

FEB. 24, 2019

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 below and return to the office or in the collection basket.

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"To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you. . . pray for those who mistreat you."

Very unsettling words Jesus speaks to all of us who share the Christian faith. Over the years our enemies at large have included the Nazi regime, Soviet Union during the cold war era, Viet Cong, ISIS, and various terrorist sponsored groups. Possibly Jesus was addressing a more distressful enemy: those whom we personally know, and because of certain reasons or circumstances we have chosen to ignore, look down upon, scorn, disparage and sometimes simply hate their existence. With all good intentions in our daily endeavors, and the values of our Christian faith guiding us, Jesus understands the tendencies of our humanity and pride. (After all, he did take on our human traits and encountered a variety of individuals, desires, causes and suspicions.) Can we as Christians seek that deeper level of grace, however imperfect our desire, as Martin Luther King Jr. explains: "Now there is a final reason I think that Jesus says, 'Love your enemies.' It is this: that love has within it a redemptive power. And there is a power there that eventually transforms individuals. Just keep being friendly to that person. Just keep loving them, and they can't stand it too long. Oh, they react in many ways in the beginning. They react with guilt feelings, and sometimes they'll hate you a little more at that transition period, but just keep loving them. And by the power of your love they will break down under the load. That's love, you see. It is redemptive, and this is why Jesus says love. There's something about love that builds up and is creative. There is something about hate that tears down and is destructive. So love your enemies."

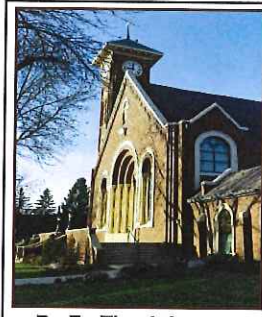
May Christ Jesus alone be our teacher in the inordinate grace possible within our humanity. "Teach me to feel another's woe, to hide the fault I see, that mercy I to others show, that mercy show to me." (Alexander Pope)

Bishop Nickless asked for a special meeting with all priest and deacons of our diocese this past Thursday. Though a difficult time for him without a perfect path forward he is trying to guide our diocese—parishioners and fellow Christians—through the past revelations of abuse, and the present openness of forgiveness, healing and hope. Keep Bishop Nickless in your prayers, and the healing grace for all those harmed or alienated from our Church.

God Bless.

Fr. Tim

THE LENTEN Ecumenical Services begin Friday, March 1, 9:30 a.m., with World Day of Prayer at the Faith Community Church (formerly Union Memorial), in Milford. The services are open to men and women of all denominations. The services continue for five weeks. St. Joseph will host on Fri., March 22.



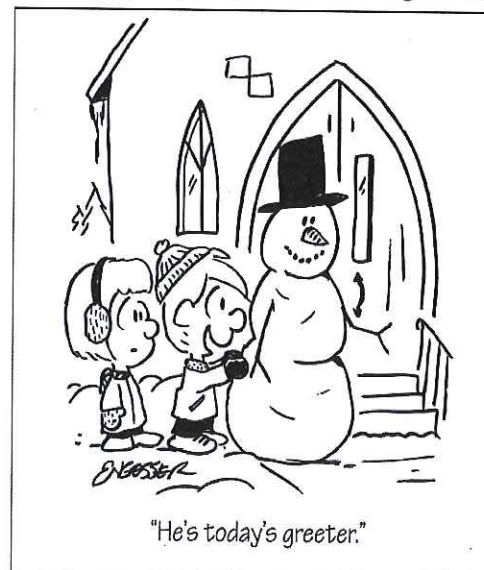
By Fr. Tim Johnson

FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

Are you all feeling like Eskimos yet? We sure keep getting the snow this year! Hopefully it will stay away now so that we can have our Mardi gras celebration for our 7-12 grade students this Wednesday night and all of the other events planned for March. Mardi gras will run a little longer than usual as 8:15 will be our dismissal time. The theme of the night is fun! We will begin with a little history of Mardi Gras, give each student a gift bag, have dinner and finish with games. A king AND queen will be selected to reign over the evening, door prizes will be given away as well as prizes for the games. We hold this every two years and students have a good time. A special prize is given to the one who finds the baby! With as many classes as we have missed I wasn't sure I would have this celebration, but with things already purchased it is a go. Students should come dressed in purple, gold or green or all three for a shot at Best Dressed in theme colors prize.

Of course that means we are coming up on our Lenten season, a time for serious reflection of ourselves and our faith. Are we living as Christ would like us to? This weekend's Gospel is a good prelude to some things we can consider for Lent. Love people, even your enemies; do not judge or condemn; give and it will be given back to you. These are things we should be doing daily but we do judge and condemn and act self-righteously when we shouldn't. We speak without thinking about what we are really saying. Lent is a time to consider these things and try to correct this behavior. The old saying "if you can't say something nice, do not say anything at all" is fitting here.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, Feb. 25

6:45 p.m.: Driver's Ed, basement.

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

Tuesday, Feb. 26

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

6:45 p.m.: Driver's Ed, basement

Wednesday, Feb. 27

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

7-8:15 p.m.: Mardi Gras celebration for grades 7-12.

Thursday, Feb. 28

8 a.: Bible Study, Nazareth Hall.

5:15 p.m.: Praise Band Rehearsal

Friday, March 1

9:30 a.m.: World Day of Prayer at Faith Community (formerly Union Memorial)

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

Sunday, March 3

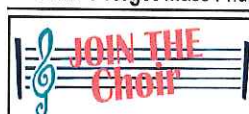
10 a.m.: Praise Band at 10 a.m.

WELCOME to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism to Clara Joann Thelen, daughter of Matt and Kelly Thelen, who was baptized at St. Joseph on Sat., Feb. 16.



PRAYERS and sympathy from the St. Joseph Family to Bob Faulkner on the death of his sister +Connie Faulkner, 71, of Spencer, who died Wed., Feb. 13. Her funeral was held Sat., Feb. 16 at Sacred Heart in Spencer.

DON'T forget-Mass Friday, 10:30 at the Care Center.



THE MIRACLE CHOIR will now be singing monthly on the third Sunday of each month. Participation at both the rehearsal and the Mass are highly recommended.

Other upcoming dates that the Miracle Choir will be singing: March 16 @ 4:30 p.m., 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, March 14 @ 5 p.m., Thursday, April 11 at 5 p.m. and Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m.

If you'd like to join the group, or have questions, please email Cain at cain@stjosephmilford.org.



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

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, March 2 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: (6) Holly and Paul Skopec, Bonnie Duhn, Connie Lange, Mike and Becky Wittrock

GREETERS: Bonnie Duhn, Jean Kennedy

LECTOR: Nancy Crepeau

SERVERS: Liam Knudtson, Cory Knudtson

USHERS: Jim and Kathleen Baumgard

GIFTS: Family

Sunday, March 3 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: (5) Robert and Barbara Kollasch, Larry Arndt, Ron Swartz, Deb Travis

GREETERS: Theresa Place, Carol Swartz

LECTOR: David Johnson

SERVERS: Deb and Mark Johnson

USHERS: Julie Reynolds

GIFTS: Volunteers

Sunday, March 3 @ 10 a.m.

EMES: (6) Jim and Laurie Murray, Erin and Aaron Lorch, Roger and Cheryl Moss

GREETERS: Wayne and Barb Woodley

LECTOR: Donna Clark

SERVERS: Caleb and Brian Jones

USHERS: Bill and Cheryl Aumer

GIFTS: Tim Fairchild Family

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Faith Garcia



Today's Gospel has encouraging words for good stewards - "Give and it shall be given to you. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you."

What encouragement to give generously of the resources entrusted to our care!

Weekly budget needs are \$7,582

Feb. 16-17, 2019

Weekly: \$3,855.00

Loose: \$564.75

Kids: \$127.11

Peace & Justice: \$30.00

Candles: \$58.15

Building Fund: \$120.00

Rental: \$25.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Feb. 23

4:30 p +Leroy Wintz
+Rita Wuebker
+Tom Wuebker

Sunday, Feb. 24

8 a +Paul Delaney

10 a +Floyd Sporrer

Monday, Feb. 25

7:30 a +Vic & +Sally DeMuth

Tuesday, Feb. 26

5:15 p Liv & Dec CDA Memb.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

7:30 a +Halbur/Johnson

Thursday, Feb. 28

7:30 a +Jimmy Thompson

Friday, March 1

7:30 a +Vic & +Sally DeMuth

10:30 a +Hilda Huelsbeck

Saturday, March 2

4:30 p +Harold Eilers

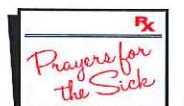
Sunday, March 3

8 a +Jerry & +Norma Schmitz

10 a +Jim & +Phyllis Streit

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

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



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 Brunsvold, 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.

