

Dear Padre,

Do we pray for the dead on All Souls' Day for what we can do for them, or for what they can do for us?

On All Souls' Day, the Church celebrates the one body in Christ that unites its members on earth, in purgatory, and in heaven. For more than a thousand years, we've commemorated this transcendent bond on the second day of November, whether at Mass, in a cemetery, or on a home altar to the faithful departed. This bond of companionship between the living and deceased is so vital to our spiritual well-being that All Souls' Day is celebrated even when November 2 falls on a Sunday.

Because Catholics are in communion with one another through an active relationship that transcends death, our prayers, Masses, sacrifices, and works of charity can be offered up on behalf of the deceased. (See 2 Maccabees 12:38–46.) Souls that get to heaven, in turn, offer their prayers on behalf of the living. Thus, our assistance to the deceased, and their intercession for us, is mutually beneficial! “A perennial link of charity exists between the faithful who have already reached their heavenly home, those who are expiating their sins in purgatory, and those who are still pilgrims on earth. Between them there is, too, an abundant exchange of all good things” (*Indulgentiarum Doctrina*, 5; *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1475, 954-955, 962). May perpetual light shine upon the souls of the faithful departed. ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 2, 2025
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
Wisdom 3:1–9 / Romans 5:5–11 or Romans 6:3–9 / John 6:37–40
(These readings or any from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead)



The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them.... [T]hey are in peace.
WISDOM 3:1, 3

The Great Halloween Mistress

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

On Halloween, the lady who lived in the big white house down the block gave out bottles of Coke for trick-or-treat. Not 6-ouncers, not 10-ouncers, but 12-ouncers! I remember going up to her door like we did at every other house, stomping up the steps, ringing the bell and waiting, then yelling, “Trick or treat!” for a piece of penny candy as the door opened. Instead, our eyes widened with disbelief as we gasped, “Wow! A bottle of Coke! Gee, thanks a lot.” I remember her smile and the look of delight in her eyes at making some scraggly neighborhood kids so excited. Before long, word got out among that night’s goblins and saints. Kids I had never seen before, kids from neighboring communities, all came streaming in, and she gave each of them a bottle of Coke. To me, it was unbelievable—such generosity. That year, nobody

dared “trick” her house. We made sure. Among us kids, such generosity did not go unrewarded.

On All Souls' Day, we remember those who have died, and we remember them with an awareness of the need we all have for God's mercy. Sometimes, I think that God is like that woman who lived in the big white house down the block. God is the Great Halloween Mistress. We come to her, armed with our tricks to get what we want, and she disarms us with her unbelievable generosity—the greatest “treater” of all time. God gives us everything undeserved—the most generous treats ever, all year round. ●

Reflect

What experiences of God's generous blessings have I known? Have I taken any for granted?



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In a world wounded by violence and conflict.... I am convinced that if we are...free from ideological and political conditioning, we can be effective in saying “no” to war and “yes” to peace, “no” to the arms race and “yes” to disarmament, “no” to an economy that impoverishes peoples and the Earth and “yes” to integral development.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 19, 2025

"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

All Souls' Day

November 2, 2025

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

Sts. Mary and Joseph Cluster Parish Office
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Lora Sieverding, Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper; hillsstjosephfin@diodav.org
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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: Lily Westemeyer, Robynn Anderson.
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

Cluster Mass Intentions November 1 to November 9, 2025

Saturday	November 1	4:00 PM	Lone Tree	Gayle Kaalberg
Sunday	November 2	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Nichols Hills	Gayle Kaalberg Keith Stevens
Monday	November 3	8:00 AM	Lone Tree R	Rosella Attig
Tuesday	November 4	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Lone Tree R Atrium PP CC	Rosella Attig John & Betty Soukup Cluster Parishioners
Wednesday	November 5	8:00 AM 8:30 AM	Lone Tree R Atrium	Ruth Squiers Bernie Prybil
Thursday	November 6	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Atrium PPCC	Bob & Renita Rummelhart Darlene Sieren
Friday	November 7	8:30 AM	Atrium	Kevin Mahanna
Saturday	November 8	4:00 PM	Lone Tree	Norma & Luther Hartley
Sunday	November 9	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Nichols Hills	Leo & Lyla Truesdale Bernie Prybil

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

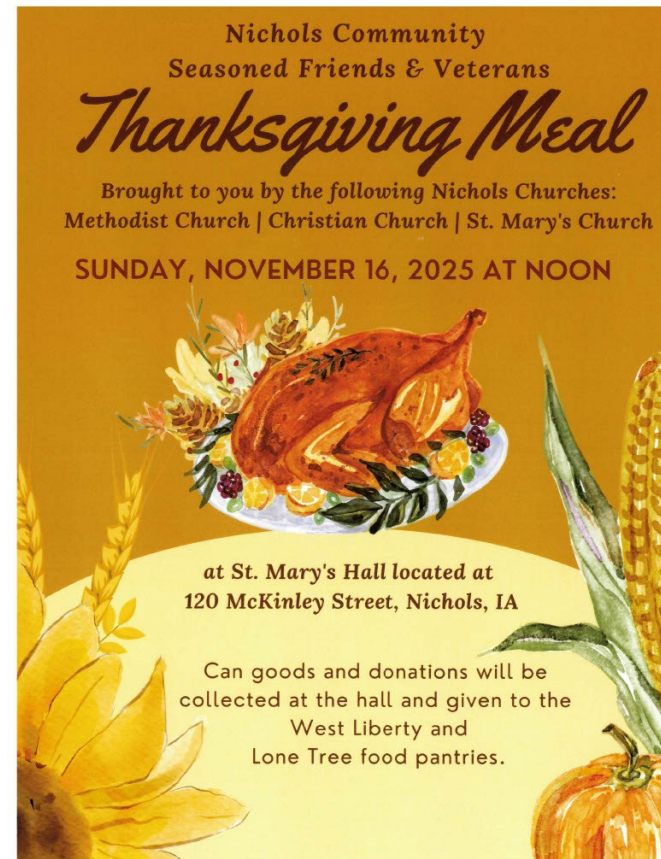
Sunday 7:30 to 7:50 am

St. Joseph, Hills

Sunday 9:30 to 9:50 am

*Let us come to reconcile to God
and others!*

Keep Fr. David in your prayers as he travels home to Ghana, Africa. Fr. David will spend all of October in Africa and will return Tuesday, November 4th.



The 25-26 ADA campaign has begun. Envelopes and QR cards will be located at entrances of the church. Your generosity supports the missions and ministries that serve parish communities across our diocese. The Diocese of Davenport has assigned the following goals for each of our parishes:

Hills = \$11,405.00

Pledged to date: \$5,425.00 ... 47.6% of goal.

Lone Tree = \$10, 670.00

Pledged to date: \$8,173.00 ... 76.6% of goal.

Nichols= \$8,114.00

Pledged to date: \$7,587.00 ... 93.5% of goal.

We need everyone's help & generosity to meet these parish goals.

Support
OUR MISSION



Bible Study

Bible Study will meet November 12 & 26 at Atrium Village, 2nd floor study/lounge at 6:30 PM.
Contact Melody Hobert-Mellecker—319-936-3287, call or text — if you are interested, or just come!

PARISH YOUTH K-6



Catholic Messenger Christmas Card Contest

Card should focus on religious aspect of Christmas.
No black and white drawings.
Yellow must be outlined in black, as yellow does not reproduce.
DO NOT FOLD ENTRIES!
On back of drawing include: first & last name, age, grade, home address, school you attend and parish you attend.
Entries should be postmarked by November 19. Send to: Catholic Messenger,
780 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport, IA 52804-1901.



SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, November 18, 2025
7:00 - 9:30 PM
St. Mary Catholic Church
228 E Jefferson St, Iowa City, IA 52245

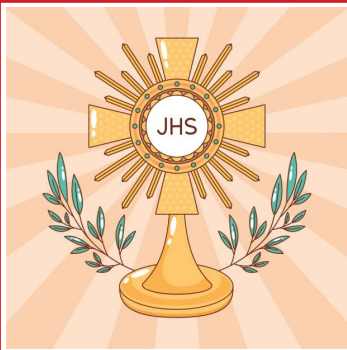
REBOOT
A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT

This high-energy, 2-hour event with internationally acclaimed speaker **Chris Stefanick** will awaken your faith, reignite your joy, and equip you with tools to live the life God created you for: A life of JOY!

It will help you rediscover the JOY you were created for, and is perfect for everyone... even friends, family, and children (12+) who may not be actively practicing their faith.



SCAN QR CODE TO SECURE YOUR SPOT OR GO TO:
[HTTPS://BUYTICKETS.AT/REALLIFECATHOLIC/1849330](https://buytickets.at/reallifecatholic/1849330)



**Eucharistic
Adoration
every
Wednesday
6 PM—7 PM
St. Joseph, Hills**

Liturgical Ministers—Lone Tree St. Mary Saturday 4:00 pm Cycle C Reading

	11/01/2025 Fr. Tim	11/08/2025 Fr. David	11/15/2025 Fr. David	11/22/2025 Fr. David	Lone Tree	Parish Support
Greeter	Carter Parrish	Barb Dinsmore	Betty Gerot	Bernie Lorack	Envelopes	\$717.00
Lector	Landon Parrish	Jill Welter	Jerry Ford	Trudi Westfall	Offertory	\$43.00
Cross Bearer	Logan Parrish	Joel Yedlik	Glen Gerot	Maggie Anderson	Newman Cntr	\$10.00
Servers	Carol Kaalberg	Jill Welter	Jerry Ford	Trudi Westfall/Maggie Anderson		
Eucharist	Sherry Nicola	Sherry Nicola	Nancy Ford	Trudi Westfall		
Eucharist	Trudi Westfall	Paula Moore	Jerry Ford	Paula Moore		
Collection	Dani Parrish	Joel Yedlik	Glen Gerot	Joel Yedlik		
	Carter Parrish	Mary Ellen Yedlik	Betty Gerot	Mary Ellen Yedlik		
Gifts	Dani, Carter Parrish	Joel, Mary Ellen Yedlik	Glen, Betty Gerot	Joel & Mary Ellen Yedlik		
Commentator	Carol Kaalberg	Jill Welter	Jerry Ford	Trudi Westfall		

Liturgical Ministers—Nichols Church of St. Mary Sunday 8:00 am Cycle C Reading

	11/02/2025 Fr. Lou	11/09/2025 Fr. Lou	11/16/2025 Fr. Lou	11/23/2025 Fr. David	Nichols	Parish Support
Greeter	Bruce & Margaret Matt	Bruce & Margaret Matt	Bruce & Margaret Matt	Bruce & Margaret Matt	Envelopes	\$320.00
Lector	Carol Kaalberg	Missy Lenz	Trudi Westfall	Renetta Burlage	Offertory	\$54.00
Cross Bearer	Wayne Mengel	Adam Gauger	David Ollendick	Michael Burlage	K of C tootsie rolls	\$20.00
Server	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Trudi Westfall	Carol Kaalberg		
Eucharist	Adam Gauger	Missy Lenz	Missy Lenz	Adam Gauger		
Eucharist	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Trudi Westfall	Carol Kaalberg		
Collection	Joe Harper	Adam Gauger	David Ollendick	Joe Harper		
	Dennis Truesdale	Kory Kaalberg	Dennis Truesdale	Dennis Truesdale		
Gifts	Michael & Renetta Burlage	Julia Elder	Adam Gauger	Tom & Margaret Gouger		
Commentator	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Trudi Westfall	Carol Kaalberg		

Liturgical Ministers—Hills St. Joseph Sunday 10:00 am Cycle C Reading

	11/02/2025 Fr. Lou	11/09/2025 Fr. David	11/16/2025 Fr. David	11/23/2025 Fr. David	Hills	Parish Support
Music Ministry	Lily Westemyer	Robynn Anderson	Lily Westemyer	Choir	Envelopes	\$400.00
Greeter	Dick & Alice Grimm	Judy Stebral	Marcia Mellecker	Jim & MaryInn Mills	Offertory	\$87.00
Lector	Lora Sieverding	Joyce Gauger	Joyce Gauger	Bob Jenn		
	Mike Sieverding/Messi Akodegnon	Emy Rivera/Wendy Berry	Emy Rivera/Wendy Berry	Jean Burr/Messi Akodegnon		
Server	Carol Kaalberg	Jolene Van Eshan	Jolene Van Eshan	Deanne Eden		
Eucharist -host	Carol Kaalberg	Jolene Van Eshan	Jolene Van Eshan	Deanne Eden		
Eucharist - cup	Deanne Eden	Arlene Johnston	Kay Evans	Carol Kirkpatrick		
Eucharist - cup	Emy Rivera	Mike Sieverding	Arlene Johnston	Arlene Johnston		
Collection	Barb Mahanna	Lora Sieverding	Jean Burr	Jim Mills		
	Marcia Mellecker	Mike Sieverding	Anoumou Akodegon	MaryInn Mills		
Gifts	Family of Keith Stevens	Family of Bernie Prybil	Family of Veva Jenn	Family of John & Darlene Schott		
Commentator	Carol Kaalberg	Lora Sieverding	Lora Sieverding	Carol Kirkpatrick		

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

Cluster Parish Announcements

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.

St. Joseph Church, Hills.

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.

Hills Parish Council: Next meeting: November 17, 6:30 PM.

Parishioners are welcome to attend council meetings. Please see a council member if you have agenda items. Members include: Rick Cole, Kay Evans, Karen Karr, Thom Kirkpatrick, Kristee Malmberg, Shelagh McDonald, Brian Moran, and Jim Schneider (President). Minutes are at church entry.

Rest in Peace: Our parish sympathy is extended to the family of Ronnie Duwa, who passed away last week in Florida at the age of 53. Ronnie is the granddaughter-in-law of Lucille Duwa, and the grand niece of Carl & Judy Cambridge. 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.



Do you know a parishioner, family member, friend, or neighbor who might have a special birthday, anniversary, illness, hospitalization or even a special milestone life event or award? Please let Joan Gringer know: 319-679-2406. Joan will send cards on behalf of the parish to let them know St. Joseph friends are thinking of them. If you have any extra greeting cards you would like to donate to Joan, she would love to have them.



Senior Potluck
IS CANCELLED
Until Tuesday, April 14, 2026



SHIPMENTS WENT OUT THIS WEEK!

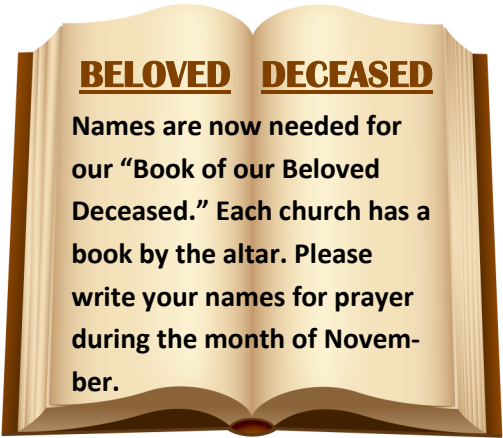
Social Justice Committee has sent 13 boxes to **Matt Waldschmidt** & his platoon, stationed in the Middle East. We are currently taking donations to help with shipping cost. If you would like to sponsor a box or donate to shipping, please put donation in an envelope, marked shipping, and put in the collection basket or basket at the church entrance.

St. Mary Church, Lone Tree and Nichols

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

Nichols Parish Council & Finance Council: New officers were elected: Adam Gauger, President, Michael Burlage, VP, Carol Kaalberg, Secretary. Thank you to Kory Kaalberg, who retired as council president, but will now serve as treasurer of Finance Council.

Lone Tree Parish Council: Next meeting will be November 15th, following Mass at the church hall. A light luncheon will be served to all attending Mass that Saturday. Plan to join us for the hospitality.



Rest in Peace: Our parish sympathy is extended to the family of Ann Wieskamp, who passed away this week. 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.

THIS WEEKEND! NOVEMBER 2, 2025!



LONE TREE & NICHOLS FOOD PANTRY

During November & The Season of Advent, we will be collecting food items and non-perishables for our local food pantry. The need is increasing so we are in need of your help. Baskets are at both church entrances for your donations.

