

FEB. 10, 2019

WELCOME TO SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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. Joseph?
Parish? Just fill out the coupon
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ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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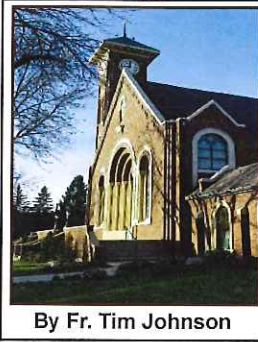
If memory serves me right—and such can be deceiving—we traditionally flew our ten cent kites with a makeshift tale made from pieces of rags during the days of Spring. An enjoyable experience that marked the rite of this season of renewal of life and colors and daylight. My diversion of thought is due to a calendar of days I discovered, propounding daily 'national events' beyond the scope of Valentine's Day, President's Day and Ash Wednesday (depending upon the date of Easter Sunday). Today, Sunday, it is—supposedly—National Home Warranty Day, National Umbrella Day and National Cream Cheese Brownie Day. Last Friday it was National Kite Flying Day, and on the fourteenth, Valentine's Day is overshadowed by the ever notable, National Ferris Wheel Day. I have yet to see a Ferris Wheel operate with passengers gleefully enjoying the ride in the midst of a ten degree winter day; but who am I to consider such folly. Valentine's Day has a rich if not problematic history. Believed to have its roots in an ancient Roman celebration that included drinking, sacrifices, and temporary 'matchmaking.' During the fifth century as the Roman Catholic Church continued to grow in numbers and influence, Pope Gelasius I established this day to recognize the martyrdom of two individuals both of whom named Valentine. Trying to stem the influence and participation of such pagan rituals, the Church was establishing Christian values within the cultures and peoples who were converting. Though Hallmark marketed this day with particular cards and floral and chocolate companies followed suit, we do remember St. Valentine. Though recollections are sketchy we do know St. Valentine was a priest in Rome who defied Emperor Claudius II directives, leading to his arrest and beheading. As to the other Valentine, we do believe he was a bishop who most likely opposed the Emperor. Though our culture will forever embrace this day of romance, of affection, of gratefulness—our subdued remembrance of Valentine is a quiet reminder of the Christian integrity within each of us; a grace enabling us to likewise stand up for what is virtuous, what is life giving—a light before others. As did St. Peter in our gospel reading, we all can acknowledge our shortcomings yet be willing and ready to whisper, "Hear I am Lord."

February ends with the sensible National Polar Day on the 27th, and the savory National Chili Day on the 28th. But I will need to contemplate with a nap, the relevance of National Public Sleeping Day at the end of February.

God Bless you, *Fr. Tim*

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!"
(Isaiah 6:2, from our 1st reading)

"Holiness does not consist in doing extraordinary things. It consists in accepting, with a smile, what Jesus sends us. It consists in accepting and following the will of God." — Mother Teresa



By Fr. Tim Johnson

FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

I would like to personally commend the young people who we honor today as "Scouts". The Cub Scouts are just beginning their journey and our older scouts are nearing the highest point—that of being an Eagle. It is an amazing process to watch as I have been actively involved with my own son Tom who achieved the rank of Eagle. It above all else takes strength of character and perseverance to see that through. It takes the support of the leaders, parents and community as much is expected from those we call "Scouts". The leaders know what it takes and have to keep many on track for the good of the troop. They do a remarkable job. Today as we honor new Scouts, older scouts and those who in the past have been Scouts, please give them the credit they deserve as living their lives according to the Scout principles and law.

February has certainly been up and down as we battle the weather and school activities. Our children are busy. Please remind them to make time for God in their busy lives. It is He, after all, who makes it possible for them to shine in those many activities. A simple daily prayer of Thanks will not be without reward. Today our 7th and 8th grades share the responsibilities of the Mass. Thank you for their participation. In a couple of weeks, our 1st graders will take a turn at helping with Mass duties.

Then, a favorite activity of mine, Mardi Gras will be presented for our 7-12 grades. We are working on providing a very colorful and fun evening for them with dinner and games with prizes. A king and queen will be chosen and there should be lots of pictures on our web or facebook to see. Our evening will run a little longer than usual—until 8:15. They don't seem to mind when they are having fun! The piñata as a closing activity will be making a comeback filled with sweet stuff for students to share. If any adult is free that evening to man a booth, I would love to have you. Just let me know soon.

And I would be amiss if I did not mention Valentine's Day. A day to give candy and flowers, eat out and just generally be in a good mood to celebrate that loving thoughts and caring for each other makes the world go 'round. Wouldn't it be nice to keep that spirit 365 days a year?

DAFFODILS, to benefit Relay for Life of Dickinson County, are on sale in the parish office. Orders are due by Feb. 15 and range in cost from \$10 to \$25.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, Feb. 11

8 p.m.: AA in Nazareth Hall; Al-Anon in NW.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration today

5:45 p.m.: Choir Practice in Church

Wednesday, Feb. 13

8 a.m.: Peace & Justice meets in Naz.

3:40-5 p.m.: Religious Ed for grades K-6

7-8 p.m.: Religious Ed for grades 7-12.

Thursday, Feb. 14

8 a.m.: Bible Study, Nazareth Hall.

11 a.m.: The Ones meet at Mill Creek.

Friday, Feb. 15

10:30 a.m.: Mass at Milford Care Center.

Sunday, Feb. 17

8:30-11:30 a.m.: Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, Parish Center, free will.

10 a.m.: Miracle Choir sings.

THERE are a few jobs remaining for the annual pancake and sausage breakfast. Please call the office if you have time to volunteer. Volunteering is a great way to meet new friends and put names to faces.



THE MIRACLE CHOIR will now be singing monthly on the third Sunday of each month. Our first date will be Sunday, February 17 at the 10 a.m. Mass. We will meet to rehearse on Tuesday, February 12 at 5:45 p.m. in the church. Participation at both the rehearsal and the Mass are highly recommended.

Other upcoming dates that the Miracle Choir will be singing: Holy Thursday Mass, April 18 at 6 p.m.; Holy Saturday Mass, April 20 at 8:30 p.m. and Easter Sunday Mass, April 21 at 10 a.m.

Rehearsal dates for these events are Thursday, April 11 at 5 p.m. and Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Ideally we'd love to have 10-15 members. If we have more, that's even better! If you'd like to join the group, or have questions, please email Cain at cain@stjosephmilford.org. The only requirement we ask is that you love to make music and have fun while doing it!

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat., Feb. 16 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: (6) Jim Baumgard, Karen Naber, Connie and Chris Bjornstad, Tony Peschong, Connie Lange
GREETERS: Larry and Mary Arndt

LECTOR: Kathy Eilers

SERVERS: Liam Knudtson, Cory Knudtson

USHERS: Bill and Cheryl Aumer

GIFTS: Tony Peschong Family

Sun., Feb. 17 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: (5) Jeff and Pat Rolfes, Alma Klute, Patti Scott, Bev Kruger

GREETERS: Jeff and Pat Rolfes

LECTOR: Loretta Halbur

SERVERS: Mark and Deb Johnson

USHERS: Dick and Connie Mataloni

GIFTS: Volunteers

Sun., Feb. 17 @ 10 a.m.

EMES: (6) Donna Clark, Jean Petitti, Connie Jones, Deb Faulkner, Steve Eral, Connie Hinrichs

GREETERS: Barb and Wayne Woodley

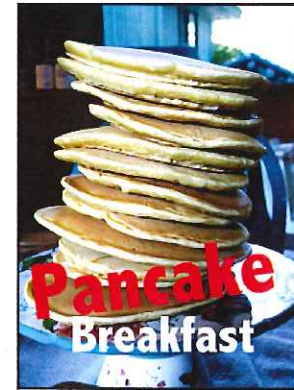
LECTOR: Sara Laven

SERVERS: Kailee Herman, Dakota McDonald

USHERS: Tammi and Duane Schnetter

GIFTS: Chris Jones Family

CHILDREN'S LIT: Heidi Wittrock



It's Pancake and Sausage Time at St. Joseph....

The annual St. Joseph Parish Pancake Breakfast will be held Sun., Feb. 17, 8:30-11:30 in the Parish Center. The breakfast will feature whole hog sausage from the Ruthven Locker Plant. Free will offering. Sign-up sheets to help are on the lobby windows.

FUNERAL Group #7 will be in charge of the next funeral luncheon.

PLEASE pick up your bowls and pans in the kitchen.



In today's readings, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and fell themselves unworthy. But, reassured by the Lord, both answer and follow. Do I hear the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send?" Am I prepared to answer "Here I am. Send me!"

Weekly budget needs are \$7,582

Feb. 2-3, 2019

Weekly: \$5,153.00

Loose: \$615.00

Kids: \$37.00

Peace & Justice: \$250.00

Initial Offer: \$26.00

Misc.: \$228.00

A/R Dues: \$40.00

Candles: \$101.82

Building Fund: \$191.00

Endow: \$45.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Feb. 9

4:30 p.m. +Frances & +Earl Connors
+Cole Millard

Sunday, Feb. 10

8 a.m. +Paul Delaney

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

Monday, Feb. 11

7:30 a.m. +Dr. Jim Flood

Tuesday, Feb. 12

5:15 p.m. +Jim & +Donna Murray

Wednesday, Feb. 13

7:30 a.m. +Halbur/Johnson

Thursday, Feb. 14

7:30 a.m. +Betty Newman

+Michael Newman

Friday, Feb. 15

7:30 a.m. +Mac McClintic

10:30 a.m. Special Int. (JLW)

Saturday, Feb. 16

4:30 p.m. +Harold Eilers

Sunday, Feb. 17

8 a.m. +Al & +Mary Schultz

10 a.m. +Dennis Kasperbauer

+Joy Walz

THE ONES will meet Thurs., Feb. 14, 11 a.m. at Mill Creek, in Milford. All are welcome.

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

Please pray for these St. Joseph Parishioners:

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

Other Special Persons: Paul Roth, Kami Svoboda, Darrel Wedeking, Dan Mulder, Pam Meyer, 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 Stille and Howie Holdenried. Please call to add persons.