



Save the date to save lives! On Thursday, January 6, our communities are coming together to save lives through blood donation. A blood drive will be held at the Lone Tree American Legion from 3:00 to 5:30 on January 6. Please contact Terry Boyd at 319-930-7449 to schedule an appointment. Our local blood drive will help supply blood and blood products to our local hospitals and patients in need. The drive is sponsored by ImpactLife (formerly Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center).

Thank you to all who donated so generously to our **Christmas Flower/Christmas Mass Intention** request. The living and deceased of our cluster were lifted up in prayer at our Masses during this Holy Season because of your support and kindness.

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!

Below left: Lone Tree Nativity. Center: Lone Tree Christmas altar. Right: Hills Christmas altar.



Liturgical Ministers—Lone Tree St. Mary Saturday 4:00 pm Cycle C Reading						
	12/31/2021 4 pm Fr. Lou	1/1/2022 9 am Fr. Lou	1/1/2022 4 pm Fr. Lou	1/8/2022 Fr. Lou	Lone Tree	
Greeter	Elaine Kout	Volunteer	Joel&Mary Ellen Yedlik	Nancy Ford	Parish Support	
Lector	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Trudi Westfall	Jerry Ford	Envelopes	\$972.00
Servers	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Trudi Westfall	Jerry Ford	Offertory	\$55.00
Eucharist	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Trudi Westfall	Jerry Ford	Secret Santa Total	\$322.00
Collection	Mandeline Bland	Volunteer	Joel Yedlik	Joan Davis	Christmas Env.	\$1,025.00
	Kathy Davis	Volunteer	MaryEllen Yedlik	Mandeline Bland	Christmas Off.	\$179.00
Gifts	Joan Davis	Volunteer	Margret Comer	Kathy Davis	Rel Ed. Total	\$400.00
Commentator	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Trudi Westfall	Jerry Ford	Memorial	\$2,500.00

Liturgical Ministers—Nichols Church of St. Mary Sunday 8:00 am Cycle C Reading						
	1/2/2022 Fr. Hai	1/9/2022 Fr. Lou	1/16/2022 Fr. Hai	1/23/2022 Fr. Hai	Nichols	
Greeter	Bill Lenz	Bill Lenz	Bill Lenz	Bill Lenz	Parish Support	
Lector	Mary Lenz	Renetta Burlage	Carol Kaalberg	Mary Lenz	Envelopes	\$815.00
Cross Bearer	Wayne Mengel	Adan Gauger	Wayne Mengel	Adam Gauger	Offertory	\$149.00
Eucharist	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Christmas Env.	\$1,340.00
Collection	Steve Lahey	Joe Harper	Kory Kaalberg	Marvin Wilson	Christmas Off.	\$280.75
	Marv Wilson	Adan Gauger	Bill Lenz	Joe Harper	Memorial	\$4,000.00
Gifts	Marv&Toni Wilson	Mary Lou Yedlik	Ann Wieskamp	Leah Willoz	Memorial	\$700.00
Commentator	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg		

Liturgical Ministers—Hills St. Joseph Sunday 10:00 am Cycle C Reading						
	12/31/2021 6:30 pm Fr. Hai	1/1/2021 10 am Fr. Hai	1/2/2022 Fr. Hai	1/9/2022 Fr. Hai	Hills	
Music Ministry	Lily Westemeyer	Lily Westemeyer	Lily Westemeyer	Lily Westemeyer	Parish Support	
Greeter	Marcia Mellecker	Volunteer	Wendy Berry Family	Bob Jenn	Envelopes	\$363.00
Lector	Judy Stebral	Judy Stebral	Bob Jenn	Bob Jenn	Offertory	\$39.00
Server	Jean Burr	Jean Burr	Emy Rivera/Jean Burr	Carol Kirkpatrick/Jean Burr	Christmas Env.	\$1,300.00
Eucharist	Judy Stebral	Judy Stebral	Deanne Eden	Emy Rivera	Christmas Off.	\$160.00
Collection	Marcia Mellecker	Volunteer	Marty Boeckenstedt	Marty Boeckenstedt	ACH Giving	\$730.00
	Volunteer	Volunteer	Jim Frantz	Jim Frantz	Flowers	\$15.00
Gifts	Volunteer	Volunteer	Veva Jenn Family	Sieverding Family	Retired Religious.	\$60.00
Commentator	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 Holy Communion brought to their home, please call the cluster office at 679-2271.

St. Joseph Church, Hills

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 12 noon Senior potluck with Bingo and cards in the St. Joseph Parish Hall. Bring your table service and a dish to share. Drinks provided. Invite friends, family members or neighbors and enjoy this monthly public potluck, followed by Bingo and cards. All in our cluster communities and other local communities are welcome!

Thank you to Hills Bank and Trust for the generous \$1,000.00 donation to the St. Joseph Food Pantry. We are so very appreciative of this gift in support of our Food Pantry and its efforts to provide food to those in need in our local community.

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 from Lensing's Funeral Service. 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.

Donations for the Mercy Iowa City Spiritual Care department can be dropped off in the box in the lower level of the church. See page 5 of this bulletin for details.

St. Mary Church, Lone Tree

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We are happy to announce that Fr. Hai is now 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. This schedule begins January 11 and 13 if there are no COVID in-house restrictions at the Pioneer Park facility.

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.*

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

Mass Intentions

Please know that we are now scheduling Sunday Mass intentions at the Nichols parish into 2023, as each Sunday in the year 2022 has been requested. We appreciate your requests for Masses for your loved ones and if you want a special date in 2023, let us know. The fee for the priest celebrant is \$5.00 per Mass.

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Left: Nichols church.
Center: Father Hai and Nichols Christmas altar.
Right: Nichols Christmas altar.

On behalf of the entire staff at our cluster, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!

Your God is King