We hope your visit here will be a prayerful time as you enjoy the lakes region. Please consider

St. Joseph's as your church away from home. Contact us at the Parish Office if we may serve you

in any way. We are committed to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ and invite you to join us! May the Holy Spirit lead us in living as a welcoming Catholic community.

## SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mon.- Thurs.: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fri.: 7:30 a.m. - 12 noon

**RECONCILIATION:** 

30 minutes before each Mass

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Tuesday 12 noon

### MASS SCHEDULE:

Winter Saturday at 4:30 p.m. Sunday at 8 and 10 a.m. Summer

Saturday at 4 and 5:30 p.m. Sunday at 7:30, 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Are you new to the community
Would you like to join St. Josep
Parish? Just fill out the coupo
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in the collection basket.
NAME:
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## ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK Fairchild Welding

Terril, IA 712-853-6118

As to be expected at my age, both of my baptismal godparents are dead: Uncle Joe (my dad's brother), and Grandma Mary Wingert (my Though mom's mother). I loved them both I didn't have many years with either. Grandma Wingert died when I was in grade school, and Uncle Joe struggled with mental illness. However, whom my



By Fr. Tim Johnson

parents chose at the time of baptism remains a gift and presence in my life (and I have never considered otherwise). Having one of the grandparents as a godparent was a common practice a few generations back, and likewise your middle name reflecting that of one of your godparents.

Adhering to the truth of the Sacrament of Baptismremoving original sin from one's soul and bringing the baptized into the Christian community—as well as the presence of Limbo-a special commission set up by Pope Benedict to study infant baptism received his blessing upon their final conclusions: "The necessity of the Sacrament of Baptism is proclaimed and professed as integral to the Christian faith understanding. . . . God can therefore give the grace of baptism without the Sacrament being conferred. . . . the point of departure for considering the destiny of these children should be the salvific will of God." Thus, parents need to keep in mind-and be reminded of-the spiritual responsibility they are entrusted with to protect their newborn child, who depend on their parents to be relieved of the burden of original sin so that they some-

day may see God face-to-face. I have experienced the grace of the Holy Spirit upon the family that surrounds the infant and parents during the Sacrament of Baptism. With the water, the Paschal Candle, the sacred oils, the godparents remain an essential symbol of the grace of Christ Jesus present in this Sacrament. We may see it as a formality within our Christian journey, but Baptism affords the family with an intimate time in the presence and embrace of the Holy Spirit. I cannot always put my experience and joy into words presiding at a baptism but I do realize each Sacrament offers me a unique grace.

As our Christmas Season comes to an end with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord this weekend, may we gratefully remember our parents who provided this essential Sacrament for our spiritual wellbeing, and our godparents who continue to reflect Jesus' presence in our lives. One can never be baptized too late, recalling the few drops of baptismal water I placed on an elderly gentleman who was dying in a nursing home. "The Church is not self-made, it was created by God and is continuously formed by Him. This finds expression in the Sacraments, above all in that of Baptism: I enter into the Church not by a bureaucratic act, but with the help of this Sacrament."

(Pope Benedict XVI)

Fr. Tim

OUR PARISH will consecrate gluten free hosts for communion on weekends. The priest will hold the container of those hosts at each Mass.

### **FAITH FORMATION**

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

By Sharon Mayer

We are off and running in the New Year. Our offices have a new look and it is a good time to go through things and clean house. I did that at home too- closets, drawers, Christmas decorations. I am at that point where I am handing some things off to my kids. We all accumulate a lot of belongings over the years.

Pretty quiet here in the religious education neighborhood this month. Fifth grade will participate in their class Mass on the 27th and the ninth grade will make their service project selection. Second graders will begin preparation for First Eucharist. I am making prayer charts for grades K-6 so that we can see who is learning their prayers. I will accept any WOG logs from students for the month of December as I think we may have forgotten that with everything else going on.

Monday night, the 14th will be the Rosary Altar meeting at 5:15. Come if you can ladies.

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, it is good to remember that although most Catholic infants do get Baptized shortly after birth, some do not for various reasons. Birth is the beginning of a welcome into a family, Baptism is a welcome into God's family and with it comes the grace of a lifetime, the help of the Saints, angels and the wonderful Holy Spirit. Baptism sets you on the path of salvation of your soul. If you have not been Baptized or have a child who has not been Baptized, we invite you to become a part of your faith in full. Father Tim or I work with people of all ages to bring you into the fullness of the Catholic faith. It can be the thing you need to fill an emptiness you can't explain.

I will hope for continued mild weather this winter as it makes it so much more tolerable than those awful below zero days. Looking ahead, we will be making plans for a Mardi Gras celebration for grades 7-12 to be held the end of February. This is a biannual event with wonderful food and games to celebrate life before we go into a solemn time of the year, Lent.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS - Thanks to those who have stepped up and volunteered to host a Lenten Soup Supper. To date: March 6 (Ash Wednesday) CDA; March 12 Jones Crew; March 19 Reiser Crew; March 26 Family

Formation; April 16 Elser Crew. Open dates remaining are April 2 and April 9.





5:15 p.m.: Rosary/Altar Quarterly Meeting, PC. 8 p.m.: AA in Nazareth Hall; Al-Anon in NW.

### Tuesday, Jan. 15

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration today 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.: J-Term Cooking Event, Kitchen

### Wednesday, Jan. 16

8 a.m. - 4 p.m.: J-Term Cooking Event, Kitchen 3:40-5 p.m.: Religious Ed for grades K-6 7-8 p.m.: Religious Ed for grades 7-12.

## Thursday, Jan. 17

8 a: Bible Study, Nazareth Hall,

## Saturday, Jan. 19

11 a: Spaghetti Prep by Cooking Team 1 p.m.: Spaghetti Dinner Set-up

### Sunday, Jan. 20

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Delivery available in Milford. Call 338-2274.

### THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

- To all the wonderful volunteers and staff who moved cabinets, furniture and desks, or assisted us in anyway in our carpet laying project this past week. It was a big task but a great one to get completed. Please be patient a few more days as we try to get organized.
- Thanks to the KC Volunteers who took down the Christmas Nativity scene this past week.
- Thank you to the volunteers who served supper to 76 persons at the Sioux City Soup Kitchen on Thursday, Jan. 10.



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Welcome to our visitors who are worshipping with us this weekend. May your time in the lakes region be special.

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, Jan. 19 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: (6) Tony Peschong, Jerilyn Streit, Alma Klute, Jim Baumgard, Dick and Connie Mataloni

**LECTOR:** Kathy Eilers

SERVERS: Melika Smith, Jaden Heller USHERS: Doug Heller,

GREETERS: Bonnie Duhn, Kathy Eilers

**GIFTS:** Rod Lange Family

Sunday, Jan. 20 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: (5) Ron Swartz, Bev Krueger, Cory Knudtson, Jeff and Sharon Knudtson

**LECTOR:** Darlene Moritz

SERVERS: Loretta Halbur, John Garcia

**USHERS:** Tom and Terri Rierson **GREETERS:** Linda Thiesen, Julie Revnolds

**GIFTS:** Volunteers

Sunday, Jan. 20 @ 10 a.m.

EMES: (6) Chad Harms, Denise Cole, Donna Clark,

Susan Willette, Mick and Jeanette Baack

**LECTOR:** Donna Clark

SERVERS: Will Anderson, Jocelyn Heller

**USHERS:** Bill and Cheryl Aumer **GREETERS:** Donna Clark

**GIFTS:** Pete Laven Family

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Patti Scott

# **Spaghetti Dinner Notes**

- → PLEASE volunteer to help at the Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sun., Jan. 20. Sign-up sheets are on the windows in the church lobby.
- ▼ FOR THE SPAGHETTI DINNER...Parishioners with last names A-H should bring a pan of bars, I-P a bag of lettuce and Q-Z a loaf of French Bread. Please have these donations in the kitchen by 8 a.m. Sunday. Thanks!

THE ROSARY/ALTAR Society meets Monday night, Jan. 14, 5:15 p.m. for a short meeting. Wine and cheese will be served.

FUNERAL Group #7 will handle the next funeral luncheon.

Jesus whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in

Candles: \$82.05 .... Initial Offer: \$122.00



Misc.:\$176.97

Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor. Weekly budget needs are \$7,582

Jan. 5-6, 2019

Weekly: \$7,881.00 Loose: \$645.25 Kids: \$21.50 Peace & Justice: \$788.56 Haiti Ed: \$50.00 Building: \$375.00 Endow: \$53.00 7:30 a +Norma & +Fritz Thoma Tuesday, Jan. 15

5:15 p +Jerry & +Norma Schmitz Wednesday, Jan. 16

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan. 12

Sunday, Jan. 13

10 a +M.L. & +E.T. Northup

Monday, Jan. 14

8 a +Tyler Fitzgerald

4:30 p +Monica Schany

7:30 a +Halbur/Johnson +Betty Fortin

Thursday, Jan. 17

7:30 a +Tal Anderson

Friday, Jan. 18 7:30 a +John Cain

10:30 a Special Int. (JLW) Saturday, Jan. 19

4:30 p +Roger Eilers

Sunday, Jan. 20 8 a +Paul Delaney

10 a +Alan Langel



host the Winter Games bridge tournament Fri., Jan. 25. Doors open at 11 a.m. Lunch at 11:30. Cards at 12 noon. Cost is \$13/ person. Please call the office if you would like to play bridge for Winter Games. Wed., Jan. 23 sign-up deadline.



Please pray for these St. Joseph

John Higgins, Jean Kennedy, Jerry Clark, Sharon Knudtson, Joan Langel, Jeff Langel, Irene Clark, Harlan Schumacher, Robert Rowland, Bill James, Jane Black, Marie Van Hofwegen, Ethel Wilson, Steve Painter, Ginny Yore, Gerald Cummins, LaDonna Jansen, Dale Langel, Finley Brunsvold, Dee Bryant, Cindy Rush, Phyllis Hintz, Harold Eilers, Terry Abbas, Susan Robinson, Leona Spieker.

Other Special Persons: Pam Mever, Patricia Zweibahmer, Peri & Vern Hughes, Dan Donovan, Leah Brevik, Colleen Mulder, Michael Langel, Jamie O'Neill, Carol Willette, Nancy Younie, Pat Juza, Kathy Reimers, Bea Reiter, Paula Bernardy, Mary Jones, Andy Bensman, Todd Clausen, Zach Budden. Roman Schierholt, Jan James. Sharon Forsman, Aden Remme, Jeff Harbst, Esther Baxter, Melissa Hruby, David Smith, Jean Stilley and Howie Holdenried. Please call to add persons.