

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	Saturday 5:00 PM Sept. 14	Sunday 8:30 AM Sept. 15	Sunday 10:30 AM Sept. 15
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Cheryl Becker *Patty Delaney Barb Elser *Jean Mohr Joyce Fahrenkrog Lisa Odendahl	Jim Alger Judy Alger *Deb Brown Kellie Ferguson *Marilyn Fleming Jeannie James Mary Lou Korwes Jim Leinbaugh Danette Tolan	Jason Kirschbaum *Kim Kirschbaum Brian Koppen Michella Koppen *Jenny Marhula Bob Shaw Cathy Thee Pam Wingert Toni Nicks
Lectors	Cyndy Powers	Judy Foster	Sylvia Jennings
Altar Servers	Sam Odendahl Vance Katzfey	Drew Alger Dillon Ferguson Kyla Mercer Karli Olsen	Ben Fisher Zac Fisher Wesley Walz Andrew Marhula
Hospitality Ministers	Vince Elser Joe Endres Mark Ingwersen Dale Vortherms	Larry Bortscheller Ron Crowley Bob Emgarten Thad Wiedemeier	Bob Huls Sylvia Jennings Margie Lynch Tom Lynch
Music Ministers	Elizabeth Knudtson Laura Slawson	Donna Williams Allison Oyler	Donna Williams Gaylene Rolling
Gift Bearers	Gayle Eral	The Crowley Family	The Robinson Family

Liturgies and Events This Week

Monday, Sept. 9 No Mass	Wednesday, Sept. 11 12:00Noon Mass +Hans & Margaret Jessen 12:30PM Adoration 4:00PM Benediction	Thursday, Sept. 12 7:30AM Mass Special Intention (J. & J. J.) Friday, Sept.13 12:00Noon + Marlyn Lonneman	Saturday, Sept. 14 5:00PM Mass +L. & D. of Varnum Family Sunday, Sept. 15 8:30AM Mass + S. & K. Everist 10:30AM Mass +St. Mary's L. & D.
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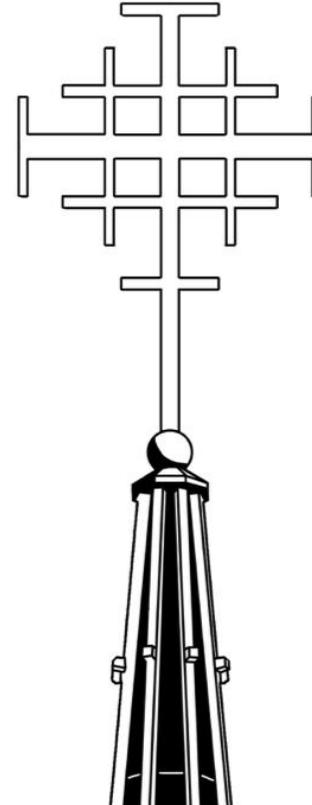
The sanctuary lamp burns this week in memory of The Seive Family- Living & Deceased

Stewardship for September 1, 2019

Adults: \$ 4,506.00
Loose: \$ 2,409.03
Dollar: \$ 427.02
Guatemala: \$
Special: \$

You can endow your giving through your will!

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 2019

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Baptism – Contact the office to inquire about pre-baptismal class.

Marriage – Contact the office at least six months before date of wedding.

Confessions – Wednesday 3:30PM, Saturday 4:00PM, Sunday 10:00AM.

Eucharistic Adoration – Wednesday 12:30PM – 4:00PM.

Mass Schedule

Sunday, October 6th, we will begin our fall/winter Mass schedule. Mass times will be Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 9:30AM.

Together As One

Sunday, September 15th will be the kick-off for *Together as One*, formerly known as Diocesan Annual Appeal. The new name provides a new approach for our parish to come together and support our parish, our faith, our future and our children's future. The annual appeal offers a way to come together as one holy Catholic family of parishioners. The annual appeal offers all of us a way to support the many programs that we cherish, such as adult and youth conferences and retreats, summer camps for our youth, marriage preparation programming and religious education classes. It provides us a way to express our gratitude and appreciation to our pastors, parish staff and all who assist in varied roles. We want our church to grow, and our support is how we build the future. Assist our parish by giving back for all you receive in your faith life.

Religious Education News

There is still time to register your child for St. Mary's Religious Education classes! Online registration is easy and only takes a few minutes. Go to www.stmarysspiritlake.org, click on the "study" tab at the top of the home page, then choose "youth". You will receive an email confirmation of your registration in a few days. Students in PK (must be age 4) through seniors are encouraged to register. September 11th, all families are asked to attend a RE potluck dinner starting at 6:00PM. Family names ending in A-M are asked to bring a salad or side dish, those ending in N-Z are asked to bring a dessert. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided as well as beverages. Classes begin September 18th.

How Will You Support the Sanctity of Life

Deacon Kenny Lindquist challenged us to stand up for life and for our Christian faith. The Catholic Church regards all human life as sacred from conception to natural death. What will you do to stand up for the right to life? Pray? Fast? Put up a yard sign? Be a peaceful, prayerful presence at the nearest abortion provider? This weekend there will a **40 Days for Life** table in the narthex offering opportunities for you to stand for life. Please stop by!

RCIA Begins September 24

We will begin our yearly classes in the Catholic faith RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) on September 24th at 6:30PM. Classes rotate between St. Joseph in Milford and St. Mary in Spirit Lake. September 24th is in Milford, October 1st in Spirit Lake, etc. These classes are intended for those adults not baptized or those baptized in another Christian religion who seek to learn more about the Catholic faith. The classes are also open to Catholics who wish to attend as a refresher course. Classes will be held in the parish hall at Milford and in room #1 in Spirit Lake.

Are You Called to be a Catechist?

Our roster of teachers for religious education is nearly filled. Many thanks to all who have stepped forward to take on the important role of catechist. We are still in need of a teacher for our amazing 8th grade group. It would be wonderful to have a married couple for this grade. If the Holy Spirit is calling you to this role, please prayerfully consider accepting it! Remember, God does not always call the prepared, but he will prepare the called! Contact Mary if you need more information of if you have any questions.

Please Keep in Your Prayers

All Confidential Prayer Chain requests may be directed to Jean Mohr, our Prayer Chain Coordinator at 712-336-2559 or 712-320-5433. Prayer intentions may be entered in the Prayer Request book.

Guatemala Service Trip Registration Deadline Set

All those planning on going to the San Lucas Mission trip in January must turn in a \$200.00 deposit to Mary Brandt by September 17th. Come to the informational meeting at 9:30 on Sunday for more details or call Mary in the office.

Fall Book Study for Everyone

Please join us for a new book study starting on September 18, 2019, and continuing on Wednesday evenings from 6:45PM to 8:00PM. We will read Gus Lloyd's "A Minute in the Church" books, which offer short one minute chapters that explain teachings and doctrines in the church, as well as give explanations of Catholic practice and devotion. Gus Lloyd is a popular speaker and radio host, and you can hear Gus every weekday morning on Seize The Day on the Catholic Channel n Sirius XM Channel 129 from 6:30AM to 9:00AM. The more we know about God, the more we come to love God. Cost of the four book series is \$15.00. You may pay and receive your books on the first evening. There is a sign-up sheet along with samples to look at in the narthex. Please call Shawna Ditsworth with any questions at (712)339-1845.

Phone App to be used for Parish Communication

The Sioux City Diocese has rolled out a plan for all parishes to use the myParish app for timely and complete communication with all members of the church. St. Mary's will utilize this App for everything from religious education updates, cancellations and reminders, to small group communications, ministry schedules, and Mass times. You can download it to your smart phone right now. Once downloaded, simply search for St. Mary's, Spirit Lake and make it a "favorite". As we learn more about all the features it has, we will share them with you! Please take a moment to do this today!

Guest Speaker and Holy Hour

All are welcome to St. Mary's on October 6th at 6:00PM to hear speaker Maggie DeWitte, Executive Director at Iowans for LIFE. Maggie is at the forefront of the pro-life movement here in Iowa and nationally. She will share the work being done on behalf of the unborn and for all life. Following her presentation, we will have an Eucharistic Holy Hour. Be watching the bulletin and the myParish app for more details as they become available.

Financial Peace University

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is starting September 24th The 9 week class will be offered at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30PM. Make a plan for your money SO THAT— you build wealth, live generously, retire with dreams, send kids to college debt free, change your family tree. This class has something for everyone—young, mature, working, business owner or retired. We have had every walk of life take this class and everyone has taken away benefits that they can apply to their life right now and in the future. Class is confidential. The instructor nor the attendees see individual finances. Everyone welcome! Please call or email for additional information to nancyvierkant@yahoo.com, or 712-330-4266. Register online at <https://fpu.com/1098528>. Registration includes 9 week class, workbook, and one year of online tools, videos and additional resources.

