

Book of the Deceased Prayers will be offered for your loved ones during the month of November. You may still write the name of a loved one in the book on our “Prayer Table.”

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Cluster Mass Schedule

6:30 p.m.	Tuesday, December 7, Eve, Vigil	St. Joseph Church, Hills
8:30 a.m.	Wednesday, December 8, Holy Day	Atrium Chapel, Hills
10:00 a.m.	Wednesday, December 8, Holy Day	Pioneer Park Chapel, Lone Tree
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday, December 8, Holy Day	St. Mary Church, Lone Tree

Catholic Campaign for Human Development - Working on the Margins

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. As cluster parishes, we raised \$385.00 to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the united States. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Use the envelope in your packet and make checks to your parish.

Request for a Papal Blessing

Any Catholic married couple who would like to receive a Papal Blessing Parchment as they celebrate their wedding anniversary (10, 15, 20, 25., etc.) OR anyone who would like to ask for a Papal Blessing Parchment on a birthday (18, 30, 40, 50, 60, 100, etc.) please contact Father Hai at the parish office, 319-679-2271, with the following information — your names, date of wedding, name of the church where you were married, and the name of the priest. Two couples have asked for the Papal Blessing Parchment. Just call the parish office to request yours.

A Prayer to Prepare My Heart for Christ’s Coming

Father, just as You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus, help me to clear the path in my heart, too. Show me the distractions in my life that block me from all-out worship of You this Advent. Lord, I await Your coming! As I celebrate the first Advent—the first coming—I look toward the day where I will see You face to face. I imagine what it will be like. Give me a heart, Lord, that looks for Your coming on a daily basis. Help me to live my life where I'm constantly seeking Your presence. My offering to You today is my righteous life for I know I am only clean because of Jesus. Show me today how I need to be refined, purified, forgiven. Give me the strength to ask for forgiveness and to then change my ways. Amen



Liturgical Ministers—Lone Tree St. Mary Saturday 4:00 pm Cycle C Reading						
	11/27/2021 Fr. Hai	12/4/2021 Fr. Lou	12/8/2021 6:30pm Fr. Lou	12/11/2021 Fr. Hai	Lone Tree	
Greeter	Nancy Ford	Joel&MaryEllen Yedlik	Trudi Westfall	Elaine Kout	Parish Support	
Lector	Carol Kaalberg	Judy Grothe	Nancy Waldschmidt	Jill Welter	Envelopes	\$535.00
Servers	Carol Kaalberg	Jerry Ford	Carol Kaalberg	Trudi Westfall	Offertory	\$24.00
Eucharist	Carol Kaalberg	Nancy Ford	Carol Kaalberg	Sherry Nicola	CCHD	\$45.00
Collection	Lynn Bland	Joel Yedlik	Jenni Eden	Lynn Bland		
	Kathy Davis	MaryEllen Yedlik	Monica Eiben	Joan Davis		
Gifts	Betty Forbes	Mike&Lucy Parker	Trudi Westfall	Kathy Davis		
Commentator/Petitions	Carol Kaalberg	Jerry Ford	Carol Kaalberg	Jill Welter		

Liturgical Ministers—Nichols Church of St. Mary Sunday 8:00 am Cycle C Reading

	11/28/2021 Fr. Hai	12/5/2021 Fr. Hai	12/12/2021 /Fr. Lou	12/19/2021	Nichols	
Greeter	Bill Lenz	Adam Gauger	Adam Gauger	Adam Gauger	Parish Support	
Lector	Mary Lenz	Trudi Westfall	Renetta Burlage	Mary Lenz	Envelopes	\$740.00
Cross Bearer	Wayne Mengel	Adam Gauger	Wayne Mengel	Adam Gauger	Offertory	\$83.75
Eucharist	Carol Kaalberg	Trudi	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	CCHD	\$120.00
Collection	Steve Lahey	Joe Harper	Adam Gauger	Marv Wilson		
	Marv Wilson	Bill Lenz	Kory Kaalberg	Steve Lahey		
Gifts	Jeanne Green	Joe&Rose Harper	Kory & Chris Kaalberg	Lori Leggins		
Commentator/Petitions	Carol Kaalberg	Trudi Westfall	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg		

Liturgical Ministers—Hills St. Joseph Sunday 10:00 am Cycle C Reading

	11/28/2021 Fr. Lou	12/5/2021 Fr. Hai	12/7/2021 6:30pm Fr. Hai	12/12/2021 Fr. Hai	Hills	
Music Ministry		Lily Westemeyer	Lily Westemeyer	Lily Westemeyer	Parish Support	
Greeter	Jean Burr	Beth and Owen Rundlett	Volunteer	Mike&Nancy Waldschmidt	Envelopes	\$953.00
Lector	Bob Jenn	Bob Jenn	Carol Kirkpatrick	Lora Sieverding	Offertory	\$883.20
Server	Emy/Carol	Weston Waldschmidt	Emy Rivera	Emy Rivera/Jim Frantz	CCHD	\$220.00
Eucharist	Kristee Malmberg	Kristee Malmberg	Carol Kirkpatrick	Mike Sieverding	Newman Center	\$50.00
Collection	Marcia Mellecker	Matt Waldschmidt	Volunteer	Mike Waldschmidt	Food Pantry	\$50.00
	Jim Frantz	Brian Moran	Volunteer	Brian Moran		
Gifts	Schott Family	Draker Family	Volunteer	Jenn Family		
Commentator/Petitions	Judy Stebral	Judy Stebral	Judy Stebral	Judy Stebral		

If you are unavailable for the above ministry assignment, please find your own replacement.

Cluster Parish Announcements

Bulletin deadline Tuesday at 10:00 am. Contact Judy Stebral at 319-331-8727, jbstebra1@hotmail.com or Carol Kaalberg at 319-330-5324 or kaalbergc@diodav.org.

Cluster News

ADA Update as of 11/21/2021			
	Goal Received	Percent of goal	
St. Mary, Nichols	\$ 5,843.00	\$ 10,538.00	180.35%
St. Mary, Lone Tree	\$ 8,347.00	\$ 7,911.00	94.78%
St. Joseph, Hills	\$18,503.00	\$ 12,399.00	67.01%
Thank you to those who have made a pledge or donation to the ADA. ADA envelopes can be put in the collection basket at the weekend Mass.			

Please call the cluster office, 319-679-2271, if you would like to serve as greeter, usher/collection, lector, Eucharistic minister, server or cantor in any of our parishes.

If you know someone who is homebound in the Hills, Lone Tree or Nichols area who would like to have us bring Holy Communion to their home, please call the cluster office at 679-2271.

St. Joseph Church, Hills

Sunday, December 12 Coffee and Donuts in the Parish Hall following 10:00 Mass. All are welcome to come and enjoy coffee, and donuts, and fellowship with our parish family.

Donations to the Meals on Wheels project total \$388.60 to date. The donation box will remain for one more week for those who wish to donate. Thank you, St. Joseph Parishioners, for your generosity!

Social Justice and Peace committee is collecting items for charity.
Hills Elementary School is in need of gloves, mittens, hats, winter boots, and snow pants of all sizes for K-6th grade boys and girls. Gently used snow pants and boots would be acceptable.

Shelter House is asking for body lotion and baby wipes.

Catholic Worker House asks that \$5—\$10 gift cards from a local store (Aldi, Walmart, HyVee, etc.) be placed in a zip-lock bag along with a pair of socks and gloves—any size.

Place above donations in the labeled boxes downstairs near the Parish Hall.
Thank you for your willingness to donate to help with these projects to help our local organizations during this winter and holiday season.

The St. Joseph Food Pantry is open each Wednesday morning from 10 A.M. to noon. For your safety and for our workers’ safety, boxes of groceries are brought to you for pick up at the East church entrance. Thank you for your continued generosity to the St. Joseph Food Pantry.

St. Mary Church, Lone Tree,

Wednesday, December 1 is our **Cluster Communal Penance Service** at the Lone Tree Church. Both Fr. Hai and Fr. Lou will be available for confessions that evening. Take advantage of this opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas.

St. Mary Church, Lone Tree, cont.

The Birthright Basket is back! We will resume our tradition of collecting baby items for Birthright of Johnson County during the season of Advent. Birthright offers love and support to mothers and families before and after the birth of their new baby. Although Birthright is grateful for any donation, this year the non-profit organization especially needs *diapers (sizes 1 and 2), baby wipes, baby towels and wash cloths, socks, and small receiving blankets.*

During the Season of Advent we will have envelopes available for our parish “**Secret Santa**” project. Donations will be collected to buy toys, games, clothing, etc., for families in need within our local community to help their children with Christmas presents from Santa. You are asked to put your Secret Santa envelope donation in with the regular collection.

Rest in peace... Our parish sympathy to Joel and MaryEllen Yedlik and their family on the loss of Joel’s dad, Paul. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in God’s peace. Amen.

Reminder: the ecumenical Blue Christmas Service has been cancelled this year for St. Mary’s and the United Presbyterian Church.

September was fuel collection month. Please be generous so we can have a nice cozy warm church during the cold winter months. Envelopes are in your weekly boxes. Total collected to date: \$900.00.

Lone Tree/Nichols Food Pantry New Hours is now open every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., and Wednesday afternoons from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.at The United Presbyterian Church, 110 West Elm Street, Lone Tree. No appointment needed. This local food pantry is a cooperative effort of United Presbyterian Church, St. Mary Church, Lone Tree and The Church of Saint Mary, Nichols. Call Laurie at 319-621-0955 if urgent.

The Church of St. Mary, Nichols

Sunday, November 28 Parish & Finance Council meets following Mass

During the next few weeks we will be collecting stocking hats, gloves and scarves to donate for the West Liberty Voluntary Action Christmas basket project. A large Christmas stocking is at the church entrance to receive your donations.

Rest in peace... Our parish sympathy to the family of Margaret and Bruce Matt on the loss of Margaret’s uncle, Bill Berns. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on him. May he rest in God’s peace. Amen.

*Rest in peace...*Our parish sympathy to Mary Lou Yedlik and her family on the loss of her husband, Paul Yedlik, whose funeral was celebrated on Friday. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in God’s peace. Amen.

September was fuel collection month. Please be generous so we can have a nice cozy warm church during the cold winter months. Envelopes are in your weekly boxes. Total collected to date: \$1,165.00.

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