

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

JAN. 12, 2020

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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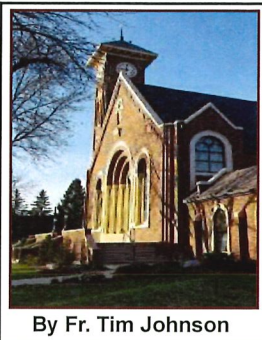
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Reflecting on this Sunday, the Baptism of the Lord, we each have the blessing of godparents, living or deceased, who in their own way have graced our lives. Choosing a grandparent as one of the godparents was a common practice some years back, as well performing the Sacrament within days after the birth. Following the Vatican II Council



By Fr. Tim Johnson

in the sixties, the Church emphasized the Sacrament of Baptism to take place during the Mass, allowing the parish to witness and support the newly baptized and family. However, the common practice now, at the parents' request—is to celebrate the Sacrament a month or longer after the birth. There is no definite time limit. As a parish, we welcome families who are requesting the baptism of an infant or child, encouraging their continued participation within our parish. I enjoy the baptisms taking place outside of Mass, allowing as many family members and relatives as possible to be present in a much more relaxed environment but no less sacred. We ask parents of their first born to attend a baptismal class beforehand, helping them to understand the Sacrament and the gift of faith guiding their family.

I extend my gratitude for Holly Skopec's time and efforts as a member of our Parish Finance Board. She completed her second term on the board, offering good advice and direction over the past six years. I have asked Marcy Wittrock to serve on our Finance Board with her three year term beginning this month.

We are selling our 318 John Deere lawn tractor along with a cab, lawn mower deck and snow blower attachments. Though we have seldom used it the last several years, we recently had it in the shop for a tune up. We are taking closed bids for the entire package as one. Call the office if you desire to see the equipment presently parked in our garage. Otherwise you may bring closed your bid to the office by the 22nd. Any questions please call the office.

Next month our parish along with Sacred Heart/Spencer will have sponsor a CHRP (Christ Renews His Parish), February 22/23. St. Mary/Spirit Lake, and St. Patrick/Estherville will also be invited to participate. Ideally CHRP runs a retreat for the men and one for the women on two consecutive weekends, however their is presently only a men's team now preparing to direct this weekend gathering. If all goes well our parishes in this lakes region will offer a men's and women's retreat next fall. You will find brochures in the back of church or in the parish office. Please call if you have any questions or desire more information.

I will be gone for nine days, leaving on the fourteenth and returning the 22nd. Fr. Cosgrove will cover the weekend and weekday Masses while I'm gone. Please continue to hold Fr. Tom in your prayers, as he recovers steadily from the heart surgery.

God Bless.

Fr. Tim

FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

We have celebrated the birth of Jesus, the Feast of Mary, the Holy Family, Mary, the Mother of God, the Epiphany of the Lord and now His Baptism. That is a whole lot in a couple of weeks. Not unlike what we do today. Once a couple has the birth of their first child, they celebrate the birth with gifts, then moms get flowers because they are a new mom, then people want to see the new baby, then the baby is made known to others through Baptism at church.

Of course, Jesus was much older than today's average Baptized person. Still, it was a necessary event before He could begin to preach about God to others. A time of manifest that we are children of God and therefore united in the Christian family. Baptism needed to happen first for Jesus, and it needs to happen first for us before we can grow in the Catholic church. After this point Jesus begins His ministry and we begin ordinary time in our church.

Somewhat out of order in our Liturgy, they do not celebrate the Presentation of Jesus until Feb. 2. We know this as "Groundhog Day" to see if the animal sees his shadow or not, six more weeks of winter or not. Well, we will see. Not sure anyone or anything can predict what Mother Nature will do. In our church we call it Candlemas Day when you can get blessed candles for your home— a nice tradition for us. Jesus was only about six weeks old then and we will not hear any more about Him until He is twelve. We know that shortly after the birth, the Holy family fled to Egypt to escape King Herod until he died then the Holy Family could go home. A somewhat unsettled beginning for the family.

THE DICKINSON
County Area Fire Departments present the 3rd Annual chili tasting and judging contest known as "The Battle of the Chili Pots" Sat., Jan. 18, 5-7 p.m. at the Spirit Lake Fire Station. Cheer on your hometown department. Bowls are \$5 each. Proceeds will go to support lakes area fire departments.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, Jan. 13

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

Tuesday, Jan. 14

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration
RCIA at Spirit Lake.

Wednesday, Jan. 15

3:40-5 p.m.: Rel. Ed grades K-4
7-8 p.m.: Rel. Ed for grades 5-12

Thursday, Jan. 16

8 a.m.: Bible Study in Nazareth Hall.

Friday, Jan. 17

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

THANK YOU to the wonderful volunteers who represented St. Joseph at the Sioux City Kitchen on Thurs., Jan. 9. Your service to this ministry is deeply appreciated.



PLAN To attend the
Annual Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, Jan. 19
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

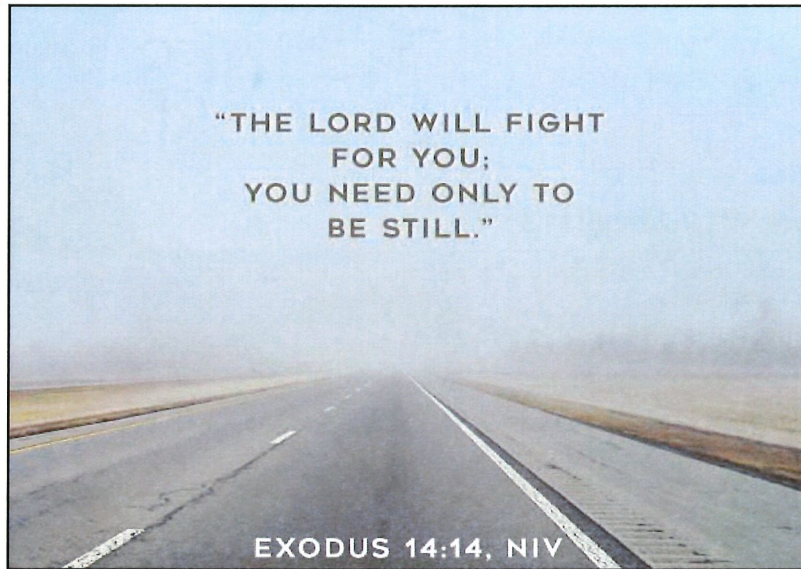
Sign-up sheet on lobby windows.
Parishioners are asked to bring the following: A-H a bag of lettuce

I-P: a loaf of French Bread

Q-Z: a pan of bars.

\$8 for adults; \$5 for children

In-Milford delivery available by calling 338-2274.



"THE LORD WILL FIGHT FOR YOU;
YOU NEED ONLY TO BE STILL."

EXODUS 14:14, NIV

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, Jan. 18 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: (6) Tony Peschong, Jerilyn Streit, Alma Klute, Faith Garcia, Mark and Deb Johnson

LECTOR: Kathy Eilers

SERVERS: Jaden Heller, Jerron Heller

USHERS: Doug Heller, Gary Espinoza

GREETERS: Jeff and Pat Rolfes

GIFTS: Rod Lange Family

Sunday, Jan. 19 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: (5) Ron Swartz, Bev Krueger, Cory Knudtson, Jeff Knudtson, Deb Travis

LECTOR: Darlene Moritz

SERVERS: Loretta Halbur, Kailee Herman

USHERS: Tom and Terri Rierson

GREETERS: Julie Reynolds

GIFTS: Volunteers

Sunday, Jan. 19 @ 10 a.m.

7th & 9th Grade Class Mass

EMES: (6) Chad Harms, Denise Cole, Donna Clark, Susan Willette, Mick and Jeanette Baack

LECTOR: Student

SERVERS: Austin Harms, Dalton Kilgore

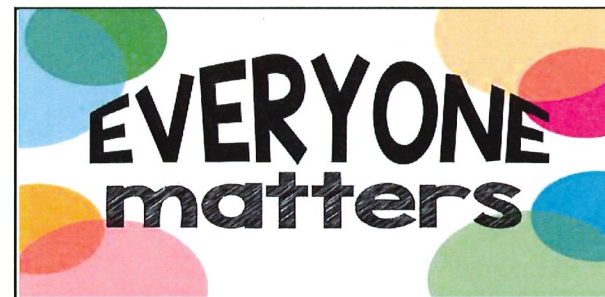
USHERS: Bill and Cheryl Aumer & Students

GREETERS: Students, Donna Clark

GIFTS: Students

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Patti Scott

JUST A NOTE.....once Fr. Tom is discharged from the hospital, his sister, Darlene Meier, will be caring for him. Please call her at 717-440-2577 before stopping at the house or bringing food. Thanks in advance for your attention to this matter.



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

Our baptism, like the Lord's, is a consecration to service. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us that "...there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism that people place their gifts, their resources --their selves -- at God's service in and through the Church."

Weekly budget needs are \$7,582

Financial information for the weekend of Jan. 4-5 and Jan. 12-13 will appear in the Jan. 18-19 bulletin.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan. 11

4:30 p +Helen & +Daryl Miller

Sunday, Jan. 12

8 a +Greg Deman

10 a +Norma & +Fritz Thoma

Monday, Jan. 13

7:30 a +Norma & +Jerry Schmitz

Tuesday, Jan. 14

5:15 p +Lucille Vogel

Wednesday, Jan. 15

7:30 a +Clarence & +Jo Halbur

Thursday, Jan. 16

7:30 a +Frank Doyle

Friday, Jan. 17

7:30 a +Carl & +Arlene Berning

10:30 a +Mr. & +Mrs. Henry Derner

Saturday, Jan. 18

4:30 p +Thomas John Oleson

Sunday, Jan. 19

8 a +Steve Jones

10 a +Earl Langel

PLEASE remember to pick up your bowls and pans. They are located in the kitchen, under the steel tables.



Please pray for these St. Joseph Parishioners:

Fr. Tom Flanagan, Bev Sporrer, Gordy Graves, Glatha Langel, Linda Higgins, Mary Ann Sigler, Dennis and Alma Klute, Jerry Clark, Joan Langel, Robert Rowland, Bill James, Marie Van Hofwegen, Ethel Wilson, Steve Painter, Ginny Yore, LaDonna Jansen, Dale Langel, Finley Brunsvold, Dee Bryant, Phyllis Hintz, Terry Abbas, Susan Robinson, Leona Spieker.

Other Special Persons: Charlotte Tiesler, Tailen Sturtz, Carrissa Mulder, Aimee Wallrich, Sara Springer, Betty Taylor, Mary Vogel, Diane De Vries, Marilyn Mertz, Jan Wolf, Peggy Price, Joan Mertz, John Bruening, Joene Edwards, Ann Willette, Ashlyn Clark, Jerry Wolford, Harvey Baxter, Jr., Kami Svoboda, Darrel Wedeking, Dan Mulder, Pam Meyer, Peri & Vern Hughes, Leah Brevik, Colleen Mulder, Jamie O'Neill, Carol Willette, Pat Juza, Bea Reiter, Paula Bernardy, Mary Jones, Andy Bensman, Todd Clausen, Zach Buden, Jan James, Sharon Forsman, Aden Remme, Jeff Harbst, Esther Baxter, Melissa Hruby, David Smith, Jean Stille and Howie Holdenried. Please call the office to add persons.

