

## 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

**Piccadilly Circus Pizza**  
Milford, IA  
712-338-9100

JAN. 26, 2020

Next week the Presentation of the Lord Holy Day falls on Sunday (the 2nd). Through the years this day has been referred to as Candlemas, reflecting the European custom of long processions with candles leading up to the Mass. Such a practice is biblically based on the words of Simeon who held the infant Jesus and proclaimed, "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." As custom holds, local parishes offer parishioners "blessed candles" on this holy day as a symbol of Christ Jesus' protective light in their homes. Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the temple, forty days after his birth as custom dictated for her ritual purification following childbirth, and to perform the redemption of the firstborn son, in obedience to the Torah (Leviticus 12, Exodus 13:12-15). (And this feast day happens to be the half way point between the shortest day and the Spring Equinox.)

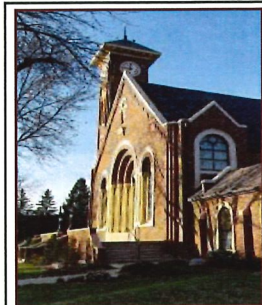
On the heels of "Candlemas" is the feast day of St. Blaisé, Feb. 3rd. As custom holds we will have the blessing of the throats before and after the Masses next weekend, the 1st and 2nd. A distinctive blessing within our Catholic faith that is centuries old, stemming from certain beliefs in the life of St. Blaise. Of what little we know of this early century saint, he was ordained a bishop serving in Armenia with a keen interest in medicine. Apparently he was called upon to heal individuals suffering from objects stuck in their throat. My memory of this distinctive blessing goes back to my childhood, standing in a long line with all the other Catholics, adults and children, waiting to have our throats blessed by Fr. Phillips our pastor. I still hold this blessing as a healing grace for those who receive it.

Though I'm a month behind, thank you for your cards, kind words, gifts and prayers this past Christmas. Your thoughtfulness and faith allowed this Christmas to be grace-filled, though the holy day fell smack dab in the middle of the week. Always a source of gratefulness to preside in this beautiful church with the music, decorated sanctuary, hospitality of the volunteers at our four Masses on Christmas. I pass on a thank you from Cherish Center for your generosity this past fall (through the baby bottle donations), receiving nearly \$1600 in donations.

Along with the other Catholic parishes of our lakes region, the men are invited to participate in the upcoming CHRP/Welcome retreat on Feb. 22/23. Through the efforts of a group of men preparing to lead the retreat and quiet donors, there is no cost. A golden opportunity to take a step back and renew the grace of our personal faith that may have been taken for granted. Application forms are in the the parish office, in the church vestibule, or simply contact the Coordinator, Bill Kerstin: kerstin@smunet.net CHRP retreat is an experience that helps individuals discover "that something" missing in their lives—and what to do about it. Retreat will take place in our parish facility.

Please continue to hold Fr. Tom in your prayers as he convalesces at home—slowly and steadily.

God Bless. *Fr. Tim*



By Fr. Tim Johnson

## FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

What lovely weather we had last weekend...NOT. Gosh my drifts were out of this world. Many thanks to Gene Robinson and Rick Woodley for getting me dug out. It was a job and a half. I was able to make it to 10 a.m. Mass and so were some of the 7th and 9th graders for their class Mass. Thank you so much to their parents for getting them here and they did a wonderful job with Mass duties. Those who were unable to come will be rescheduled to help at a different Mass. These Masses are an important part of the religious education process as we want to help them feel comfortable in our most precious setting of being Catholic and not be shy to partake.

Our spaghetti also got moved to Feb. 2nd; Groundhog Day or more importantly, Presentation of the Lord. There were two significant people at the Temple to greet the Lord, Simeon and Anna. They had been given special knowledge about Jesus being the Messiah and were blessed to see him early in His life. They were considered "God Receivers" They were both very old and very respected so whatever they said was also highly regarded. They were some of the last prophets of the Old Testament and were both shining examples of God keeping his promises.

With any luck, we will not miss too many classes because of weather. It is especially important for our Confirmation class to meet as that Sacrament is March 22. There is always much for these students to do, but as it was said at the beginning of the year, it is their time to step up and be responsible for their role in their Confirmation. Catechists, parents and sponsors can only guide them in the right direction. They have agreed that "yes" I believe what our Church stands for and will be an active participant in that faith. We will have 16 Candidates this year.

I have the names out of our First Communion children that if you are willing, can adopt and pray for this year. First Communion will be the Sunday after Easter as is tradition. You may pray for these children and/or give them small gifts if you want. You may remain anonymous or reveal yourself on First Communion. This is a unique way for the parish to be involved.

## Thank You, Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to Fr. Tim, The Rosary Altar Society and all who remembered us with prayers, cards and flowers at the time of Dick's passing. Your kindness will be remembered.

*Mitzi Maranell and Dick's Children*

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, Jan. 27

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

Tuesday, Jan. 28

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration

5:45 p.m.: CDA meets in Nazareth Hall.

RCIA at Milford.

Wednesday, Jan. 29

3:40-5 p.m.: Rel. Ed grades K-4

7-8 p.m.: Rel. Ed for grades 5-12

Thursday, Jan. 30

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

5-9 p.m.: Annie's Project, basement

Friday, Jan. 31

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

Saturday, Feb. 1

1 p.m.: Set up for spaghetti Dinner.

Sunday, Feb. 2

11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Annual Spaghetti Dinner.



PLAN To attend the  
**Annual Spaghetti  
Dinner  
Sunday,  
Feb. 2**

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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.

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**If you are unable to fulfill the job you signed up for on Jan. 19, please call the office. Otherwise we will plan on the same workers Sunday, Feb. 2.**

**THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS** will meet in Nazareth Hall Tues., Jan. 28 following the 5:15 Mass. The lunch committee is Karen Naber, Bonnie Simonson, Marlys Nolan, Becky Wittrock and Lynnette Cook.

**THE MILFORD Kiwanis Club** will host their annual Kiwanis Soup & Pie Dinner this Sun., Jan. 26, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Okoboji High School all-purpose room. Proceeds will be donated the Okoboji Fine Arts Parents. The Okoboji High School Jazz Band will perform. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$4 for school-age children.

## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.



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

**The Presentation of the Lord**  
Sat., Feb. 1 @ 4:30 p.m.

**KC Mass**

**EMES:** (6) KC members

**GREETERS:** KC members

**LECTOR:** Don Breuker

**SERVERS:** Bryce Anderson, Kaleb Peschong

**USHERS:** KC Members

**GIFTS:** KC Members

**Sun., Feb. 2 @ 8 a.m.**

**EMES:** (5) Barb and Robert Kollasch, Deb Travis,

Kathy Eilers, Darlene Moritz

**GREETERS:** Volunteers

**LECTOR:** Cheryl Houseman

**SERVERS:** Simon Walleck, Kaela Weston

**USHERS:** Tom and Terri Rierison

**GIFTS:** Jeff and Pat Rolfes

**Sun., Feb. 2 @ 10 a.m.**

**EMES:** (6) Terry and Lori Gray, Mike and Becky Wittrock, Paul and Holly Skopec

**GREETERS:** Jack and Julie Kliegl

**LECTOR:** Beth Lorch

**SERVERS:** Nick Stein, Austin Harms

**USHERS:** Curt and Susan Willette

**GIFTS:** Mike Wittrock Family

**CHILDREN'S LIT:** Sharon Mayer

**PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY** from the St. Joseph Parish Family to Paul Petitti on the death of his mother, +Joann Petitti, of St. Petersburg, FL., who died Tues., Jan. 21. Funeral services are pending in Florida at this time.

## Thank You, Thank You!

✓ My thanks to all at St. Joseph's for your prayers for me, good wishes and cards while I had surgery and was hospitalized at the Mayo Clinic. I am making a slow recovery and I can foresee months of recuperation ahead! I am grateful for your continuing prayerful remembrance.

*Fr. Tom*

✓ Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who covered the parish office while I was on vacation.

*Susan Reiser*

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

The watchword today is "immediately." Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond *immediately* to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God's call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!

*Weekly budget needs are \$7,582*

**Jan. 18-19, 2020**

Weekly: \$3,397.00

Kids: \$3.00

Loose: \$882.10

First Envelope: \$3.00

Peace & Justice: \$20.00

Candles: \$20.00

Youth Ministry: \$150.00

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, Jan. 25**

4:30 p +Rita Wuebker

+Tom Wuebker

**Sunday, Jan. 26**

8 a Liv/Dec Kane Family

10 a +Floyd Sporrer

**Monday, Jan. 27**

7:30 a +Joe Schmitz

**Tuesday, Jan. 28**

5:15 p +Rita Wuebker

+Tom Wuebker

Dec. & Liv. CDA members

**Wednesday, Jan. 29**

7:30 a +Charles Berg

**Thursday, Jan. 30**

7:30 a +Mary Delaney

**Friday, Jan. 31**

7:30 a Special Intention (JLW)

10:30 a +Ralph Nordstrom

**Saturday, Feb. 1**

4:30 p +Steven Jones

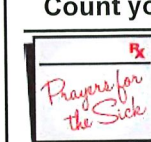
**Sunday, Feb. 2**

8 a +Viril & +Carol Rolfes

10 a +Lorraine Kenney

+Jim and +Phyllis Streit

## Count your Blessings!



**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:** Fr. John Vakulskas, Pam Cerny, 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 Budden, Jan James, Sharon Forsman, Aden Remme, Jeff Harbst, Esther Baxter, Melissa Hruby, David Smith, Jean Stilley and Howie Holdenried. Call office to add names.

