



WELCOME!

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

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time      September 11, 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**  
**St. Joseph Church, 209 Brady Street, PO Box 187, Hills, Iowa, 52235 319-679-2271**

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Rev. Lou Leonhardt (retired priest in residence at the Lone Tree Rectory); PO Box 454, Lone Tree, IA 52755 319-629-4339

**Cluster Mass Intentions September 10, 2022 to October 3, 2022**

Sat	Sept10	4:00pm	Lone Tree	Donabell Moore	Thur	Sept22	8:30am	Atrium	Degenhart Family
Sun	Sept11	8:00am	Nichols	Tim Leggins	Thur	Sept22	10:00am	PP CC	Cluster Parishioners
Sun	Sept11	10:00am	Hills	Gary Hotka	Fri	Sept23	8:30am	Atrium	Eileen Klein
Mon	Sept12	8:00am	Lone Tree	Gladys Zibilich	Sat	Sept24	4:00pm	Lone Tree	Donald Kout
Tue	Sept13	8:00am	Lone Tree	Kevin Mullinnix	Sun	Sept25	8:00am	Nichols	Special Intention
Tue	Sept13	8:30am	Atrium	John&Betty Soukup	Sun	Sept25	10:00am	Hills	Kenneth Swenka
Tue	Sept13	10:00am	PP CC	Cluster Parishioners	Mon	Sept26	8:00am	Lone Tree	NO MASS—Fr. Lou gone
Wed	Sept14	8:00am	Lone Tree	Kevin Mullinnix	Tue	Sept27	8:00am	Lone Tree	NO MASS—Fr. Lou gone
Wed	Sept14	8:30am	Atrium	Don Mahanna	Tue	Sept27	8:30am	Atrium	Dave Ipsen
Thur	Sept15	8:30am	Atrium	Keith Stevens	Tue	Sept27	10:00am	PP CC	Cluster Parishioners
Thur	Sept15	10:00am	PP CC	Gladys Zibilich	Wed	Sept28	8:00am	Lone Tree	NO MASS—Fr. Lou gone
Fri	Sept16	8:30am	Atrium	Alma Funk	Wed	Sept28	8:30am	Atrium	Veva Jenn
Sat	Sept17	4:00pm	Lone Tree	Donald Kout	Thur	Sept29	8:30am	Atrium	Xuan Tran
Sun	Sept18	8:00am	Nichols	Ron Wieskamp	Thur	Sept29	10:00am	PP CC	Cluster Parishioners
Sun	Sept18	10:00am	Hills	Spec. Int. Marvin Good Fam	Fri	Sept30	8:30am	Atrium	Julia Ruppenkamp
Mon	Sept19	8:00am	Lone Tree	Gladys Zibilich	Sat	Oct1	4:00pm	Lone Tree	Donna Crawford
Tue	Sept20	8:00am	Lone Tree	Ashton Family	Sun	Oct2	8:00am	Nichols	Jennifer Salemkink
Tue	Sept20	8:30am	Atrium	Alma Funk	Sun	Oct2	10:00am	Hills	Hartl Family
Tue	Sept20	10:00am	PP CC	Cluster Parishioners	Mon	Oct3	8:00am	Lone Tree	NO MASS—Fr. Lou gone
Wed	Sept21	8:00am	Lone Tree	NO MASS—Fr. Lou gone					

**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 St. Mary Lone Tree Church. 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,

**GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE** – We may think that we lose more things than the average person. Car keys or wedding rings. We can't rest until we find them. Oh, the elation when the missing item turns up! So, this is one parable we think we "get." Of course, these items pale in comparison to our value as human beings – sons and daughters of God. Even – or perhaps especially – as sinners. As Jesus tells us, "There will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." What good news for all of us! Rather than wallow in our failures or close ourselves off to God, we are challenged to follow Paul's example and turn to God for our strength – we can turn to him knowing we are loved, valued, and cherished. Wishing you and your loved ones all the best!

**GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT** – We may confess we sometimes feel unworthy to become very active in our cluster parishes. We've made more mistakes than we can count; so, no, we'll pass on volunteering to be a lector or a catechist. That's a job for the "good Catholics." As we see time and again in Scripture, ours is a Church of sinners. As was the case with Paul, "once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant," the Lord has mercy upon us, and his grace is abundant. Just as he considered Paul trustworthy to lead the Church, he trusts us; we need only trust ourselves. Gaining our strength from God, we can share our gifts through ministry and service. What's more, we can actively reach out to those on the fringes of our cluster parishes or those who have left the Church feeling as though they don't belong. Jesus reminds us that all are welcome at his table. **ENGAGE:** At Sunday Mass, make a point of welcoming newcomers and strangers with a smile or greeting. Consider getting involved in a parish ministry. Let us thank those who have served in ministry of hospitality as greeters and ushers and in liturgy as music players, cantor, choir singers, lectors, commentators, altar servers, sacristans, gift bearers, decorators, and extraordinary Eucharistic ministers. They are truly God's gifts for our cluster parishes. (Grow + Go)

**STEWARDSHIP** – We can hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son: "You are with me always, and everything I have is yours." What is my response to such remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me? All of us are called to support our cluster parishes through our prayers, participating in parish liturgies and activities and financial contributions.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)** will begin next weekend. This is your opportunity to assist the Diocese in its ministry. You can assist our cluster parishes with your pledge as well. When a parish goes over its goal, 100% of that overage paid amount is returned to the parish for its use. Be generous to help our cluster parishes to reach our goals.

**THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA** – This weekend, September 10 & 11, we will have the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Thank you very much for your generosity to support our Catholic education.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS** – Saints Mary & Joseph cluster parishes welcome you as you take the next step in your spiritual journey and explore the Catholic Faith.

Interested? Please contact Nancy Waldschmidt, Director of Faith Formation at 319-331-2077.

Have a grace-filled weekend and a safe & nice week ahead!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Hai Dinh