

**Please mark your calendar for the last two Christian Music Fests.**

Saturday, September 25. 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Hills Ballpark. Music by the Great Bluegrass Herons Band and Saturday October 23 with Banjoy/Bluegrass Herons Band Combo.



Invite family, friends and neighbors to come for food, fellowship and fun for all ages at this family event! Plenty of food with La Reyna authentic Mexican fare, Moo Moo Ice Cream and the Hills Ballpark Concessions, and the Word of God! Bring your lawn chair and hang out with us for a wonderful time at the park with friends neighbors and family.

If there is inclement weather on October 23, the event will move to the Hills Community Center and food trucks will be behind the building. For more information, please contact Dede Ollendick at 319-321-7683.

Sponsored by:  
St. Joseph Church, Hills, St. Mary Church, Lone Tree, and Church of St. Mary, Nichols

**The St. Patrick, Iowa City, Adoration Chapel** will REOPEN starting Wednesday, September 15, 2021, the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Anyone may pray in the Adoration Chapel between 6 a.m. and 12 midnight. If you are already committed to one or more adoration hours, you will be emailed instructions with your special login at [icstp.weadorehim.com](http://icstp.weadorehim.com) where you can sassily request a substitute, update your information, and choose your notification preference (text message, phone call, or email). Soon there will be an electronic tablet in the entrance of the Adoration Chapel. For the time being, you will sign in on paper sign-in sheets. For more details, watch a brief video at [icstp.weadorehim.com/help](http://icstp.weadorehim.com/help) or contact Joann Page at 319-855-2709 or [joann.page@mchsi.com](mailto:joann.page@mchsi.com).

**We would like you to meet the last of our Sts. Mary and Joseph Cluster Staff.** You can check out the 2020 Picture Directory for pictures of all our staff.

**Trudi Wesfall, Faith Formation Director.** Trudi Forbes Westfall was baptized and married at St. Mary’s Church in Lone Tree. Trudi joined the Catholic church through RCIA while in college at Central College in Pella. Her grandmother, Ernestine Slaughter was her sponsor. She has been married to her husband, Brian, for 25 years. They live just outside River Junction and have three grown children: Avery, a cement truck driver for Hawkeye Concrete; Wyatt, an agronomist at Stutsman, Inc., and Abigail, a freshman Nursing student at the University of Iowa. She has been a catechist for about 20 years. “The more I learn, the more I find that there is so much for me to learn. I love God, and I love to watch relationships with God grow,” she says. She has helped with RCIA, been a sacristan, server, lector, and choir member, etc.

Trudi works fulltime as a Dept. Administrator at the University of Iowa, College of Dentistry, Dept. of Pediatric Dentistry, a relatively new position for her, having just completed her first year there. Before that, she was a Research Assistant in the Dept. of Biology for 20 years, studying development and disease using zebrafish as a model.

During COVID-19, she rediscovered her family and found that they are a pretty cool group to hang around with. She enjoys being out on the water and spending time with her family.

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

	9/11/2021 Fr. Hai	9/18/2021 Fr. Lou	9/25/2021 Fr. Hai	10/2/2021 Fr. Lou	Lone Tree	
Greeter	Trudi Westfall	Sharon Nicola	Joel Yedlik Family		Parish Support	
Lector	Trudi Westfall	Glen Gerot	Tom Squiers	Volunteer	Envelopes	\$637.00
Servers	Carter Parrish	Trudi Westfall	Trudi Westfall	Volunteer	Offertory	\$104.01
Eucharist	Trudi Westfall	Sharon Nicola	Tom Squiers	Volunteer	Fuel	\$255.00
Collection	Sharon Nicola	Jerry Ford	Joel Yedlik Family	Volunteer		
	Jill Welter	Glen Gerot	Joel Yedlik Family	Volunteer		
Gifts	Marlene Stevens	Terri Mullinnix	Joel Yedlik Family	Volunteer		
Commentator/Petitions	Trudi Westfall	Glen Gerot	Tom Squiers	Volunteer		

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

	9/12/2021 Fr. Lou	9/19/2021 Fr. Hai	9/26/2021 Fr. Hai	10/3/2021 Fr. Hai	Nichols	
Greeter	Adam Gauger	Adam Gauger	Adam Gauger		Parish Support	
Lector	Mary Lenz	Renetta Burlage	Carol Kaalberg	Mary Lenz	Envelopes	\$335.00
Cross Bearer	Wayne Mengel	Adam Gauger	Wayne Mengel	Adam Gauger	Offertory	\$142.75
Eucharist	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Fuel	\$680.00
Collection	Adam Gauger	Bill Lenz	Joe Harper	Steve Lahey		00
	Marvin Wilson	Kory Kaalberg	Marv Wilson	Kory Kaalberg		
Gifts	Kelsie Lampe	Cindy Massey	Bruce&Margaret Matt	Meaghan Peters Family		
Commentator/Petitions	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg		

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

	9/12/2021 Fr. Hai	9/19/2021 Fr. Hai	9/26/2021 Fr. Lou	10/3/2021 Fr. Hai	Hills	
Music Ministry	Lily Westemeyer	Lily Westemeyer	Lily Westemeyer	Lily Westemeyer	Parish Support	
Greeter	Carol Mills	Carol Mills			Envelopes	\$1,563.00
Lector	Bob Jenn	Lora Sieverding	Lora Sieverding	Nancy Waldschmidt	Offertory	\$128.00
Server	Weston Waldschmidt	Emy Rivera/Jean Burr	Weston Waldschmidt	Carol Kirkpatrick/Jean Burr		
Eucharist	Deanne Eden	Deanne Eden	Mike Sieverding	Donna Arthur		
Collection	Matt Waldschmidt	Mike Sieverding	Mike Waldschmidt	Jim Frantz		
	Jean Burr	Brian Moran	Jean Burr	Marty Boeckenstedt		
Gifts	Kathy Dalton Family	Carol Mills	Delores&Deanne Eden	Jucille Duwa		
Commentator/Petitions	Judy Stebral	Judy Stebral	Judy Stebral	Judy Stebral		

**33-Day Consecration to St. Joseph** We hear about St. Joseph’s virtues as we pray the Litany of St. Joseph at Sunday Mass. Begin reading now about three of his Virtues — silence, chastity, and his obedience to God in the September issue of “The Word Among Us”. Weekly Consecration meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 30 in the St. Joseph parish Hall. Meetings will be in person and on Zoom through November 1, the date of Consecration. Contact Carol Kirkpatrick or Judy Stebral with questions or to reserve a book and participate in the consecration. The schedule can also be found on the [stsmariandjoseph.com](http://stsmariandjoseph.com) website.



## **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**

**Religious Education Registration** for the 2021-22 classes is 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15, at the Religious Education Center, 109 W. Jayne Street in Lone Tree.

**Diocesan Catechetical Sunday: Teachers & Catechists Commissioning** will be Sunday, September 19 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass in Hills. All teachers are encouraged to attend this important ceremony.

**Continue your prayers** for those from our cluster community in need of God's healing and blessings.

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

**What do I need to know if I want to be an usher/greeter?** 1. Ushers need to arrive 10 minutes before Mass because you are also greeters as parishioners arrive to church. 2. Ushers check the bulletin to see who is the assigned gift bearer at the Offertory. 3. Ushers take up the collection and put it in the plastic bag and then in the zippered bag which will be taken to the altar at the Offertory.

**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**

**Tuesday, September 14** 12 noon. Senior Potluck and Cards in the St. Joseph parish hall. Bring table service and a dish to share. Drinks provided. All from the cluster communities are invited. Bring a friend and enjoy the food, fellowship, and cards.

**Monday, September 20** 6:30 p.m., Parish Council meeting in the St. Joseph parish hall.

**A memorial Mass of Remembrance** was held for Betty Soukup last Saturday, September 11 at St. Joseph church. For her Eternal Rest. We pray to the Lord.

**Last Sunday** we welcomed Gwendolyn Mary Moran to the St. Joseph Church and the Sts. Mary and Joseph Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism. Gwendolyn is the daughter of Brian and Alyssa Moran, granddaughter of Mike and Nancy Waldschmidt and great granddaughter of Ron and Mary Ann Waldschmidt. Matthew and Lauren Waldschmidt are Gwendolyn's godparents. Congratulations to the Waldschmidt family on this most blessed occasion!

**Parish Council Minutes and Altar and Rosary Minutes** are in the rack at the church entrance and on the stsmaryandjoseph.com website. Read and be informed.

## **St. Joseph Church, Hills, cont.**

**Volunteer opportunity.** St. Joseph Parish in Hills is looking for someone to use their creative talents to periodically update the glass enclosed bulletin board at the north entrance with current information about holy days, holidays (Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day, etc.), current diocesan initiatives (vocations, social justice, etc.), or other faith-related items/pictures of your choice. Contact Father Hai at 679-2271 if interested in helping with this opportunity to help your parish.

**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!

**We are in need** of disposable containers with lids for food leftovers for the St. Joseph parish hall kitchen. They can be brought to the St. Joseph church hall.

**St. Mary Church, Lone Tree September is fuel collection month.** Envelopes are in your weekly boxes.

**Saturday, September 18 Parish Council Meeting** following 4:00 p.m. Mass

**Lone Tree/Nichols Food Pantry** is now open every Monday and Thursday, 9:30 to 11:30 A.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.

**The Church of St. Mary, Nichols September is fuel collection month.** Envelopes are in your weekly boxes.

**Sunday, September 26 Parish Council meets** following Mass at church.

*Rest in peace...* our parish sympathy to the family and extended family members of Lee and Louise Ulch, whose graveside Memorial Service was held on Saturday, September 4, at the St. Mary, Nichols Cemetery.

*Rest in peace...* our parish sympathy to Rhonda Potter-Kaalberg on the loss of her husband, Kirk Kaalberg, whose graveside Memorial Service was Saturday, September 4, at the St. Mary, Nichols Cemetery.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

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## **Announcements**

**This weekend** the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Please give generously.