



*Catholic Parish  
Le Mars, IA  
712-546-5223*

**March 7, 2021—Third Sunday of Lent**

*Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.*

St. James Catholic Church  St. Joseph Catholic Church  
109 6th Ave. SW 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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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS (all at St. Joseph):**

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

**WE RECEIVED OUR SECOND PAYBACK** from this

year's Together as One Diocesan Appeal in the amount of \$15,421. Thanks to all who contributed to the Appeal, important for our local (Diocesan) church and our parish.

**SPRING SMORGASBORD:** Because of COVID

restrictions, we will not hold an in-person Spring Smorgasbord dinner at St. James this year. But watch for a letter inviting your participation in the customary raffle, and your support via a donation. (Extra raffle tickets are available through the parish office.)



**CONFESSIONS**

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

**GEHLEN:** We will be selling **Gehlen Ball of Gratitude**

tickets again March 6 & 7 after Masses. Your \$125 ticket includes a drive-thru gratitude parade as you pick up a carryout meal from Iowa BBQ. And with the purchase of a \$100 raffle ticket, you could win \$5000, \$3000, or \$2000! Enjoy your carryout meal while watching our entertaining on-line program with a fantastic auction!

**GEHLEN KITCHEN CAMPAIGN:** They say the heart of the home is in the kitchen and that is no

different at Gehlen Catholic School. This week, Gehlen Catholic launched the Heart of the School Campaign which will focus on remodeling and expanding the kitchen and cafeteria beginning spring 2021. These areas have not seen major improvements since the opening of the school in 1953. To learn more, view renderings, or support this campaign, visit [donate.onecause.com/heartoftheschool](https://donate.onecause.com/heartoftheschool) or contact the Gehlen Catholic Development Office.

**STATISTICS OF NOTE:**

**Number of Priests** in the Diocese of Sioux City:

1980	166
1990	146
2000	109
2019	48

**Age Distribution of Active Priests** in the Diocese

25-29	1 (This is Fr. Travis)
30-34	5
35-39	6
40-44	1
45-49	1
50-54	7
55-59	8
60-64	11
65-69	8 (Fr. Bruce fits here)
70 +	0

If nothing changes, in the next 9 years 19 priests will retire, 8 will be ordained for a net loss of 11, bringing the number of priests available to serve the parishes in the 24 counties of northwest Iowa down to 37. In the 10 years following that, another 15 will retire . . . . Less than one priest per county????



**NEW MEMBERS**

♦ James Krienert & Kendra Gloden and son Vincent  
We are excited to have you join our faith community and share the love of Christ with you.

**OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY**

- ♦ Jane (Tentinger) Schmidt entered eternal life February 24, 2021. She was the sister of Michael (Kathy) Tentinger and AJ (Janelle) Tentinger of our parish.
- ♦ Judith Holmberg entered eternal life March 1, 2021. She was the of sister of Marlene Stoos of our parish.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon. Mar. 8 - 8:45AM All Saints-St. Joseph**  
Jim Hauser (A);
- Tues. Mar. 9 - 6:30AM All Saints-St. Joseph**  
Jose Luis Barajas (Spec. Int.)
- 8:45AM All Saints-St. Joseph**  
Dan Bickford;
- 12:00NOON All Saints-St. Joseph**  
Richard O'Kane;
- Wed. Mar. 10 - 6:30AM All Saints-St. Joseph**  
Deceased Members of Dennis Groetken Family;
- 8:45AM All Saints-St. Joseph-NO GEHLEN MASS**  
John Mai;
- 12:00NOON All Saints-St. Joseph**  
Karen Bender;
- Thurs. Mar. 11 - 6:30AM All Saints-St. Joseph**  
Peggy Poeckes;
- 8:45AM All Saints-St. Joseph-NO GEHLEN MASS**  
Jami Langel (A);
- 12:00NOON All Saints-St. Joseph**  
Babe & Syb Anthony Family;
- Fri. Mar. 12 - 6:30AM All Saints-St. Joseph**  
Deceased Members of Dennis Groetken Family;
- 8:45AM All Saints-St. Joseph**  
Tom Traufler & Bernard Hoffman;
- 12:00NOON All Saints-St. Joseph**  
George Ott;
- Sat. Mar. 13 - 4:00PM All Saints-St. Joseph**  
Dan Cronin; Jerome Mohning;
- 5:30PM All Saints-St. Joseph**  
Cindy Schlichte;
- Sun. Mar. 14 - 8:00AM All Saints-St. Joseph**  
Leo DeRocher;
- 8:30AM St. Joseph, Ellendale**  
Ellen Ritz;
- 9:30AM All Saints-St. Joseph**  
Lawrence "Larry" Gotto;
- 11:00AM All Saints-St. Joseph**  
Wally Rolfes (A);
- 12:30PM All Saints-St. Joseph-Spanish Mass**  
People of All Saints;



## FEBRUARY 28, 2021 INCOME

### All Saints Parish

Adult Tithing	\$ 20,168.67
All Saints Repair/Maint.	405.00
Auto Withdrawal-General	1,105.00
Auto Withdrawal-Repair/Maint.	25.00
Easter Flowers	15.00
Grain Donations	16,809.03
Initial Offering	60.00
Loose Offering	481.50
Online Donations	270.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 39,339.20</b>
Aid to Global Churches	62.00
Briar Cliff University	20.00
Christian Needs	10.00
Endowment Fund	70.00
Retired & Infirm Priests	25.00

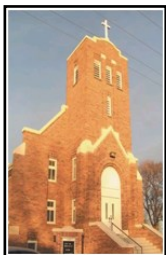
**WEATHER ALERT:** If school is LATE or CANCELED due to weather, the 8:45AM Mass will also be CANCELED. But note that during these days when we live-stream daily Mass for the sake of those isolating because of COVID, the 8:45AM Mass takes place as usual even when there is a funeral. (This is a change from our pre-COVID custom of canceling.)

### CHRISTIAN NEEDS CENTER-MARCH 2021

Canned Peas or carrots	Juice
Canned Tomatoes	Toilet Paper
Canned Tuna or Chicken	

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

Every Friday During Lent  
5:30PM-7:30PM  
Serving: Alaskan Pollock, French Fries,  
Mac-n-Cheese, Coleslaw,  
Dinner Roll—\$10/Meal  
**Drive Thru Only**



## St. Joseph Ellendale

23533 K22, Merrill, IA

Third Sunday of Lent

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**PLEASE NOTE** the Statistics of Note on the other side of the bulletin. Let us continue to pray and work for vocations.

### PARISH INFORMATION:

**Mailing Address:** 605 Plymouth St. NE, Le Mars, IA 51031  
**Bulletin Correspondent:** Kathy Ream 712-389-5271  
**Cemetery:** Jim Tentinger 712-251-3007  
 Ross Tentinger 712-898-0516  
**Director Religious Ed:** Mj Tapper 712-568-2754  
**Hall Rent:** Kathy Ream 712-389-5271  
**Prayer Chain:** Marlene Pridie 712-568-2198  
 Barb Foley 712-539-2243

## FEBRUARY 28, 2021 INCOME

### St. Joseph, Ellendale

Adult Tithing	\$1,060.00
Loose Offering	98.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,158.00</b>

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

March 14, 2021—8:30AM

Reader: Steve Ritz  
 EMHC: Kathy Ream  
 Offertory: Kathy Ream, Steve Ritz

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