



WELCOME!

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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 27, 2021

Church of St. Mary, 201 Short Street, Box B, Nichols, Iowa, 52766 319-330-5324
St. Mary Church, 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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Bulletin deadline: 5:00 pm Monday. Contact Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324 or Judy Stebral, 319-331-8727

Cluster Mass Intentions — June 26 through July 14, 2021

Sat	June 26	4:00pm	Lone Tree	Jim Moore
Sun	June 27	8:00am	Nichols	Clarence&Frances Daufeldt
Sun	June 27	10:00am	Hills	Special Int. of Father Mike
Mon	June 28	8:00am	Lone Tree	Rosella Attig
Mon	June 28	8:30am	Atrium	Ron Burr
Tue	June 29	8:00am	Lone Tree	Harry Attig
Tue	June 29	8:30am	Atrium	Degenhart Family
Wed	June 30	8:00am	Lone Tree	Raymond Herring
Wed	June 30	8:30am	Atrium	John&Betty Soukup
Thu	July 1	8:00am	Lone Tree	Ashton Family
Thu	July 1	8:30am	Atrium	Mona Ball
Fri	July 2	8:30am	Atrium	John&Bess Gorman Family
Sat	July 3	4:00pm	Lone Tree	Luther&Norma Hartley
Sun	July 4	8:00am	Nichols	Colleen Augustine
Sun	July 4	10:00am	Hills	Ronald "Claude" Latta

Mon	July 5	8:00am	Lone Tree	Raymond Herring
Tue	July 6	8:00am	Lone Tree	Rosella Attig
Tue	July 6	8:30am	Atrium	Eileen Klein
Wed	July 7	8:00am	Lone Tree	Harry Attig
Wed	July 7	8:30am	Atrium	Colton Allen
Thu	July 8	8:00am	Lone Tree	Ashton Family
Thu	July 8	8:30am	Atrium	Robert Mellecker
Fri	July 9	8:30am	Atrium	Alma Funk
Sat	July 10	4:00pm	Lone Tree	Donabell Moore
Sun	July 11	8:00am	Nichols	Ron Wieskamp
Sun	July 11	10:00am	Hills	Liv&Dec of Frantz Families
Mon	July 12	8:00am	Lone Tree	Rosella Attig
Tue	July 13	8:00am	Lone Tree	Berneda Schnoebelen
Tue	July 13	8:30am	Hills	Dietsch/Jenn Families
Wed	July 14	8:00am	Lone Tree	Rosella Attig

Music Ministry: St. Joseph, Hills: Grant Lenz; Bob & Connie Shaw. Church of St. Mary, Nichols: Grant Lenz and Jean Mengel. St. Mary, Lone Tree: Steve Moore.

St. Joseph Prayer Line: Lucille Duwa 679-2404; Joan Gringer 679-2406

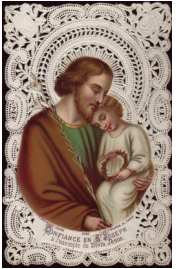
ALL ARE INVITED TO COME TO FATHER MIKE'S RETIREMENT RECEPTION THIS SUNDAY

As you know, Father Mike is retiring from parish ministry on June 30, 2021, and this is the last weekend he will celebrate Masses in the cluster. **On Sunday afternoon, June 27**, everyone from our cluster communities is invited to a farewell reception to thank Fr. Mike for his past nine years of service and generosity to our faith communities and for his 52 years in the priesthood. A light luncheon will be served at St. Joseph Church Hall in Hills from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. Please come, celebrate, eat and enjoy sharing time with Fr. Mike and one another on this special occasion of the Sts. Mary and Joseph Cluster.

As of July 1, Father's new address will be 780 West Central Park Avenue, Apt. A19, Davenport, IA 52804-1901. The priests' retirement apartments are on the left side of the front of St. Vincent's Center. His phone number will be 319-333-2269.

"Saint Paul VI pointed out that Joseph concretely expressed his fatherhood 'by making his life a sacrificial service to the mystery of the incarnation and its redemptive purpose. He employed his legal authority over the Holy Family to devote himself completely to them in his life and work. He turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home'."

Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter - "Patris Corde—With A Father's Heart"



We continue to celebrate the Year of St. Joseph. We want to get better acquainted with this remarkable man who was so much a part of Jesus' and Mary's life. Later this year we will be praying a consecration to St Joseph, using Father Callo-way's book, "Consecration to St. Joseph". This 33-day prayer exercise will help you come to know the wonders of the life and vocation of St. Joseph. Contact Judy Stebral 319-331-8727 or Carol Kirkpatrick 319-331-0921 if you would like to join this spiritual experience. More information will be forthcoming.

Farewell Father Michael Spiekermeier When I was 69 and leaving St.

Paul the Apostle in Davenport, I told the Bishop after a large 1,300 family parish, with over 600 students in the grade school with a \$3 million dollar budget and the highest ADA goal in the diocese, maybe a little smaller parish would be good. Six more years would be a normal pastorate and then I would be 75 when I would have to resign. In June, 2012, I came to our cluster of parishes in Hills, Lone Tree and Nichols. Later noticing the shortage of priests, I asked the bishop if he would have me, I would be willing to serve for three more years. In 2018, I

then became Administrator of the cluster. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving all of you in our cluster. I was sad that my final year and a half would be dampened by the pandemic. I have enjoyed working with Father Lou and Carol Kaalberg and the many of you from all three parishes. I reviewed our 13 corporate resolutions in the last nine years that included \$1,271,522.00 worth of improvements to our three cluster churches, including the current projects of the new lift and renovated hall at St. Mary Church, Lone Tree, the new church roof at St. Joseph Church, Hills and the new glass enclosed front of the Church of St. Mary, Nichols to eliminate icing on the steps and entrance. I will miss all of you.

Father Mike

