

Christmas Flower/Christmas Mass Intentions are included with today's bulletin. Thank you to all who donated so generously.

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.



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

	12/24/2021 5 pm Fr. Lou	12/25/2021 9 am Fr. Lou	12/31/2021 4 pm Fr. Lou	1/1/2022 9 am Fr. Lou	1/1/2022 4 pm Fr. Lou	Lone Tree	
Greeter	Jill Welter	Elaine Kout	Elaine Kout	Volunteer	Joel&Mary Ellen Yedlik	Parish Support	
Lector	Sherry Nicola	Sherry Nicola	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Trudi Westfall	Envelopes	\$540.00
Servers	Sherry Nicola	Trudi Westfall	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Trudi Westfall	Offertory	\$109.25
Eucharist	Sherry Nicola	Sherry Nicola	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Trudi Westfall	Secret Santa	\$325.00
Collection	Joel Yedlik	Joel Yedlik	Mandeline Bland	Volunteer	Joel Yedlik	Flowers (total)	\$290.00
	MaryEllen Yedlik	MaryEllen Yedlik	Kathy Davis	Volunteer	MaryEllen Yedlik	Crawford funeral	
Gifts	Jill Welter	Margret Comer	Joan Davis	Volunteer	Margret Comer	Church	\$300.00
Commentator	Sherry Nicola	Trudi Westfall	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Trudi Westfall	A&R	\$200.00

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

	12/24/2021 4 pm Fr. Hai	12/26/2021 8 am Fr. Hai	1/2/2022 Fr. Hai	1/9/2021 Fr. Lou	Nichols	
Greeter	Adam Gauger	Adam Gauger	Bill Lenz	Bill Lenz	Parish Support	
Lector	Renetta Burlage	Carol Kaalberg	Mary Lenz	Renetta Burlage	Envelopes	\$730.00
Cross Bearer	Wayne Mengel	Adam Gauger	Wayne Mengel	Adan Gauger	Offertory	\$57.00
Eucharist	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Flowers (total)	\$405.00
Collection	Kory Kaalberg	Joe Harper	Steve Lahey	Joe Harper		
	Colton Kaalberg	Marv Wilson	Marv Wilson	Adan Gauger		
Gifts	Brent Peters Family	John Stroppel	Marv&Toni Wilson	Mary Lou Yedlik		
Commentator	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg		

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

	12/24/2021 6:30pm Fr. Hai	12/25 2021 10 am Fr. Hai	12/26/2021 Fr. Hai	12/31/2021 6:30 pm Fr. Hai	1/1/2021 10 am Fr. Hai	Hills	
Music Ministry	Lily Westemeyer	Lily Westemeyer	Lily Westemeyer	Lily Westemeyer	Lily Westemeyer	Parish Support	
Greeter	Barbara Mahanna	Marcia Mellecker	Barbara Mahanna	Marcia Mellecker	Volunteer	Envelopes	\$250.00
Lector	Nancy Waldschmidt	Bob Jenn	Nancy Waldschmidt	Judy Stebral	Judy Stebral	Offertory	\$161.00
Server	Emy Rivera/Jean Burr	Jean Burr	Weston Waldschmidt	Jean Burr	Jean Burr	Food Pantry	\$1,080.00
Eucharist	Deanne Eden	Bob Jenn	Deanne Eden	Judy Stebral	Judy Stebral	Flowers	\$230.00
Collection	Barbara Mahanna	Marcia Mellecker	Brian Moran	Marcia Mellecker	Volunteer		
	Volunteer	Volunteer	Jim Frantz	Volunteer	Volunteer		
Gifts	Volunteer	Volunteer	Wendy Berry Family	Volunteer	Volunteer		
Commentator	Judy Stebral	Judy Stebral	Judy Stebral	Judy Stebral	Judy Stebral		

For the Saturday, Christmas Day 4:00 pm weekend liturgy at Lone Tree, Fr. Lou will be celebrant and Carol Kaalberg will assist him.

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

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped decorate our church for the Christmas season. Our church is now ready for our Savior and the celebration of His birth at the Christmas Masses this weekend.

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. 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 were delivered last 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

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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. This new schedule will begin January 4, 2022.

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.

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.

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

Your God is King