

Dear Padre,

Jesus gave his disciples both bread and wine and said, “Do this in memory of me.” But our priest decided that we cannot receive from the cup at Communion. Does he have the right to deny his parishioners the Precious Blood?

“The diocesan bishop may lay down norms for the distribution of Communion under both kinds for his own diocese, which must be observed” (*Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America*, 24). (Also see *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 283.) After the COVID-19 pandemic, many parishes did not resume Communion under both kinds. Some opted instead to make the Precious Blood available only on major solemnities. However, “Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds” (*GIRM* 281). “It is most desirable that the faithful, just as the priest himself is bound to do...partake of the chalice (cf. no. 283), so that even by means of the signs Communion may stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated” (*GIRM* 85). Still, pastors “should instruct the Christian faithful...that Christ, whole and entire, and the true Sacrament, is received even under only one species, and hence...those who receive under only one species are not deprived of any grace that is necessary for salvation” (*GIRM* 282). ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / Dear Padre.org

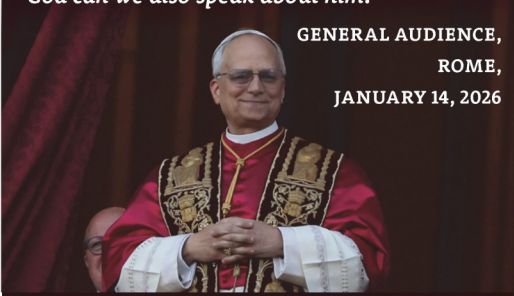
Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.

Monday	Wednesday	Saturday
August 3 Weekday Jer 28:1–17 Mt 14:22–36	August 5 Weekday Jer 31:1–7 Mt 15:21–28	August 8 St. Dominic, Priest Hb 1:12–2:4 Mt 17:14–20
Tuesday	Thursday	Sunday
August 4 St. John Vianney, Priest Jer 30:1–2, 12–15, 18–22 Mt 14:22–36 or Mt 15:1–2, 10–14	August 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 2 Pt 1:16–19 Mt 17:1–9	August 9 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–13a Rom 9:1–5 Mt 14:22–33
Friday		
August 7 Weekday Na 2:1, 3; 3:1–3, 6–7 Mt 16:24–28		

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV
[Friendship with the Lord] is achieved first of all in liturgical and community prayer, in which we do not decide what to hear from the Word of God, but it is he himself who speaks to us through the Church; it is then achieved in personal prayer.... Only when we speak with God can we also speak about him.

GENERAL AUDIENCE,
ROME,
JANUARY 14, 2026



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They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full.

MATTHEW 14:20

Seeing as God Sees

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

Even when the apostles think they have anticipated what is needed, they often come up short. Not a lack of preparation or a lack of talent, but something is missing, nonetheless. In the gospel, they announce to Jesus that there is not enough food to eat. The crowds are too massive. They are too far away from the resources they need. But Jesus is not concerned. He sees what they are incapable of seeing. He believes in ways they cannot even begin to comprehend.

In blessing the limited amount of food they scrounge up for him, Jesus reveals to them an abundance they were unable to see. Not only is there enough for all who have assembled, there is more than enough, beyond their wildest imaginings.

How did the apostles understand what they experienced this day? How did they react to the miraculous, overflowing abundance where there was once scarcity? How could there be something where there was nothing?

The real lesson of the gospel is not necessarily the miraculous. Rather, the real lesson of the gospel is found in the invitation to see, to hope, to anticipate that with God all is possible. Even when it seems like a dead end. Even when nothing adds up. Even when you come up short. ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Reflect

Do you wish you could see a certain person or situation more like the way God sees?

"We at St. Mary & Joseph Parishes strive for a deeper encounter with Jesus Christ through Scripture and Sacraments, form missionary disciples, and send them forth to transform the world."



Our Three-Parish Cluster Sts. Mary and Joseph Catholic Churches Lone Tree, Nichols and Hills

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 2, 2026

Church of St. Mary, 201 Short Street, Box B, Nichols, Iowa, 52766 319-330-5324
St. Mary Church, 216 West Jayne Street, Box 416, Lone Tree, Iowa, 52755 319-629-4225
St. Joseph Church, 209 Brady Street, PO Box 187, Hills, Iowa, 52235 319-679-2271

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209 Brady Street, P.O. Box 187 Hills, Iowa 52235-0187

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Cluster Website: stsmarijoseph.com Cluster Facebook: www.facebook.com/stsmarijoseph
Rev. Lou Leonhardt (retired priest); PO Box 454, Lone Tree, IA 52755 319-629-4339
Bulletin deadline: 10am Tuesday. Contact Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324 or Lora Sieverding, 319-530-5560
Hills Church entry: Lora Sieverding, 319-530-5560 or Judy Stebral, 319-331-8727

Music Ministry: St. Joseph, Hills: Haylee Osmonson
Church of St. Mary, Nichols: Jean Mengel and Rhonda Meredith
St. Mary, Lone Tree: Steve Moore.
St. Joseph Prayer Line: Lucille Duwa 679-2404; Joan Gringer 679-2406
Church of St. Mary, Nichols Prayer Line: Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324
St. Mary, Lone Tree Prayer Line: Nancy Ford, 319-430-0882

*In your prayers
please remember the
sick and suffering,
those having surgery
and other issues
from our cluster and
beyond.*

Cluster Mass Intentions August 1 to August 9, 2026

Saturday	August 1	4:00 PM	Lone Tree	Paul Yedlik
Sunday	August 2	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Nichols Hills	Ann Wieskamp Kenny Swenka
Monday	August 3	8:00 AM	Lone Tree R	Verne Droll
Tuesday	August 4	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Lone Tree R Atrium PP CC	Fr. Bob Leonhardt Theda Johnson Cluster Parishioners
Wednesday	August 5	8:00 AM 8:30 AM	Lone Tree R Atrium	Bill Leonhardt Colton Allen
Thursday	August 6	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Atrium PPCC	Keith Grothe Martin Warson
Friday	August 7	8:30 AM	Atrium	Liv & Dec of Hebl family
Saturday	August 8	4:00 PM	Lone Tree	Charles Mullinnix
Sunday	August 9	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Nichols Hills	Jennifer Saleminck Joe & Rita Jenn

Atrium , Atrium Village Chapel,
Atrium Village, Hills.

PP CC, Pioneer Park Care Center
located at Pioneer Park Villa,
Lone Tree.

Lone Tree R, St. Mary Rectory in
Lone Tree.

Confession Schedule
*Father David is available to
hear confessions before
Mass at these times:*
St. Mary, Lone Tree
Saturday 3:30 to 3:50 pm
Church of St. Mary Nichols
Sunday 7:30 to 7:50 am
St. Joseph, Hills
Sunday 9:30 to 9:50 am
*Let us come to reconcile to God
and others!*

A Journey with Mary: A Rosary Walk for Evangelization and Vocations

All are warmly invited to participate in a special Marian pilgrimage in our Diocese on **Saturday, October 10, 2026**, beginning at **8:00 a.m.** at **St. Mary's Catholic Church, Iowa City**. Together, we will walk prayerfully to Hills, meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary and asking our Blessed Mother to renew us in faith and to revive our Diocese through evangelization and an increase in vocations.

Inspired by the theme, **"And Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah" (Luke 1:39)**, this Rosary Walk invites us to follow Mary's example of bringing Christ to others with faith, joy, and missionary zeal.

The pilgrimage will conclude with **Holy Mass**, celebrated by **Bishop Dennis Walsh** at approximately **11:00 a.m.** at **Hills City Park**. Those who are unable to participate in the walk are warmly invited to join us for Mass and lunch.

Come and walk with Mary. Pray for peace. Pray for vocations. Be renewed in faith. Bring your family and friends as we journey together in hope.

For more information, please contact:

Fr. David Paintsil –
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Fr. Andrew Rauenbuehler –
RauenbuehlerA@diodav.org

DIOCESE of DAVENPORT

A Journey with Mary

A Rosary Walk for
Evangelization and Vocations
to Conclude the Eucharistic Rosary Congress

St. Mary's, Iowa City to St. Joseph, Hills

Saturday, October 10th, 2026 at 8:00 AM

Pilgrimage will end with Mass at Hills City Park
with Bishop Dennis Walsh at 11:00 AM.
Lunch and hospitality will follow.
Those unable to walk may
join for Mass and lunch.

Please use the QR code to RSVP for the walk
so we can have an accurate count for lunch.

And Mary arose in those days and went
into the hill country with haste, into the city of Judah
(Luke 1: 39)

Bulletin deadline Tuesday at 10:00 am. Contact Lora Sieverding at 319-530-5560, hillsstjosephfin@diodav.org or Carol Kaalberg at 319-330-5324 or kaalbergc@diodav.org.

FOOD PANTRIES

Lone Tree Food Pantry is open each Wednesday afternoon from 3:30-5:00 PM. For more information, please call 319-629-4900.

St. Joseph Food Pantry is open each Wednesday morning from 10 am to noon. Mike and Lucy Parker direct our food pantry and can be reached at 319-679-2420.

PARISH COUNCILS

Minutes are posted at all church entries.

Nichols Parish Council & Finance Council: Next meeting to be announced, as needed.

Lone Tree Parish Council & Finance Council: Next meeting Monday, August 24 at 6PM, parish hall.

Hills Parish Council: Next meeting will be Monday, August 17 at 6:30 PM. Finance Council meeting Thurs., September 17, 2026, 6:00 PM.

Bible Study

Bible Study will meet August 11 & 25 at **Atrium Village, 1st floor conference room** at 6:30 PM. Contact Melody Hobert-Mellecker—319-936-3287, call or text — if you are interested, or just come!



Prayer Corner

Love is something you cannot give away entirely. It always comes back to you.



Vacation Bible School will be August 3-7 at Nichols Christian Church. 9 am until 11:30 am. For students 5-12 years old. Rides from Lone Tree to Nichols will be offered. Please contact Linda Abbott for more information: 563-357-8733.



Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday,
August 5, 2026.
6 PM-7PM
St. Joseph, Hills

Confessions are available at this time.

FAMILY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:

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Liturgical Ministers—Lone Tree St. Mary Saturday 4:00 pm Cycle A Reading						
	08/01/2026 Lou	08/08/2026 David	08/15/2026 Lou	08/22/2026 David	Lone Tree	Parish Support
Greeter	Virginia Schlapkohl	Paula Moore	Barb Dinsmore	Paula Moore	Envelopes	\$807.00
Lector	Jerry Ford	Sherry Nicola	Trudi Westfall	Sherry Nicola	Offertory	\$182.00
Cross Bearer	Nancy Ford	Lynn Bland	Joel Yedlik	Joel Yedlik	Works of Charity	\$40.00
Servers	Jerry Ford	Sherry Nicola	Trudi Westfall	Sherry Nicola		
Eucharist	Jerry Ford	Judy Grothe	Judy Grothe	Paula Moore		
Eucharist	Nancy Ford	Sherry Nicola	Trudi Westfall	Sherry Nicola		
Collection	Glen Gerot	Joan Davis	Joel Yedlik	Joel Yedlik		
	Betty Gerot	Lynn Bland	Mary Ellen Yedlik	Mary Ellen Yedlik		
Gifts	Betty Gerot, Glen Gerot	Joan Davis, Lynn Bland	Joel & Mary Ellen Yedlik	Joel & Mary Ellen Yedlik		
Commentator	Jerry Ford	Sherry Nicola	Trudi Westfall	Sherry Nicola		

Liturgical Ministers—Nichols Church of St. Mary Sunday 8:00 am Cycle A Reading						
	08/02/2026 David	08/09/2026 Lou	08/16/2026 David	08/23/2026 Lou	Nichols	Parish Support
Greeter	Adam Gauger	Adam Gauger	Adam Gauger	Adam Gauger	Envelopes	\$1,605.00
Lector	Trudi Westfall	Trudi Westfall	Renetta Burlage	Tom Barr	Offertory	\$160.00
Cross Bearer	Adam Gauger	Wayne Mengel	Michael Burlage	Adam Gauger	Works of Charity	\$10.00
Server	Trudi Westfall	Trudi Westfall	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	A/C	\$225.00
Eucharist	Tom Barr	Adam Gauger	Jeanne Green	Tom Barr		
Eucharist	Trudi Westfall	Trudi Westfall	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg		
Collection	Wayne Mengel	Kory Kaalberg	David Ollendick	Wayne Mengel		
	Dennis Truesdale	Adam Gauger	Dennis Truesdale	Adam Gauger		
Gifts	Adam Gauger	Kelsie Lampe	Bruce & Margaret Matt	Cindy Massey		
Commentator	Trudi Westfall	Trudi Westfall	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg		

Liturgical Ministers—Hills St. Joseph Sunday 10:00 am Cycle A Reading						
	08/02/2026 David	08/09/2026 David	08/16/2026 David	08/23/2026 David	Hills	Parish Support
Music Ministry	Haylee Osmonson/Choir	Haylee Osmonson/Choir	Haylee Osmonson/Choir	Haylee Osmonson/Choir	Envelopes	\$368.00
Greeter	Judy Stebral	Janet Goss	Jim & Hope Frantz	Marcia Mellecker	Offertory	\$254.00
Lector	Shelagh McDonald	Nancy Waldschmidt	Nancy Waldschmidt	Kezie Atitse	Works of Charity	\$72.00
Server	Jean Burr, Messi Ako-degnan	Emy Rivera, Mike Sieverding	Josh Ayelazuno, Mike Sieverding	Jean Burr, Wendy Berry		
Eucharist -host	Jolene Van Eschen	Jolene Van Eschen	Kristee Malmberg	Deanne Eden		
Eucharist - cup	Deanne Eden	Mike Sieverding	Arlene Johnston	Arlene Johnston		
Eucharist - cup	Kristee Malmberg	Bob Jenn	Deanne Eden	Kristee Malmberg		
Collection	Mike Sieverding	Mike Waldschmidt	Jim Frantz	Jim Frantz		
	Lora Sieverding	Nancy Waldschmidt	Hope Frantz	Hope Frantz		
Gifts	Kenny Swenka Family	Joe & Rita Jenn Family	volunteer	Bob & Renita Rummelhart family		
Commentator	Lora Sieverding	Lora Sieverding	Shelagh McDonald	Shelagh McDonald		

If you are unavailable for the above ministry assignment, please find your own replacement. Thank you.



COLLECTION BOX In St. Joseph Church foyer.

Hills Bank is collecting donations for Shelter House of Iowa City. Items should help *beat the heat*...bottled water, sports drinks, sunscreen, lip balm, hats, sunglasses, mini fans, cooling towels, etc. *Collection will end on August 14th.*



YOU'RE INVITED!

Gene Ruth's 90th Birthday Celebration

Join us as we celebrate 90 wonderful years!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026

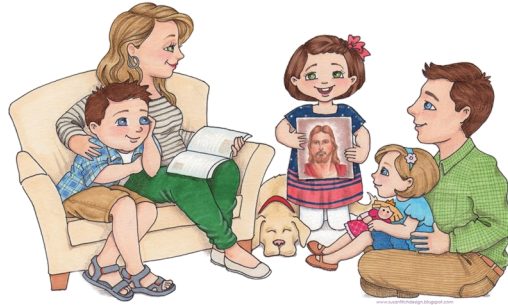
1:00 PM UNTIL 3:00 PM

ST. JOSEPH PARISH HALL

Stop by and wish Gene a happy birthday!

No presents needed-your presence is the best gift of all!

Come share a smile, a story, and help us celebrate this special milestone!



FAMILY BIBLE STUDY GROUP FORMING

We are seeking to start a new Bible study group.

BRING THE KIDS! We are planning to have games and other activities for them during our meetings.

Anyone interested in joining, please sign up at the church entry or reach out to **Alyssa Moran**, amwaldschmidt@gmail.com or text **319-330-3676**.

A link to a poll will be sent to pick a day. We hope to accommodate as many work and school schedules as possible

Rest in Peace: Our parish sympathy is extended to the family of Helen Afoudji, who passed away last week. Helen is mother to Momo Akodegnon and grandmother to Messi, Michel, & Mary. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations this past weekend for the Knights of Columbus campaign for persons with intellectual disabilities (Special Olympics).

2026 donations

Lone Tree, \$71

Nichols, \$185

Hills, \$165

Total Donations
\$421

Joe & Rose Harper



LovefromLevi Volunteers Needed

LovefromLevi is seeking volunteer sewers/crafters to help create customized felt hospital books for children ages 3–5 facing cancer and other serious illnesses. Founded in honor of 4-year-old Levi, **LovefromLevi** (a 501(c)(3) non-profit) provides interactive books designed to help children understand and cope with medical procedures. Each book is personalized to a child's unique medical journey and provided free of charge to families. No advanced sewing experience is needed—all skill levels are welcome. To learn more or volunteer, contact Beth Rundlett at beth@lovefromlevi.com or visit www.lovefromlevi.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Haylee Osmonson will be serving as our Music Director. Haylee has played the music for our weekly adoration and one Sunday Mass during the month. She is now onboard with us every Sunday. Thank you Haylee for your time and talent dedicated to St. Joseph parish.

Joyfully we sing with you!



TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

ABC PARK IN LONE TREE
FOOD AND ACTIVITIES!

Come eat and join the fun!



Blest Art will be at all parishes the week-end of August 15/16 to sell articles from the Holy Land. Accepting cash, check and all major credit cards.

National Rosary Congress Pilgrimage
September 2 & 3, 2026.

24 Hour Adoration

Please use the QR code to sign up, or use the sign up sheet at the church entry.

