

APRIL 7, 2019

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.

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ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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Spirit Lake - Milford - Lake Park

We welcome Bishop Nickless to our parish this Sunday afternoon for the Sacrament of Confirmation to be conferred on our students who have prepared for this grace joined by those of St. Mary Parish, Spirit Lake. Thank you to Sharon, Teresa, Molly and Karen who have shared their faith and hope, preparing these students for this Sacrament and, hopefully, a lifelong relationship with Christ Jesus through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Bishop Nickless will confer the Sacrament with the Sacred Chrism, an oil that has been blessed and prayed over, mixed with a natural balsam that confers a special grace upon each. Especially, thank you to the parents for your faith and the Christian values you share in your home and as a family.

Last Sunday with our church packed, John Moore and the Alexander Trio reminded us why music of all venues is so significant within our lives, personally and as a shared gift. John commented how—as the evening demonstrated—music and community are the essentials in life regardless of culture or locale. His comment reminded me of a song written by Harry Chapin—songwriter, performer and story teller—entitled, "Remember When The Music."

Harry plied humor and truth in the stories woven into his music, not just enjoying his craft but—in the dozens of concerts he played each year until his death in 1981—every other venue he would donate all the proceeds to a certain charity. Whatever our voice or age or particular genre of music, there is a song within each of us that echoes in some respect an echo of God's image. An old friend, who battled cancer and other health issues, had such a gracious expression on his face when he was asked to sing "Stille Nacht" as Christmas neared. His voice was far from perfect, but his intent and graciousness were sincere.

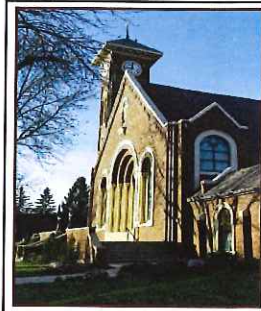
In two weeks we celebrate the gift of Easter, with the particular music so essential to this feast day and the days of holy week leading up to our ultimate promise and hope. On Good Friday the African Spiritual "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" provides the somber grace of his sacrifice and ours in those simple lyrics and melody. During the Easter Vigil Mass we will lift up in song chant the ancient bequest, "Litany of The Saints." And the song we traditionally sing on Easter, Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, was written 600 years ago in Latin as a Bohemian hymn originally entitled "Surrexit Christus hodie." Revised some years back the original eleven verses have been changed to four, (thank God). And as the third verse reflects, however feeble our voices are here on earth, they are supplemented by the sublime in heaven: "now above the sky he's King, where the angels ever sing."

"If I should ever die, God forbid, let this be my epitaph: THE ONLY PROOF HE NEEDED FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD WAS MUSIC" (Kurt Vonnegut)

Approaching Holy Week and Easter, Johann Wolfgang's advice seems pertinent: "One ought, every day at least, to hear a little song, read a good poem, see a fine picture, and, if it were possible, to speak a few reasonable words."

God Bless,

Fr. Tim



By Fr. Tim Johnson

FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

Congratulations to our Confirmandi on receiving their Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Nickless this weekend at a special Mass. They have studied hard over the last couple of years to learn all that they should and now their Sacraments of initiation are complete. That does not mean their religious education is complete as that is a lifetime event. We want them to keep coming throughout their high school years as they begin to practice what has been preached to them. Our junior and senior classes are together as we continue to take those two grades on a more hands on learning approach and try to work field trips and leadership into their program.

April continues to be busy. This week our First Communicants will attend a workshop with their parents in preparation for their Sacrament on Sunday, April 28. We will have 24 children this year. The 10 a.m. Mass will be very full as each family will have a pew reserved. Our children will process in and when that occurs, people attending that Mass will be asked to wait until they are to their seats before coming into the church proper. People will not be allowed to interrupt the processional on this most special day. Please respect this. Prom Mass is also that weekend on Saturday night. We invite all those students who belong here and their dates or friends to begin their night in a most special way. We will reserve seats for them and have a picture opportunity before Mass. It is a beautiful site.

Religious education classes end with closing Mass and food on May 1st. Parents and grandparents are most welcome. We will begin with our May Crowning for grades K-6. The senior Mass will be that following weekend. We will acknowledge them and give them a good send off with a family breakfast. Along those lines, hopefully our students have remembered to apply for the CDA and Knights scholarships. If not they have a little time. Please contact me.

Early in June will be Camp CaYoCa for boys and girls in grade 3-6 and 7-12. The cost for the short camp is \$175 per child which we will pay half of the fee for if you get your registration into me by mid May. It is jam packed with activities and daily Mass. Worth it if your child wants to go. Should that amount be a hardship for you, contact me, as we have people who provide scholarships for camp.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, April 8

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

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

Tuesday, April 9

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

5:15 p.m.: Mass

5:45 p.m.: Lenten Soup Supper by Rosary/Altar featuring Pasta Fagioli, chicken wild rice, corn chowder

6:30 p.m.: Baptism Class, overflow room.

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

Wednesday, April 10

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

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

Thursday, April 11

8 a.m.: Bible Study, Nazareth

9:15 a.m.: Soup Kitchen Ministry

5 p.m.: Choir Practice

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

Friday, April 12

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

Saturday, April 13 & Sunday, April 14

AT all Masses: A second collection for the work of Bishop Nickless is traditionally taken following Confirmation.

Sunday, April 14

8 a.m.: KC Mass

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.: Coffee and refreshments in Parish Center.

ATTENTION 4th Degree K of C Men: The monthly meeting will be held Tues., April 9, at Mill Creek, in Milford. Social at 6 following by the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

WELCOME to the St. Joseph Parish Family to Annabelle Dawn Henningsen, daughter of Daniel and Hilary Henningsen who was baptized Sun., March 31 at St. Joseph.

In today's second reading, St. Paul says, "For his sake I have forfeited everything; I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth." Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same?

Weekly budget needs are \$7,582

March 30-31, 2019

Weekly: \$5,850.00 Loose: \$1,646.50

Kids: \$36.80 Peace & Justice: \$1,011.00

Candles: \$107.50 Concert: \$3,033.76 Haiti: \$222.50

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 13 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: (6) Deb Travis, Chad Harms, Bob and Barbara Kollasch, Tom and Jan Johnson

GREETERS: Bob and Donna Elser

LECTOR: Nancy Crepeau

SERVERS: Natalie Kollasch, Kayla Kollasch

USHERS: Dick Mataloni Family

GIFTS: Dick Mataloni Family

Sunday, April 14 @ 8 a.m.

KC Mass

EMES: (5) KC'S

GREETERS: KC's

LECTOR: KC'S

SERVERS: Mark and Deb Johnson

USHERS: KC's

GIFTS: KC'S

Sunday, April 14 @ 10 a.m.

Contemporary Band

EMES: (6) Marlys Nolan, Aaron and Erin Lorch, Connie Hinrichs, Mary Dunleavy, Larry Arndt

GREETERS: Wayne and Barb Woodley

LECTOR: Roger Moss

SERVERS: Alissa Wittrock, Alex Stoll

USHERS: Bill and Cheryl Aumer

GIFTS: Bill Aumer Family

CHILDREN'S LIT: Faith Garcia

NEEDED: On Easter Sunday, April 21, @ 8 a.m. we need a lector and at 10 a.m. we need ushers. If you are available to fill these positions, please call the office. --Thank You.

PRAYERS and sympathy from the St. Joseph Parish Family to:
✓ Phil Nau on the death of his brother, +Leo Nau, 75, of Lawrence, KS, who died Mon., April 1. Services were held this past week in Kansas; and to
✓ Kris Berning on the death of her sister, +Kari Dietrich, 68, of Milford, who died Sun., March 31.

APRIL 2 SOUP SUPPER UPDATE

Served: 77 Income: \$343.75
Exp. Fixed: \$0 Soup: \$0 Net: \$343.75
Thank you to Knights of Columbus members for preparing, serving, covering the entire cost of the soup supper and cleaning up following on Tues., April 2. The next soup supper on Tuesday, April 9 by the Rosary Altar Society will feature pasta fagiola, chicken wild rice and corn chowder.

REMEMBER your loved ones with a contribution to the Easter Flower Fund for Easter flowers on the altar. Cost is \$12/plant. A mix of various Easter flowers will be purchased from Hy-Vee in Spirit Lake. Envelopes for this purpose are in the packet Deadline for inclusion in the bulletin is April 17, 12 noon.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, April 8

7:30 a +Fritz & +Norma Thoma

Tuesday, April 9

5:15 p +Mardell Eilers

Wednesday, April 10

7:30 a +Halbur/Johnson

Thursday, April 11

7:30 a +Eileen Herbers

Friday, April 12

7:30 a +Isabel Klein

10:30 a +Greg Deman

Saturday, April 13

4:30 p +Ted Christensen

Sunday, April 14

8 a +Shobha Rani

10 a +Maurice & +Eileen Northup

THANK YOU

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, good wishes and participation in the Memorial Mass for +Edwin Muyale. I'm grateful for your support.

Fr. Tom Flanagan

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

Please pray for these St. Joseph Parishioners:

Bill Ruml, 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 Stillely and Howie Holdenried. Please call to add persons.