

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

We would like you to meet more of the Sts. Mary and Joseph Cluster Staff. You can check out the 2020 Picture Directory for their pictures.

Connie Schnoebelen has been the bookkeeper for St. Joseph, Hills for many years. She is also an EA (enrolled agent) doing income tax preparations. She has been married to Dale for 61 years, living the past 54 years on the farm northwest of Hills. Her family is son Brian (Theresa, deceased), daughter Lynn (Del) Knight and their three children, Kelly (Jay, deceased), and two daughters all live in the Iowa City area. She and Dale are kept busy with the usual farm “stuff,” in the gardens, and with family. Connie says she is happy to be the Hills parish bookkeeper.

Connie Shaw is the cluster Clerical Assistant. Her duties include, but are not limited to, filling the copy machine, folding bulletins, emptying the trash—whether it needs it or not, going to the post office and generally trying to keep busy with whatever is needed. She is also cross trained for other positions to cover vacations and sick leave.

She has been married to Bob for 27 years. They have one spoiled dog named Joey. She plays trumpet and is taking organ and piano lessons. Connie enjoys walking outside every day, in most any weather, except during lightning and icy conditions. She likes to read, especially Christian fiction, because it has a religious message and usually a happy ending.

Thank you to these dedicated cluster employees for their time, talent and support of the parishioners of the Sts. Mary and Joseph Catholic Community. You and your ministry are a valuable part of our cluster community!

Please see the August 29 bulletin for staff information on Carol Kaalberg, Nancy Ford, and Judy Stebral.

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722--0004.

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

	9/4/2021 Fr. Lou	9/11/2021 Fr. Hai	9/18/2021 Fr. Lou	9/25/2021 Fr. Hai	Lone Tree	
Lector	Sherry Nicola	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Parish Support	
Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Envelopes	\$508.00
Eucharist	Carol Kaalberg	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Offertory	\$100.00
Collection	Kathy Davis	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer		
	Lynn Bland	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer		
Gifts	Deanna Krueger	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer		
Commentator/Petitions	Carol Kaalberg	Trudi Westfall	Trudi Westfall	Trudi Westfall		

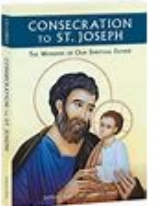
Liturgical Ministers—Nichols Church of St. Mary Sunday 8:00 am Cycle B Reading

	9/5/2021 Fr. Hai	9/12/2021 Fr. Lou	9/19/2021 Fr. Hai	9/26/2021 Fr. Hai	Nichols	
Lector	Carol Kaalberg	Mary Lenz	Renetta Burlage	Carol Kaalberg	Parish Support	
Cross Bearer	Adam Gauger	Wayne Mengel	Adam Gauger	Wayne Mengel	Envelopes	\$785.00
Eucharist	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Offertory	\$29.00
Collection	Joe Harper	Adam Gauger	Bill Lenz	Joe Harper		
	Steve Lahey	Marvin Wilson	Kory Kaalberg	Marv Wilson		
Gifts	Lori Leggins	Kelsie Lampe	Cindy Massey	Bruce&Margaret Matt		
Commentator/Petitions	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg		

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

	9/5/2021 Fr. Hai	9/12/2021 Fr. Hai	9/19/2021 Fr. Hai	9/26/2021 Fr. Lou	Hills	
Music Ministry	Bob and Connie Shaw	TBD	TBD	TBD	Parish Support	
Lector	Bob Jenn	Bob Jenn	Lora Sieverding	Lora Sieverding	Envelopes	\$420.00
Server	Weston Waldschmidt	Weston Waldschmidt	Emy Rivera/Jean Burr	Weston Waldschmidt	Offertory	\$88.00
Eucharist	Kristee Malmberg	Deanne Eden	Deanne Eden	Mike Sieverding		
Collection	Mike Waldschmidt	Matt Waldschmidt	Mike Sieverding	Mike Waldschmidt		
	Matt Waldschmidt	Jean Burr	Brian Moran	Jean Burr		
Gifts	Betty Rayner	Kathy Dalton Family	Carol Mills	Delores&Deanne		
Commentator/Petitions	Judy Stebral	Judy Stebral	Judy Stebral	Judy Stebral		

Update on the 33-Day Consecration to St. Joseph: The schedule for our Sts. Mary and Joseph cluster community 33-Day Consecration to St. Joseph was included in last week’s bulletin. Weekly meetings will begin on Thursday, September 30 and will be held in the St. Joseph parish Hall at 6:30 p.m. Meetings will be in person and on Zoom through November 1, the date of Consecration. Books are available for anyone who wants to participate. All are encouraged to participate in this event. Please 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 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 8 and 15 (if needed) at the Religious Education Center, 109 W. Jayne Street in Lone Tree.

Teacher 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? 1. Ushers need to arrive 10 minutes before Mass because you are 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 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

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 Social Justice and Peace thanks everyone who donated school supplies. It was a wonderful response to the request and the staff and students of Hills Elementary School are very grateful for the supplies to start out this school year.

This Sunday, September 5, our St. Joseph Parish will welcome Gwendolyn Mary Moran to the Catholic Faith 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. Congratulations to the Waldschmidt family on this blessed occasion!

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.

St. Joseph Church, Hills, cont.

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

Saturday, September 11 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

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

We welcome Jean Mengel, our new keyboard music minister at the Nichols 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

Thank you for your survey feedback. Thank you to everyone who filled out a planning study survey for the Diocese of Davenport! Over the next couple of weeks, the Steier Group will prepare recommendations for Bishop Thomas Zinkula and diocesan leaders on whether the diocese should proceed with a capital campaign and its fundraising potential. Once the bishop and his team determine whether and how to proceed, the diocese will communicate the results to all parishioners.

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