

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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FEB. 16, 2020

"I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon the earth and be an atheist. But I cannot conceive how a man could look up into the heavens and say there is no God." Beautiful quote from Abraham Lincoln whose birthday quietly passed last Wednesday. His Christian faith was based on humor not scorn, on reflection not righteousness, on empathy not judgment, on willingness not willfulness, on a gentle spirit not aggression; on the faith of a God before and above him who graced his vocation as a husband and father, and leader of our nation. His blessings and weaknesses tempered his hope for all regardless of color or creed or background.

In less than two weeks we begin the season of Lent, a gift of personal and communal preparation, humbly inviting or re-inviting God into our daily lives, decisions and relationships. By chance or by grace our parish facilities is being used next weekend for two different retreats: Catholic Daughter sponsored day long gathering for women directed by Fr. Tim Schott providing individuals the time to gain insights and reflect on their relationship with God. Information is included in the bulletin.

In our church basement facilities, a group of men from Carroll will lead the CHRP (Christ Renews His Parish) men's retreat, beginning the morning of Saturday the 23 and ending Sunday early afternoon.

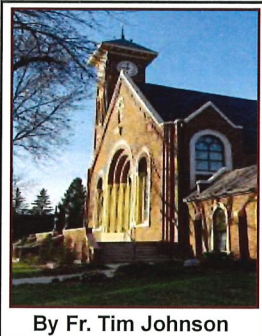
Following the format used for parishes throughout the United States, this retreat is encouraging, thoughtful, quietly guiding each participant to listen to their own stories and experiences in life. Through the aid of donors the retreat is free to all participants. Applications and information available in the parish office. Or you may contact Bill Kersting, the coordinator who lives in Spencer: 712-363-1613; email: kersting@smunet.net

Again this Lenten season the diocese is sponsoring a woman's retreat on Saturday, March 28th in Storm Lake (St. Mary's Parish Center); and a men's retreat on Saturday, April 4th in LeMars, (All Saints Parish Center). Both retreats will provide a meal and time for personal reflection, under the guidance of a guest director.

Enjoy the annual parish pancake breakfast this Sunday morning, served in our parish hall. Delicious flapjacks with amenities, especially the hospitality of our volunteers. Good beginning to a winter day. Only one question: do you use the maple syrup sparingly with a good amount of heart healthy butter melting on top, or do you prefer your pancakes swimming in a decent amount of syrup?? Either way, enjoy.

Because one of the glass 'cruets' cracked, we needed to purchase a new set. Cruets are the small glass vessels that hold the water and wine used in our Catholic Mass. Some years ago a family donated towards that set of cruets; and possibly someone would like to donate towards this new set of glass cruets in memory of a family member. Please call the office for information.

Fr. Tim



By Fr. Tim Johnson

FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

The flu bug has certainly made its presence known here lately. We hope everyone is in full recovery as we approach the Lenten season. The Clorox Company must be happy! My thanks to the Scouts that were able to attend Scout Sunday last week. They were Cub leader Steve Anderson, Alex Anderson, Elliott Chaffin, Liam Miller and Boy Scout Will Anderson. Due to other conflicts we were missing a couple. It was a treat for me to honor them.

Mardi Gras was moved up a week to last Wednesday due to a possible basketball conflict this coming Wednesday. It was a valiant effort from Shane, Cain, Pam, Loretta and myself to try to get everything ready for a wonderful evening but at 3:25 p.m. Mother Nature had other plans and the event was cancelled. Mardi Gras is a true Catholic celebration that takes place at different cities across the globe. We are most familiar with the one in New Orleans. This event is hallmarked with beads, masks, costumes and parades. Purple, gold and green are the colors of Mardi Gras which celebrates our life and all the good things that we have to enjoy from food to material things but come Ash Wednesday... the first day of Lent, you had better be prepared for giving up those things and turning to God for a look inwards. We try to bring a taste of that to our older students, but last Wednesday it wasn't meant to be. We will see about a future date.

In a week and a half, we will celebrate Ash Wednesday with several Masses. One is at 4 p.m. and will be the 4th grade class Mass. Another will begin a little after 7 p.m. and that will be the 11th grade class Mass. Families and parishioners are welcome at either Mass. Soup will be served in between the two so no need to cook that night. For the season of Lent I am offering my Lenten meal/craft for our religious education families beginning the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday. More on that next weekend.

Looking Ahead....

- ✓ Wed., Feb. 26: Ash Wednesday Mass at 730 a.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. the CDA will serve soup from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m.
- ✓ Sun., March 15, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Annual Chicken N' Noodle Dinner, Parish Center.
- ✓ Sun., March 15: 1:30 p.m. Lenten Reconciliation at St. Joseph
- ✓ Sun., March 22: 1:30 p.m. Confirmation at St. Mary's, Spirit Lake.
- ✓ Fri., April 3, 9:30 a.m. Lenten Ecumenical Serviat at St. Joseph

UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, Feb. 17

6 p.m.: Blue Water Quilters in Parish Center.

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

Tuesday, Feb. 18

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

RCIA at Spirit Lake

Wednesday, Feb. 19

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

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

Thursday, Feb. 20

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

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

Friday, Feb. 21

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

Sunday, Feb. 22

8 a.m.: CHRP Men's Retreat until Sunday at 4 p.m.

8:30 a.m.: Pre-Lenten retreat presided by CDA State Chaplain Fr. Tim Schott, of Carroll. . Open to all. Rolls at 8:30 a.m.; retreat at 9:30. Confessions at 3 p.m. Reservations to Darlene Moritz, 330-6725. Cost is \$10. Call with questions or concerns.

CHRP Retreat Feb. 22-23

CHRP/Welcome Retreat for men will be held at our church facilities on the 22nd/23rd. Open to all men from our parish and surrounding parishes. Because of the generosity of donors, there are no fees for those who participate. We are blessed to have a group of eleven Catholic men from the diocese who have been preparing to lead this retreat. Forms are in the office or you may contact Bill Kersting of Spencer for further information (363-1613). CHRP/Welcome is a national Catholic retreat for both men and women; and we hope a Women's CHRP/Welcome retreat will be held in the fall.

THE DEADLINE for submitting items for the March newsletter is Thurs., Feb. 20 at noon.

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

PRAYERS and sympathy from the St. Joseph Parish Family to Pat Graves on the death of her husband, +Gordy, who died Sun., Feb. 2. His Mass of Christian Burial was held Sat., Feb. 8 at St. Joseph.

FUNERAL Group #6 will handle the next funeral luncheon.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat., Feb. 22 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: (6) Jerilyn Streit, Alex Jones, , Marlys Nolan, Bonnie Duhn, Brad Shell, Karen Naber

GREETERS: Volunteers

LECTOR: Roger Moss

SERVERS: Jerron Heller, Jocelyn Heller

USHERS: Kraninger Family

GIFTS: Eldon Kraninger Family

Sunday, Feb. 23 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: (5) Steve and Kris Feld, Darlene Moritz, Mary Dunleavy, Cory Knudtson

GREETERS: Ron and Carol Swartz

LECTOR: Jeff Rolfes

SERVERS: Jay Garcia, Asher Knudtson

USHERS: Doug Heller, Ron and Carol Swartz

GIFTS: Volunteers

Sunday, Feb. 23 @ 10 a.m.

EMES: (6) Bill and Cheryl Aumer, Pete and Sara Laven, Aaron and Erin Lorch

GREETERS: Jack and Julie Kliegl

LECTOR: Susan Willette

SERVERS: Jack Laven, Dawson Kuker

USHERS: Wayne and Barb Woodley

GIFTS: Volunteers

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Faith Garcia

Plan to attend our
Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast THIS Sunday, Feb. 16. 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Parish
Free will offering.
All welcome.



Spaghetti Dinner Update

Income: \$2,211.00 # Served: 228

Expenses: \$251.56* Net: \$1,959.44

*Hamburger and milk were donated by two parishioners. This includes advertising costs.

Thanks to all who provided food, worked or attended the 2020 Spaghetti Dinner. Extra bread was frozen and will be used at Lenten Soup Suppers. We were about six bags of lettuce short. We had plenty of bars.

Stewardship involves more than just the gift we bring to the altar. Today's readings say clearly that it is fidelity to God's law that makes our offering acceptable.

Weekly budget needs are \$7,582

Feb. 1-2, 2020

Weekly: \$11,665.75

R/A Dues: \$30.00

Endowment: \$32.00

Peace & Justice: \$170.00

Briar Cliff: \$100.00

Buiding: \$363.00

Feb. 8-9, 2020

Loose: \$760.00

Loose: \$1,323.00

First Offering: \$3.00

Candles: \$328.51

Children: \$20.35



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Feb. 15

4:30 p St. Joseph Parish

Sunday, Feb. 16

8 a St. Joseph Parish

10 a St. Joseph Parish

Monday, Feb. 17

7:30 a +Bill Badding

Tuesday, Feb. 18

5:15 p +Thomas John Oleson

Liv. & Dec. Kane Family

Wednesday, Feb. 19

7:30 a +Susan Green & Fam.

Thursday, Feb. 20

7:30 a Liv/Dec Kane Family

Friday, Feb. 21

7:30 a +Lois Sporrer

10:30 a Special Intention (JLW)

Saturday, Feb. 22

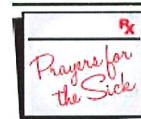
4:30 p +Patty Zweibahmer

Sunday, Feb. 23

8 a +Irene Clark

10 a +Norma & Fritz Thoma

+Floyd Sporrer



Please pray for these
St. Joseph
Parishioners:

Elizabeth Knudtson, Mike Wilison, Geneva Knudtson, Roger Wittrock, Rick DeMuth, Connie Jackson, Fr. Tom Flanagan, Bev Sporrer, 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:

Peggy Reit, Fr. John Vakulskas, Pam Cerny, Charlotte Tiesler, Tailen Sturtz, Aimee Wallrich, Sara Springer, Betty Taylor, Mary Vogel, Diane De Vries, Marilyn Mertz, Jan Wolf, Peggy Price, Joan Mertz, John Bruening, Ann Willette, Ashlyn Clark, Jerry Wolford, Kami Svoboda, Darrel Wedeking, Dan Mulder, Pam Meyer, 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 Stillely and Howie Holdenried. Call office to add names.