

<p>2021 Cluster Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule</p> <p><u>Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24, 2021</u> 4:00 pm Mass at Nichols Church, music at 3:30 5:00 pm Mass at Lone Tree Church, music at 4:30 6:30 pm Mass at Hills Church, music at 6:00 pm</p> <p><u>Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25, 2021</u> 9:00 am Mass at Lone Tree Church 10:00 am Mass at Hills Church</p> <p><u>New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31, 2021</u> 8:30 am Mass at Atrium Chapel 4:00 pm Mass at Lone Tree Church 6:30 pm Mass at Hills Church</p> <p><u>New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1, 2022</u> 9:00 am Mass at Lone Tree Church 10:00 am Mass at Hills Church</p>
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Liturgical Ministers—Lone Tree St. Mary Saturday 4:00 pm Cycle C Reading						
	12/11/2021 Fr. Hai	12/18/2021 Fr. Lou	12/24/2021 5 pm Fr. Lou	12/25/2021 9 am Fr. Lou	Lone Tree	
Greeter	Elaine Kout	Nancy Ford	Jill Welter	Volunteer	Parish Support	
Lector	Jill Welter	Jerry Ford	Sherry Nicola	Trudi Westfall	Envelopes	\$647/00
Servers	Trudi Westfall	Jerry Ford	Jerry Ford	Trudi Westfall	Offertory	\$89.00
Eucharist	Sherry Nicola	Nancy Ford	Nancy Ford	Trudi Westfall	Secret Santa	\$135.00
Collection	Lynn Bland	Jill Welter	Joel Yedlik	Volunteer	CCHD	\$5.00
	Joan Davis	Sherry Nicola	MaryEllen Yedlik	Volunteer	Relig. Ed.	\$20.00
Gifts	Kathy Davis	Deanna Krueger	Sherry Nicola/Jill Welter	Volunteer		
Commentator/Petitions	Jill Welter	Jerry Ford	Jerry Ford	Trudi Westfall		

Christmas Flower/Mass Intention forms were included in last week's bulletin. Forms are also available at the entrance of all cluster churches. Please submit your requested Mass intentions by next week-end, December 18/19 to be included in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins. Forms and your flower donation can be placed in the collection basket. Thank you.

2022 envelope packet are at all churches. Please help by picking up your pack to save mailing costs.

Mercy Iowa City Spiritual Care Department is asking for donations to meet the basic clothing needs of patients who are unable to leave the hospital without the proper attire, often because the patient's clothing was cut off in the Emergency Unit when they came to the hospital. If you wish to donate items, please purchase **NEW** sweatpants, crew neck sweatshirts, and long-sleeve t-shirts in sizes medium to 2 XL. Clothing may be dropped off in the labeled box in the St. Joseph Parish Hall or they can be taken to the Mercy Iowa City front Information Desk at the 500 E. Market street entrance. . Mercy Iowa City Chaplains Fr. Terry Ball and Rev. Jenny Seylar appreciate your donations for this much-needed effort!

Request for a Papal Blessing

Any Catholic married couple who would like to receive a Papal Blessing Parchment as they celebrate their wedding anniversary (10, 15, 20, 25., etc.) OR anyone who would like to ask for a Papal Blessing Parchment on a birthday (18, 30, 40, 50, 60, 100, etc.) please contact Father Hai at the parish office, 319-679-2271, with the following information — your names, date of wedding, name of the church where you were married, and the name of the priest. Two couples have asked for the Papal Blessing Parchment. Just call the parish office to request yours.

This weekend is the collection for the Retired Religious. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide nursing care, medicine, and other necessities to the retired religious. Please be generous.

A friend is one who strengthens you with prayers, blesses you with love, and encourages you with hope.

Liturgical Ministers—Nichols Church of St. Mary Sunday 8:00 am Cycle C Reading						
	12/12/2021 /Fr. Lou	12/19/2021	12/24/2021 4 pm Fr. Hai	12/26/2021 8 am Fr. Hai	Nichols	
Greeter	Adam Gauger	Adam Gauger	Adam Gauger	Adam Gauger	Parish Support	
Lector	Renetta Burlage	Mary Lenz	Renetta Burlage	Carol Kaalberg	Envelopes	\$405.00
Cross Bearer	Wayne Mengel	Adam Gauger	Wayne Mengel	Adam Gauger	Offertory	\$32.00
Eucharist	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg		
Collection	Adam Gauger	Marv Wilson	Kory Kaalberg	Joe Harper		
	Kory Kaalberg	Steve Lahey	Colton Kaalberg	Marv Wilson		
Gifts	Kory & Chris Kaalberg	Lori Leggins	Brent Peters Family	John Stroppel		
Commentator/Petitions	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg		

Liturgical Ministers—Hills St. Joseph Sunday 10:00 am Cycle C Reading						
	12/12/2021 Fr. Hai	12/19/2021 Fr. Hai	12/24/2021 6:30pm Fr. Hai	12/25 2021 10 am Fr. Hai	Hills	
Music Ministry	Lily Westemeyer	Lily Westemeyer	Lily Westemeyer	Lily Westemeyer	Parish Support	
Greeter	Mike&Nancy Waldschmidt	Wendy Berry & family	Please sign up	Please sign up	Envelopes	\$760.00
Lector	Lora Sieverding	Lora Sieverding	Please sign up	Please sign up	Offertory	\$45.00
Server	Emy Rivera/Jim Frantz	Weston Waldschmidt	Please sign up	Please sign up	Immac. Conc.	\$15.00
Eucharist	Mike Sieverding	Mike Sieverding	Please sign up	Please sign up	Stole Fees	\$50.00
Collection	Mike Waldschmidt	Mike Waldschmidt	Please sign up	Please sign up		
	Brian Moran	Jim Frantz	Please sign up	Please sign up		
Gifts	Jenn Family	Schott Family	Please sign up	Please sign up		
Commentator/Petitions	Judy Stebral	Judy Stebral	Judy Stebral	Judy Stebral		

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

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.

Cluster News

ADA Update as of 11/28/2021

	Goal Received		Percent of goal
St. Mary, Nichols	\$ 5,843.00	\$ 10,538.00	180.35%
St. Mary, Lone Tree	\$ 8,347.00	\$ 8,911.00	106.76%
St. Joseph, Hills	\$18,503.00	\$ 12,399.00	67.01%

Thank you to those who have made a pledge or donation to the ADA. ADA envelopes can be put in the collection basket at the weekend Mass.

Please call the cluster office, 319-679-2271, if you would like to serve as greeter, usher/collection, lector, Eucharistic minister, server or cantor in any of our parishes.

If you know someone who is homebound in the Hills, Lone Tree or Nichols area who would like to have us bring Holy Communion to their home, please call the cluster office at 679-2271.

St. Joseph Church, Hills

Sunday, December 12 Coffee and Donuts in the St. Joseph Parish Hall following today's 10:00 Mass. All are welcome to come and enjoy coffee, and donuts, and fellowship with our parish family.

Tuesday, December 14 12 noon. Senior potluck Bingo and card with prizes in the St. Joseph Parish Hall. Bring your table service and a dish to share. Drinks provided. Invite a friend or neighbor and enjoy this monthly public potluck followed by Bingo and cards. All in our cluster communities are welcome!

Please sign up for Christmas and New Year's Mass ministries. Sign up sheets are at the back of the church.

2022 Envelopes are at all church entrances this weekend.

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.

Social Justice and Peace committee is collecting items for charity.

Hills Elementary School is in need of gloves, mittens, hats, winter boots, and snow pants of all sizes for K-6th grade boys and girls. Gently used snow pants and boots would be acceptable.

Shelter House is asking for body lotion and baby wipes.

Catholic Worker House asks that \$5—\$10 gift cards from a local store (Aldi, Walmart, HyVee, etc.) be placed in a zip-lock bag along with a pair of socks and gloves—any size.

Place above donations in the labeled boxes downstairs near the Parish Hall.

Thank you for your willingness to donate to help with these projects to help our local organizations during this winter and holiday season.

St. Mary Church, Lone Tree

Saturday, December 11 following 4:00 Mass there will be training for all liturgical ministers. This training is for former ministers and people interested in participating in the ministries of Greeter, Lector, Server, Eucharistic Minister, and Commentator. Please mark the date for this important training session with our Pastor, Fr. Hai.

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Christmas Food Baskets If your family can be helped by receiving a food basket, let the Lone Tree Food Pantry/United Presbyterian Church (629-4900) know by Tuesday, December 14. Leave your name, phone number, and size of family on the answering machine. Your call will be returned. Baskets will be ready for pick up on Wednesday, December 22 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Mask covering is required at time of pick up.

The Birthright Basket is back! We will resume our tradition of collecting baby items for Birthright of Johnson County during the season of Advent. Birthright offers love and support to mothers and families before and after the birth of their new baby. Although Birthright is grateful for any donation, this year the non-profit organization especially needs *diapers (sizes 1 and 2), baby wipes, baby towels and washcloths, socks and small receiving blankets.*

During the Season of Advent we will have envelopes available for our parish "Secret Santa" project. Donations will be collected to buy toys, games, clothing, etc., for families in need within our local community to help their children with Christmas presents from Santa. You may use the collection basket for your Secret Santa envelopes.

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

The Church of St. Mary, Nichols

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At the church entrance is a box to receive your donations of stocking hats, gloves and scarves for West Liberty Voluntary Action Christmas basket project. Donations of children's toys, games and puzzles are also needed during this Christmas season.

Nichols/Lone Tree Food Pantry New Hours is now 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 United Presbyterian Church, 110 West Elm Street, Lone Tree. This local food pantry is a cooperative effort of United Presbyterian Church, St. Mary Church, Lone Tree and The Church of Saint Mary, Nichols. Call Laurie at 319-621-0955 if urgent.