

Do you have a new telephone number or address? Parish offices are updating church records, and you can help us by checking your listing in the Picture Directory. We are finding that many people no longer have the “land line” telephone number and probably now have a cell phone for their main home number. We would appreciate very much if you would notify us of the new Telephone number or address. You can drop a note in the collection basket, call the church office at 319-679-2271, or call Carol Kaalberg at 319-330-5324. Thank you!

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 packets are at all churches. Please help save mailing costs by picking up your box **SOON**.

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 | |
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| | 1/8/2022 Fr. Lou | 1/15/2022 Fr. Lou | 1/22/2022 Fr. Lou | 1/29/2022 Fr. Lou | Lone Tree | |
| Greeter | Nancy Ford | Elaine Kout | Joel&MaryEllen Yedlik | Elaine Kout | Parish Support | |
| Lector | Jerry Ford | Jill Welter | Sherry Nicola | Carol Kaalberg | 2021 Envelopes | \$75.00 |
| Servers | Jerry Ford | Jill Welter | Sherry Nicola | Judy Grothe | 2021 Offertory | \$70.00 |
| Eucharist | Jerry Ford | Sherry Nicola | Sherry Nicola | Carol Kaalberg | 2021 Christmas | \$50.00 |
| Collection | Joan Davis | Jerry Ford | Joey Yedlik | Mike Parker | 1-2-2022 Envelopes | \$45.00 |
| | Mandeline Bland | Nancy Ford | MaryEllen Yedlik | Lucy Parker | 1-2-2022 Offertory | \$30.00 |
| Gifts | Kathy Davis | Deanna Krueger | Virginia Schlapkohn | Betty Forbes | A&R Dues | \$30.00 |
| Commentator | Jerry Ford | Jill Welter | Sherry Nicola | Carol Kaalberg | | |

| Liturgical Ministers—Nichols Church of St. Mary | | | | Sunday 8:00 am | Cycle C Reading | |
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| | 1/9/2022 Fr. Lou | 1/16/2022 Fr. Hai | 1/23/2022 Fr. Hai | 1/23/2022 Fr. Hai | Nichols | |
| Greeter | Bill Lenz | Bill Lenz | Bill Lenz | Bill Lenz | Parish Support | |
| Lector | Renetta Burlage | Carol Kaalberg | Mary Lenz | Mary Lenz | 1-2-2022 Envelopes | \$710.00 |
| Cross Bearer | Adam Gauger | Wayne Mengel | Adam Gauger | Adam Gauger | 1-2-2022Offertory | \$7.00 |
| Eucharist | Carol Kaalberg | Carol Kaalberg | Carol Kaalberg | Carol Kaalberg | 2022 Christmas | \$20.00 |
| Collection | Joe Harper | Kory Kaalberg | Marvin Wilson | Marvin Wilson | A&R Dues | \$70.00 |
| | Adam Gauger | Bill Lenz | Joe Harper | Joe Harper | | |
| Gifts | Mary Lou Yedlik | Ann Wieskamp | Leah Willoz | Leah Willoz | | |
| Commentator | Carol Kaalberg | Carol Kaalberg | Carol Kaalberg | Carol Kaalberg | | |

| Liturgical Ministers—Hills St. Joseph | | | | Sunday 10:00 am | Cycle C Reading | | | | | |
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| | 1/9/2022 | Fr. Hai | 1/16/2022 | Fr. Hai | 1/23/2022 | Fr. Hai | 1/30/2022 | Fr. Hai | Hills | |
| Music Ministry | Lily Westemeyer | | Lily Westemeyer | | Lily Westemeyer | | Lily Westemeyer | | Parish Support | |
| Greeter | Bob Jenn | | John and Joan Greazel | | Helen Marner | | Mike and Nancy Waldschmidt | | 2021 Envelopes | \$820.00 |
| Lector | Bob Jenn | | Alyssa Moran | | Alyssa Moran | | Mike Waldschmidt | | 2021 Offertory | \$410.00 |
| Server | Carol K/Jean Burr | | Weston Waldschmidt | | Weston Waldschmidt | | Carol K&Emy Rivera | | 2021 Christmas | \$445.00 |
| Eucharist | Emy Rivera | | Donna Arthur | | Donna Arthur | | Kristee Malmerg | | Relig. Ed. | \$70.00 |
| Collection | Marty Boeckenedt | | Mike Waldschmidt | | Mike Waldschmidt | | Brian Moran | | 1-2-2022 Envelopes | \$490.00 |
| | Jim Frantz | | Matt Waldschmidt | | Matt Waldschmidt | | Jean Burr | | 1-2-2022 Offertory | \$51.00 |
| Gifts | Sieverding Family | | Veva Jenn Family | | Marcia Mellecker | | Rummelhart Family | | Solemn of Mary | \$75.00 |
| Commentator | Judy Stebral | | Judy Stebral | | Judy Stebral | | Judy Stebral | | Hall Rent | \$200.00 |
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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 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

2022 Envelopes are at all church entrances. Please take your box ASAP.

2022 wall calendars are now on the table at the back of the church. Please extend a thank you to Lensing Funeral and Cremation for their generosity in donating these calendars to our church.

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.

Social Justice and Peace committee is collecting these 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 the Month of February 2022 if there are no COVID in-house restrictions at the Pioneer Park facility.

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

Church community: First Church United in West Liberty will be offering GriefShare classes (at no cost) for anyone in the community who is struggling with the death of a loved one(s). This can be from either recent or past losses. The 13-week support group program is designed to help people heal from the pain of grief. The first class is Tuesday, January 11 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm and will run through April 5, barring any weather changes. Please register online at griefshare.org and type in your zip code to "Find a Group" or pick up a registration form at the church. We look forward to accompanying you on "Your Journey from Mourning to Joy" program

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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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.



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