

APRIL 14, 2019

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

It was a lovely afternoon on Sunday for Confirmation. Bishop Nickless was here to celebrate the Sacrament with 28 students from Milford and Spirit Lake and their families. Many thanks to their Catechists, the St. Joseph staff and our dependable volunteers for helping the Mass and reception go well.

This week with Palm Sunday, we begin a very Holy Week. Our last soup supper will take place on Tuesday then we teach about Holy Week on Wednesday. Masses for Thursday through Sunday are unique and special. If your family can attend them-DO! They tell the story of the greatest event in History and they overflow with tradition that is our faith. On Easter Vigil we are proud to welcome the RCIA members. On Easter Sunday at the 10 a.m. Mass Fr. Tim will call our youngest Catholics up around the altar so that they can hear the Easter story.

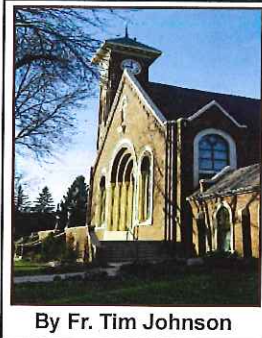
Students don't forget prom Mass at 4:30 on April 27th. The next day at the 10 a.m. Mass we will have First Communion for 24 youngsters. This is a very full Mass and they are the star attraction. It is their Mass and rightly so. If you are coming to this Mass, seating will be tight as the families each have pews reserved. We hope for a bright, sunny day.

May 1 will see the close of our religious education year. At 3:45 we begin by honoring Mary with a May Crowning ceremony. Immediately following that will be our closing Mass and then hot dogs in the parish center. Parents and grandparents if you can come to this Mass the children and I would love to see you there. At 7 p.m. that evening we will have closing Mass for grades 7-12 followed by grilled burgers. Again we would love the families to help celebrate with us.

Then the very last event will be our senior Mass and breakfast to be held on May 5 at 10 a.m. Invitations are out. If you are a parishioner and have a senior I may not know about, please let me know. I sometimes miss them if they do not go to Okoboji.

It has been a busy and rewarding year once again. Nothing is ever status quo and very soon I will be talking about the next chapter in religious education for the fall.

VOLUNTEERS are sought for the annual Holy Week Church Cleaning on Mon., April 15, 8 a.m. All the supplies you need are furnished as well as refreshments following. Many hands will make light work.



By Fr. Tim Johnson

"The tragedy of the passion brings to fulfillment our own life and the whole of human history. We can't let Holy Week be just a kind of commemoration. It means contemplating the mystery of Jesus Christ as something which continues to work in our souls." (Saint Josemaria Escriva)

We enter the most significant week of our Church year, Holy Week, beginning with the reading of the passion narratives and blessing of palms on this Palm Sunday. Tuesday evening parishioners and visitors are again invited for the soup meal following the 5:15 p.m. Mass. Prior to the 7:30 a.m. Mass on Monday and Wednesday morning we will have quiet Adoration (no rosary or Stations) beginning at 6:30 a.m. If you have just a few minutes to spare or longer you are most welcome to pause and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. I will hear confessions prior to and after each Mass this weekend, before the daily Masses, and after Holy Thursday Mass and Good Friday Service.

Please bring your "Rice Bowl" offerings to church this week, placing it before the altar or in the collection. At our Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper we will bring forth the newly blessed Oils, (Oil of the Sick, Oil of the Catechumenes and the consecrated Sacred Oil); as tradition holds we will have the washing of the feet, the procession of the Blessed Sacrament after Communion and the 'stripping of the altar' (symbolizing our Lord's arrest and persecution). Of all the liturgies we gather for throughout the year our Good Friday Service is the most unique and solemn with the passion reading from John, and the reverencing of the cross. On Good Friday we are asked to refrain from eating meat, and fast with one proper meal. (A family shared with this particular form of fasting on this day which I continue to uphold personally: no TV, radio, computer, videos—essentially no noise—throughout the day.) Easter Vigil Mass beginning at 8:30 p.m. will begin in darkness, and then celebrating the light of Christ with the reception of Braxton, Adam and Angela into our Catholic-Christian faith.

Our schedule for Easter Sunday will remain the same: 8 and 10 a.m. And may our church and parish be welcoming to anyone who desires to pray with us, to seek the presence of God, anyone who hopes to belong and find the grace of peace in their personal lives.

O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling

and scatter there Thy cheerful beams. Amen. (Saint Augustine)

Fr. Tim

PRAYERS and sympathy from the St. Joseph Parish Family to:

✓ +Rick Kilts and the family of +Jeff Eggers, whose Mass of Christian Burial was held Fri., April 12 at St. Joseph.

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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, April 15

8 a.m.: Church Cleaning
6:45-9 p.m.: Driver's Ed, basement.
8 p.m.: AA in Nazareth Hall; Al-Anon in NW.

Tuesday, April 16

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration today
5:15 p.m.: Mass
5:45 p.m.: Final Lenten Soup Supper by Elser group featuring
6:30 p.m.: Choir Practice

Wednesday, April 17

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

Thursday, April 18

8 a.m.: Bible Study, Nazareth
6 p.m.: Holy Thursday Mass

Friday, April 19

Parish Offices Closed for Good Friday.
10:30 a.m.: Mass at Milford Care Center.
6 p.m.: Good Friday Mass

Saturday, April 20

8:30 p.m.: Holy Saturday Mass. Attending this Mass will count for your Sunday obligation.

Sunday, April 21

8 and 10 a.m.: Easter Mass

APRIL 9 SOUP SUPPER UPDATE

Served: 68 Income: \$225.00
Exp. Fixed: \$0 Soup: \$0 Net: \$225.00
Thank you to Altar/Rosary members for preparing, serving, covering the entire cost of the soup supper and cleaning up following on Tues., April 9. The final soup supper on Tuesday, April 16 by the Elser Crew featuring hamburger, potato and chicken surprise.

THE ANNUAL Volunteer Supper is set for Thurs., April 25, 6 p.m. in the Parish Center. It is a free supper but reservations are required for head count for the caterer. Sign up sheets are on the lobby windows.

In the Gospel story of the first Palm Sunday we hear that the owners of the ass had only to be told, "The Master has need of it," to give the animal gladly. Do I give as readily to the Lord's work?

Weekly budget needs are \$7,582

April 6-7, 2019

Weekly: \$7,980.41 Loose: \$1,077.00
Kids: \$29.00 Peace & Justice: \$210.00
Candles: \$117.21 Concert: \$115.00 Bldg: \$421.25
Endow: \$57.00 Youth Ministry: \$150.00 Misc.: \$298.00

PALM SUNDAY



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

Holy Thursday Thursday, April 18 @ 6 p.m.

EMES: (6) Bonnie Duhn, Dori Lippon, Jean Petitti, Ron Swartz, Mike and Becky Wittrock
GREETERS: Carol Swartz
LECTOR: Kathy Eilers
SERVERS: Jack Laven, Isabel Nelson
USHERS: Mark and Deb Johnson
GIFTS: Kevin Hollenkamp Family

Good Friday

Friday, April 19 @ 6 p.m.

EMES: (2) Dick and Connie Mataloni
GREETERS: Tom and Peg Muhlbauer
LECTOR First: Aaron Lorch
LECTOR Second: Beth Lorch
SERVERS: Austin Harms
USHERS: Jeff and Pat Rolfes

Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 20 @ 8:30 p.m.

EMES: (6) Pete and Sara Laven, Cory Knudtson, Pat and Susie Carr, Donna Clark
GREETERS: Volunteers
LECTORS: David Johnson, Roger Moss
SERVERS: Dawson Kuker, Liam Knudtson, Aubrey Knudtson, Loretta Halbur
USHERS: Jim and Kathy Baumgard
GIFTS: Bob Eilers Family

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 21 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: (5) Steve and Kris Feld, Chris and Connie Bjornstad, Jeff Knudtson
GREETERS: Tom and Terri Rierson
LECTOR: Molly Mulqueen
SERVERS: Jocelyn Heller, Jerron Heller
USHERS: Ron and Carol Swartz
GIFTS: Volunteers

Easter Sunday, April 21 @ 10 a.m.

EMES: (9) Connie Lange, Chris and Connie Jones, Mick and Jeanette Baack, Irene and Jim McCoy, NEED 2 EMES Here.
GREETERS: Susan and Curt Willette
LECTOR: Donna Clark
SERVERS: Melika Smith, Jay Garcia
USHERS: NEED USHERS HERE
GIFTS: Mark Kramer Family
PC TECHS: Jack and Julie Kliegl
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Heidi Wittrock

JUST A NOTE, Parish Offices will be closed on Good Friday, April 19 and Easter Monday, April 22.



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 13

4:30 p +Ted Christensen

Sunday, April 14

8 a +Shobha Rani

10 a +Maurice & +Eileen Northup

Monday, April 15

7:30 a +Al & +Betty Mataloni

Tuesday, April 16

5:15 p Spec. Int. (AK)

Wednesday, April 17

7:30 a +Halbur/Johnson

+Barney Reiman

Thursday, April 18

6 p +Christian Magnani

Friday, April 19

10:30 a +Bud Brooks

6 p No Intention

Saturday, April 20

8:30 p +Joy Walz

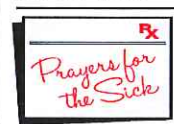
Sunday, April 21

8 a +Edith & +Francis Long

+Ted Christensen

10 a +Betty Newman

VOLUNTEER(S) sought to operate closed circuit system in Parish Center for the 4 p.m. Mass this summer. Free training. Not difficult just need be sure someone will be there is overflow is needed at this Mass. Call the parish office if this is a job for you!



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 Bernady, 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 Stilley and Howie Holdenried. Please call to add persons.