

Welcome to Saint Joseph Parish



MISSION STATEMENT

We are a people of God, baptized into a community of faith to worship, share, love and work together to attain everlasting life.

We labor to create a caring environment for our children by supporting Catholic education and by demonstrating stable family life.

We cling to our traditions, while being open to changes that will come.

One does not live on bread alone,

but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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Saturday, November 18, 2017
Saturday of the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

STEWARDSHIP REPORT (November 11)

Adult	4195.00
Jr. Contribution	.25
Loose	32.00
Candle Money	
Parish Meal	31.00
Unrestricted Out of Parish	158.00
World Mission Sunday	
Hall Rent	
St. Joseph's Education Society	
Retirement for Religious	
Call to Structure	
Grain Bank	825.36 bu corn
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TOTAL	\$ 4,416.25

<u>LITURGICAL MINISTRIES</u>	<u>November 25</u>	<u>December 2</u>
SERVERS:	Caleb Bormann Ethan Marso	Scott Bormann Alaina Bormann
LECTOR:	Ernie Gales	Patrick Bormann
USHERS:	Richard Erpelding Dwight Kohlhaas	Rich Becker Derrick Kirsch
EMCH:	Becky Bormann Emily Bormann Rita Sue Marso	Jan Capesius Betty Berte Ben Marso
MUSIC:	Shelly Kohlhaas	Dennis Holmes
ROSARY:	Jean Erpelding	Al Becker
GIFT BEARERS:	Leon Schoo	Clint Ehlers
MONEY COUNTERS:	L Schoo/A Schoo	K Marso/S Capesius
SNOW REMOVAL:		
MASS PREPARER:	Al Becker	Rich Becker

PARISH MEAL: The next parish meal will be served on Saturday, November 18 following Mass. This will be prepared and served by the Knights of Columbus. This will be their annual omelet meal. Proceeds go to Parish Families Against Hunger.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS: The next CDofA meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 14 as a joint meeting and Christmas Party with the KofCs. (Emily Bormann, Kathy Baker, Rita Becker)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The next KCs will be meeting on Thursday, December 14 as joint meeting and Christmas Party with The CDofA.

FUNERALS: The next funeral at St. Joe will be organized by Group 4 – Chair: Alan/Shelly Kohlhaas; Co-chair: Doug/Sandy Marlow

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

need to be placed in the **Sacristy** in the "Bulletin Announcements" box or e-mailed to the St. Joseph computer stjoechurch@hotmail.com by Wednesday noon. If you have any questions please contact Mary Alice Berte 515-320-0881. This remains effective when we share bulletin with the V Saints Catholic Community. If you place an announcement in the "Bulletin Announcements" box please note that it **must be signed** in case any questions arise relating to the announcement's content.

~ Mary Alice Berte

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME The **first reading** is taken from the Book of Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31. The verses chosen for today are taken from the last half of the last chapter of the book and are a hymn in praise of the ideal wife. The author saw to it that the part that a wise, prudent and industrious wife plays in a man's life, and hence in the life of the nation, deserved to be stressed and admired. The **second reading** is from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 5:1-6. In this reading St. Paul continues his discussion of the *parousia*. He tells his Thessalonian converts that they know as much as he does about the time of that second coming. He had already told them in his preaching that our Lord had said that it would be unexpected. However, this need not frighten them, they would be prepared because they were living their Christian faith every day. The **Gospel** is from St. Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21. The lesson of this parable, like all the teaching of the gospel, is as applicable to us today as it was to the first generation of Christians. In its relation to Christ and to his divine Father our world today is very similar to first century Palestine. Christ and God have opponents and followers. Their opponents today have the very same reasons that moved the Pharisees and leaders of the people in Christ's day. They want their messianic kingdom here on earth, a kingdom of pleasure and plenty; they want no limits set to their freedom to follow their own earthly inclinations. Their pride in their own self-exalted dignity will not let them bow the head to any deity or divine authority which does not conform to their standards. Like the Pharisees they keep on trying to convince themselves that Christianity is not true, that Christ will not reign, that there will be no day of reckoning

BULLETIN REMINDER Please have bulletin announcements for the Dec 3 bulletin to Mary Alice by Friday, November 24.

ST. MICHAEL'S OMELET & CINNAMON ROLL BREAKFAST, Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017. Serving Harry Bormann's Special Homemade Omelets & Rosary Society's Homemade Cinnamon Rolls, 7:30-11am, St. Michael's Parish Center, 613 3rd St., Whittemore. Extra Cinnamon Rolls will be available and offered for sale. All funds raised will go towards the purchase of soap and installation of the new dishwasher.

SPECIAL COLLECTION Catholic Campaign for Human Development will be held the weekend November 25-26

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

St. Joseph: Vigil Mass, 6:00 p.m., Thur, December 7 (Fr. Ed) Regular 8:00 a.m. Mass, Fri, Dec 8 (Fr. Merle)

St. Michael: 5:30 p.m. Mass, Fri, Dec 8 (Fr. Ed)

St. Cecelia: Vigil Mass, 5:30 p.m. Thur, Dec 7 (Fr. Jeremy) 7:00 a.m. Mass, Fri, Dec 8 (Fr. Jeremy)

8:40 a.m. School Mass, Fri, Dec 8 (Fr. Ed)

Sts. Peter & Paul: Vigil Mass, 6:30 p.m., Thur, Dec 7 (Fr Tom) 7:30 p.m. Mass, Fri, Dec 8 (Fr Tom)

A CHRISTMAS GIFT THAT TRULY KEEPS ON GIVING!!! Christmas is that blessed time of the year when many people turn their thoughts to gifts and giving. The gifts we exchange are a way to honor God the Father's gift of His only Son to the world as we share that love with others. Again, this Christmas, you may be looking for a way to give a gift in honor of a loved one who seems to have plenty already, especially adults. Take this opportunity to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti, who are lacking necessities such as simple things like food and shelter that many of us take for granted. You may pick up a Christmas card at the church entrances or in our parish office. There is an enclosed envelope to give a gift to our Twin Parish in the name of your loved one. Send the Christmas card to your loved one, and place the envelope in the collection basket or drop by the parish office. If you prefer to use your own card with this gift, make check payable to St. Cecelia with Twin Parish in the memo and return the donation to us. Msgr. Gousse, the Twin Parish's Pastor, will specifically use your Christmas gift to help buy goats, antibiotics and start-up goat feed for 40 families. Each family would receive 3 female goats, and there will be 1 male goat to be shared with 15 families. These gifts will do more than you can imagine. It will provide: food for the families; extra income to help pay school tuition; the families will in-turn give to another family in a year's time. The gifts will help develop a sustainable program for food, income and helping others.

Prayer for Vocations

God, our Father, in Baptism You called us by name making us members of Your people, the Church. We praise You for Your goodness, We thank You for Your gifts. We ask You to strengthen us to live in love and service to others after the example of Your Son, Jesus. Father, look upon Your Church with love and bless Your people with generous single men and women, with loving husbands and wives, with understanding parents, with trusting children with dedicated priests, sisters, deacons and brothers. Help us to see our vocations as a journey toward You. You have called us, not to set us apart, but to bring us together with others who need our love. Make us faithful signs of Your presence in their midst. We ask You through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SCHEDULING MINISTRIES Please let me know if you are unable to serve the ministries at least 2 weeks in advance. The ministry list is sent out to be printed 10 days prior to the intended Mass. If you would please send me an email 2 weeks before any dates that you are unavailable that would help with you trying to find a sub for your scheduled weekend. Thanks for working with me as this bulletin transition progresses. Many thanks, Mary Alice Berte

2017/2018 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL CONTINUES St Joe gains considerably through the funds collected in this annual appeal. As of 11/11/2017 we have collected \$4410. Please consider making a donation. We are closing in on our goal...only \$1829 away. The money raised also supports the pastoral, educational, spiritual and human services that benefits thousands of families throughout the 24 counties in the Diocese of Sioux City. Please be generous to this appeal.

COMMUNAL PENANCE is scheduled for December 17, 2017 and March 18, 2018 at St Joe at 2:00 p.m. and St Cecelia at 4:00 p.m.

IOWA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE – A HELP TO PLOW THROUGH TODAY’S ISSUES The Board of the Iowa Catholic Conference (www.iowacatholicconference.org) is made up of the four Iowa bishops and representatives from each diocese in Iowa. They study the issues facing our society today and provide guidance in applying the moral and justice principles of the Gospel and Catholic teaching to those issues. Their website, along with the United States Catholic Bishops’ website (www.usccb.org), would be the best place to start when studying how we ought to respond to the issues facing us. Some of the important issues we are facing and they are addressing at this time a few that are included: *upholding Iowa abortion waiting period, Bishops urge prudence in federal tax reform, helping persecuted religious minorities in the Middle East, a return to common sense in regards to Health & Human Service issues between church & state and many more. If you are interested in becoming educated on the Conference’s mission visit the listed sights.*

KEEP THE DATE Thursday, January 25, 2018 Fr. Donald Calloway will be presenting for The Shrine of the Grotto of the Redemption – *The Rosary: The Spiritual Sword of Our Lady* at Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church.

MASS SCHEDULE and LITURGY INTENTIONS

Mon, Nov 20	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Tues, Nov 21	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Wed, Nov 22	8:00 a.m.	Helen Gales
Thurs, Nov 23	8:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Mass – Lorenz/Julia Bormann
Fri, Nov 24	8:00 a.m.	Gerald Berte
Sat, Nov 25	4:30 p.m.	St Cecelia Parish
	5:00 p.m.	St Joseph Parish
	5:00 p.m.	Ss Peter & Paul Parish
Sun, Nov 26	7:45 a.m.	St Cecelia Parish
	8:30 a.m.	St Michael Parish
	10:15 am	Ss Peter & Paul Parish
	10:45 am	St Cecelia Parish

