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...Mark the Date...

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 fpscoach@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.



2019 giving envelopes are at all church entrances this weekend.

PRAYER CORNER
Advent Prayer

God of hope, who brought love into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.
God of hope, the rock we stand upon,
be the center, the focus of our lives
always, and particularly this Advent time.



A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing

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

	Dec. 7 - 6:30 pm/Fr.Lou	Dec. 8 - 5 pm/Fr.Lou	December 15 - 5 pm/Fr.Mike	Lone Tree	
Lector	Trudi Westfall	Tom Squiers	Trudi Westfall	Parish Support	
Greeter/Collection	Volunteer	Alex Viner	Students	Envelopes	1543.00
		Cade Patterson	Students	Offertory	145.42
Eucharistic Ministers	Deanna Krueger	Kay Viner	Jenni Eden		
(Blood of Christ)	Judy Viner	Kris Gillham	Paula Moore		
(Communion-Hosts)	Trudi Westfall	Tom Squiers	Trudi Westfall		
Gifts	Volunteer	Alex Viner/C.Patterson	Students		
Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Students		
		Volunteer	Students		
Altar Committee	Kaye Petsel/T.Mullinnix	Kaye Petsel/T.Mullinnix	Kaye Petsel/T.Mullinnix		
Sacristan	Sharon Nicola	Sharon Nicola	Sharon Nicola		

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

	December 9 - 8 am/Fr.Mike	December 16 - 8 am/Fr.Lou	December 23 - 8 am/Fr.Mike	Nichols	
Lector	Rose Harper	John Stroppel	Rose Harper	Parish Support	
Greeter	Jeanne Green	Jeanne Green	Jeanne Green	Envelopes	934.00
Sacristan	Toni Wilson	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Offertory	326.00
Eucharistic Ministers	Toni Wilson	Rose Harper	Rose Harper		
(Blood of Christ)	Jeanne Green	Jeanne Green	Sarah Roberts		
(Communion-Hosts)	Adam Gauger	Carol Kaalberg	Adam Gauger		
Gifts	Adam Gauger	Jeanne Green	Joe and Rose Harper		
Servers	Bradley Austin	Stephen Brugman	Seth Lenz		
Collection	Kory&Colton Kaalberg	Kory&Colton Kaalberg	Kory&Colton Kaalberg		

Liturgical Ministers—Hills St. Joseph - Cycle C Reading

	Dec. 8 - 9 am/Fr.Mike	Dec. 9 - 10 am/Fr.Mike	December 16 - 10 am/Fr.Mike	Hills	
Lector	Judy Stebral	Judy Stebral	Judy Stebral	Parish Support	
Music Ministry	Lura Loan	Lura Loan	Haylee Marner	Envelopes	1979.00
Greeter/Collection	Volunteer	Jim Frantz	Mike Waldschmidt	Offertory	539.00
	Volunteer	Mike Sieverding	Marty Boeckenedt	Helping Hand	145.00
Servers	Volunteer	Carol Kirkpatrick	Wendy Berry		
	Volunteer	Jean Burr	Mardie Berry		
Eucharistic Ministers	Volunteer	Deanne Eden	Kristee Malmberg		
Blood of Christ	Volunteer	Bob Jenn	Deanne Eden		
Communion-Hosts	Judy Stebral	Kristee Malmberg	Bob Jenn		
Gifts	Volunteer	Eileen Falls	Cole Family		
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, jbstebal@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. 9 Coffee Hour after Mass
Sun., Dec. 16 Coffee Hour after Mass hosted by Parish Council

St. Joseph Social Justice Giving Tree is now ready at the back of the church. Christmas can be a little brighter for families this year if you can take a “stocking” (or take more than one) from the Giving Tree and purchase the item(s) — socks, hats, gloves, blankets, etc., — listed on the stocking. Bring the unwrapped item and place it in the box at the back of the church. Items will be divided between Shelter House and the Catholic Worker House and delivered the weekend before Christmas.

We welcome to our St. Joseph parish family today through the waters of Baptism Ezekiel Gatuocho. He is the son of Gatluak and Laura Choul and the brother of Lieb, Laak, and Bakhita. Congratulations to this family on this blessed occasion!

Rest in peace... Our parish sympathy to Kathy Burns and the extended Burns and Colbert family members on the loss of Kathy’s husband, Tim. His funeral Mass was celebrated last week at St. Peter Church, Cosgrove. Tim was the groundskeeper at St. Joseph, Hills. Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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

Tues., Dec. 11 10:00 am Mass at Pioneer Park. Mass Intention: Don Burnett/Fr. Lou
Fri., Dec. 14 10:00 am Mass at Pioneer Park, Mass Intention: Scott Strabala/Fr. Lou

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 United 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.



Lone Tree parish will decorate the church for Christmas on Monday, December 17 at 9 am. All available help will be most appreciated.

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.

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.

2019 yearly calendars and giving envelopes are at the Lone Tree and Nichols churches.

Nichols Parish

Auction and Luncheon Report—a final report was included with last week’s bulletin. Congratulations parishioners on another successful fundraiser!

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

St. Mary Nichols parish will decorate our church after the Mass on December 16. Please join us after Mass to decorate our church for Christmas. All available help will be most appreciated.

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.

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. If questions, contact Trudi Westfall, Director of Religious Education, at 319-629-4364 or at lonetrestmarydre@diodav.org.



Cluster Communal Penance on Wednesday, December 19 for all religious classes, parents, and cluster parishioners. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served in the church hall following the Communal Penance.

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.