



WELCOME!

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 4, 2022

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Cluster Mass Intentions September 3, 2022 to September 25, 2022

Sat	Sept3	4:00pm	Lone Tree	Paul Yedlik	Wed	Sept14	8:30am	Atrium	Don Mahanna
Sun	Sept4	8:00am	Nichols	Tim Leggins	Thur	Sept15	8:30am	Atrium	Keith Stevens
Sun	Sept4	10:00am	Hills	Cleola Schneider	Thur	Sept15	10:00am	PP CC	Gladys Zibilich
Mon	Sept5	8:00am	Lone Tree	Gladys Zibilich	Fri	Sept16	8:30am	Atrium	Alma Funk
Tue	Sept6	8:00am	Lone Tree	Charles Mullinnix	Sat	Sept17	4:00pm	Lone Tree	Donald Kout
Tue	Sept6	8:30am	Atrium	Veva Jenn	Sun	Sept18	8:00am	Nichols	Ron Wieskamp
Tue	Sept6	10:00am	PP CC	Cluster Parishioners	Sun	Sept18	10:00am	Hills	Spec. Int. Marvin Good Fam
Wed	Sept7	8:00am	Lone Tree	Charles Mullinnix	Mon	Sept19	8:00am	Lone Tree	Gladys Zibilich
Wed	Sept7	8:30am	Atrium	John&Betty Soukup	Tue	Sept20	8:00am	Lone Tree	Ashton Family
Thur	Sept8	8:30am	Atrium	Kathy Dalton	Tue	Sept20	8:30am	Atrium	Alma Funk
Thur	Sept8	10:00am	PP CC	Gladys Zibilich	Tue	Sept20	10:00am	PP CC	Cluster Parishioners
Fri	Sept9	8:30am	Atrium	Leonard&Mary E. Rummelhart	Wed	Sept21	8:00am	Lone Tree	NO MASS—Fr. Lou gone
Sat	Sept10	4:00pm	Lone Tree	Donabell Moore	Wed	Sept21	8:30am	Atrium	John&Bess Gorman Family
Sun-	Sept11	8:00am	Nichols	Tim Leggins	Thur	Sept22	8:30am	Atrium	Degenhart Family
Sun	Sept11	10:00am	Hills	Gary Hotka	Thur	Sept22	10:00am	PP CC	Communion Service
Mon	Sept12	8:00am	Lone Tree	Gladys Zibilich	Fri	Sept23	8:30am	Atrium	Eileen Klein
Tue	Sept13	8:00am	Lone Tree	Kevin Mullinnix	Sat	Sept24	4:00pm	Lone Tree	Donald Kout
Tue	Sept13	8:30am	Atrium	John&Betty Soukup	Sun	Sept25	8:00am	Nichols	Special Intention
Tue	Sept13	10:00am	PP CC	Cluster Parishioners	Sun	Sept25	10:00am	Hills	Kenneth Swenka
Wed	Sept14	8:00am	Lone Tree	Kevin Mullinnix					

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 Next First Saturday Mass is October 1, at the Church of St. Mary, Nichols. Confessions 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,

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE - We know that Jesus loves us, shepherds us, forgives us ... but he also challenges us! He reminds us today that being a disciple requires that we go all in, prepared to place our relationship with Jesus above all else. Easier said than done. But we can start, one minute at a time, with our prayers, priorities, and actions. We can also follow the example of saints such as Paul, imprisoned for preaching the Gospel, and the saints among us who teach us by example.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT - We could consider saints who have not let suffering and loss shake their faith. There are the saints we Catholics celebrate each day: Francis, who threw off the cloak of privilege to live for Christ; Mother Teresa, who served others day in and day out even as she faced a spiritual drought; Paul, the one-time persecutor who built up the early Church and whose letters continue to inspire Christians. Each of them took Jesus' words at face value and laid down their lives for him. Learning how to be a disciple of Christ from studying the lives of the saints can be an ongoing pursuit throughout our lives. But perhaps we can also learn from a "living saint," if the opportunity presents itself, and ask, in so many words, "what's your secret?" It may be praying first thing in the morning, or something practical that we had not considered, such as managing their time in such a way that allows them to volunteer regularly or to be a continuous presence in the life of someone who needs them. If other priorities have gotten in the way of our relationship with Jesus, perhaps we can challenge ourselves to develop new habits. Even an incremental change – such as spending less time or money on nonessentials or reading an inspirational book – can help us reignite our faith and free up our time to focus on someone or something other than ourselves. **STUDY:** Take time to read about the lives of a few saints. What habits did they create to lead holy lives? What vices did they give up for Christ's sake to truly become his disciple?

Religious Education (RE) Classes – Please read Nancy Waldschmidt's Faith Formation message on page 5 of this bulletin.

We will be offering the blood of Christ this weekend. If you are interested in being a Eucharistic Minister for the blood of Christ, kindly let us know.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA - Next weekend, September 10 & 11, we will have the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Please be generous.

A PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY - Almighty God, Creator of the world, we give you thanks for the gift of stewardship and work. Deliver us, in our various occupations, from the service of self alone, that we may do our work in truth and beauty and for the common. God of justice, we pray for all workers, that they would receive fair compensation and treatment in their labor. For those who seek work, provide jobs. We ask all these things for our good and your glory. Amen.

Wishing you and your loved ones all the best!

Have a grace-filled Labor Day weekend and a nice week ahead!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Hai Dinh