

Cluster Parish Announcements (continued)

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...Mark the Date...

February 22-24 (women's) and March 1-2, 2019 (men's) CEW. Iowa City Deanery Christian Experience (CEW) weekend. This is an overnight weekend retreat, open to all denominations. Cost is \$50 and there is a \$10 discount for registering by February 2. Registration forms are at all cluster churches. If questions, contact Judy Stebral at 319-629-2271 or 331-8727.

Saturday, April 27, 2019 5:15 pm Annual Culture of Life Dinner hosted by the St. Wenceslaus Knights of Columbus. This dinner is an educational and fundraising dinner to honor and promote current and future pro-life healthcare providers in Iowa City and surrounding communities through our Pope Paul VI Institute Education Grant. If questions contact Gregory Waddle, 913-426-5770.

WANTED: Parishioners willing to share stories or information about one or more of your favorite saints. Since the Confirmation students will need to choose a saint for their Confirmation name, it would be a great experience to hear about saints from you! Yes, we have books and other resources about saints, but we would enjoy hearing you talk about your favorite examples of humans who strived to lead holy lives. Volunteers can choose a date and a time either at the beginning of class (6:30 pm on Wednesday evenings) or toward the end of class (about 7:40 pm). Please volunteer by contacting Paula Moore at Mass or at fpscoach@hotmail.com. Thank you!

2018 Year-end financial statements are at all churches this weekend for all who financially support our parishes. Thank you for supporting your cluster parish.

Happy Birthday to Father Lou Leonhardt on Monday, February 4. We wish him continued good health, peace and joy on this special birthday celebration of life as he ministers to our cluster.

PRAYER CORNER

Prayer to St. Blaise - Patron of those with throat diseases
Feast Day February 3

Dear St. Blaise, lover of souls, you willingly bore heavy crosses in faithful imitation of Jesus. Similarly, with Christlike compassion you cured many sufferers. Then after undergoing horrible tortures you died as a martyr for Christ. O compassionate St. Blaise, if it is agreeable to Our Heavenly Father, obtain a cure for my life. Amen.



Vocation Ministry News

This weekend is World Day for Consecrated Life of Men and Women. Our parish cluster is dedicated to promoting a culture of vocations to our diocese and parishes, starting primarily through prayer. Why is vocation Ministry needed? Over the past 50 years, the Catholic Church in the US has experienced a tremendous decline in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Why prayer? Our Christian life is rooted in prayer, and prayer is foundational in a Vocation Ministry. Never underestimate the power of prayer. For what should we pray? Pray for our parish priests. Pray that our Vocation Ministry will touch hearts and inspire religious vocations. Ask Blessed Mother to pray for vocations as well. Please recognize and pray for all religious from our parish and diocese.

Next weekend is World Marriage Day. Please join us in celebrating those who have said "yes" to the Vocation of marriage. All married couples will receive a special blessing at each Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Hills parish 9:30-9:50 am on Sunday
Lone Tree parish: 4:30—4:50 pm on Saturday
Nichols parish: 7:30—7:50 am on Sunday

Religious Articles are available for sale to all parishioners and guests from the cabinet at Lone Tree Church entrance. For more information contact Nancy Ford at 629-5429.

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

Liturgical Ministers—Lone Tree St. Mary Cycle C Reading

	February 2 - 5 pm/Fr.Mike	February 9 - 5 pm/Fr. Lou	February 16 - 5 pm/Fr.Mike	Lone Tree	
Lector	Jerry Ford	Jill Welter	Trudi Westfall(5th Gr)	Parish Support	
Greeter/Collection	Betty Gerot	Paula Mooare	5th grade students	Envelopes	695.00
	Glen Gerot	Kathy Davis	5th grade students	Offertory	79.10
Eucharistic Ministers	Nancy Ford	Judy Viner	Jessica Rockafellow	Catholic Messeng.	298.00
(Blood of Christ)	Christina Hurlbut	Kris Gillham	Jenni Eden	Secret Santa	50.00
(Communion-Hosts)	Jerry Ford	Jill Welter	Trudi Westfall)		
Gifts	Betty&Glen Gerot	Paula Moore&Kathy Davis	5th grade students		
Servers	Matt Ford	Ethan Willoz	5th grade students		
	Christina Hurlbut	Cade Patterson	5th grade students		
Altar Committee	Joanne Havel/Ruby Dickey	Joanne Havel/Ruby Dickey	Joanne Haavel/Ruby Dickey		
Sacristan	Sharon Nicola	Sharon Nicola	Sharon Nicola		

Liturgical Ministers—Nichols Church of St. Mary Cycle C Reading

	February 3 - 8 am/Fr.Mike	February 10 - 8 am/Fr.Mike	February 17 - 8 am/Fr.Lou	Nichols	
Lector	Tom Brugman	Mary Lenz	Rose Harper	Parish Support	
Greeter	Bruce&Margaret Matt	Bruce&Margaret Matt	Brue&Margaret Matt	Envelopes	655.00
Sacristan	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Offertory	77.00
Eucharistic Ministers	Rose Harper	Jeanne Green	Rose Harper	Catholic Messeng.	169.00
(Blood of Christ)	Sarah Roberts	Toni Wilson	Sarah Roberts		
(Communion-Hosts)	Adam Gauger	Carol Kaalberg	Adam Gauger		
Gifts	Bruce&Margaret Matt	Brent&Meaghan Peters	Janice Salemink		
Servers	Bradley Austin	Bradley Austin	Stephen Brugman		
Collection	Bill&Seth Lenz	Bill&Seth Lenz	Bill&Seth Lenz		

Liturgical Ministers—Hills St. Joseph - Cycle C Reading

	February 3 - 10 am/Fr.Lou	February 10 - 10 am/Fr.Mike	February 17 - 10 am/Fr.Mike	Hills	
Lector	Bob Jenn	Bob Jenn	Lora Sieverding	Parish Support	
Music Ministry	Haylee Marner	Lura Loan	Haylee Marner	Envelopes	862.00
Greeter/Collection	Mike Sieverding	Mike Sieverding	Mike Waldschmidt	Offertory	44.00
	Jim Frantz	Jim Frantz	Ron Waldschmidt	Catholic Messeng.	524.00
Servers	Katie Boeckenstedt	Sophie Mellecker	Sophie Mellecker	Helping Hand	70.00
		Emy Rivera	Emy Rivera	A&R Dues	40.00
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Jenn	Kristee Malmberg	Ron Gauger		
Blood of Christ	Kristee Malmberg	Ron Gauger	Louella Schneider		
Communion-Hosts	Emy Rivera	Bob Jenn	Mike Sieverding		
Gifts	Roger Slaughter	Delores&Deanne Eden	Rummelhart Family		
Sacristan	Helen Marner	Helen Marner	Helen Marner		
Sacristan	Kristee Malmberg	Kristee Malmberg	Kristee Malmberg		

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Bulletin deadline Tuesday at 9 a.m. Contact Judy Stebral at 319-331-8727, jbstebra1@hotmail.com or Carol Kaalberg at 319-330-5324 or kaalbergc@diodav .org.

Help Line: Helen Mamer 679-2462; Marcia Mellecker (available evenings and week-ends) 679-2765; **Prayer Line:** Lucille Duwa 679-2404; Joan Gringer 679-2406

Hills Parish

Sun., Feb. 3 Coffee Hour after Mass hosted by Altar and Rosary
Thur., Feb. 7 1:30 pm Altar and Rosary meeting in the parish hall
Sun., Feb. 10 Coffee Hour after Mass

Super Bowl Sunday ...Will your team win? Join us on Sunday February 3 for a Super Bowl party. Kickoff for the Super Bowl is 5:30 pm, so come a little before that and enjoy sloppy joes, chips and drinks while watching the game on the big TVs in the St. Joseph parish hall. If you wish, bring a dessert or snack to share - but this is not required. All from the cluster are invited.

2019 Calendars are available on the table at the back of the church. Thank you to Lensing Funeral & Cremation Service for donating these calendars to our parish. Be sure to extend your personal thank you to Michael Lensing for their generosity to St. Joseph parish.

Mike Lombard has been hired to do our snow removal and lawn care. Thank you, Mike, for agreeing to help St. Joseph's with our grounds care.

2019 Altar and Rosary dues of \$10.00 are now being collected. Please use the envelope in your packet. Total donated to date \$380.00.

A thank you from Iowa City Catholic Worker... "Thank you for your donation of \$2,500 and all your support for the Iowa City Catholic Worker House. It means a lot! Blessings, Emily and David"

The St. Joseph Food Pantry is open Wednesday mornings from 10 am to noon. A special thank you to Atrium residents and staff for their kind donation of a large tub of food items to the St. Joseph Food Pantry. **The Food Pantry is in need of grocery sacks.**

Lone Tree Parish

Tues., Feb. 5 10:00 am Mass at Pioneer Park. Mass Intention: Nick&Phil Kron/Fr. Lou
Fri., Feb. 8 10:00 am Mass at Pioneer Park. Mass Intention: Ashton Family/Fr. Lou
Sun., Feb. 10 6:30 pm Parish Council meeting in the church hall

THANK YOU! Your response to the Birthright organization was amazing! Your generosity during the Advent season included over 700 diapers in the exact size most needed, and 31 adorable sleepers to keep little ones warm and cozy. The 18 bottles of baby shampoo, lotion, or powder will help Birthright restock their shelves. Other donations included hundreds of baby wipes, some bottles, 12 homemade burp cloths, two beautiful homemade blankets, and a lullaby stuffed animal.

Thank you from Birthright..."Birthright of Iowa City sends its sincere thanks to the cluster parishes of Nichols, Lone Tree and Hills for their annual collection of baby items. We certainly appreciate being able to help out new mothers with your generous donations. These items you gave will go a long way toward welcoming and supporting new life! Thank you for your continued support of the work of Birthright to uphold life. **A special thanks to Paula Moore** for her coordination and delivery efforts! Sincerely, Christine Martin, Director"

2019 Altar and Rosary dues of \$10.00 are now being collected. Please use the envelope in your packet. Total donated to date \$215.00.

2019 yearly calendars and giving envelopes are at all three cluster churches.

..... **It Is Coming.....**
 Our Annual Lone Tree & Nichols Joint Parish Pancake Breakfast
 Sunday, March 10, 2019
 8 am to 12 noon
 Lone Tree American Legion



Nichols Parish

Sun., Feb. 3 Parish Council and Finance Council meeting following Mass.

2019 Altar and Rosary dues of \$10.00 are now being collected. Please use the envelope in your packet. Total donated to date \$65.00

Reminder: Our Parish "**Book of Events** needs all reports for the next parish committee members. If you were chairperson of a parish project, please make sure your report is in the book at our church. This information is very important for our assigned committees. Parish Council members, thank you for your cooperation in keeping this book up to date for all parishioners. It is extremely important to get your report in this book for the future committee members' information.

West Liberty United Methodist Church has postponed their Soup Luncheon to Thursday, February 7, 11 am to 1 pm. Same time, everything else the same.

Due to guidelines from our Diocese, when renting the parish hall facility, proof of insurance will be required. If you have a request to rent St. Mary's Hall, contact Carol Kaalberg at 319-330-5324 and she will tell you if the date is available and give you the paperwork as required by our diocese. Thank you for your cooperation.

For your information: The Nichols Parish Hall will not be rented during the months of February or March. (Only exception will be funerals.)

2018-19 Cluster Religious Education News

Cluster Religious Education classes meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm as follows:

Grades K—3, 6 and 7 meet in the Religious Education Center in Lone Tree. Grades 4 and 5 and the Confirmation Class will meet in the St. Mary, Lone Tree church hall.



Next classes: Classes will resume on February 6, 13, 20 and 27. If questions, contact Trudi Westfall, Director of Religious Education, at 319-629-4364 or at lonetrestmarydre@diodav.org.

Post-confirmation Teen Bible Study next class will be Sunday, February 17, 4 to 6 pm in the St. Joseph parish hall. If you weren't able to come to previous sessions, you are welcome to join us on January 20. Bring a friend as we continue your faith journey with "The Adventure Begins—The Teen Timeline" with Mark Hart from Ascension Press.

RCIA sessions have begun. Join us to learn more about the Catholic Church. Our inquiry sessions meet on Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 P.M. at St. Mary Church Hall, Lone Tree. Others are invited to join us as our cluster welcomes those who want to learn more about our church. **Next class date: Tuesday, February 5.**