

MARCH 3, 2019

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

8TH 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.

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"The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty." (Winston Churchill) Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. As the beginning of the Season of Lent, it falls 46 days before Easter Sunday. Receiving the ashes on Wednesday, we are called forward to renew our efforts of personal prayer, strengthen our Christian resolve through personal fasting and acts of compassion, and graciously share our blessings with others (almsgiving). Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting with the outward symbol of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Writings of the 2nd century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as an outward sign of our humble 'belonging to a merciful God'—and preparation for the life giving feast of Easter, remembrance of Christ's resurrection and our hope of eternal life. (FYI: Ashes are made from the previous year's blessed palm branches, burned in special ceremony.)

On Ash Wednesday, and again on Good Friday of Holy Week we are asked to abstain from meat and fast in between meals; and to abstain from meat every Friday during Lent. Consider these forty days an opportunity of the personal 1-1-1 Plan: Focus on one sin or fault that is getting in the way of your relationship with God or others; add one positive activity that will deepen your prayer and spiritual life (especially if you feel you are too busy); deny yourself something you really like or are attached to. Receive the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Ash Wednesday Masses: 7:30 a.m., 4:15 p.m. & 7:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross offered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday before the morning Mass; and each week-end after one of the Masses on a rotating basis. Following the 5:15 p.m. Tuesday Mass our parish will offer a soup supper open to all, sponsored by various groups. And for those who desire to stay, a short evening prayer in the parish hall after the meal. Our faith Formation program will offer the "Rice Bowls" as a way for individuals and families to share their blessings for the sake of others in need, locally and at a distance. Bible study & sharing is offered every Thursday morning, following Mass, in the north classroom; also, you will find scripture sharing reflections available each weekend. During these 'forty days' may we heed Emerson's words, "never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful, for beauty is God's handwriting."

Please pray for Bishop Nickless in our prayers as he guides our diocese, and especially for any individual or families who have been hurt, abused or alienated because of our actions or words as ordained ministers. May the Holy Spirit guide us forward especially during these forty days of Lent—to be a light of hope before others.

Enjoy the flapjacks hot off the griddle and delicious sausage on this cold, cold Sunday morning. Our volunteers have the ingredients for a good 'Paul Bunyan' breakfast! God Bless. *Fr. Tim*



By Fr. Tim Johnson

FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

As hard as it is to comprehend the scope of the abuse problem in our Catholic Church, I feel compelled to tell you that we still have a wonderful faith despite the trail of evil that has crept into this faith. In addition, we have strong clergy that have to pick up the pieces and deal with the devastation others have caused. Like after a natural disaster, the good will come together to get everything back on track even though it might seem an insurmountable task.

It is more than difficult for our Priests, Bishops and Cardinals that would never think of straying along those lines, not to mention Pope Francis who is taking the bull by the horns to try to do something about this problem that has been festering for so many years. Their world as well as ours has been rocked.

As parents raising children today, it is a different society than it was 50 years ago. The "children should be seen and not heard" concept is gone. When you raise a child it is important to keep a strong communication line open. Things happen with friends, at school or church that children don't know how to handle. Bullying comes to mind. I had to learn on my own how to deal with it. We are speaking more freely today about this topic as well as abuse. Children are in tune and if a friend says something to another, hopefully an adult will be getting involved too. Things are not as secretive as they once were.

In the position of DRE, I want an environment where students feel as comfortable as if with family. That is what we are and if one part of that family is in pain, we should all feel it. It is up to all of us to help heal this pain. Children should be excited and happy about their faith. The "whys" of bad things happening to good people sometimes elude us.

Please pray for those who have been hurt, those who hurt others and those who now have to be looked at differently because they wear a collar. The profession is one of following Jesus and answering first and foremost to God. It is a profession that sets them apart from the beginning and means giving up other things. Our strong and wonderful priests who have stepped up to this task with vigor and all the love they can give want nothing more than for healing to begin and this abuse problem to stop. May we have understanding and hope.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, March 4

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

Tuesday, March 5

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

Wednesday, March 6

7:30 a.m.: Ash Wednesday Mass

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

4:15 p.m.: Ash Wednesday Mass

4:45 - 6:30 p.m.: Soup Supper by CDA

6:15 p.m.: Family Formation

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

7:15 p.m.: Ash Wednesday Mass

Thursday, March 7

7:30 a.m.: Anointing Mass. Refreshments by CDA to follow.

6 p.m.: Haiti Committee meets.

Friday, March 8

9:30 a.m.: Lenten Ecumenical Service at Calvary United Methodist, Arnolds Park.

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

Sunday, March 10

10 a.m.: Girl Scout Sunday

OUR ANNUAL Chicken N' Noodle Dinner is schedule for Sunday, March 17, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or whenever we run out of food! Worker sign-up sheets are on the lobby windows or you may call the office.

THE next Lenten Ecumenical Service is Friday, March 8, 9:30 a.m. at Calvary Methodist Church, in Arnolds Park. 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.

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome." (Anne Bradstreet, author)

Ash Wednesday's emphasis on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving is an invitation to take a closer look at our stewardship. It is a time to reassess how we are using the gifts God has entrusted to us and to resolve anew to use our time and resources in the service of His Kingdom.

Weekly budget needs are \$7,582

Feb. 24-25, 2019

Weekly: \$3,694.00 Loose: \$371.50

Kids: \$3.00 Peace & Justice: \$491.85

Candles: \$33.25



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

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 6, 2019

Mass at 7:30 a.m.

Ministerial duties to be handled by the usual Wednesday volunteers. Fr. Tim will distribute ashes at all Masses on Ash Wednesday. The 4:15 and 7:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Masses will be attended by Faith Formation students and are open to the public as well. Soup by the CDA will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. In addition, ushers will be needed as there is a collection that day. *Indicates Ash Distributor. Please see Fr. Tim prior to this time for instruction.

Mass at 4:15 p.m.

6th Grade Class Mass

EMES: (5) Molly Mulqueen, Karen Naber*, Denise Cole*, Carol Lee, Marlene Nelsen*

GREETERS: Students

LECTOR: Students

SERVERS: Jocelyn Heller, Melika Smith

USHERS: Kathy Eilers, Bonnie Duhn, Students

GIFTS: Students

Mass at 7:15 p.m.

9th Grade Class Masses

EMES: (5) Pete and Sara Laven, Chris Hinshaw*, Alex Jones*, Susan Willette*

GREETERS, GIFTS, LECTOR: Students

SERVERS: Austin Harms, Kayla Kollasch

USHERS: Barb and Wayne Woodley, Students

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 9 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: (6) Marlys Nolan, Tony Peschong, Brad Shell, Bev Kruger, Connie Hinrichs, Mark Kollasch

GREETERS: Marian Feldhacker

LECTOR: Joseph Schmidt

SERVERS: Aubrey Knudtson, Dalton Kilgore

USHERS: Kraninger Family

GIFTS: Tony Peschong Family

Sunday, March 10 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: (5) Pat and Jeff Rolfes, Steve and Kris Feld, Faith Garcia

GREETERS: Barbara and Robert Kollasch

LECTOR: Teresa Place

SERVERS: Addison Frerichs, Andrew Frerichs

USHERS: Tom and Terri Rierison

GIFTS: Volunteers

Sunday, March 10 @ 10 a.m.

Girl Scout Sunday

EMES: (6) Beth Lorch, Mary Dunleavy, Dick and Connie Mataloni, Jerilyn Streit, Chad Harms

GREETERS: Girl Scouts

LECTOR: Need a Lector Here - Call the Office

SERVERS: Simon Walleck, Jay Garcia

USHERS: Donna Clark, Jack & Julie Kliegl

GIFTS: Girl Scouts

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Patti Scott

THE NEXT ANOINTING OF THE SICK Mass will be held Thurs., March 7, 7:30 a.m. Refreshments to follow by CDA

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 2

4:30 p. +Harold Eilers

Sunday, March 3

8 a. +Jerry & +Norma Schmitz

10 a. +Jim & +Phyllis Streit

Monday, March 4

7:30 a. +Josephine Hamilton

Tuesday, March 5

5:15 p. +Helen & +Daryl Miller

Wednesday, March 6

7:30 a. +Halbur/Johnson

4:15 p. +Tal Anderson

7:15 p. +Roger Eilers

Thursday, March 7

7:30 a. +Rita Welsh

Friday, March 8

7:30 a. +John Cain

10:30 a. Special Int. (JLW)

Saturday, March 9

4:30 p. +Bud Brooks

Sunday, March 10

8 a. +Edith & +Francis Long

+Joseph and +Margaret Berg

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

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 Stilley and Howie Holdenried. Please call to add persons.