



WELCOME!

Our Three-Parish Cluster
Sts. Mary and Joseph Catholic Churches
Hills, Lone Tree and Nichols

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 22, 2021

Church of St. Mary, 201 Short Street, Box B, Nichols, Iowa, 52766 319-330-5324
St. Mary Church, West Jayne Street, Box 416, Lone Tree, Iowa, 52755 319-629-4225
St. Joseph Church, 209 Brady Street, PO Box 187, Hills, Iowa, 52235 319-679-2271

Sts. Mary and Joseph Cluster Parish Office
209 Brady Street, P.O. Box 187 Hills, Iowa 52235-0187

Rev. Hai Dinh, Pastor; 319-679-2271; email: dinhh@diodav.org
Mrs. Carol Kaalberg, Pastoral Associate; 319-330-5324; email: kaalbergc@diodav.org
Cluster Website: stsmariandjoseph.com Cluster Facebook: www.facebook.com/stsmariandjoseph
Trudi Westfall, Director of Religious Education, 319-629-4364; 319-330-3328
Rev. Lou Leonhardt (retired priest in residence at the Lone Tree Rectory); PO Box 454, Lone Tree, IA 52755 319-629-4339
Bulletin deadline: 1000 am Tuesday. Contact Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324 or Judy Stebral, 319-331-8727

Cluster Mass Intentions — August 21 through September 12, 2021

Table with 2 columns of mass intentions. Left column: Sat Aug 21 4:00pm Lone Tree Don Kout; Sun Aug 22 8:00am Nichols Mary Steinocher; Sun Aug 22 10:00am Hills Schott Family; Tue Aug 24 8:30am Atrium John&Betty Soukup; Wed Aug 25 8:30am Atrium Bob&Kathy Pogge; Thur Aug 26 8:30am Atrium Kathy Dalton; Thur Aug 26 10:00am LT PP Ashton Family; Fri Aug 27 8:30am Atrium Veva Jenn; Sat Aug 28 4:00pm Lone Tree Donabell Moore; Sun Aug 29 8:00am Nichols Colleen Augstine; Sun Aug 29 10:00am Hills Don Draker; Mon Aug 30 8:00am Lone Tree Rosella Attig; Tue Aug 31 8:00am Atrium John&Betty Soukup; Tue Aug 31 8:30am Atrium Veva Jenn; Wed Sep 1 8:00am Lone Tree Rosella Attig; Wed Sep 1 8:30am Atrium Ron Burr. Right column: Thu Sep 2 10:00am LT PP Rosella Attig; Thu Sep 2 8:30am Atrium Alma Funk; Fri Sep 3 8:30am Atrium Keith Stevens; Sat Sep 4 4:00pm Lone Tree Luther&Norma Hartley; Sun Sep 5 8:00am Nichols Jack&Helene Salemink; Sun Sep 5 10:00am Hills Joan Cahill; Tue Sep 7 8:00am Lone Tree Rosella Attig; Tue Sep 7 8:30am Atrium John&Betty Soukup; Wed Sep 8 8:00am Lone Tree Rosella Attig; Wed Sep 8 8:30am Atrium Kathy Dalton; Thu Sep 9 8:30am Atrium Suzann Slaughter; Thu Sep 9 10:00am LT PP Ashton Family; Fri Sep 10 8:30am Atrium Veva Jenn; Sat Sep 11 4:00pm Lone Tree Donabell Moore; Sun Sep 12 8:00am Nichols Jack&Helene Salemink; Sun Sep 12 10:00am Hills Kathy Dalton

Music Ministry: St. Joseph, Bob Shaw and Connie Shaw. Church of St. Mary, Nichols, Jean Mengel. St. Mary, Lone Tree, Steve Moore.
St. Joseph Prayer Line: Lucille Duwa 679-2404; Joan Gringer 679-2406.

Sts. Mary and Joseph Cluster Confession Schedule

Father Hai will be available to hear confessions before Mass at the below times:

- St. Mary, Lone Tree: 3:30 pm to 3:50 pm on Saturdays
Church of St. Mary: 7:30 am to 7:50 am on Sundays
St. Joseph, Hills: 9:30 am to 9:50 am on Sundays

Let us come to reconcile to God and others!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

The following is an update from Bishop Zinkula for the Davenport Diocese protocols as of August 11, 2021.

Iowa is considered a "high" transmission state, and all our counties are experiencing "high" or "substantial" transmission regularly.

This pandemic is not over. Please keep in mind the steps necessary to help prevent the spread of this virus: vaccination, masking, social distancing, handwashing, minimizing time together, and good ventilation. Given our current situation, and taking into consideration CDC guidelines, the following additional safety measures are being put in place.



- 1. We urge that masks be worn by everyone (over the age of 2) at any indoor gathering or public space, including the liturgy.
a. At the liturgy, masks must be worn by those distributing communion.
b. If any gathering consists only of those vaccinated, masks may be omitted.
2. Parishes should return to social distancing measures, in a manner that works best for their community.
3. Congregational singing is temporarily suspended. A single, masked and vaccinated cantor may be used.
a. If the liturgy is celebrated outdoors, masked members of the assembly may also sing.

We have received a number of questions regarding parish festivals and the like. At this point, there is no need to cancel them. Instead, we ask that you be intentional about reducing risk as much as possible. For example: "Carry-out" food is safer than "eating-in." If eating in, outdoor seating (if a tent, don't lower the side flaps!) is better than indoor seating. If indoor seating is used, wearing masks while not eating and keeping tables apart would be recommended. Good ventilation, and spending as little time as possible indoors, are important.

We hope that these changes will be short-lived. The pandemic seems to be exhibiting an up-and-down pattern, so it is hoped that this surge will peak soon and start to decline. However, it may be that large events and the return to school may prolong this wave. We just have to wait and see. But, as soon as it is possible, we will relax these precautions.

Bishop Thomas Zinkula

To celebrate the Year of St. Joseph worthily and gratefully, our parish community will have a 33-Day Consecration to St. Joseph, the patron saint of the universal Church, families, workers and departing souls. It will begin on Thursday, September 30. Books are available for anyone who wants to participate. The full schedule will be available in the August 29 bulletin. I encourage all of you to participate in this event. Please contact Carol Kirkpatrick or Judy Stebral for more information.

Many thanks to you and your families for everything that you have done for our parish community. May God bless and protect you all!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Hai Dinh