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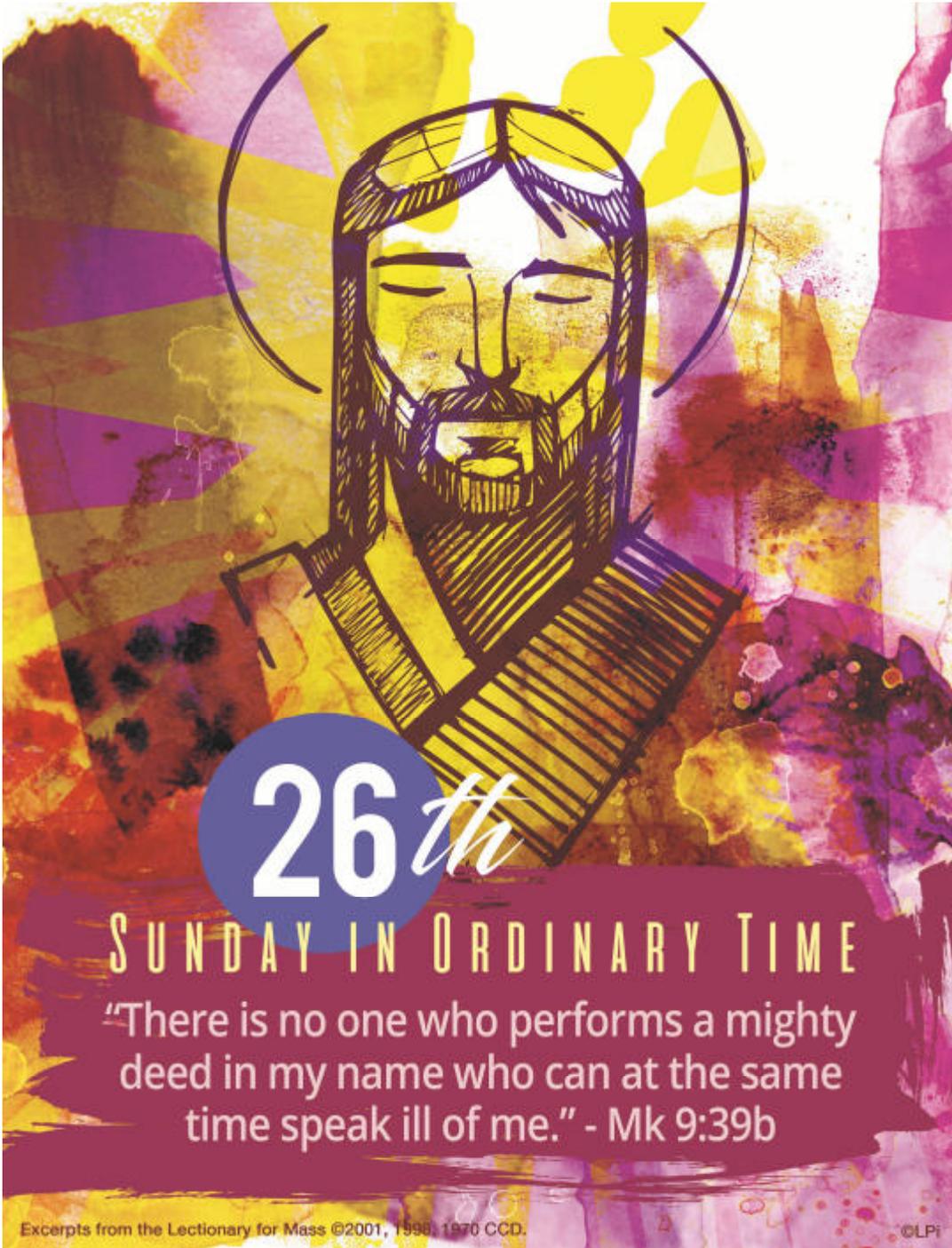
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SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Together we are St. Joseph: a healthy, growing, and welcoming faith community that brings people to Christ, forming intentional disciples and sending them out to transform the world. Every member is committed to worship, grow, serve, connect, and give.



26th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:39b

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MASS TIMES

Weekends

Saturday | 5pm

Sunday | 8am & 10am

Weekdays

No Monday Mass

Tuesday - Friday | 8:30am

The Rosary is prayed aloud before Mass

Holy Days

Mass times vary for Holy Days on the Church's liturgical calendar. Check the bulletin and our website.

EUCCHARISTIC

EXPOSITION & PRAYER

Exposition of the Eucharist

Tue, Wed & Fri, 7-8am

Thursdays, 9am-9pm

Adoration of Jesus in the Tabernacle

Come to pray, reflect, or simply rest in Our Lord's presence in the Tabernacle. Weekdays until 9pm, Saturdays until 6:30pm, Sundays until 8pm.

Prayer Ministries

Contact the Parish Office with your prayer requests for our Prayer Chain Ministry, 266-2226 or Istarnold@stjosephcatholicdsm.org

SACRAMENTS & CARE

MINISTRIES

Penance (Reconciliation)

Saturday | 3:30pm-4:45pm

Sunday | 7:15am-7:45am & 9:15am-9:45am

Also available by appointment

Other Sacraments

Please see page 4.

Caring for the Sick or Confined
Please contact the Parish Office to receive Holy Communion, Anointing of the Sick, or simply a visit at the place of care. We depend on family and parishioners to inform us when someone is hospitalized or homebound.

My Dear Good People,

As we welcome the season of Fall, the air cools and becomes crisp. It's a good time for a walk! The St. Joseph Hawk Walk will be happening at Copper Creek this coming Friday. Please come and enjoy a walk with our students, their parents, and staff members. We want to thank all parishioners who have donated to this event by providing a gift basket or sponsoring a student. The funds from this event will be used to help the teachers in their classrooms, and provide a sensory wall in the primary hallway. Once again, a big thank you to all those who help to support our parish school.



Please be aware of the scams that are being used via texting and emails. They often use a priest's name or Bishop Joensen's name as bait. If you receive an email or text pretending to be a priest or bishop, asking for gift cards for a sick person, or other intention, please disregard it. Not one of the priests that I know, nor Bishop Joensen, will ask for donations in this manner. Please know that the parish has funds to help people in need. If we ask for gift cards as a donation, we will ask you to bring them to the Parish Office. Please do not purchase gift cards and send the card number over text or email. Thank you for your vigilant attention to this matter.

Together We are St. Joseph!

Fr. Joseph Pins

ST. JOSEPH CAMPUS NEWS & EVENTS

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 25 5:00pm Luigi Bevilacqua †	Friday, October 1 8:30am Wain Main †
Sunday, September 26 8:00am Parishioners 10:00am Mary Adams †	Saturday, October 2 5:00pm Don Schmitz †
Tuesday, September 28 8:30am Patrick & Ellen Bishop †	Sunday, October 3 8:00am Parishioners 10:00am Michael Nassif †
Wednesday, September 29 8:30am Jane Siebrecht †	† Deceased
Thursday, September 30 8:30am Sandy Craig †	



Expect More. Explore Catholic Education

There's always something new and exciting happening at our Diocese of Des Moines Catholic Schools. We invite all parish families to like us on Facebook @dmdioceschools, follow us on Instagram @dmdioceschools, and follow us on Twitter @CatholicDes for the most current school information, events, and activities.



The St Joseph Hawk Walk Annual Fundraiser is Coming October 1! Fundraising has begun for the St Joseph Hawk Walk. Plan to join us at Copper Creek on Friday, October 1st at 6pm to walk and celebrate our school. Students who attend the walk will receive a free raffle ticket toward great prize baskets!

OBSERVANCES

Observances for the week of September 26, 2021

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Tuesday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Thursday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: The Holy Guardian Angels
Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

Adult Faith Formation

New this year for all parents of St. Joseph Church and School is a monthly adult faith formation session to be held every first Wednesday of the month beginning October 6th. It is designed not only to explore the themes children will be learning during the month but to equip and empower adults by focusing on the essentials of Christian faith. There will be an opportunity for faith sharing based on discussion questions from the Alpha program, a course that explores the meaning of life. No need to sign up, but parents of children enrolled in the Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation programs are required to make 5 of the 6 sessions. Let's have a conversation about Jesus!

NOTEWORTHY DATES FOR OUR CAMPUS & BEYOND

St. Joseph Campus events listed below will be detailed in future issues. Events hosted by other organizations will be detailed as bulletin space allows; contact information is provided as needed.



September 30 | Second Annual Day of Prayer & Fasting, hosted by Knights of Columbus Council #10980 | Church, 7am (see pg 3)
October 1 | SJS Hawk Walk | Copper Creek, 6pm (see above)
October 3 | 20-decade Rosary, Exposition and Benediction | Church, 4pm

Music Notes



The third part of the Mass is the Liturgy of the Eucharist, which itself has three parts - the Preparation of the Gifts, the Eucharistic Prayer, and the Communion Rite. During the Preparation of the Gifts, the altar, the Lord's table, is prepared. Gifts of bread and wine, which will become Christ's body and blood, are brought to the altar. As the gifts are brought forward, a chant or hymn is sung. Even when there is no procession of gifts, singing or instrumental music may accompany the Offertory rites. (GIRM 73-74)



Do you know your ABC's? The ABC Group (RCIA), meets in the Parish Center each Tuesday at 6pm. If you have any interest in learning more about becoming Catholic, please stop in soon! This group will welcome you with open arms, answer all of your questions, and help you as you make your way along the path to becoming an awesome Catholic!

Rosary Society ~ Let's Shop!

Make sure you save the date of **Saturday, October 9**, for the **Craft & Vendor Fair**, which will be held in the St. Joseph School Gym, 9am - 3pm. There will be many vendors available, raffles, and food for purchase!



National Day of Prayer

The **Second Annual Day of Prayer & Fasting** at St. Joseph will be held on Thursday, **September 30**, and is being sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #10980.

In 1861, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln called for a nationwide day of prayer and fasting, for peace and unity, to be held on the last Thursday in September. The U.S. Congress did the same in subsequent years. Read more about it here: shadesofgrace.org

Today, our country is faced with a number of challenges not least of which are the continued COVID challenges, and a breakdown in the moral fiber of our nation. We can't expect the government to solve all of our problems. Only God can change the human heart and that's what He does best. Come join us for this special day of prayer and fasting. Come for 10 minutes or the whole day, and implore God to enlighten the mind of the nation to know and do His Will, and to heal our country at a time when it is desperately needed. **Please note - no morning Mass!**

The schedule is as follows:

- 7:00am - Church opens for individual prayer
- 9:00am - 6:15pm - Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 5:30pm - 6:45pm - Reconciliation
- 6:15pm - 6:30pm - Benediction
- 6:30pm - 7:00pm - Rosary
- 7:00pm - Mass



InnerVisions Baby Bottle Campaign



On the weekends of October 9 & 10, and 16 & 17, St. Joseph Parish will participate in the InnerVisions Annual Baby Bottle Campaign. We will have 2 larger baby bottles at the entrances of the church. Please drop your cash or check into these bottles. View their website at innervisionshealthcare.org.

St. Monica Prayer Group

This new prayer group will begin meeting in the chapel on **Saturday, October 23, at 9am**. We will begin by reading through the book **Return**, by Brandon Vogt. Fr. Pins recommended this book during one of his recent homilies! Our focus will be praying our kids, family, and friends back into the Church!

Volunteers "In the Background"

Dawn Linder volunteers 2 days a week in the St. Joseph School Library. She was here most days this summer entering all of the library books into the new computer system, and organizing the books. Now that school has started, she is very busy keeping everything organized, reading to the kids, and checking out books to the students. Thank you, Dawn for all of the care you give to our St. Joseph students!



Father Pins Schedule

The Annual Priest Workshop will be October 4-7, and Fr. Pins will be out-of-town. Daily Masses will not be held during that time.

DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES

i.d.9:16 Young Adult Group

This group will be meeting next on **Thursday, October 7**, at Fox Brewing in West Des Moines. It all begins with social time at 6:30pm. Snacks will be provided and Fox has a variety of beers, ciders, and kombucha.



Life Chain

Please stand with us and be a witness! On **October 3**, swing by St. Teresa Church to pick up a sign, then **STAND UP** for life on the corner of Merle Hay Rd and University, between 2-3:30pm. This is an important witness for the cause of life in our community.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

After the last year plus of pandemic life, many of us are looking for a fresh start. Consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience. Upcoming dates and locations are October 22-24 in Coralville, and November 19-21 in Holstein. Register at Iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305.



CAMPUS INFORMATION

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Joseph Pins, Pastor
Rev. Mr. Marvin Brewer, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Randy Lynch, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Bill Hare, Deacon
Dave Ortega, Business Manager, Director of Faith Formation
Jodi Halligan, School Principal
Tammie Dixon, High School Youth Ministry
Debbie Muse, Bookkeeper
Lisa St. Arnold, Parish Administrative Secretary
Krystelle Cortes-Ryan, School Administrative Secretary
Kristin Hook, School Secretary
Dodie Bauman, Music Ministry
Elizabeth Gavin, Custodial, Maintenance
Dan Schmitz, Custodial, Maintenance
Bailee St. Arnold, Custodial

PARISH & SCHOOL OFFICES

Parish Office (Mon-Fri, 8:30am-3:30pm) | (515) 266-2226
Faith Formation Office 402-4734 (Dave), 266-2449 (Tammie - HS)
School Office (M-F, 7:30am-3:30pm) | (515) 266-3433

SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick

Details on cover.

Baptism

The family must be registered at this parish. If this is the family's first baptism, classes are required. Please call the Parish Office.

First Communion

Children of the diocese prepare for this sacrament in the second grade. For information and registration, please contact Dave Ortega at the Parish Office.

Confirmation

Youth of the diocese prepare for this sacrament through a two-year program and are confirmed in their sophomore year of high school. Please contact Tammie Dixon at the Parish Office, 266-2449.

Matrimony

One member of the couple must be registered at this parish. Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance of the proposed wedding date; diocesan guidelines do not permit setting a definite date for the wedding until part of the Marriage Preparation Program has been completed.

Penance (Reconciliation)

Details on cover.

Priesthood & Religious Life Information

Please visit www.vocationsonline.org.

NEWCOMERS OR THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

Welcome to St. Joseph Parish! We are so happy that you are here, and we look forward to meeting you. *If you would like to join our parish, please pick up a registration form in the main church entry. You may return the form by mail, or in person to the Parish Office. If you are curious about the Catholic faith and open to becoming a Catholic Christian, please contact the Parish Office to learn more.*

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Details on cover.

PARISH CORE COUNCILS MEETING TIMES

Pastoral Council | TBD, *Chair*

Meets monthly on the third Saturday at 8:00am.

Finance Council | *Nick Gifford, Chair*

Meets on the second Saturday at 8:00am.

Board of Education | *Will Utter, Chair*

Meets monthly on the first Thursday at 6:00pm.

Building & Grounds Committee | *Brett Tigges, Chair*

Meets quarterly.

Worship Committee | *Lisa Black & Mary Slater, Co-Chairs*

Meets monthly on the fourth Thursday at 7:00pm.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other as people to be loved, and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good, either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the Kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid. ©LPi



Questions of the Week

First Reading:

Early in their Exodus journey, Moses

taught the young Joshua an important lesson on avoiding jealousy and trusting the Lord's providence. How do you avoid the trap of jealousy and envy?

Second Reading:

James speaks of the trappings and dangers of excessive wealth. What do you think should be the believer's proper disposition toward money?

Gospel Question:

Jesus warns his disciples against the danger of causing other believers to sin. What do you think would motivate a Christian to do this?



CAMPUS CALENDAR & CATHOLIC KIDS

September 26 - October 3

Sunday, September 26

9:00am Coffee & Donuts Fundraiser by NCCYC teens Parish Center
4:00pm Ladies Matthew 18:20 Prayer Group Chapel

Monday, September 27 ~ No School

6:30pm Scripture Study Parish Center

Tuesday, September 28

5:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting St. Joseph Rm
6:00pm RCIA Parish Center

Wednesday, September 29

8:30am School Mass by 6th Grade Church
5:30pm Alpha for Year 1 Teens Parish Center
6:15pm Faith Formation, grades 1-8 School
7:30pm Year 2 Teens - Confirmation Prep Parish Center

Thursday, September 30 ~ Second National Day of Prayer ~ Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #10980

No Morning Mass!

9:00am Exposition of the Eucharist (all day) Church
3:15pm Girls on the Run Group Parish Center
5:30pm Reconciliation, until 6:45pm Church
6:15pm Benediction Church
6:30pm Rosary Church
7:00pm Mass Church

Saturday, October 2

7:30am Men's Prayer Group Parish Center
8:00am Wedding Decorating Church
2:00pm Wedding - Fisher & Munson Church

Sunday, October 3

9:00am Coffee & Donuts by Saturday Morn. Men's Grp Parish Center
4:00pm Exposition, 20-decade Rosary, Benediction Church



Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
to whom
God's love
commits me
here. Ever this
day, be at my
side, to light and
guard, rule and
guide.

Amen.

Feast Day Saturday, October 2

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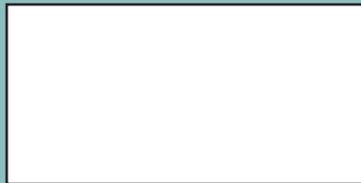
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