St. Francis *of* Assisi Catholic Church

October 3, 2021

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Parish Office hours: 8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School
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PRAY WITH US

Weekday Masses
Monday-Friday: 7:15 a.m.
Tuesday: Noon

Weekend Masses
Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. | 9:30 a.m. | 11:30 a.m.
Youth Mass: 4:30 p.m. | 3rd Sundays of month

Reconciliation
Wednesday: Noon-1 p.m.
Saturday: 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Or by appointment

Adoration
2nd & 4th Tuesday each month: 8 a.m.—8 p.m.
Adoration with Benediction: 2nd Tuesday at 8 p.m.

OUR CLERGY

Fr. Ray McHenry
Pastor | Ext. 109

Fr. John Kwaku Brobbey
Associate Pastor | Ext. 107

Deacon Bill Richer
Pastoral Associate | Ext. 110

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Welcome parishioners, newcomers and to those visiting!

This Sunday is FrancisFest. Festivities will begin with food at 12:30 p.m. and fun and inflatables on the football field at 1:30 p.m. The Blessing of Pets will be at 4:30 p.m. at the north circle drive. This year's FrancisFest is special because we celebrate the 30th anniversary of our founding. Come out and celebrate with your fellow parishioners!

In the past few weeks I have received many emails regarding masks. There have been almost an equal number asking that we institute mask mandates for school and Mass as those asking that we do not institute mandates and leave the decision to the individuals and the families. With these divergent opinions, I am between a rock and a hard place. In discussions with our parish and school staff, we've determined that we will follow the directions that we receive from the diocese.

Fr. John and I will be at the annual Priest's Workshop from the afternoon of Sunday, October 3rd through Thursday, October 7th. Deacon Bill will preside at Communion Services Monday through Thursday at 7:15 a.m. and Tuesday at Noon. Fr. Ludwig will preside at the school Mass on Wednesday and will be available for confessions from 12 – 1 p.m. on Wednesday.

The reading from the second chapter of Genesis is of two creation stories in Genesis. It is a more poetic telling of creation. While it may seem that woman is secondary to man in this version, it is saying that, while different, men and women are made of the same stuff; both are created in the likeness of God. Neither is superior to the other. We are equals in God's sight so we are to see each other in the same way.

"The man said: 'This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman, for out of man this one has been taken.'" Genesis 2:23

-Fr. Ray McHenry

PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

Parish Contacts

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Parish Fax	515-223-4768
St. Francis School	515-457-7167
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Faith Formation Office	515-440-1030

Parish Staff

Director of Operations	Paula Courter
Director of Liturgy & Music	Emily Schmid
Parish Receptionist	Sue Kirkhart
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Communications Assistant	(vacant)
Accountant (incl. ACH, Abundant & tithing)	Debbie Muse
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IT Support	Dominic Muse

Parish Representatives

Pastoral Council	Rob Manning
Finance Council	Mike Brinker
Board of Education	Patrick White
Faith Formation Council	Kevin MacFerrin

MASS INTENTIONS

10-2	Sat.	4:30 p.m.	† Paul & Mary Hudak
	Sun.	7:30 a.m.	† Phil Kuhn
		9:30 a.m.	† Liz Coppinger
		11:30 a.m.	For the parishioners of the parish
	Mon.	7:15 a.m.	† Steven Kunz
	Tues.	7:15 a.m.	† Mildred Haen
		Noon	† Jane Krozenski
	Wed.	7:15 a.m.	† Benedict Chukwamah
		8:45 a.m.	† Carl Nold
	Thur.	7:15 a.m.	† Mark Haisch
	Fri.	7:15 a.m.	† Joseph Vaccaro
10-9	Sat.	4:30 p.m.	† Phil Kuhn
	Sun.	7:30 a.m.	† Don & Donna Hrubes
		9:30 a.m.	† Georgio Lalloni
		11:30 a.m.	For the parishioners of the parish

SACRAMENTS AT ST. FRANCIS

Baptism

Congratulations on preparing to be baptized into the community of the Church! Baptisms are scheduled on the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays of the month after the 11:30 a.m. Mass & the 4th Saturday of the month after the 4:30 p.m. Mass. For more info, please call the Parish Office.
Next pre-baptism class: Oct. 23rd, 8:30 a.m. (Serra Room)

Becoming Catholic

If you or someone you know is thinking about joining the Catholic Church or is inquiring about the faith, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

First Communion

First Communion is celebrated in April. For more information, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

Confirmation

Confirmation is celebrated once a year for our high school sophomore students. If you have a student who'd like to be part of this, contact Christy Peletz at Ext. 103. For info regarding Adult Confirmation, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

Marriage

Congratulations on your engagement! We look forward to helping you prepare for life together. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Homebound Ministry

If you're unable to attend Mass & would like to receive communion, please email homebound@saintfrancischurch.org.

Hospital Visits

As hospital visits start to reopen during COVID-19, Fr. John will be happy to call and speak with you on the phone!

LIVING OUR FAITH CALENDAR

Saturday, October 2
8 a.m.: Men's Faith Sharing
4:30 p.m.: Mass
5:30 p.m.: Knights of Columbus Parish Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 3
FrancisFest
7:30 a.m.: Mass
9:30 a.m.: Mass*
11:30 a.m.: Mass
12:30 p.m.: Lunch
1:30 p.m.: Activities
2:30 p.m.: St. Francis Olympics
4:30 p.m.: Blessing of Pets

Monday, October 4
6 a.m.: Adoration/Rosary
7:15 a.m.: Mass
8 a.m.: 30th Anniversary Adoration
7 p.m.: Rosary
8 p.m.: Women's Faith Sharing

Tuesday, October 5
6 a.m.: Adoration/Rosary
7:15 a.m.: Mass
9 a.m.: You are Enough Study
9 a.m.: SoulCore
Noon: Mass
5:30 p.m.: SFA WINGS
6:30 p.m.: SFA Young Adults
8 p.m.: Men's Faith Sharing

Wednesday, October 6
6 a.m.: Adoration/Rosary
7:15 a.m.: Mass
8:45 a.m.: School Mass**
9:45 a.m.: Mark Study
6 p.m.: Family Formation
6 p.m.: FISH

Thursday, October 7
6 a.m.: Adoration/Rosary
7:15 a.m.: Mass
6:30 p.m.: Pastoral Council

Friday, October 8
Grandparents Day @ School
6 a.m.: Adoration/Rosary
7:15 a.m.: Mass
7:15 a.m.: School Chess Club

Saturday, October 9
8 a.m.: Men's Faith Sharing
4:30 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, October 10
7:30 a.m.: Mass
9:30 a.m.: Mass*
11:30 a.m.: Mass
1 p.m.: Days for Girls
7 p.m.: SoulCore

**Streamed on YouTube*
***School Mass not open to public*

PARISH OFFICE **UPDATES**

SUNDAY OBLIGATION

***Bishop Joensen has restored the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation** within the diocese. You can read the full text of his announcement on the Safe & Secure Committee page of our parish website.

MASK MANDATE

***The Diocese of Des Moines is no longer requiring masks** at liturgies and parish events. *Parishioners who are not yet fully vaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear a mask* at Mass and other parish activities.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE BULLETIN

Subscribe to receive email notifications once new bulletins become available online.

- On the homepage of our website, scroll down and click on "View Bulletins" (next to Upcoming Events).
- Once you click "View Bulletins", click on "Subscribe" for St. Francis' bulletins and enter your email address.

LIVESTREAMING MASS

We continue to livestream the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass on our **YouTube channel**. (This Mass is also interpreted in American Sign Language.)

Our YouTube channel is located at:
youtube.com/StFrancisofAssisiCatholicChurchWDM
(Or go to youtube.com and in the search box enter SFAWDM.)
**If you can't watch live on YouTube, the recording will stay posted to our channel after it is over. Make sure you subscribe to our channel to receive notifications when new videos are added and when we go live.*

ADORATION & ROSARY

St. Francis holds Adoration and Rosary Monday—Friday mornings beginning at 6 a.m. Tuesdays—Thursdays will be livestreamed on our Facebook page. Additionally, Eucharistic Adoration takes place every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month from 8 a.m.—8 p.m.

WELCOME TO **ST. FRANCIS!**

Thank you for joining us at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church! We're glad to have you as part of our family.

We offer various possibilities to grow in faith and love, from education, faith and social ministries, local and international outreach, to celebrating the word of God.

For more information regarding membership and new member activities, please contact the Parish Office. Stop by the Parish Office to pick up a parish registration card or register online!

If renting our Parish Hall, please contact Paula Courter at PCourter@saintfrancischurch.org.
Requests for reserving meeting rooms for parish-sponsored campus events should be sent to Sheila Timmerman at STimmerman@saintfrancischurch.org.

As always, make sure to check out our website at www.saintfrancischurch.org for a wealth of information to assist you.

ST. FRANCIS *of* ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

LITURGY **AND MUSIC**

St. Francis needs ushers to help with our liturgies at all Masses, especially the 4:30 p.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses.

Ushers are primarily responsible for welcoming, seating, and directing people during Masses.

Please contact Emily Schmid in the Parish Office if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

REMEMBERING **OUR PARISH FAMILY**

Please pray for those individuals who have passed away as well as their families.

Give them eternal rest, O Lord, and let them share in your unending glory.

WE WANT TO **SHARE YOUR NEWS**

Have something you need announced in the bulletin?
Send an email to Communications@saintfrancischurch.org.

Upcoming deadlines (by 9 a.m.) are as follows:
October 10th bulletin: October 4th
October 17th bulletin: October 11th

***Check out the communications page on our website** for all the ways we can share your news & how to submit info.
https://saintfrancischurch.org/our-parish/communications/

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Your contribution to the Annual Diocesan Appeal makes an impact!

A big "Thank You" to everyone who continues to make gifts to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Each and every person's gift is important. Remember, when we reach our parish goal, any additional gifts stay right here for our own use.
Every gift matters. No gift is too small!

We're slowly moving closer to our goal! Help us get there!
Our 2021 Parish Goal is $399,532.
To date, we have pledged or paid $337,928 (85%)!

We need everyone's participation in order to reach our goal.

Make an online gift today.
Gifts can be made online at dmdiocese.org/giving.
Thank you for your generosity and your support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

2021 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

ABUNDANT GIVING

Now there are even more ways to support all the great things happening at St. Francis!

For the last two years, we've used the online application Abundant Giving to give you an additional way to tithe. We've now added additional categories, including School, Faith Formation, Track-a-thon, and our Campus Project Wish List.

Go to our website and click on Our Parish/Tithing & Donations or go directly to https://abundant.co/stfrancisofassisi/give to see all of the ways you can support St. Francis.

HY-VEE REUSABLE BAG PROGRAM

Give back to the local community and help to reduce single-use plastics by purchasing a special reusable bag.

For the month of October, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church's Homeless & Hungry Committee will receive a $1 donation from each purchase of a $2.50 reusable red "My Heart" bag at the Hy-Vee HealthMarket store located at 375 South Jordan Creek Parkway (WDM) during the month of October.

Thanks for helping us continue to make a difference.
Happy shopping!

GARDENING ANGELS

COME JOIN US!
Chad Smeins backed his pick-up truck to the garden on Sunday, September 26th and he, Sam Smeins, Jerry Roell, and Dave Sondag loaded it with butternut squash—we are guessing well over 1,000 pounds! Chad will take it to the DMARC Food Pantry and I will report next week what our total squash poundage is.

We are still picking tomatoes, okra, peppers, broccoli, and kale until it frosts.

Hurry if you want a chance to help in the garden—Sunday from 5—6 p.m.

SUNSATIONAL SENIORS

RESTARTING
Sunsational Seniors is restarting! Thursday, October 21st from Noon—2 p.m. in the Serra Room.

Sloppy Joes and chips will be offered.
Please bring a dish to share.

Questions? Call the Parish Office at 515-223-4577.

This fun and important ministry also takes many hands to be successful. If you would like to volunteer, please call the Parish Office.

See you there!

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Donation drive-thru to support Mary's Helping Hands

We will be collecting gently-used clothing for women and babies in need in our community on Saturday, Oct. 23rd from 9 a.m.—12 p.m. in the St. Francis Church north circle drive.

Items accepted (gently-used or new and in good condition):
Maternity clothing (all sizes)
Baby clothes (size preemie/0 months up to 2T)
Baby accessories (socks, hats, jackets, etc.)
Blankets, sheets, crib bedding, lovies, bibs, and burp cloths
Nursing supplies
Bottles, pacifiers, teethers, rattles, etc.
Diapers and wipes
Baby shampoo, lotion, and diaper cream
Diaper bags
Books and other baby toys

Items not accepted: cribs, car seats, baby furniture, and stuffed animals

Enter via the main entrance off Ashworth. You'll see signs and can drive through, open your trunk, and a volunteer will empty our donations.

Reminder: Please make sure donations are clean, folded, and stain-free. It's a great motivation to organize your lives and support other mothers and babies in our community.

If you're unable to make the drive-thru, we'll have bins in the Gathering Space before & after all Masses the weekend of Oct. 23rd.

It's Picture Time!

30th Anniversary Parish Directory

Our parish directory will not be complete without YOU!
Sessions begin October 6th

Scheduling is easy:

- ★ Use the QR code below
- ★ Visit the "Parish Directory" page of our website
- ★ Stop by a sign-up table after weekend Masses
- ★ Call the Parish Office at (515)223-4577 Mon-Fri

Everyone who participates will receive a session with professional photographers, a complimentary 8x10 portrait, and a directory.

UNIVERSAL CHURCH DIRECTORIES

ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Online Scheduling Available

Scan the QR code

Church Code: **ia145** | Church Password: **photos**

Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.

FAITH FORMATION: GO DEEPER

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

Volunteers are a crucial component of being able to offer ministries and programs to our parish. Prayerfully consider volunteering in any of these ministries! It's a great way to meet new friends and grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus!

FAMILY FORMATION

We're excited to journey in faith with 150+ registered families representing nearly 300 children. Due to an unmet need for K—6th grade classroom aides, we have reached full capacity. Registrations received after Sept. 30th cannot be guaranteed placement in a monthly classroom session. Families can still register for Family Formation and receive online classroom adaptations to complete at home.

If interested in supporting Family Formation by serving as an adult classroom assistant on the first Wednesday of the month from 6—7:30 p.m., contact Lisa Schmidt. There's still a need for 20 adult assistants, hallway hospitality to assist anyone who may be lost, and a kindergarten classroom catechist.

Adult-only families are warmly invited to participate too and registration is not required! We look forward to seeing you.

YOUTH MINISTRY (7TH—12TH GRADE STUDENTS)

Thank you to all who generously volunteered with the Confirmation Retreat this past Sunday. There is no doubt the Holy Spirit was present. A special thanks to the participating students—you were GREAT! Thank you for your willingness to come, bringing your enthusiasm, participation, and of course your cooperation! You are truly amazing young people! We had approximately 100 Confirmandi attend!
A special shout-out to everyone: our Knights of Columbus for preparing the food, the more than 25 adults serving in hospitality, group leadership, sessions presenters, and Deacon Bill's timekeeper and technology assistant.

Oct. 6th there is no EDGE so everyone can participate in Family Formation. FISH will be held from 6—7:30 p.m. with food, prayer, and social/relational ministry.

Oct. 13th is Hot Topic Night; Oct. 20th is a social night with pizza in the school gym; and Oct. 27th is Life Night.
Reminder that EDGE is 5:30—7 p.m. FISH is 7:30—9:30 p.m. on Oct. 13, 20 & 27.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Sponsoring someone on their journey to the Catholic Church is an amazing ministry of accompaniment! Through your gift of time and sharing of your faith, you meet a new friend and introduce them to others in the parish which will soon become their spiritual home.

Becoming Catholic/RCIA is a beautiful, spiritual journey centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church he founded. This journey has distinct stages, the first of which is called the pre-catechumenate or inquiry. This stage is an opportunity to learn Church teachings and become introduced to the liturgical and moral life of the Catholic faithful. The RCIA process is rooted deep in history and the ancient catechumenate. We welcome unbaptized adults, those baptized in another Christian tradition, and baptized Catholics who desire to complete their sacraments or initiation or who wish to come home after being away for a while to join us on Thursday evenings.

Contact Vivian Day for details.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Is the Good Shepherd calling you to share your faith and love of Jesus with the youth of this parish? *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* is a collaborative, hands-on approach to faith formation for children ages 3—12. It is a personal faith journey, for both the child and the catechist, rooted in the Bible and the liturgy of the Church.

Contact Jill Klubek Alonzo.

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Our Special Needs Ministry is returning to all those who are in need of accommodation. We offer services for all ages and for programming offered through the church. The ministry is here to not only support individuals with special needs but their families as well. Our mission is to work together to make sure that we provide an enriching experience for all, regardless of ability—whether it be by providing accommodations during Family Formation, respite events, ASL interpreters, individualized Sacrament preparation, and more.

Contact Amy Tallman.

ALL SCRIPTURE IS INSPIRED BY GOD *and is useful for teaching.*

2 Timothy 3:16

FORMED. **CATHOLIC CONTENT**

FORMED Recommendations
These recommendations are based on the Catholic liturgical year, saints and feast days.

Program: FORMED Now! Misery Meets Mercy: Saint Faustina Kowalska

Movie: Angels: Bishop Fulton Sheen

Audio: Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi

Books: Angels & Demons: What Do We Really Know about Them? by Peter Kreeft

Kid's Choice: Lukas Storyteller: Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Details on our website by clicking on Formation/FORMED.

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THE **CONNECTION CAFE**

For the past 14 years, the St. Francis Homeless and Hungry Committee has served lunch to the homeless and low-income population downtown at The Connection Café on the third Wednesday of each month.

We provide both a hot meal and some extra supplies each month. We serve approximately 150—200 lunches from 12—1 p.m. at the St. John's Lutheran Church at 6th and Park. This offers a great opportunity for service by our adults, especially those who work downtown and might find it difficult to get involved otherwise. It also provides a great service opportunity for our students who bake, cook, serve, and assemble lunch items and other supplies.

If you or your student would like to be put on the email list to occasionally provide food or supplies (which you would deliver to our church) and/or serve, or simply want to learn more about what we do, please connect with Mary Bernabe or Stacey Dorsey through our website at saintfrancischurch.org/our-parish/contact-us/

RESPECT LIFE **COMMITTEE**

Today is Respect Life Sunday!

Show your support for Life by signing up today to pray for an hour at one of our peaceful prayer vigils at Planned Parenthood (1000 E. Army Post Rd.).

After years of decline, abortions are increasing in Iowa. Our presence at Planned Parenthood is the sign women hope for, leading 75% of them to drive away from their appointments. New 5'x2' banners make it easy for them to see where they can receive help.

We always pray in pairs and check on each shift. Our vigils will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 7th & 8th, from 6 a.m.—1 p.m. and 6—7 p.m. for those who wish to pray after work.

FRANCIS**FEST**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. Sanctuary	**Mass** Together we will celebrate Mass with a special 30th anniversary recognition of our parishioners.
12:30 p.m.— 2:30 p.m. Parish Hall	**Lunch; $10 Adults, $5 Kids** A special thank-you to the Scouts BSA Troop 888 for providing pulled pork, grilled chicken, chicken nuggets, pizza, and additional sides.
1:30 p.m.— 4:30 p.m. Football Field	**Activities** **FREE** kids inflatables, games, tattoos, soccer with Fr. John, and more. **FREE** cake walk, wine walk, photo booth, lawn games, treats, and more. **FREE** drinks at McHenry's Pub; a special thank-you to the Knights of Columbus for hosting. **NEW** St. Francis Olympics. Bring your chairs and watch the tournament of games unfold or register your team and compete for gold, silver, or bronze! A special thank-you to Garrett Hill for facilitating. **For more information on St. Francis Olympics and the inflatables that will be available for kids, go to our parish website and search for FrancisFest.*
2:30 p.m.— 3:30 p.m. Football Field	**St. Francis Olympics** Teams can check in early near the McHenry Pub. Opening ceremony will introduce the teams and events, then the games will commence.
4:30 p.m. North Circle Drive	**Blessing of Pets** Join us with your pet as we celebrate the end of FrancisFest. **We would appreciate it if all pets are leashed, contained, or caged so they can co-exist with the other guests.*

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

A big "Thank You" to one of this month's featured St. Francis advertisers:
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Grow Your Business!
We are always looking for businesses that would like to expand their reach locally by advertising in the St. Francis weekly bulletin. You will be able to build your business and help grow a vibrant faith community at your parish at the same time. As an advertiser, you can count on support from the parish leadership and parishioners. Your business will be seen as a trusted resource in the community.

The St. Francis bulletin serves as the primary publication tool to the parishioners each week. The cost covers the cost of the bulletin and even serves as a fundraiser for the parish once the bulletin has been paid for.

If you are interested in advertising, please call our bulletin provider at 1-800-950-9952.

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY RALLY

Please join us on Saturday, October 16th starting at 11 a.m. inside the church as we participate in this nationwide rosary prayer event.

Teams across the country gather together on this day to pray for Our Blessed Virgin's intercession for our nation.

America is at a historic crossroad. God is more offended than ever as people ignore Our Lady's maternal request to "stop offending God". It is urgent that we heed Our Lady's request and stop sinning if we hope to enjoy God's blessings and to avert His wrath. He will hear us if we pray through the intercession of His Blessed Mother.

For more information about America Needs Fatima, visit their website at www.ANF.org.

PRAY PARISH MOVIE EVENT

Are you looking for peace in your heart? In your family?

In the new documentary, *PRAY: THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON*, you will meet the extraordinary man who dedicated his life to reminding people that true peace comes from God and a relationship with Him. Father Peyton's deep friendship with God and the Blessed Virgin Mary, combined with his tireless zeal, inspired millions of families around the world to discover how prayer would bring them together and transform their hearts.

Join us as we watch *PRAY* together on Oct. 16th at 6 p.m. and Oct. 17th at 1 p.m. Make it a date night or invite a friend. All are welcome!

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

And we are off...again!

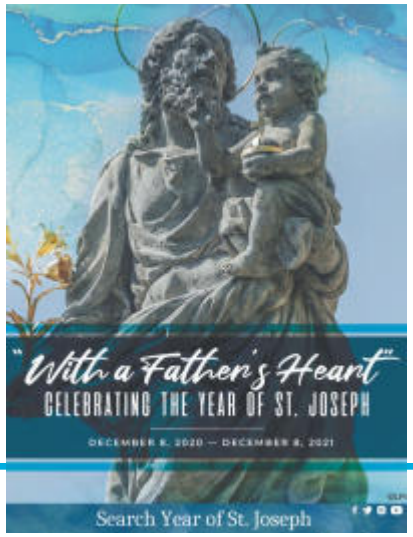
Please keep in your prayers those who are participating in the 33-Day Consecration to St. Joseph. They will be making an act of consecration on November 1st.

For those participating, we encourage you to think of a special intention to offer to St. Joseph's intercession. Many prayers were answered this summer as we journeyed with St. Joseph. Also, think about what you knew about St. Joseph before you began the consecration. Who was St. Joseph to you and did he have any influence on your faith life?

St. Joseph is known as Hope of the Sick.

"God has healed many people through the intercession of St. Joseph, such as St. Teresa of Avila. She often told people how she was so terribly ill that she considered herself half-dead, but after praying to St. Joseph, she experienced a miraculous cure."

-Consecration to St. Joseph: Wonders of our Spiritual Father by Fr. Donald H. Calloway



OCTOBER ST. JOSEPH PRAYER
Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy; O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

GROWING WITH THE Gospel
CYCLE B

PUZZLE
Unscramble words from today's Gospel reading:

~~Jesus~~ husband divorce
Moses wife papers
law married joined

Jssue	J e s u s
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Mssoe	___ ___ ___ ___ ___
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jndoie	___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
wfie	___ ___ ___ ___
lwa	___ ___ ___
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MISSION
Pray for kids you know who have been hurt because their parents are not living with each other. Ask God to heal their broken hearts.

COLOR
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

GOSPEL
In the beginning, when God created Adam and Eve, he created marriage to be good and holy. God wanted husbands and wives to love God and to help one another. Because of sin, some marriages started to fall apart. Divorce is difficult for everyone. God always wants marriage to be good and holy.

PRAYER
Dear God, help people who are married to love you and care for each other.

DRAW
Draw a picture of Adam and Eve helping each other in the Garden of Eden.

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Man-Oh-Man! Come and join our October Man-Up event with 2 of our frontline leaders in the "Life" effort: Bryan Gonzalez, Director of Development at InnerVisions HealthCare, and Tom Quiner, Board President of Iowans for LIFE.

Bryan and Tom will help us understand what's going on with the "Heartbeat" law and the question of "When Does Human Life Begin?" They'll also tell us why their organizations and other pro-life organizations are busier than they've ever been.

Lunch (Chick-fil-A) and program: Noon on Oct. 8th at St. Francis
Register for this event at https://www.iowacatholicradio.com/events

ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION

Join the Diocese of Des Moines as we celebrate the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage!

Bishop Joensen will be celebrating three anniversary Masses this fall to pray with, bless, and honor couples celebrating milestone anniversaries. Certificates of blessing and reserved seating is available for couples celebrating 1, 10, 25, and 50+ years of marriage. A light reception will follow the Mass.

Times and Locations:
Saturday, Oct. 30th, 4 p.m. at St. Ambrose Cathedral (DSM)
Sunday, Nov. 7th, 11:30 a.m. at St. Anne Catholic Church (Logan)
Saturday, Nov. 13th, 5 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church (Red Oak)

To register, call Cathy Gearhart at 515-237-5004 or email her at cgearhart@dmdiocese.org.

IMMERSE. PRAISE AND WORSHIP

3rd Thursday, October 21, 2021 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
6:30 p.m. Mass, Adoration, Praise/Worship, Reconciliation, Prayer Teams
Scripture Teaching: Who Am I? -Julie Nelson

Our passion is to make God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit known and loved. Our team is excited to highlight our Catholic identity through prayer and worship, strengthening our relationship with Jesus, while encountering the Holy Spirit with a renewal of the mind in scripture. We are Immerse. Immerse is the umbrella name for the 1st Friday and 3rd Thursday events.

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Fr. Tom McCarthy, O.S.A.
October 17, 18, 19, 2021 from 7—8:15 p.m.
in the church with Fr. Tom preaching at all weekend Masses
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