

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

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### ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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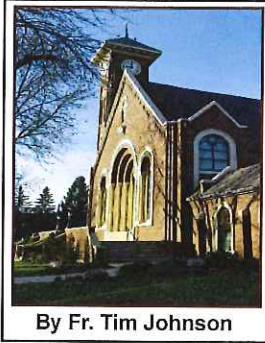
Thank you to the parish volunteers who prepared the warm, delicious flapjacks and sausage breakfast—"patiently" waiting week by week for a break in the weather. Next Sunday is our annual Chicken Noodle Dinner, and we are counting on Mother Nature to grant us a respite from the in climate weather. Let's we forget, "Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience."

If you desire, at each weekend Mass there will be the "scripture study sheets" similar to that stapled to our bulletin last weekend. Whether alone reflecting in prayer or sharing it with a friend or family member(s), may your thoughts guide you to a closer relationship with Christ Jesus this Lenten Season. You may notice the scripture translation is a bit different from the 'New American' translation we use in our liturgies. Enjoy.

An update on the Church Bell Project. Milford Electric has installed the electronic equipment supplied by Verdin Bell Company in preparation for the work to refurbish our three bells and mechanisms. With the new computerized controls we can enable the bells to ring at different intervals, chime different themes on various occasions, and retain constant accuracy with the steeple clocks. Recognizing the colder than normal weather Verdin Bell Company will wait until sometime in the Spring to send out their technicians to complete the refurbishing process, and reboot our steeple clock beyond that of "Groundhog Day" time.

Each Lenten Season we try to take on something that will renew in some significant way our relationship with God, personal efforts that will re-energize our faith. In like manner we try to find a different explanation of the grace possible within these forty days, and such is this story penned by Mary DeTurris Poust, a Catholic-Christian author. "On a recent morning in church, in the pew was an old man, hunched with age and held up on one side by a younger man, his son, perhaps. The older man was dressed in a beautiful suit, his Sunday best. He stood for every prayer, even though he struggled to make even the slightest move, and his son patiently helped him up and down. It was a beautiful moment, this juxtaposition of young and old, boundless curiosity and fading youth, but with and grace swirling around both, around all. Taking in the whole scene that morning, I was moved by the reality of so many people from so many places with so many stories, all hungry for one thing: an encounter with the Divine. The same could be said of our Lenten journey."

In today's gospel passage from Luke it is the 'devil' that challenges Jesus in his supposed weakened state during his forty day fast in the desert. Properly defined in Old English—deofol—"a devil, a subordinate evil spirit afflicting humans." In Christian theology the "devil" is a power spirit of evil often referred to as "Satan." Our English translation in scripture stems from the Latin "diabolus." Whatever the root meaning of "devil," C.S. Lewis reminds us of the most insidious characteristic of Satan. In The Screwtape Letters, the devil admits it is much easier to trip up well intended Christians who seem so firm and comfortable in their faith, then the others who are still asking questions and humbly seeking the right path. God Bless. *Fr. Tim*



By Fr. Tim Johnson

## FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

Ready or not LENT is here. Hopefully you made it to Ash Wednesday Mass to give Lent a good start. Rice bowls have been handed out to our students and are available to everyone at the back of church. This is just a small way to make a contribution to the poor. We also encourage solid practices of giving time, talent and treasure during this season of our church as we place others needs before our own.

Thank you to our 6th and 9th grade classes for helping with the ministries last Wednesday. This was their class Mass. Now this weekend we honor our Catholic Girl Scouts at the 10 am Mass and watch our 1st graders as they begin to help with Mass ministries. Another big event this weekend, the clocks go forward! I hope that means snow melting faster. Next weekend, a much anticipated annual event will be the chicken and noodle dinner; Lots of food and desserts that day for everyone to enjoy and on St. Patrick's Day too.

If your kids like soup, you can enjoy soup after Tuesday evening Masses for a free will offering. This eliminates making one meal during Lent and doing an "extra" throughout Lent. One of our special feast Days coming up is St. Joseph Day. Maybe you can think of a special activity to do that day for our Patron Saint. How about going to one of the Friday ecumenical services in the area at 9:30? They are short and allow for great fellowship; ours is on March 22.

So your task at the beginning of this month is to find a way to have a satisfying Lent. Find a challenge or two or ten and go for it. Our students were able to attend Ash Wednesday Mass services, which for some of them, is foreign territory. Catholic children need to be attending Mass, not only on these special times but all the time so that they develop a respect for our faith, God's house and the things we are teaching them. All children can be taught why their behavior should be best at Mass when it becomes a regular expectation. I think that would be a fabulous Lenten goal.

### ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER UPDATE

# Served: 105 Income: \$417.00

Expenses Fixed: \$5.00 Soup: \$121.95

Net: \$295.05

Thank you to the CDA for preparing, serving and cleaning up following the soup supper Ash Wednesday. The Jones Crew is in charge of the next soup supper on Tuesday, March 12.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, March 11

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

Tuesday, March 12

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

5:15 p.m.: Mass

5:45 p.m.: Lenten Soup Supper by the Jones Crew featuring vegetable beef n' barley, chili & chicken taco.

Wednesday, March 13

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

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

Thursday, March 14

11 a.m.: The Ones meet at The Hutt, AP.

5 p.m.: Choir Practice

Friday, March 15

8:30 a.m.: Chicken deboning.

9:30 a.m.: Lenten Ecumenical Service at Light of the Lakes Church, Arnolds Park.

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

12:30 p.m.: Noodle making

Saturday, March 16

1 p.m. sharp: Potato peeling and table setting for annual Chicken N' Noodle dinner.

OUR ANNUAL Chicken N' Noodle Dinner is schedule for NEXT 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 15, 9:30 a.m. at Light of the Lakes Church, in Arnolds Park. The services are open to men and women of all denominations. The services continue for thru April 5. St. Joseph will host on Fri., March 22.

Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land. Is my offering at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?



Weekly budget needs are \$7,582

March 2-3, 2019

Weekly: \$9,199.00 Loose: \$676.00

Kids: \$30.00 Peace & Justice: \$181.00

Candles: \$107.75 Ash Wed: \$402.00

Haiti: \$500.00 Cemetery: \$500.00

Arts: \$500.00 Endow: \$55.00 Bldg: \$145.00

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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

### Second Sunday of Lent

KC Mass

Saturday, March 16 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: (5) KC's

GREETERS: KC's

LECTOR: KC

SERVERS: Natalie Kollasch, Ethan Weston

USHERS: KC's

GIFTS: KC'S

Sunday, March 17 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: (5) Chris and Connie Bjornstad, Steve Eral, Jeff Knudtson, Aaron Hyatt

GREETERS: Volunteers

LECTOR: Pat Carr

SERVERS: Jocelyn Heller, Jarron Heller

USHERS: Ron and Carol Swartz

GIFTS: Volunteers

Sunday, March 17 @ 10 a.m.

EMES: (6) Charree Sweeten, Dori Lippon, Lori and Terry Gray, Donna Clark, Connie Lange

GREETERS: Jack and Julie Kliegl

LECTOR: Susan Willette

SERVERS: Jack Laven, Austin Harms

USHERS: Duane and Tammi Schnetter

GIFTS: Jim Murray Family

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Heidi Wittrock



### PRAYERS and SYMPATHY

from the St. Joseph Parish Family to

✓ Nancy Long and Kathy Rieck and family on the death of their mother, +Mary Negus, 89, of Wahpeton, who died Monday, March 4. Her Mass of Christian Burial was held Fri., March 8 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Milford;

✓ Paul Johnson on the death of his wife, +Kathleen, 73, of Okoboji, who died Monday, March 4. Memorial Services will be held at a later date; and to

✓ Diana Boyt Jensen on the death of her mother, +Gloria, 89, of Des Moines, who died Fri., Feb. 15. Her Mass of Christian Burial was held Tues., Feb. 19 at St. Theresa Catholic Church, in Des Moines.

Don't forget the annual Chicken N' Noodle dinner next Sunday, March 17. Parishioners with last names A-M should bring one large salad to feed 10-15 and those N-Z should bring a homemade pie, pan dessert or cake.

### THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

✓ Thank you to everyone who contributed items for the CDA Layette. We appreciate your willingness to participate in this project.

✓ Thank you to Funeral Group #7 for serving the +Mary Negus funeral luncheon on Friday, March 8. Your willingness to assist a family in their time of need is truly appreciated. Funeral Group #8 is next.

✓ Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who covered the parish office while I was on a short vacation.

*Susan Reiser*

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 9

4:30 p +Bud Brooks  
+Ted Christensen

Sunday, March 10

8 a +Edith & +Francis Long

+Joseph and +Margaret Berg

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

Monday, March 11

7:30 a +Norma & +Fritz Thoma

Tuesday, March 12

5:15 p +Patrick Aumer

Wednesday, March 13

7:30 a +Halbur/Johnson

Thursday, March 14

7:30 a +Mardell Eilers

Friday, March 15

7:30 a +Greg Deman

10:30 a Special Int. (JLW)

Saturday, March 16

4:30 p +Sean Enfield

Sunday, March 17

8 a +Raymond Long

10 a +Dennis Kasperbauer

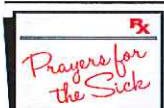
### PANCAKE BREAKFAST UPDATE

# Served: 187 Income: \$1,509.00

Expenses: \$310.20 (3 weeks ads)

Net: \$1,198.80

Thanks to all who worked the annual pancake breakfast which we were finally able to host. Our expenses should have been \$100 less but we were forced to continue advertising until the date. Thanks to all who attended.



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.