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...Mark the Date...

Sunday, December 2 2:00 pm. Community “Blue Christmas” Service at United Presbyterian Church, Lone Tree. A remembrance service for those who have gone before us in 2018. Sponsored by St. Mary’s and UPC. All from the cluster communities are invited.

Wednesday, December 5 5 pm to 7 pm. Soup Supper. Lone Tree United Presbyterian Church. Soups, crackers and dessert. Bring you own bowl, personal or family size for carry out. Stay for fellowship or take-out. Free will donation.

Saturday, January 26 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Diocesan Social Action, Saturday #2. Topics: immigration, CRS Rice Bowl, 50th anniversary of Social Action office. Learn what Diocesan Social Action Saturday is all about in the *Catholic Messenger*. Cost \$10.00. Online registration and payment due January 23. <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/social-action-Saturday-registration>.

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 fpcoach@hotmail.com. Thank you!

Christmas Flowers/Mass Intentions

Donations are now being accepted for Christmas flowers and Mass Intentions. The form is included with this bulletin. Please return the form and your donation (checks made payable to your parish) by **December 16** or sooner. Your requested Mass Intentions will be celebrated on the dates noted on the attached request form. Thank you.



Have you attended a Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) in the past? If so, the Iowa City Deanery would like to hear from you. We are updating records for all previous CEW candidates and team members to ensure you are receiving notifications for prayer requests, renewals, and CEW weekend. Please send your name, address, phone number, email address and church to cwicdeanery@gmail.com. If you know of someone who has attended and may not see this message, please let us know as well. Thank you!

PRAYER CORNER
Advent Prayer



Heavenly Angels,
God assigned you to announce joy to the world.
Please show me ways that I, too, can spread the joy of our Lord to all those I meet.
Inspire me to make gestures of kindness that can help others feel God’s love.
Help me set aside envy and greed so I have more room in my heart for joy.
Let me greet each day with a heart overflowing with joy and gratitude.
Amen.

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.

Liturgical Ministers—Lone Tree St. Mary Cycle C Reading

	Dec. 1 - 5 pm/Fr. Mike	Dec. 7 - 6:30 pm/Fr.Lou	Dec. 8 - 5 pm/Fr.Lou	Lone Tree	
Lector	Joan Davis	Trudi Westfall	Tom Squiers	Parish Support	
Greeter/Collection	Lynn Bland	Volunteer	Alex Viner	Envelopes	515.00
	Cathy Davis		Cade Patterson	Offertory	170.00
Eucharistic Ministers	Kay Viner	Deanna Krueger	Kay Viner		
(Blood of Christ)	Judy Viner	Judy Viner	Kris Gillham		
(Communion-Hosts)	Joan Davis	Trudi Westfall	Tom Squiers		
Gifts	Lynn Bland/Kathy Davis	Volunteer	Alex Viner/C.Patterson		
Servers	William Rockafellow	Volunteer	Volunteer		
			Volunteer		
Altar Committee	K. Petsel/T.Mullinnix	K.Petsel/T.Mullinnix	K. Petsel/T.Mullinnix		
Sacristan	Sharon Nicola	Sharon Nicola	Sharon Nicola		

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

	December 2 - 8 am/Fr. Mike	December 9 - 8 am/Fr.Mike	December 16 - 8 am/Fr.Lou	Nichols	
Lector	Tom Brugman	Mary Lenz	John Stroppe	Parish Support	
Greeter	Jeanne Green	Jeanne Green	Jeanne Green	Envelopes	595.00
Sacristan	Carol Kaalberg	Toni Wilson	Carol Kaalberg	Offertory	25.76
Eucharistic Ministers	Rose Harper	Toni Wilson	Rose Harper	CCHD	50.00
(Blood of Christ)	Carol Kaalberg	Jeanne Green	Jeanne Green		
(Communion-Hosts)	Adam Gauger	Adam Gauger	Carol Kaalberg		
Gifts	Julia Elder	Adam Gauger	Jeanne Green		
Servers	Seth Lenz	Bradley Austin	Stephen Brugman		
Collection	Kory&Colton Kaalberg	Kory&Colton Kaalberg	Kory&Colton Kaalberg		

Liturgical Ministers—Hills St. Joseph - Cycle C Reading

	Dec 2 - 10 am/Fr. Lou	Dec. 8 - 9 am/Fr.Mike	Dec. 9 - 10 am/Fr.Mike	Hills	
Lector	Melody Mellecker	Judy Stebral	Judy Stebral	Parish Support	
Music Ministry	Haylee Marner	Lura Loan	Lura Loan	Envelopes	470.00
Greeter/Collection	Jim Frantz	Volunteer	Jim Frantz	Offertory	29.00
	Mike Sieverding	Volunteer	Mike Sieverding	Stole Fee	25.00
Servers	Sophie Mellecker	Volunteer	Carol Kirkpatrick	CCHD	40.00
		Volunteer	Jean Burr	Funeral Hall	
Eucharistic Ministers	Katie Boeckenstedt	Volunteer	Deanne Eden	Rent Donation	300.00
Blood of Christ	Deanne Eden	Volunteer	Bob Jenn		
Communion-Hosts	Donna Arthur	Judy Stebral	Kristee Malmberg		
Gifts	Carol Mills	Volunteer	Eileen Falls		
Sacristan	Emy Rivera	Emy Rivera	Emy Rivera		
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 Marner 679-2462; Marcia Mellecker (available evenings and week-ends) 679-2765; **Prayer Line:** Lucille Duwa 679-2404; Joan Gringer 679-2406

Hills Parish

Sun., Dec. 2 Coffee Hour after Mass hosted by Altar and Rosary
Thur., Dec. 6 6:00 pm Altar and Rosary Christmas Potluck. Meat, rolls, drinks and table service is furnished. Bring a dish to share. All from the parish are invited. Bring a friend, neighbor, or family members and enjoy an evening of fellowship and good food.
Sun., Dec. 9 Coffee Hour after Mass

We welcome Mrs. Delaine Bopp to the St. Joseph parish family. Please extend your kind welcome to her!

The church painting project is complete. Work was done by W. F. Scott Decorating, Inc., Rock Island, Illinois. A \$7,750.00 credit was issued from the original bid of \$70,000 as a result of the reduced amount of patching/skimming on the arched ceilings. Total amount due for labor and materials is \$62,250.00.

It's beginning to look a lot like...time to start Christmas rehearsals. If you would like to be a part of the Christmas Eve Mass, please contact Connie Shaw at 319-679-3311. All ages are welcome. We are planning an adult and children's choir as well as a children's nativity.

The St. Joseph Food Pantry is open Wednesday mornings from 10 am to noon. Thank you, St. Joseph parishioners, for your continued donations of food and other items to help those who are in need of food.

Lone Tree Parish

Sun., Dec. 2 2:00 pm Community "Blue Christmas" Service at United Presbyterian Church, Lone Tree
Sun., Dec. 2 6:30 pm Parish Council meeting in the parish hall
Tues., Dec. 4 10:00 am Mass at Pioneer Park, Mass Intention: Don Burnett/Fr. Lou
Fri., Dec. 7 10:00 am Mass at Pioneer Park. Mass Intention: Rosella Attig/Fr. Mike

Thank you to all who participated in our community Thanksgiving service. \$220.00 was donated to the community Secret Santa fund.

Christmas Food Baskets The churches of Lone Tree will prepare Christmas Food Baskets Wednesday, December 19 for 5:00 pm pickup. If your family or you know of a family that can be helped by receiving a food basket, let the UP Presbyterian Church (629-4900) know by Monday, December 10.

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR BIRTHRIGHT It's time for our annual collection of baby items! The baby items are given to mothers who chose life but who need a little help caring for the needs of the baby. Currently, Birthright is in need of **winter clothing, especially for boys**. Also on this volunteer organization's wish list are **baby shampoo and lotions, baby bottles and board books. Size 2 diapers** are also needed. Because an enterprising Girl Scout troop got very busy with a service project, Birthright does not need baby blankets at this time. This collection will continue through Advent. Thank you for your continued support of this pro-life cause. All from the cluster are welcome to participate in this important collection.



Secret Santa envelopes will be given out each weekend during Advent to help buy toys and warm clothing for families in need within the communities of Riverside, Lone Tree, Nichols, Hills, and Conesville. If you know of a family in need, please contact Carol Kaalberg at 330-5324 with names, and the age and size of children in need. Santa will deliver these packages to each family before Christmas.

September was Fuel collection month at the Lone Tree parish. Envelopes are in your box. Income received to date \$1,208.00.

NOTICE: We thank Kurt Schnoebelen for storing our "church" float entry. However, he is in need of his barn space, so we need to determine where we can store our miniature church, or if we need to dispose of it. If you would have extra space available, please contact Jerry Ford at 319-430-1315 or Carol Kaalberg at 319-330-5324.

Lone Tree area blood drive at Lone Tree School cafeteria on Monday, December 3 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Please eat before you come and bring a picture ID. To schedule an appointment call Jeanne Green at 319-936-0060.

Nichols Parish

Auction and Luncheon Report—a final report is included with today's bulletin. Congratulations parishioners on another successful fundraiser!

September was Fuel Collection month at Nichols. Envelopes are in your box. Income received to date \$1,150.00

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.

Note received from Brenda Arthur Miller, West Liberty High School Principal

The West Liberty Community School District is working with Grandview University to offer the Family Leadership Institute to West Liberty community members and families. The Institute is December 3—6 and is open to the community. We have plenty of spaces left and I would like to invite you to attend or to send someone from your group. We are also looking for parents to attend. The training is free and includes lunch. It will be held at the United Methodist Church and will run 8:30 am to 3:00 pm Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and 8:30 am to 12 noon Thursday. Lunch will be provided each day.

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 December, January, February or March.

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:** December 12 and 19. **Note schedule change: NO CLASS on Wednesday, December 5.** 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, December 16, 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 November 16. 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.