

MARCH 31, 2019

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

FOURTH 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.

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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.

NAME: _____

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ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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Next Sunday we will host Bishop Nickless for the Sacrament of Confirmation with a special Mass at 1:30 p.m., in conjunction with St. Mary Parish, Spirit Lake. We welcome the opportunity to celebrate this Sacrament, gracious for the students who will be Confirmed into our Catholic-Christian faith and their families who provide the foundation of their Christian values.

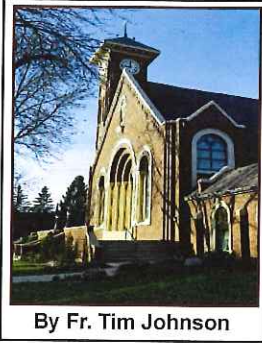
Please keep these students in your prayers as they approach this Sacrament. "That is what we too, in the Church, are constantly called to do: to listen, to get involved and be neighbors, sharing in people's joys and struggles, so that the Gospel can spread every more consistently and fruitfully: radiating goodness through the transparency of our lives." (Pope Francis ~ World Youth Day, 2016)

Recognizing the gift of family and happy with Mary Lou's decision, I'm sad at her impending departure from our parish and responsibilities maintaining our clothing room and summer garage sale. Mary Lou has been a godsend, taking good care of the clothing room with the proper clothes set out, others to be passed on to another charity, and helping so many in search of dignified attire. She has an instinct for items to be offered at the garage sale, and the desire to help out our parish with the proceeds. Sometime this summer Mary Lou will move to Omaha to be closer to family. Anyone who may be interested in working with the clothing room and/or garage sale please contact the office. If you have any questions please contact us. We so desire to keep the clothing room in existence for the wellbeing of many with this surrounding area. We are willing to work with you concerning hours and days. Thank you.

Our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service will be offered this afternoon at 1:00 p.m. Several priests from the surrounding area will be present to help. Our Sacrament of Reconciliation is a gift of personal peace and healing, and a gracious step towards the celebration of Easter. Regardless of how long it has been, I believe it is God who desires our presence, thus removing any barriers preventing his grace in our daily lives and relationships. Please feel welcome to the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Sunday afternoon, 1:00 p.m. "Reconciliation always brings a springtime to the soul."

Just a comment on our gospel passage for this weekend, the Prodigal Son. A very vivid parable with nuances within that may draw us into our personal faith and human condition. Of the storyline I have always been intrigued by the father-sons' relationships. One of the most poignant songs depicting the essence of a father-son relationship, at least from my vantage point, is "The Randall Knife" by Guy Clark. Speaking as a son, often times it is difficult for a father and son to understand the underlying dignity of what they share. There is no perfect formula to who a father can be.

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



By Fr. Tim Johnson

FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

Last week I mentioned that I was heading to Sioux Falls to see the first class relic of St. John Vianney that is here in the United States from France. It was amazing to see as my friend and I venerated this relic and prayed for the priests we know or have known. There was a steady stream of people and many priests. The relic was his incorruptible heart as he is also an incorruptible Saint. This kind of thing is not believed by some people, but it does happen and the only way is through the power of God. With much time they will eventually decay, but not at a normal rate by any means and to me, that is just one more sign of God with us. Then on Saturday, I went to a retreat in Sioux City specifically about Catechesis.

It is interesting that the primary question asked is: Is God personal to you or just an idea? The answer is, for most people, sadly, just an idea. Young adults, in general, do not know how to have a personal relationship with God, Jesus, Mary, Holy Spirit.... I think most accept that God exists, but this should not be something we only give a "sometime" consideration to. He is our Creator as is everything we have or can do is. We speak to Him through prayer or even daily conversation. It does not have to be in church or through formal prayer. We must give cultivating a personal relationship with our Lord a try. It has its benefits and then our younger generation will also see and learn from this.

Sometimes it is difficult to hand down the traditions of our faith but it has to be so. And... children will not be able to see all that they should believe. That is what faith is. That is what has been handed down since the beginning of time and the younger generations never really doubted what they were taught. They trusted it.

This Wednesday night, grades 7-12 will be offered the Sacrament of reconciliation at 7 p.m. Please join us that evening if you wish. Following this will be rehearsal for Confirmation with our Confirmandi and sponsors from Milford and Spirit Lake at 7:45. This coming weekend, we will ask our tenth graders to trust in the Holy Spirit as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Nickless. In our April newsletter are the names of our students. Congratulations to all of them. There are many activities yet to come before we close our year.

THE NEXT Baptism Class will be held Tues., April 9, 6:30 p.m. in the overflow room.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, April 1

5:30 p.m. Memorial Mass for +Edwin Muyale
6:45-9 p.m.: Driver's Ed, basement.

Tuesday, April 2

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration today
5:15 p.m.: Mass
5:45 p.m.: Lenten Soup Supper by KC's featuring vegetable beef, chicken noodle and bean.

Wednesday, April 3

3:40-5 p.m.: Religious Ed for grades K-6
6:45 p.m.: Family Formation
7-8 p.m.: Religious Ed for grades 7-12

Thursday, April 4

8 a.m.: Bible Study, Nazareth
5:15 p.m.: Finance Council in Parish Office
5:30 p.m.: CDA meets in Nazareth Hall.
6:45 p.m.: Driver's Ed, basement

Friday, April 5

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. TIM!

9:30 a.m.: Final Lenten Ecumenical Service at Harbor of Joy, Milford.
10:30 a.m.: Mass at Milford Care Center.

Saturday, April 6

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Overcomer Event in PC.

Sunday, April 7

8 a.m.: CDA Mass
1:30 p.m.: Confirmation with Bishop Nickless

MARCH 26 SOUP SUPPER UPDATE

Served: 69 Income: \$325.00
Exp. Fixed: \$99.41 Soup: \$0 Net: \$225.59
Thank you to the Faith Formation Families for preparing, serving, covering the cost of and cleaning up following the soup supper Tues., March 26. The next soup supper on Tuesday, April 2 by the Knights of Columbus and will feature vegetable beef, chicken noodle and bean.

The stewardship message in the parable of the Prodigal Son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal who had to lose all he had to in order to understand the value of what he's been given.

Weekly budget needs are \$7,582

March 23-24, 2019

Weekly: \$7,650.00 Loose: \$931.00
Kids: \$58.51 Peace & Justice: \$80.00
Candles: \$106.06 Haiti: \$800.00 Misc.: 130.00



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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, April 6 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: (6) Steve Eral, Carol Lee, Gary and Jan Pithan, Paul and Holly Skopeck
GREETERS: Jim and Kathy Baumgard
LECTOR: Joseph Schmidt
SERVERS: Loretta Halbur and Andrew Frerichs
USHERS: Kraninger Family
GIFTS: Jim Metzger Family

Sunday, April 7 @ 8 a.m. - CDA MASS

EMES: (5) CDA Members
GREETERS: CDA Members
LECTOR: CDA Member
SERVERS: Deb Johnson and Loretta Halbur
USHERS: CDA Members
GIFTS: CDA Members

April 7 @ 10 a.m. - Praise Band

EMES: (6) Susan Willette, Beth Lorch, Terry and Lori Gray, Bill and Cheryl Aumer
GREETERS: Curt and Susan Willette
LECTOR: Need a Lector Here! Call the office.
SERVERS: Oliver Miller, Need a Server Here!
USHERS: Jack and Julie Kliegl
GIFTS: Mark Kramer Family
CHILDREN'S LIT: Patti Scott

Confirmation

Sunday, April 7 @ 1:30 p.m.

EMES: (2) Fr. Tim Johnson, Fr. Paul Kelly
GREETERS: Teresa Goehring, Karen Schwaller, Mary Brandt
LECTOR: Students
SERVERS: Kaleb Peschong, Cheyenne Nelson, Alex Stoll, Tyler Wittrock
USHERS: Dick and Connie Mataloni, Duane and Tammi Schnetter
GIFTS: Students

THE ARTS at St. Joseph will host John Moore in concert with the Alexander Trio THIS 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.

Our parish will offer gluten free 'consecrated' hosts at each weekend Mass, with the priest holding the container during Communion.

THANKS to the volunteer and staff who cleaned the church carpet on Wednesday afternoon. A good job done!

FUNERAL GROUP #8 will serve the next funeral luncheon.

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.

THE FINAL Lenten Ecumenical Service is Friday, April 5, 9:30 a.m. at Harbor of Joy Church, Milford. The services are open persons of all denominations.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 30

4:30 p +Rita Wuebker
+Tom Wuebker

Sunday, March 31

8 a +Jenny & +Larry Pick

10 a +John Berg

Monday, April 1

7:30 a Special Intention (AK)

5:30 p +Edwin Muyale

Tuesday, April 2

5:15 p +Leo Poncellet

Wednesday, April 3

7:30 a +Halbur/Johnson

Thursday, April 4

7:30 a +John Cain

Friday, April 5

7:30 a +Bud Brooks

10:30 a Special Intention (JLW)

Saturday, April 6

4:30 p +Harold Eilers

Sunday, April 7

8 a +Paul Delaney

10 a +Jim & +Phyllis Streit

1:30 p Spe Int: Confirmation Class

Plan to Celebrate
Fr. Tim's 62nd Birthday
THIS Sunday, March 31,
11:30 a.m. at a
Potluck Dinner in the
Parish Center.
Bring a full dish
to pass.

Please pray
for these
St. Joseph
Parishioners:

Bill Ruml, 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.