

Christmas Card Contest is Underway

Youth in grades K-6 who are attending school or religious education in the Davenport Diocese are invited to participate in the annual contest to create a 2021 Christmas card for *The Catholic Messenger*. Submit original artwork only, no black and white drawings, on white 8 1/2 by 11 inch paper using colored pencil, crayon, markers or paints. If using the color yellow, please use a deep shade or surround it with a dark color. Yellow is hard to reproduce.

Messenger staff members will judge the entries based on the originality and ability to convey what Christmas means to Catholics. Entries must include first and last name, age, grade, home address, school (public, private or home school, with the schools location) and parish (name and city) on the back of the drawing. Please do not fold entries. Any information omitted could disqualify the artwork.

All entries should be **postmarked by November 17** and sent to *The Catholic Messenger*, 780 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport, IA 52804-1901. Winning entries will be featured in the December 23 *Catholic Messeger* and on the *Catholic Messenger* website: www.catholicmessenger.net

Book of the Deceased Prayers will be offered for your loved ones during the month of November.

Help Wanted. Atrium Village. Immediate openings. PT and FT day and evening dietary positions. PT and FT CNA and nursing positions. Competitive pay, flexible schedule, great benefits. Applications available at 117 S. Third St., Hills, Iowa, and at www.atriumvillagehills.com.

Marcia Mellecker’s Recipe for Kolache Cake

Many of you have asked for the recipe of this dessert which Marcia brought to the retreat with Sr. Agnes Giblin

- 2 sticks oleo softened
- 4 eggs, creamed with the oleo
- Add:
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 3 cups flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- Mix well.
- One can of your favorite pie filling

Spray a 11 x 14 cookie sheet with baking spray. Spread 3/4 of the batter on the cookie sheet. Spread any flavor of pie filling on the batter. Dollop the rest of the batter on top. Bake @ 350 degrees for 35 minutes. When cooled, spread 3 Tablespoons of melted butter frosting or cream cheese frosting over



A Social Justice project display of some of the more than 100 rugs handmade by St. Joseph parishioner JoAnne Montgomery that are being sold to benefit Local Needs.”



“Old Man”, “Banjoy”, and “Great Bluegrass Herons” band members who performed at the July, August, September, and October Christian Music Fests in Hills.

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

	11/06/2021 Fr. Lou	11/13/2021 Fr. Hai	11/20/2021 Fr. Lou	11/27/2021 Fr. Hai	Lone Tree	
Greeter	Jill Welter	Lynn Bland	Glen Gerot	Nancy Ford	Parish Support	
Lector	Judy Grothe	Jill Welter	Trudi Westfall	Jerry Ford	Envelopes	\$265.00
Servers	Trudi Westfall	Carol Kaalberg	Trudi Westfall	Jerry Ford	Offertory	\$94.00
Eucharist	Sherry Nicola	Carol Kaalberg	Trudi Westfall	Jerry Ford		
Collection	Jill Welter	Lynn Bland	Jenni Eden	Lynn Bland		
	Sherry Nicola	Joan Davis	Kris Gillham	Kathy Davis		
Gifts	Mike&Lucy Parker	Kathy Davis	Glen Gerot	Betty Forbes		
Commentator/Petitions	Trudi Westfall	Carol Kaalberg	Trudi Westfall	Jerry Ford		

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

	11/7/2021 Fr. Hai	11/14/2021 Fr. Lou	11/21/2021 /Fr. Hai	11/28/2021 Fr. Hai	Nichols	
Greeter	Bill Lenz	Bill Lenz	Bill Lenz	Bill Lenz	Parish Support	
Lector	Mary Lenz	Carol Kaalberg	Reneetta Burlage	Mary Lenz	Envelopes	\$815.00
Cross Bearer	Wayne Mengel	Adam Gauger	Wayne Mengel	Wayne Mengel	Offertory	\$112.50
Eucharist	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg		
Collection	Bill Lenz	Joe Harper	Bill Lenz	Steve Lahey		
	Kory Kaalberg	Steve Lahey	Kory Kaalberg	Marv Wilson		
Gifts	Michael&Renetta Burlage	Daphne Buser	Adam Gauger	Jeanne Green		
Commentator/Petitions	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg		

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

	11/7/2021 Fr. Hai	11/14/2021 Fr. Hai	11-21-2021 Fr. Hai	11/25/2021 9 am Fr. Hai	Hills	
Music Ministry	Lily Westemeyer	Lily Westemeyer	Lily Westemeyer	Lily Westemeyer	Parish Support	
Greeter	Deanne Eden	Ron&Joyce Gauger	Jim&Marilyn Mills	Jean Burr	Envelopes	\$415.00
Lector	Mike Waldschmidt	Joyce Gauger	Joyce Gauger	Carol Kirkpatrick	Offertory	\$111.00
Server	Emy Rivera	Weston Waldschmidt	Weston Waldschmidt	Emy Rivera	Newman Center	\$25.00
Eucharist	Deanne Eden	Emy Rivera	Emy Rivera	Bob Jenn	Stole Fee	\$25.00
Collection	Mike Sieverding	Matt Waldschmidt	Marcia Mellecker	Jean Burr	Rug Project	\$580.00
	Lora Sieverding	Mikde Waldschmidt	Jim Frantz	Carol Mills		
Gifts	Gerry & Joan Michel	Barbara Mahanna	Cole Family	Marcia Mellecker		
Commentator/Petitions	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, jbstebra1@hotmail.com or Carol Kaalberg at 319-330-5324 or kaalbergc@diodav.org.

Cluster News

ADA Update as of 9/29/2021

	Goal	Received	Percent of goal
St. Mary, Nichols	\$ 5,843.00	\$7,882.00	134.90%
St. Mary, Lone Tree	\$ 8,347.00	\$6,961.00	83.40%
St. Joseph, Hills	\$18,503.00	\$11,899.00	64.31%

Thank you to those who have made a pledge or donation to the ADA. ADA envelopes can be put in the collection basket at the weekend's Mass.

There will be Mass count at all Masses this weekend, Nov 6&7 and next weekend, November 13&14.

November Clergy Gathering will take place on Monday, 11/8 and Tuesday 11/9. Please pray for our Bishop Zinkula, priests and deacons as they attend this event!

Please call the cluster office, 319-679-2271, if you would like to serve as greeter, usher/ collection, lector, Eucharistic minister or server 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

Tuesday, November 9 at 12 noon. Senior Potluck and cards in the St. Joseph parish hall. Bring a dish to share and table service. Drinks provided. This is a community event and is open to all in the cluster communities.

In the season of giving, the St. Joseph Social Justice and Peace committee is collecting money to support Johnson County Meals on Wheels. We are encouraging the St. Joseph parish families to take a leaf from the Giving Tree in the back of the church and place it in an envelope, along with a donation to help cover the cost of a hot meal which will be delivered to Johnson County residents in their home. Drop the envelope in the box near the tree. Make checks payable to Heritage Agency on Aging. Donations will be delivered to Heritage Agency on Aging the week of Thanksgiving. If questions, please call Arlene Johnston at 319-325-7762.

Rugs by JoAnne Montgomery are now on display in the St. Joseph Parish Hall. These rugs are handmade by JoAnne from a large quantity of scraps of material (from a factory that made pants) donated by Fr. Bill Kneemiller several years ago. These are the sturdy, hand-woven rugs that will last many years. And **SHOULD NOT BE DRIED IN THE DRYER.** JoAnne has been busy making more than 100 rugs and is now generously offering them to St. Joseph Church to sell for a freewill offering, with proceeds to benefit "Local Needs." You are invited to stop by the St. Joseph Parish Hall soon, as only 20 rugs remain from the original number! They would make a great Christmas present and they won't last long. Thank you, JoAnne!

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.

St. Mary Church, Lone Tree

Saturday, November 20, 2021 Parish/Finance Council meets following Mass

Reminder: the ecumenical Thanksgiving Service and the ecumenical Blue Christmas Service has been cancelled this year for St. Mary's and the United Presbyterian Church.

September was fuel collection month. Please be generous so we can have a nice cozy warm church during the cold winter months. Envelopes are in your weekly boxes. Total collected to date: \$900.00.

Thanksgiving Baskets are pick-up only this year. Sign up accepted until Thursday, Nov. 11. Pickup Sunday, Nov. 21 at noon at the United Presbyterian Church. This project is a community event sponsored by St. Mary's of Lone Tree and Nichols and the United Presbyterian Church of Lone Tree.

Lone Tree/Nichols Food Pantry New Hours 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 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. Call Laurie at 319-621-0955 if urgent.

The Church of St. Mary, Nichols

Sunday, November 28 Parish & Finance Council meets following Mass

Rest in peace... Our parish sympathy to Bruce and Margaret Matt on the loss of Bruce's aunt, Annette Matt. Eternal rest grant unto her O lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Reminder: The Community Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner and Service of Prayer at St. Mary's Hall has been cancelled. This was an ecumenical project of St. Mary's, Nichols Christian Church and Nichols Methodist Church.

September was fuel collection month. Please be generous so we can have a nice cozy warm church during the cold winter months. Envelopes are in your weekly boxes. Total collected to date: \$1,165.00.

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