

MARCH 24, 2019

# SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

THIRD 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?  
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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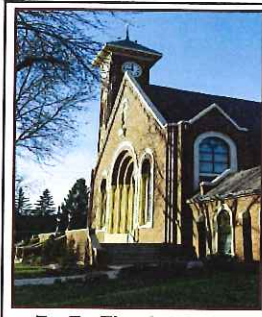
712-338-4008 or 712-320-4008

Driving into Sioux Falls this past week I noticed a familiar sign: THINK! Such signs are posted in the location of a traffic death, seeking the attention of individuals to drive with awareness and safety. Some years ago the state of Iowa also had such a program, causing the drivers and passengers to notice—if for a moment—their safety and driving habits. Venturing into the third week of Lent, hopefully our efforts to create spaces of time for prayer, or efforts to fast from certain habits or foods, or efforts to share our resources with others in need will provide us with a renewed awareness of God's grace in our daily endeavors and relationships.

On the same 'avenue' so to speak are the occasional bumper stickers seen on the bumper of cars; some are amusing, some are politically directed. Bob Lively, a minister and counselor and newspaper columnist has this reflection pertaining to the bumper sticker message he noticed on an old pickup. *"The more you know, the less you need." The more I think upon these words, the more I believe them to be true because the more I know about forgiveness, and the more I experience God's gentle grace, the less I need to be right, or to be angry, or to harbor resentments, or to speak ill of 'brothers and sisters,' or to waste time composing speeches I will never deliver. More of God is less of everything else. The greater the awareness of grace, the less the internal turmoil; and the greater the willingness to forgive, the less the misery generated by devotion to ourselves."*

In today's first reading from Exodus God said to Moses, "where you stand is holy ground." Such holy ground can exist anywhere: in the country or woods, in an urban area, in one's home or neighborhood, in a place of business or in one's car. Wherever we seek God's gentle grace to be forgiven and to forgive, to welcome his grace into our thoughts and daily endeavors there holiness exists. So often such gentle grace and awareness of God's presence comes in the space of prayer we create. And in prayer—listening—we are on holy ground. As Mark Twain quips, "We cannot pray a lie."

Every year on the 17th of March, St. Patrick gets his due regardless if we have some Irish heritage or like me, little or none. Two days following in a much subdued atmosphere we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph. Overshadowed by the festive Irish celebration, St. Joseph quietly remains a significant saint within our Catholic-Christian faith. He quietly listened, accepted, and provided as a husband, father and humble Christian man. So we pray: St. Joseph, pray for us; Joseph, prudent and brave, Joseph, obedient and loyal; pattern of patience; lover of poverty; model of workers; example to parents; pillar of family life; comfort of the troubled; hope of the sick; patron of the dying; protector of the Church; St. Joseph, pray for us.



By Fr. Tim Johnson

## FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

It is officially Spring, and also the third week of Lent. Have you felt like you are closer to God this Lent? For an unexplained reason, I keep turning the verse "draw closer to God and he will draw closer to you". There are so many forces at work in our world that try to prevent us from doing just that. During Lent it is a good time to try to keep those things at bay. It does take some doing to adjust our routine as some days your focus is just not on things to do with God or Jesus or anything with church for that matter.

I am vigilantly sticking to my forty days of Lent calendar. One day was to give up the TV or internet for the day. I made it by keeping busy with other things. Some of the tasks are harder than others. Each Lent I try to find new things to challenge me. I have a turtle on my desk that says "grow". This is what I think Lenten practices do for us if you really give it effort. Some people do not change their schedule or habits at all during Lent. They just go about their lives as if nothing is happening. I guess to each is own but then are we keeping the Catholic faith well? We all need discipline even if adults.

This past few days I have done a couple of new things: I went to Sioux Falls to see the first class relic of St. John Vianney which is traveling the United States from France and also went to a retreat in Sioux City at Trinity Heights. Both of which enrich my life as a Catholic and DRE. This Sunday our 4th graders are helping with Mass duties. Thank you to them.

**THE ARTS** at St. Joseph will host John Moore in concert with the Alexander Trio Sun., March 31, 4:30 p.m. in the Church. A reception will follow the free concert. Doors open at 4 p.m. The concert is sponsored by the Patrice and Rita Leary Foundation and United Community Bank.

**THE OKOBOJI** Booster Club will host their annual fish fry Fr., March 29, 5-7 p.m. in the Parish Center. Tickets at door.

## MARCH 19 SOUP SUPPER UPDATE

# Served: 77 Income: \$313.00  
Exp. Fixed: \$99.41 Soup: \$0 Net: \$213.59  
Thank you to Randy and Lois Eckard, John and Tutti Willison, Dewey and Patty Grothaus and Dean and Susan Reiser for preparing, serving, covering the cost of and cleaning up following the soup supper Tues., March 19. The next soup supper on Tuesday, March 26 by the Faith Formation families and will feature chicken tortilla and cheesy potato soup.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



## Monday, March 25

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

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

## Tuesday, March 26

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

5:15 p.m.: Mass

5:45 p.m.: Lenten Soup Supper by Family Formation featuring chicken tortilla and cheesy potato soup.

## Wednesday, March 27

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

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

## Thursday, March 28

8 a.m.: Bible Study, Nazareth

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

## Friday, March 29

9:30 a.m.: Lenten Ecumenical Service at First Lutheran, West Okoboji.

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

5 - 7 p.m.: Okoboji Booster Club Fish Fry, Parish Center.

## Sunday, March 31

11:30 a.m.: Birthday potluck for Fr. Tim's 62nd Birthday, Parish Center. Bring a full dish to pass. Table service, beverages and cake provided.

1 p.m.: Lenten Reconciliation, Church

4 p.m.: Doors open for John Moore and Alexander Trio Concert in Church. Reception to follow.

**PRAYERS and sympathy** to Darial and Dorothy Determan and family on the death of their daughter, +Michele "Micky" Jensen, 68, of West Fargo, ND, who died Thurs., Feb. 28. A celebration of life and funeral were held Mon., March 4 at the West Funeral Home, in West Fargo, ND.

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

Weekly budget needs are \$7,582

## March 16-17, 2019

Weekly: \$6,469.00 Loose: \$735.00

Kids: \$16.00 Peace & Justice: \$55.00

Quilt: \$31.00 Candles: \$88.33 Misc.: \$132.00



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

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sat., March 30 @ 4:30 p.m.

**EMES:** (6) Kathy Eilers, Eldon Kraninger, Bill and Cheryl Aumer, Jim Baumgard, Alma Klute

**GREETERS:** Larry and Mary Arndt

**LECTOR:** Lois Eckard

**SERVERS:** Will Anderson, Tyler Wittrock

**USHERS:** Jim and Sharon Metzger

**GIFTS:** Paul Herbers Family

## Sun., March 31 @ 8 a.m.

**EMES:** (5) Ron Swartz, Charee Sweeten, Chris and Connie Bjornstad, Marlene Nelsen

**GREETERS:** Tom and Terri Rierson

**LECTOR:** Molly Mulqueen

**SERVERS:** Bryce Anderson, Loretta Halbur

**USHERS:** Ron and Carol Swartz

**GIFTS:** Volunteers

## Sun., March 31 @ 10 a.m.

**EMES:** (6) Aaron Hyatt, Donna Clark, Deb and Mark Johnson, Pete and Sara Laven

**GREETERS:** Jim and Denise Sporrer

**LECTOR:** Beth Lorch

**SERVERS:** Nick Stein, Dawson Kuker

**USHERS:** Dick and Connie Mataloni

**GIFTS:** Aaron Hyatt Family

**CHILDREN'S LIT:** Faith Garcia

## CHICKEN N' NOODLE DINNER UPDATE

# Served: 321 including 63 takeouts and deliveries.

Income: \$3,136.00 Total Expense: \$504.26

Farmer: \$341.26; Ads: \$78.00 Buns: \$85.00

Net: \$2,631.74

Thank you to everyone who assisted in some way to make this dinner a success. Starting Thursday night until the last dish was dried Sunday afternoon, the chicken and noodle dinner is the most labor-intensive dinner we do. Thanks to the Lambert Family for 30 dozen eggs, to the flour supplier, to all who brought a salad or a dessert and to all who attended. We are currently missing lid to a roaster. If you have it by mistake, please return it promptly.

Please consider attending a special mass at 5:30 p.m. on April 1 to support Fr. Tom Flanagan and honor the memory of his adopted son, +Edwin Muyale from Kenya. +Edwin passed away unexpectedly. A reception with light refreshments will follow.

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

✓ to all who assisted with the Lenten Ecumenical Service on Fri., March 22 at St. Joseph;  
✓ to the wonderful helpers who assisted in taking down the tables and chairs following the chicken noodle dinner in preparation for carpet cleaning on Monday;  
✓ to all who remembered our family at the time of our mother's death. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

## The Family of Mary Negus

**THE NEXT Lenten Ecumenical Service** is Friday, March 29, 9:30 a.m. at First Lutheran Church, West Okoboji. The services are open persons of all denominations.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 23

4:30 p +Leroy Wintz

Sunday, March 24

8 a +Dr. Robert & +Betty Griffin

+Ethel Pohlen

10 a +Floyd Sporrer

Monday, March 25

7:30 a +Jerry & +Norma Schmitz

Tuesday, March 26

5:15 p +Joy Walz

Wednesday, March 27

7:30 a +Halbur/Johnson

Thursday, March 28

7:30 a +Edwin Muyale

Friday, March 29

7:30 a +Dorothy Cranston

10:30 a +Barney Reiman

Saturday, March 30

4:30 p +Rita Wuebker

+Tom Wuebker

Sunday, March 31

8 a +Jenny & +Larry Pick

10 a +John Berg

## Plan to Celebrate

Fr. Tim's 62nd Birthday

Sunday, March 31,

11:30 a.m. at a

Potluck Dinner in the

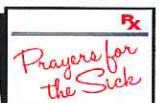
Parish Center.

Table service,

beverages and cake

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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 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.

Fr. Tim