

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	Saturday 5:30 PM Sept. 11	Sunday 10:30AM Sept. 12	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Curt Smith Sandi Smith John Huigens	Susan Lynn Sharon Crowley Mary Brandt	
Lectors	Judy Foster	Paul Katzfey	
Altar Servers	Sam Odendahl	Jasper Robinson Tyson Robinson	
Hospitality Ministers	Jim Carney Mark Ingwersen Dale Vortherms Gayle Eral	Jim Leinbaugh Tom Lynch Margie Lynch Brian Koppen	
Music Ministers	Barbara Staver Gaylene Rolling	Angela Olson Gaylene Rolling	
Videographer	Greg Rolling		

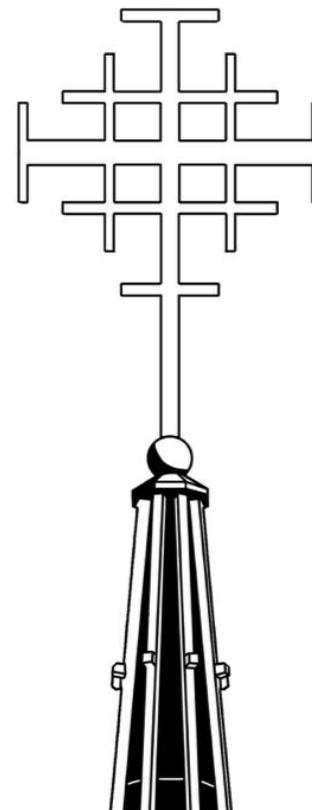
Liturgies and Events This Week

<u>Monday, Sept. 6</u>	<u>Wednesday, Sept. 8</u>	<u>Thursday, Sept. 9</u>	<u>Saturday, Sept. 11</u>
No Mass	12:00 Noon Mass	5:30PM Mass	5:30PM Mass
<u>Tuesday, Sept. 7</u> 5:30PM Mass +Elizabeth Giefer	12:30-4:00 Adoration +Sam Steele	+Cliff Garvey	+Mike Hawn & Souls of 9-11
		<u>Friday, Sept. 10</u> 12:00 Noon Mass +Richard Hamann	<u>Sunday, Sept. 12</u> 10:30AM Mass +Katherine Crowley

The sanctuary lamp burns this week for cancer patients.

Stewardship for August 28, 2021 Adults: \$8,311.75 Online: \$1,281.00 Guatemala: \$ Dollar: \$433.00 Special: \$	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>When you need a will, it will be too late to write one.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Don't wait!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>And don't forget St. Mary's.</i></p>
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St. Mary's Parish



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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 5, 2021

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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 27th. 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.

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Rolls

The KC's will be distributing tootsie rolls after the Sunday Masses. This fundraiser event raises money to help people and families with intellectual and physical disabilities. The Knights for decades have been helping to recognize the dignity of every person. Thank you for your generosity!

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 call the parish office at 712-336-1742. Classes will begin in mid-September.

Religious Education Starts Soon

Our religious education program kicks off on September 15th! We are excited for a wonderful year of learning, community, and growth in the faith. If you still need to register your children, this can be done on the St. Mary's website. Just scroll down on the home page and click the registration tab on the right side of the screen. Thank you so much for taking the time to register your student(s).

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. 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".

Catholic Daughters

There will be a Catholic Daughters meeting on Tuesday, September 7th at 6:00PM (following the 5:30 Mass). Please bring a baby gift for the Lakes Regional Hospital Baby Gift Drive to honor the gift of life (new items only). All are welcome to attend!

Middle School S'more Extravaganza

Coming up on September 12th, all middle schoolers are welcome to join us for gourmet s'mores! Beginning at 7:00PM in the Pieta courtyard, we will play games, hear a talk on the faith, and indulge in delicious s'mores. We hope you can join us for this fantastic event!

School Feasibility Study

Attached to this week's bulletin you will find an announcement concerning a Catholic School Feasibility Study that we are undertaking in Dickinson County. Off and on for many years, there has been discussion about the possibility of opening a Catholic elementary school that would be shared by St. Joseph's and St. Mary's Parishes. We would like to undertake a comprehensive study that will examine the feasibility of such a project. We will make an inquiry among parents of potential students and will also survey parish members to measure the support of such a parochial undertaking. Our information gathering study will examine potential enrollment and parish support, facilities, costs and long-range funding mechanisms. We ask all of you to pray about this process asking the Lord to guide us to seeking His will in our lives.

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 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, 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. Malachy'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.