

MARCH 17, 2019

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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?
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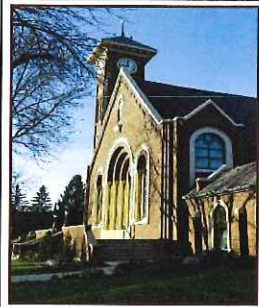
Last Sunday afternoon the diocese held the Rite of Election—traditionally on the first Sunday of Lent—calling forth all candidates who are preparing for reception into the Church to declare their intention. Though the road conditions were a bit compromised from the weekend rain and snow, the different individuals from surrounding parishes made it safely and Bishop Nickless led a prayerful and hopeful service. From our parish we have three individuals who desire to be received into the Church at Easter: Braxton Clark, Adam Clausen, and Angela Matthews. Each of them are blessed with the gift of family, and their support during the RCIA process. Their respective faith journeys are each a bit different, and yet they each share a sincerity and hope as they approach reception into our Sacramental life. Please pray for them and their families during these final weeks of preparation. As we all realize, the journey of faith is always ongoing within our life experiences and relationships. May God bless each of them and their families.

I welcome Chris Stein as our new parish director replacing Cory Knudtson who completed his second term. He joins Pam Fischer who agreed last year to serve as our other parish director. They have the responsibilities to watch over the life of our parish, the stewardship, activities, concerns and hopes of our mission as a Catholic-Christian community. Their responsibilities are shared in conjunction with the pastor, working together with our finance board. Pam and Chris are complimented by the efforts of those individuals serving on our Finance Board, their faith and capabilities bringing direction to our parish stewardship and needs. Along with Pam and Chris we are grateful for the time and efforts of those on the finance board: Steve Anderson, Jim Baumgard, Holly Skopec, Chad Harms, Connie Jones, Tony Peschong, and ex officio, Susan Reiser. I'm grateful for the time and leadership Cory Knudtson offered as our parish director for two terms. He provided good insights, direction and the personal faith for the ongoing wellbeing of our parish.

Last year the Quilters decided to retire from their weekly quilting sessions, as they were getting older without the prospect of younger individuals stepping in. Over the years those who spent time quilting, provided many individuals and families with hand stitched quality quilts, enjoyed one another's company, graced our parish with their presence and faith, and unselfishly donated their proceeds to our parish. Many individuals have sat around the quilting rack here at our church over the years, and I thank specifically those who gave of their time in the last year: Mitzy Maranell, Tuttle Mehan, Kathy Hesseltine, Ethel Wilson, Mary Hanigan and Bev Rigby. Their recent generosity covered the cost of two new chausibles (white and green) for priests, and additional Stations of the Cross booklets. Thank you.

Scripture study sheets available each week on the baptismal font for your Lenten prayer.

God Bless, Fr. Tim



By Fr. Tim Johnson

FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

My warmest thanks to our first graders and their parents who braved the weather last Sunday to attend their class Mass. It really makes the Mass to see our children enthusiastically participating in their church life. Thank you as well to the Catholic Girl Scouts who were honored for Girl Scout Sunday. They were recognized and given a patch. I too was a Girl Scout and leader for a short time. Good memories stay with me from that experience.

I know, one of these days, Spring will be upon us and we will be more than happy. I do think we will have an abundance of water so I hope that is not too detrimental. So Lent has begun. I have at my desk a "40 days of Lent" suggested calendar of things to do that are "extra" for others. I so far have been faithful to it. I also enjoy going to Tuesday evening Mass and eating soup lovingly prepared by other parishioners. In addition, I seek new prayers to say daily that I have not said before. I do enjoy the personal challenge of Lent.

Our family formation group was also given a 40 day challenge calendar. I hope it will go well for them as families are busy and it really does take extra effort to accomplish the task. Most of our students know that they should try to give something up during Lent to recognize that Jesus gave up his life for us. In any event it is a good reminder that we are Catholic and extra effort is needed sometimes to keep the faith.

So happy St. Patrick's Day! If you like chicken and noodles, today is the day. I am pretty much fully Irish in my heritage so really enjoy the day. I do not drink like my ancestors did, but am proud of the ancestry. Coming up on Friday is our church's turn at the Lenten ecumenical service. It begins at 9:30 and lasts about 30 minutes. We are presenting "Cooking with God, 101". Join us for fellowship with other Christians. Next Sunday watch for our 4th graders as they assist with Mass duties. Never a dull moment at St. Joe's!

MARCH 12 SOUP SUPPER UPDATE

Served: 70 Income: \$268.00
Exp. Fixed: \$99.41 Soup: \$0* Net: \$168.59
Thank you to Alex and Deb Jones, Chris and Connie Jones and Frank and Jean Kennedy for preparing, serving and cleaning up following the soup supper Tues., March 12. *Thank you to the Jones' for covering the soup costs. The next soup supper on Tuesday, March 19 by the Reiser crew will feature potato soup, hamburger, beef noodle and sauerkraut soups.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, March 18

6:45-9 p.m.: Driver's Ed, basement.

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

Tuesday, March 19

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

5:15 p.m.: Mass

5:45 p.m.: Lenten Soup Supper by the Reiser Crew featuring potato soup, hamburger soup, beef noodle soup and sauerkraut soup.

Wednesday, March 20

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

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

Thursday, March 21

8 a.m.: Bible Study, Nazareth

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

Friday, March 22

9:30 a.m.: Lenten Ecumenical Service at St. Joseph, Milford.

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

Sunday, March 24

9-11 a.m.: Coffee fellowship in Parish Center by Knights of Columbus.

PRAYERS and sympathy to Merlin Wuebker on the death of +Clarence Berning, 85, brother of +Rita Wuebker, who died Feb. 24 in Carroll. His Mass of Christian Burial was held Mon., March 4 at Holy Spirit Church, in Carroll.

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

THE next Lenten Ecumenical Service is Friday, March 22, 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph. Our theme is "Cooking With God, 101" The services are open to men and women of all denominations. The services continue thru April 5.

Peter, James and John wanted to build a "booth" for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His Crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the Kingdom.

Weekly budget needs are \$7,582

March 9-10, 2019

Weekly: \$6,784.00 Loose: \$650.00

Kids: \$13.00 Peace & Justice: \$130.00

Candles: \$42.00 Haiti: \$100.00



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

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 23 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: (6) Chris and Connie Jones, Pat and Susie Carr, Jim and Sharon Metzger

GREETERS: Wayne and Barb Woodley

LECTOR: Kathy Eilers

SERVERS: Dakotah McDonald, Kayla Kollasch

USHERS: Jim and Kathy Baumgard

GIFTS: Joel Naber Family

Sunday, March 24 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: (5) Ron Swartz, Charee Sweeten, Tom and Terri Rierson, Jean Petitti

GREETERS: Volunteers

LECTOR: Jeff Rolfes

SERVERS: Kaylee Herman, Asher Knudtson

USHERS: Mark and Deb Johnson

GIFTS: Volunteers

Sunday, March 24 @ 10 a.m.

EMES: (6) Roger and Cheryl Moss, Jeff Nelson, Patti Scott, Jim and Laurie Murray

GREETERS: Volunteers

LECTOR: Aaron Lorch

SERVERS: Brian and Dylan Jones

USHERS: Curt and Susan Willette

GIFTS: Roger Moss Family

CHILDREN'S LIT: Sharon Mayer

THANK YOU to Ron and Carol Swartz for the pork sausage, Bonnie and Tom Lambert for eight dozen eggs and Dean Reiser for the milk used at the annual pancake sausage breakfast last Sunday. It is all appreciated.

PLEASE NOTE that carpets in the entry way, hall and parish center will be cleaned this Monday and Tuesday, March 18-19. If you can avoid entering the church from the kitchen door and west parish center doors it would be appreciated.

WE ARE in need of four coffee cakes for the Lenten Ecumenical Service Friday morning, March 22. Please call the office if you can bake!

Upcoming Events....

✓ **Sunday, March 24**, 9-11 a.m., KC Coffee, PC

✓ **Sunday, March 31**, 11:30 a.m. - Birthday potluck for Fr. Tim, Parish Center. Please bring a full dish to pass. Birthday cake provided by the Rosary/Altar Society. We will set tables that morning at 10:30 a.m.

✓ **Sunday, March 31**, 4:30 p.m. John Moore and the Alexander Trio in concert.

✓ **Thursday, April 4**, 5:15 p.m. - Finance Council meets in parish office.

THE deadline for submitting items for the April newsletter is Wed., March 20 at 9 a.m. Thanks in advance for your cooperation of this deadline.

Irish Blessing on this St. Patrick's weekend: "May you have the hindsight to know where you've been, the foresight to know where you are going, and the insight to know when you have gone too far."

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 16

4:30 p +Sean Enfield
+Don Luchtel
+Lee Luchtel

Sunday, March 17

8 a +Raymond Long

10 a +Dennis Kasperbauer

Monday, March 18

7:30 a +Scott Baumgard

Tuesday, March 19

5:15 p +Al & +Betty Mataloni

Wednesday, March 20

7:30 a +Halbur/Johnson
+John Clisbee

Thursday, March 21

7:30 a +Betty Newman

Friday, March 22

7:30 a +Bill & +Elvera Kane

10:30 a Special Int. (JLW)

Saturday, March 23

4:30 p +Leroy Wintz

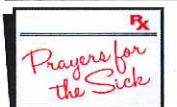
Sunday, March 24

8 a +Dr. Robert & +Betty Griffin

10 a +Floyd Sporrer

THANK YOU to the four strong-bodied men who assisted in the moving of a piano on Tuesday afternoon. We truly appreciate your willingness to flex your muscles on a moment's notice.

Funeral Group #8 will handle 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, LaDonna Jansen, Dale Langel, Finley Brunsfold, 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.