



WELCOME!

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

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time      October 2, 2022**

**Church of St. Mary, 201 Short Street, Box B, Nichols, Iowa, 52766 319-330-5324**  
**St. Mary Church, 216 West Jayne Street, Box 416, Lone Tree, Iowa, 52755 319-629-4225**  
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Rev. Lou Leonhardt (retired priest); PO Box 454, Lone Tree, IA 52755 319-629-4339

**Cluster Mass Intentions October 1, 2022 to October 22, 2022**

Sat	Oct1	4:00pm	Lone Tree	Donna Crawford	Wed	Oct12	8:30am	Atrium	John&Bess Gorman Family
Sun	Oct2	8:00am	Nichols	Jennifer Saleminck	Thur	Oct13	8:30am	Atrium	Keith Stevens
Sun	Oct2	10:00am	Hills	Hartl Family	Thur	Oct13	10:00am	Lone Tree	Gladys Zibilich
Mon	Oct3	8:00am	Lone Tree	NO MASS—Fr. Lou gone	Fri	Oct14	8:30am	Lone Tree	Don Mahanna
Tue	Oct4	8:00am	8:00am	NO MASS—Fr. Lou gone	Sat	Oct15	11:00am	Lone Tree	Confirmation Candidates
Tue	Oct4	8:30am	Atrium	Bob Mellecker	Sat	Oct15	4:00pm	Lone Tree	James&Donabell Moore
Tue	Oct4	10:00am	PP CC	Cluster Parishioners	Sun	Oct16	8:00am	Nichols	Tom O'Toole
Wed	Oct5	8:00am	8:00am	NO MASS—Fr. Lou gone	Sun	Oct16	10:00am	Hills	Deon&Connie Duwa
Wed	Oct5	8:30am	Atrium	Veva Jenn	Mon	Oct17	8:00am	Lone Tree	Gladys Zibilich
Thur	Oct6	8:30am	Atrium	Alma Funk	Tue	Oct18	8:00am	Lone Tree	Ashton Family
Thur	Oct6	10:00am	PP CC	Cluster Parishioners	Tue	Oct18	8:30am	Atrium	Communion Service
Fri	Oct7	8:30am	Atrium	Degenhart Family	Tue	Oct18	10:00am	PP CC	Cluster Parishioners
Sat	Oct8	4:00pm	Lone Tree	Donald Kout	Wed	Oct19	8:00am	Lone Tree	Ashton Family
Sun	Oct9	8:00am	Nichols	Willard Saleminck-Intention	Wed	Oct19	8:30am	Atrium	Communion Service
Sun	Oct9	10:00am	Hills	Gary Hotka	Thur	Oct20	8:30am	Atrium	Communion Service
Mon	Oct10	8:00am	Lone Tree	Ashton Family	Thur	Oct20	10:00am	PP CC	Eileen Klein
Tue	Oct11	8:00am	Lone Tree	Gladys Zibilich	Fri	Oct21	8:30am	Atrium	Communion Service
Tue	Oct11	8:30am	Atrium	Rick Soukup	Sat	Oct22	4:00pm	Lone Tree	Katie Birtcher
Tue	Oct11	10:00am	PP CC	Cluster Parishioners	Sun	Oct22	8:00am	Nichols	Karleen&Sonny O'Toole
Wed	Oct12	8:00am	Lone Tree	Gladys Zibilich					

**Music Ministry:** St. Joseph, Hills: Lily Westemeyer, Lura Loan, Robynn Anderson. Church of St. Mary, Nichols: Jean Mengel and Rhonda Meredith. St. Mary, Lone Tree: Steve Moore  
**St. Joseph Prayer Line:** Lucille Duwa 679-2404; Joan Gringer 679-2406  
**Church of St. Mary, Nichols Prayer Line:** Toni Wilson, 319-723-4468; Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324  
**St. Mary, Lone Tree Prayer Line:** Nancy Ford, 319-430-0882; Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324

**Sts. Mary and Joseph Cluster Confession Schedule**

Father Hai is available to hear confessions before Mass at the below times:  
St. Mary, Lone Tree 3:30 p.m. to 3:50 pm on Saturdays  
Church of St. Mary 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 am on Sundays  
St. Joseph, Hills 9:30 a.m. to 9:50 am on Sundays  
*Let us come to reconcile to God and others!*

**First Saturday Masses** First Saturday Mass, November 5 at the Church of St. Mary in Nichols. Reconciliation at 8:30 a.m. Mass at 9:00 a.m. Adoration follows until 11:00 a.m. Signup sheets for Adoration times at all churches.

**Local food pantries have an ongoing need for food items.**

Containers are available at all times at Lone Tree and Nichols, and items can be dropped off at Hills in the Food Pantry in the parish hall. Thank you for your generosity to our food pantries.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

October 2, 2022



**GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE** - The prophet Habakkuk lived seven centuries before Christ, yet his words could well be ours today: "I cry out to you, 'Violence!' but you do not intervene." Do we sometimes feel as though strife in our communities, and even within our own families, is more than we can handle? Like the prophet, we may ask, "How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen." Indeed, we may feel our prayers are not being answered. Perhaps it is simply that they are not "answered" in the manner and timeframe in which we wish they would be. Although "God's time" and his plan for our lives may seem mysterious or discouraging, it is by continuing to bring our concerns to God in prayer that we can actually help our faith grow and mature. We see countless examples of people who remain faithful in spite of hardship, misfortune and loss. Let us take time today, as the disciples did, to pray and ask Jesus to "increase our faith." In simply turning to the Lord, we exhibit faith that, like a tiny mustard seed, has great power and can be a source of strength to ourselves and those around us. It is in faith in Christ that we find hope

**GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT** - Jesus reminds us that even a little faith can have a huge impact – not only on our lives but on others. We can share it by offering to pray for those facing a challenge, talking to God when we feel overwhelmed, and opening our hearts to the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and in the faces of the people we encounter each day. **PRAYER:** Even the prophet Habakkuk and the disciples experienced "off" days where faith eluded them. But the psalmist reminds us to keep showing up in prayer: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Especially in moments of despair, bring your concerns to God in prayer. (Grow + Go)

**STEWARSHIP** – When will I have given enough – of my income, of my time, of my talents? Today's Gospel suggests that only total stewardship will do: "When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say "We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty."

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)** – Thank you to all who responded so generously to the 2022-2023 ADA last weekend. Each year the success of the campaign depends on you. Once more this year, you have done a wonderful thing; your pledges and gifts have helped to assure that the ADA will be able to continue building the faith community throughout the Diocese of Davenport. For those of you who were not here last weekend or for other reasons have not yet made your pledge to this year's ADA, please consider a pledge by picking up a flier / pledge envelope in your pew or at the back of the church. You may return the completed form to the parish office or mail it directly to the Diocese of Davenport. Thank you very much for your prayers, support and generosity. May God bless you, your works and your families!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** – Those who are interested in becoming Knights, please let Fr. Hai know what date and time you will be available for a Round Table meeting. You can call me at 319 – 679 – 2271 or email me at dinh@diocav.org I am very excited and looking forward to hearing from you and working with you to discuss with you about what we can do to help our cluster parishes.

Wishing you and your loved ones all the best! Have a good weekend and a grace-filled week ahead.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Hai Dinh