto:darwink@allsaintslemars.org).

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon. Feb. 15 - 8:45AM All Saints-St. Joseph**  
Tina (A) & Eileen Ortmann;
- Tues. Feb. 16 - 8:45AM All Saints-St. Joseph**  
Francisco Beltran; Leon & Ruth (Bday) Meis (WA);
- Wed. Feb. 17 ASH WEDNESDAY**  
- **6:30AM All Saints-St. Joseph-Liturgy of the Word**  
- **8:45AM All Saints-St. Joseph-NO GEHLEN MASS**  
Marlys Harms;  
- **12:00NOON All Saints-St. Joseph-Mass**  
Patricia Becker;  
- **6:00PM All Saints-St. Joseph-Liturgy of the Word**  
- **6:30PM St. Joseph-Ellendale-Mass**  
Paul & Rosie Kurth;  
- **7:00PM All Saints-St. Joseph-Spanish Mass**  
Dennis Groetken Family;
- Thurs. Feb. 18 - 6:30AM All Saints-St. Joseph**  
Dennis Groetken Family;  
- **8:45AM All Saints-St. Joseph-NO GEHLEN MASS**  
Jane Pick(A); Jose Luis Barajas (Spec.Int.);  
- **12:00NOON All Saints-St. Joseph**  
Mark Bode;
- Fri. Feb. 19 - 6:30AM All Saints-St. Joseph**  
Bonnie Borchers;  
- **8:45AM All Saints-St. Joseph**  
Tom & Phyllis Mitchell;  
- **12:00NOON All Saints-St. Joseph**  
Tom Baack (A);
- Sat. Feb. 20 - 4:00PM All Saints-St. Joseph**  
Dan Cronin; Tom Langel;  
- **5:30PM All Saints-St. Joseph**  
Eugene Moran (Bday);
- Sun. Feb. 21 - 8:00AM All Saints-St. Joseph**  
Living & Deceased Members of the Rotering Family;  
- **8:30AM St. Joseph, Ellendale**  
Vae Ream;  
- **9:30AM All Saints-St. Joseph**  
Gus Puetz;  
- **11:00AM All Saints-St. Joseph**  
Clarice Langel (A);  
- **12:30PM All Saints-St. Joseph-Spanish Mass**  
People of All Saints;

### CONFESSIONS

Before Weekend Masses and Wednesdays 5-6PM, St. Joseph Site

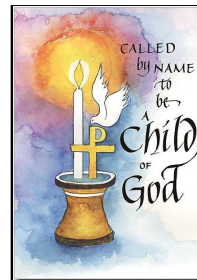
## FEBRUARY 7, 2021 INCOME

### All Saints Parish

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Adult Tithing                  | \$ 16,110.00        |
| All Saints Repair/Maint.       | 941.00              |
| Auto Withdrawal-General        | 3,930.00            |
| Auto Withdrawal-Repair/Maint.  | 85.00               |
| Candlemas                      | 316.00              |
| Grain Donations                | 11,372.46           |
| Holy Day-Solemnity of Mary     | 100.00              |
| Initial Offering               | 10.00               |
| Loose Offering                 | 467.61              |
| Online Donations               | 565.00              |
| Online Donations-Repair/Maint. | 15.00               |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>\$ 33,912.07</b> |
| Aid to Global Churches         | 80.00               |
| Briar Cliff University         | 40.00               |
| Endowment Fund                 | 185.00              |
| The Warming Shelter            | 10.00               |

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS:** Catholic Daughters officers are currently contacting possible new members. Anyone interested in becoming a member of our court or want more information can contact Lisa Freking at 712-540-0322 or Judy Marienau at 605-381-6284. New members will be installed at our next meeting on Monday, February 22, following Stations of the Cross at 6:30PM.

**NEWSLETTER CORRECTION:** April meeting will be April 26.



### HOLY BAPTISM

- ◆ Calvin Allen Sitzmann, son of Austin & Carlee Sitzmann was baptized February 6, 2021, and has joined the Catholic faith through the waters of baptism.  
*Welcome Calvin!*

*We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19* **Happy Valentine's Day!**



## St. Joseph Ellendale

23533 K22, Merrill, IA

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## FEBRUARY 7, 2021 INCOME

### St. Joseph, Ellendale

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| Adult Tithing  | \$2,392.00        |
| Loose Offering | 52.00             |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$2,444.00</b> |

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

February 21, 2021—8:30AM

Reader: Carla Robinson

EMHC: Kathy Ream

Offertory: Dave Foley, Gaylen Tapper

### LENT BEGINS February 17:

**Ash Wednesday Mass—6:30PM** (correction on time)

Note the information on the other side about how ashes will be distributed (on top of the head).

Join us in praying the Litany of St. Joseph immediately following the final blessing at the end of Mass. This is our way of participating in the "Year of St. Joseph" and honoring our parish patron.

*Nothing can separate us from the love of God. Romans 8:39* **Happy Valentine's Day!**