

## Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	Saturday 6:00 PM Sept. 4	Sunday 8:30 AM Sept. 5	Sunday 10:30 AM Sept. 5
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Judy Alger Jim Alger Sharon Johnson	Mary Emgarten Mindy Leinbaugh Stacy Sieperda	Shawna Ditsworth Jeannie James Michella Koppen
<b>Lectors</b>	Jean Mohr	Jim Staver	Karen Fergen
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Carter Trautman	Miles Wasson Libby Leinbaugh	Marie Muetting Max Ditsworth
<b>Hospitality Ministers</b>	Gayle Eral Dale Vortherms	Bob Emgarten Ron Crowley Larry Bortscheller Jim Wiese	Alan Ditsworth Margie Lynch Tom Lynch Brian Koppen
<b>Music Ministers</b>	Donna Williams Gaylene Rolling	Donna Davis Katie Kardell	Donna Davis Katie Kardell
<b>Videographer</b>	Greg Rolling		

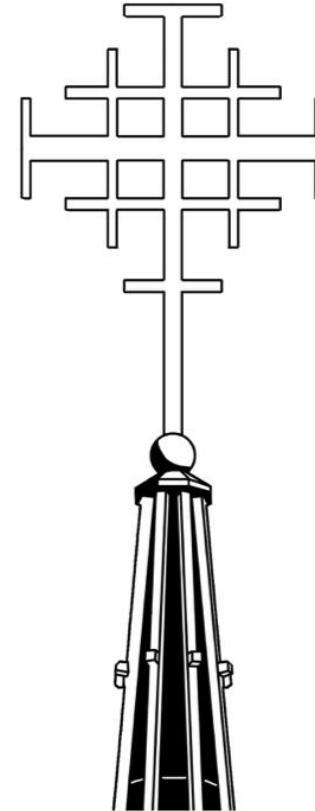
## Liturgies and Events This Week

<b>Monday, Aug. 30</b> No Mass	<b>Wednesday, Sept. 1</b> 12:00 Noon Mass	<b>Thursday, Sept. 2</b> 5:30 PM Mass +John Steinkamp	<b>Saturday, Sept. 4</b> 6:00 PM Mass +L. & D. of St. Mary's
<b>Tuesday, Aug. 31</b> 5:30 PM Mass +Yzonne Poncelet	12:30-4:00 Adoration +Claire Killeen	<b>Friday, Sept. 3</b> 12:00 Noon Mass +Jason Schoo	<b>Sunday, Sept. 5</b> 8:30 AM Mass +Sara Miller 10:30 AM Mass +Alice Bonnell

The sanctuary lamp burns this week for the souls in purgatory.

<b>Stewardship for August 22, 2021</b> Adults: \$8,435.93 Online: \$503.00 Guatemala: \$ Dollar: \$377.00 Special: \$	<i>Are you leaving a legacy of "red tape" for your heirs? A legal will can cut confusion. Your will can benefit St. Mary's too.</i>
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# St. Mary's Parish



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**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 29, 2021**

## Parish Staff

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**Baptism** – Contact the office to inquire about pre-baptismal class.

**Marriage** – Contact the office at least six months before date of wedding.

**Confessions** – Wednesday 3:30PM, Saturday 5:15PM, Sunday 10:00AM.

**Eucharistic Adoration** – Wednesday 12:30PM – 4:00PM.

### **KC 50/50 Raffle**

Knights of Columbus will hold their second 50/50 raffle with the drawing on September 27<sup>th</sup>. If all tickets are sold, the payout will be \$12,500.00 spread over 15 winners. Stop after Mass at the back of the church or contact a Knight if interested. Tickets are \$50.00 each and the goal is to sell 500 tickets.

### **RCIA Classes**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an 8 month process that the universal church follows when we welcome individuals into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know would like to join the Church, please contact Fr. Hughes or call the parish office at 712-336-1742. Classes will begin in mid-September.

### **Religious Education Registration Remains Open**

Registration for St. Mary's religious Education is online and simple to complete for this coming year. Go to [www.stmarysspiritlake.org](http://www.stmarysspiritlake.org), scroll down on the home page to the registration tab and complete the questions. After you submit your form, you will receive an invoice by email for the appropriate fees. Thank you so much for taking the time to register your student(s). We are looking forward to a fun, face-to-face year!

### **Catechists Needed**

With our religious education program starting soon, we still have a need for a few more catechists. If you feel called to share your faith, please consider teaching or assisting in teaching a class. 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade are still in need of catechists. You don't have to know everything to teach, you just need an open heart and a love for the faith!

### **Winter Mass Schedule**

We have been working these last several weeks to determine a winter Mass schedule that will serve St. Mary's and St. Joseph Parishes. Canon Law and Diocesan policy outline the principles of a parish's liturgical life. A priest is permitted to celebrate three Masses each weekend but when there is a special need the bishop can allow a priest to celebrate four Masses. In addition, the Mass schedule must be able to be fulfilled by the active priests assigned to each parish. We are not permitted to base our regular Mass schedule on the presence of a retired priest. Weekend weddings and funerals are in addition to the four Masses permitted for one priest. Between St. Joseph's and St. Mary's we will be reducing our non-summer Mass schedule to four Masses each weekend; two at St. Joseph and two at St. Mary's. Beginning the weekend of September 11/12 we will change to the following Mass schedule: Saturday evening we will have Mass at St. Joseph's at 4:00PM and St. Mary's at 5:30PM. Sunday morning, we will have Mass at 9:00AM at St. Joseph's and 10:30AM at St. Mary's. We know that we will have to add some Masses at Christmas and Easter, but we hope to use this schedule until sometime in May of next year when we will do a review of the schedule. Next summer, we hope to follow a plan similar to this summer's schedule. Change is always difficult, but we hope that the planned schedule will serve as many people as possible and provide a workable situation for our clergy. Fr. Tom Flanagan will continue to assist us in both parishes and he and Fr. Hughes will alternate weekends when that is possible. We ask that all our parishioners be patient and generously adapt to our "new normal".

### **Many Thanks to Cain Junkman**

We are sad to see Cain Junkman leave his position at St. Joseph and St. Mary's. Cain has been an important part of our parish life here in the Dickinson County Parishes. His position has been shared by St. Mary's and St. Joseph's. Cain has taken a position at Immaculate Conception Church in Cherokee. His dedication to our liturgical prayer has been remarkable. His piano talent and his beautiful voice have enriched our Masses in countless ways. His technology skills have also helped us launch our on-line outreach. Thanks for all you have done here. God bless you, Cain!

### **Scripture Study Schedule Switch**

The day and time for the weekly young adult scripture study is changing. It will now be held on Sunday evenings at 5:00PM. The location will remain the same, still being held in Nazareth Hall at St. Joseph's. This is a great opportunity for young adults to build fellowship and grow towards Christ with others seeking to do the same. New members are always welcome!

### **FORMED Account Changes**

Anyone already signed up through our parish account will still be able to use FORMED in the same way. Parishioners who have not used FORMED yet can sign up by going to [formed.com/signup](http://formed.com/signup) and searching for our new parish account: Dickinson County Catholic Community. FORMED is an amazing resource that provides access to an enormous Catholic library of movies, books, and other resources. Give it a try!

### **Housing Query**

Our director of religious education, Derek Probst, is looking for a house or apartment to rent. If you have something available or know of any availability, feel free to contact him via phone, email, or stopping by the office.

### **Welcome Deacon Darwin Messerly**

We would like to welcome a new staff person to the Dickinson County Parishes. St. Mary's and St. Joseph's will share the service of Deacon Darwin Messerly, a deacon of the Diocese of Sioux City, who will be joining us as a full time Pastoral Minister. Deacon Darwin will be undertaking a share of the pastoral responsibilities that our priests have carried alone in the past. Home visitations, RCIA, liturgical training, wakes and funerals and weddings, pastoral counselling, assistance in youth ministry and religious education, adult education and pastoral planning are all tasks that he will be sharing in. Deacon Darwin is a widower and he comes to us from Boone County where he has worked on the pastoral and professional staff for Sacred Heart Parish and School, St. Malacy's in Madrid, and St. John's in Ogden. Please give him a warm welcome and encourage him as he begins his ministry among us.

### **Housing for Deacon Darwin**

We are looking for a place for Deacon Darwin to live. If you have rental property or are looking for someone to winter house-sit for the coming months, please give us a call. Deacon Darwin is a widower who does not have a pet, he is a very handy guy and would be a great renter. Give us a shout if interested!