

Embrace Grace Ministry—An informational meeting will be held Tues., Sept 13, at 6:30 pm at St. Patrick Church, Iowa City, OR contact Sheryl at 319-855-8475. Are you being called by God to love and encourage women with an unplanned pregnancy and single moms in our community by offering spiritual, emotional and material help? Learn more about **“Embrace Grace”** and how you can provide assistance through bible study groups, baby showers, and mentoring opportunities. Sheryl Schwager, Executive Director, Johnson County Right To Life.

St. Joseph Church, Wellman—Sunday, October 2—Serving from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Fried Chicken & Pork Loin buffet-style dinner with homemade dressing, noodles, cranberry salad, and all the trimmings. Seating inside and drive-through carry outs. \$15 adults, \$6 ages 4-10, 3 & under free. Live auction at 1:30 p.m.

St. Thomas More Dance & More-A-Thon. Saturday, October 8, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. 3000 12th Ave., Coralville. A fun(d) raiser for St. Thomas More’s “Growing More in Faith” building campaign. \$20/person or \$50/family (dance, food.drinks, bid on auction items, raffle). **Join a Dance Team** —\$50/person to register (t-shirt, dance, food/drinks).

THE 9/11 PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE & HOPE - Dear God, we remember before you today those whose lives were lost in the catastrophic events of September 11, 2001, and for all those whom we love but no longer see. We pray today for the continued healing of all those suffering emotional and physical scars. May your spirit breathe new breath into clouded lungs, new life into troubled minds, and new warmth into broken hearts, so that all may feel wrapped in your loving embrace. May we move from suffering to hope, from brokenness to wholeness, from anxiety to courage, from death to life, from fear to love, and from despair to hope. Amen.

2022-2023 Faith Formation News



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Religious Education classes will begin Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. with a “Class Blessing” to “kick-off” the 2022-2023 year.

It’s not too late to register your kindergarten thru10th grade children online at <https://stjosephhills.webs.com>. Use the form found under the “Faith Formation” tab at the very top of the website. Registration forms are also available at all cluster churches to complete and return in the collection basket or send to the cluster office, Sts. Mary and Joseph Cluster Office, PO Box 187, Hills, IA 52235 **OR** bring them with you to class.

We hope you will plan to join us this Wednesday at the Religious Education Center, 109 W. Jayne St., Lone Tree. Reminder: the class schedule is posted on the website for your reference. We hope to see you there.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at nwaldschmidt@gwaea.org or 319-331– 2077. Thank you. Nancy

Liturgical Ministers—Lone Tree St. Mary Saturday 4:00 pm Cycle C Reading						
	9-10-2022 Fr. Hai	9-17-2022 Fr. Hai	9-24-2022 Fr. Hai	10-1-2022 Fr. Hai	Lone Tree	Parish Support
Greeter	Paula Moore	Elaine Kout	Joel&MaryEllen Yedlik	Elaine Kout	Envelopes	\$1,107.00
Lector	Jerry Ford	Sherri Nicola	Jill Welter	Carol Kaalberg	Offertory	\$99.00
Servers	Jerry Ford	Sherry Nicola	Jill Welter	Carol Kaalberg	ACH Giving	\$360.00
Eucharist - cup	Jerry Ford	Sherry Nicola	Sherry Nicola	Carol Kaalberg	Fuel	\$195.00
Eucharist - cup	Nancy Ford	Paula Moore	Nancy Ford	Sherry Nicola		
Collection	Nancy Ford	Nancy Ford	Joel Yedlik	Lynn Bland		
	Judy Viner	Jerry Ford	MaryEllen Yedlik	Joan Davis		
Gifts	Nancy Ford	Nancy and Jerry Ford	Yedlik Family	Mike&Lucy Parker		
Commentaror	Jerry Ford	Sherry Nicola	Jill Welter	Carol Kaalberg		

Liturgical Ministers—Nichols Church of St. Mary Sunday 8:00 am Cycle C Reading						
	9-11-2022 Fr. Hai	9-18-2022 Fr. Lou	9-25-2022 Fr. Hai	10-2- 2022 Fr. Hai	Nichols	Parish Support
Greeter	Margaret&Bruce Matt	Margaret&Bruce Matt	Margaret&Bruce Matt	Bill&Mary Lenz	Envelopes	\$170.00
Lector	Tom Barr	Mary Lenz	Tom Barr	Renetta Burlage	Offertory	\$100.00
Cross Bearer	Wayne Mengel	Adam Gauger	Wayne Mengel	Michael Burlage	ACH Giving	\$325.00
Eucharist - cup	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Fuel	\$525.00
Eucharist - cup	Tom Barr	Tom Barr	Rose Harper	Dede Ollendick		
Collection	Steve Lahey	Joe Harper	Bill Lenz	Kory Kaalberg		
	Adam Gauger	Marvin Wilson	Mary Lenz	Marvin Wilson		
Gifts	Lori Leggins	Wayne&Jon Mengel	Cindy Massey	Brian&Alyssa Moran		
Commentator	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg		

Liturgical Ministers—Hills St. Joseph Sunday 10:00 am Cycle C Reading						
	9-11-2022 Fr. Hai	9-18-2022 Fr. Hai	9-25-2022 Fr. Hai	10-2-2022 Fr. Hai	Hills	Parish Support
Music Ministry	Lily Westemeyer	Lily Westemeyer	Lura Loan	Robynn Anderson	Envelopes	\$1,100.00
Greeter	Bob Jenn	Steve & Chris Jenn	Eileen Falls	Arlene Johnston	Offertory	\$516.00
Lector	Nancy Waldschmidt	Nancy Waldschmidt	Joyce Gauger	Joyce Gauger	ACH Giving	\$928.00
Server	Weston Waldschmidt	Weston Waldschmidt	Emy Rivera/Jim Frantz	Weston Waldschmidt	Assumption	\$25.00
Eucharist - cup	Kristee Malmberg	Kristee Malmberg	Mike Sieverding	Mike Sieverding	CUA	\$10.00
Eucharist - cup	Ann Draker	Ann Draker	Bob Jenn	Bob Jenn		
Collection	Jim Frantz	Mike Waldschmidt	Matt Waldschmidt	Marty Boeckenstedt		
	Barbara Mahanna	Matt Waldschmidt	Mike Waldschmidt	Jim Frantz		
Gifts	Gary Hotka Family	Marvin Goody Fam.	Jim Ball/Helen Swenka	Jim Ball/Helen Swenka		
Commentator	Judy Stebral	Judy Stebral	Carol Kirkpatrick	Joyce Gauger		

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

Fr. Lou will be gone from Sept. 21 thru October 7 visiting family in Canada. No Mass at his home during this time.

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.

St. Joseph Church, Hills

Sunday, September 11, 2022 Coffee and donuts in the parish hall following Mass today hosted by Altar and Rosary Society.

Tuesday, September 13 Community Potluck at 12 noon in the St. Joseph parish hall. Bring a dish to share and table service. Drinks provided. Invite friends, family and neighbors to enjoy fellowship, food, bingo and cards. All are welcome.

Monday, September 18, 2022 6:30 pm Parish Council meeting in the St. Joseph parish hall.

Saturday, September 24, 2022 5 to 7 pm Christian Music Fest in the Hills City Park. Please join us for the last Christian Music Fest this year. Enjoy music of “Banjoy” and “Great Bluegrass Heron Band. Food, fellowship, fun and door prizes! Invite family, friends and neighbors! Bring lawn chairs and enjoy a wonderful evening at the park. Sponsored by the Catholic Cluster Parishes of St. Mary Lone Tree, Church of St. Mary, Nichols, and St. Joseph Church, Hills.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to make FREE popcorn and hand out free water at the Hills City Park concession stand. **Signup sheet is at the church entrance.**

Saturday, October 1, 2022 The next First Saturday Mass is at St. Mary, Lone Tree Church. Reconciliation at 8:30 am. Mass at 9:00 followed by Adoration until 11:00 a.m. Adoration sign up is at all cluster churches.

Please sign up on the sheet at the church entrance to take the traveling statue of St. Joseph to your home for a one or two week period of private prayer.

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.

Thank you St. Joseph parishioners for your generous donations of school supplies for the Hills Elementary students. The supplies were delivered to the Hills Elementary school last week.

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Fuel Collection: September is the annual fuel collection month at our parish. Envelopes are in your boxes. Donations are appreciated to help with the high cost of heating expenses for our facilities.

St. Mary Church, Lone Tree, cont.

Nichols/Lone Tree Food Pantry is 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 UP Church, 110 West Elm Street, Lone Tree. No appointment needed. The local food pantry is a cooperative effort of UP Church, St. Mary Church, Lone Tree and The Church of Saint Mary, Nichols. Call Laurie at 319-621-0955 if urgent.

Nichols & Lone Tree Community Food Pantry

The following items are always in demand and needed and currently are low or out on the shelves:

Food items: jams/jelly, canned meats (chicken, tuna small hams, pork), beef stew, apple sauce, pineapple, fruit cocktail, relish, salt/pepper, crackers/saltines and snack-goldfish, wheat thins etc., vegetable oil, cake mixes (not needing eggs), frosting, muffin mixes (just add water), sugar/flour, juice/ juice boxes.

Other items: paper towels, toilet paper, laundry/dish soap, shampoo.

Thank you for your support!

Monetary donations are also accepted. It is used to purchase food items and meat for the freezer.

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Announcements

Save the Date — Annual Parish Corporate Board Meeting

The Annual Parish Corporate Board meeting will be held on Sunday, September 11 at 2 pm and Tuesday, September 13 at 7 pm. The Tuesday meeting is a repeat of the Sunday meeting. It is important that all pastors and parish lay directors attend one of these sessions. The meetings will again be held virtually via Zoom and not gathered as deaneries as has been customary in past years. **Lay Directors:** please notify Father Hai which of the sessions you will attend.

Thanksgiving Boxes Do you know a family within our cluster who could use a Thanksgiving Box of prepared food to serve 8—10 people? If so, please contact Fr. Hai at 319-679-2271 or Carol Kaalberg at 319-330-5324. The Muscatine Knights of Columbus are willing to donate this generous gift to families within our cluster in need.

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil

Sept. 28 to Nov. 6 Gather at Emma Goldman Center (public sidewalk) to pray for peace in the womb and for God’s mercy on mothers and fathers who need His love and healing. Sign up to pray for hourly shifts at the daily vigil www.40daysforlife.com/iowa-city or call Gary at (319)330-0961.