



2021 Cluster Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule
Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24, 2021
 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

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25, 2021
 9:00 am Mass at Lone Tree Church
 10:00 am Mass at Hills Church

New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31, 2021
 8:30 am Mass at Atrium Chapel
 4:00 pm Mass at Lone Tree Church
 6:30 pm Mass at Hills Church

New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1, 2022
 9:00 am Mass at Lone Tree Church
 10:00 am Mass at Hills Church



Christmas Flower/Mass Intention forms were included in a previous bulletin. Forms are also available at the entrance of all cluster churches. Please submit your requested Mass intentions **by this weekend, 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 save mailing costs by picking up your box.

If you wish to send a Christmas card to Father Mike: Rev. Michael Spiekermeier, 780 West Central Park Ave., #19, Davenport, IA 52804-1901

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.

Last weekend was 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.

The task ahead of us is never as strong as the power behind us.

Liturgical Ministers—Lone Tree St. Mary Saturday 4:00 pm Cycle C Reading

	12/18/2021 Fr., Lou	12/24/2021 5 pm Fr. Lou	12/25/2021 9 am Fr. Lou	12/31/2021 4 pm Fr. Lou	Lone Tree	
Greeter	Nancy Ford	Jill Welter	Elaine Kout	Elaine Kout	Parish Support	
Lector	Jerry Ford	Sherry Nicola	Sherry Nicola	Carol Kaalberg	Envelopes	\$459.00
Servers	Jerry Ford	Sherry Nicola	Trudi Westfall	Carol Kaalberg	Offertory	\$143.00
Eucharist	Nancy Ford	Sherry Nicola	Sherry Nicola	Carol Kaalberg	Secret Santa	\$77.00
Collection	Jill Welter	Joel Yedlik	Joel Yedlik	Mandeline Bland	Retired Religious	\$25.00
	Sherry Nicola	MaryEllen Yedlik	MaryEllen Yedlik	Kathy Davis	Mem. Mariel Slutts	\$200.00
Gifts	Deanna Krueger	Jill Welter	Margret Comer	Joan Davis	Immaculate Conc.	\$30.00
Commentator/Petitions	Jerry Ford	Sherry Nicola	Trudi Westfall	Carol Kaalberg	Flowers/Mass. Int	\$215.00

Liturgical Ministers—Nichols Church of St. Mary Sunday 8:00 am Cycle C Reading

	12/19/2021	12/24/2021 4 pm Fr. Hai	12/26/2021 8 am Fr. Hai	1/2/2022	Nichols	
Greeter	Adam Gauger	Adam Gauger	Adam Gauger	Bill Lenz	Parish Support	
Lector	Mary Lenz	Renetta Burlage	Carol Kaalberg	Mary Lenz	Envelopes	\$475.00
Cross Bearer	Adam Gauger	Wayne Mengel	Adam Gauger	Wayne Mengel	Offertory	\$40.00
Eucharist	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Retired Religious	\$150.00
Collection	Marv Wilson	Kory Kaalberg	Joe Harper	Steve Lahey	Memorial Donna Crawford	\$1,000.00
	Steve Lahey	Colton Kaalberg	Marv Wilson	Marv Wilson	Fuel	\$100.00
Gifts	Lori Leggins	Brent Peters Family	John Stroppel	Marv&Toni Wilson	Flowers/Mass Int.	\$175.00
Commentator/Petitions	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg		

Liturgical Ministers—Hills St. Joseph Sunday 10:00 am Cycle C Reading

	12/19/2021 Fr. Hai	12/24/2021 6:30pm Fr. Hai	12/25 2021 10 am Fr. Hai	12/26/2021 Fr. Lou	Hills	
Music Ministry	Lily Westemeyer	Lily Westemeyer and Musicians	Lily Westemeyer	Lily Westemeyer	Parish Support	
Greeter	Wendy Berry & family	Please sign up	Please sign up	Barbara Mahanna	Envelopes	\$1188.00
Lector	Lora Sieverding	Please sign up	Bob Jenn	Nancy Waldschmidt	Offertory	\$97.00
Server	Weston Waldschmidt	Emy Rivera/Jean Burr	Jean Burr	Weston Waldschmidt	Immaculate Conc.	\$50.00
Eucharist	Mike Sieverding		Please sign up	Deanne Eden	Retired Religious	\$190.00
Collection	Mike Waldschmidt	Please sign up	Please sign up	Brian Moran	Flowers/Mass Int.	\$500.00
	Jim Frantz	Please sign up	Please sign up	Jim Frantz		
Gifts	Schott Family	Please sign up	Please sign up	Wendy Berry Family		
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, jbstebal@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	\$ 9,161.00	109.75%
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. If you have not yet made a pledge, ADA envelopes are available at the back of the church. They 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, 12/18/2021 Following Mass today we will decorate our church for the Christmas season. Volunteers are welcome and encouraged to stay and help us with this project.

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.

2022 Wall calendars have been ordered. They should arrive in about 2 weeks.

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. We will accept your donations throughout the winter.

Shelter House and Catholic Worker House donated items will be delivered in the next week. Thank you St. Joseph Parishioners, for your outstanding generous response to the request for donations to assist so many with so much during this Christmas Season.

Social Justice and Peace elves purchased food, bagged it and delivered it to Hills school last week for 30 families to enjoy over the Christmas holiday. Funds from the Joanne Montgomery Rug Project were used to purchase the food. Thank you Joanne for donating the rugs and to parishioners who purchased them to make this special purchase possible.



St. Mary Church, Lone Tree

Please stay following Mass to help with the decorating of our church for the Christmas season. All available help would be appreciated.

2022 Envelopes are at all church entrances this weekend.

Christmas Food Baskets will be ready for pick up at the Lone Tree UP church on Wednesday, December 22, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Mask covering is required at time of pick up.

We are happy to announce that Fr. Hai Will be celebrating Mass at Pioneer Park on Tuesdays every week at 10:00 am. Fr. Lou will continue to celebrate Mass on Thursdays every week at Pioneer Park at 10:00 am. Residents are so pleased to have the opportunity for Mass twice a week now that the Pioneer Park facility is “open to the public.” Feel free to join them if these days and time fit your schedule. All Tuesday Mass intentions will be for our cluster parishioners. Please join us.

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 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 UP Church, 110 West Elm Street, Lone Tree. No appointment needed. This 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.

The Church of St. Mary, Nichols

Sunday, 12/19/2021 Following Mass today we will decorate our church for the Christmas season.

Rest in peace. . . Our parish sympathy is extended to Joe and Rose Harper on the loss of Joe’s brother-in-law, Don Soppland. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he now rest in peace.

Rest in peace. . . Our parish sympathy is extended to the Gayle Kaalberg family on the loss of their relative, Donna Herring Crawford. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she now rest in peace.

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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 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.