

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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FEB. 23, 2020

"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy." (Pope Francis). So quickly following the beginning of the new year we enter the Lenten Season. (Which is promising as we consider the weeks of winter now passed.) Ash Wednesday Masses this week are at 7:30 a.m., 4 p.m. & 7 p.m. on the 26th. Aiding our personal Lenten resolutions is the Church's requirement of abstinence from all meat products on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of this season. We are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, not eating between meals and restricting ourselves to one full meal on those days. Consider what you can do personally—guided by the Church's emphasis on prayer, fasting and almsgiving—to "reawaken" our faith. Whatever steps we take for our personal journey of faith through Lent, may our efforts be a positive step towards our relationship with God and with others around us. Following the Tuesday evening Mass different groups will prepare a soup supper for anyone. Stations of the Cross will be offered on Wednesday and Friday mornings before the 7:30am Mass, and after one of the weekend Masses.

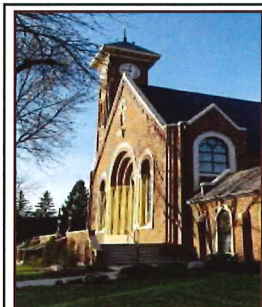
Throughout the dioceses in the US all parishes are offered the annual "Rice Bowl" program; a means of sacrificing for the support of Catholic Relief Services in their outreach to the struggling outside of our country, along with local parish charitable efforts. Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. CRS supports the dignity of the most vulnerable by responding to major emergencies, fighting disease and poverty, and nurturing peaceful and just societies. Half of the donations through the Rice Bowls collected will go to CRS and the other half to our sister parish in Haiti. Haiti has an estimated population of 11,000,000 devastated by the 2010 earthquake, constant political instability, and substandard living conditions. Rice Bowls with your donations may be returned anytime during Holy Week and placed in front of the altar.

Thank you to Polly Connor who donated the cost of the new cruets used during Mass. Our previous pair had to be replaced because of a crack within the glass. Thank you Polly for your kindness and faith.

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst. . . 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor—He knows your weakness. He wanted only your love, wants only the chance to love you." (St. Mother Teresa)

Fr. Tim

The Catholic Daughters meet February 25th following the 5:15 Mass in Nazareth Hall. Lunch committee is Loretta Halbur, Chr., Patti Scott, Faith Garcia, Teresa Abbas and Bonnie Duhn. All women of St. Joseph's are invited and encouraged to consider joining CDA and you are welcome at this meeting on Tuesday evening.



By Fr. Tim Johnson

FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

As I write this bulletin, we lost class on the 12th due to weather and on the 19th so we were free to cheer on our girls' basketball team. We will be here this Wednesday for Ash Wednesday Masses. Our 4th graders will help with duties at the 4 p.m. Mass and our 11th graders will help at the 7 p.m. Mass.

We have not had an opportunity to talk about the Lenten season with our older students yet but have with our younger ones. We explain why we get Ashes to begin this season and encourage them to give up something they really like to do or eat such as a computer game or a favorite pop etc.... Lent is a reach for us. Reaching out to the Lord and asking to be more like Him.

During the weeks of Lent, I will be offering supper and a Lenten craft to be made and taken home to be put in a prominent place during the season. This will start the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. There is no cost involved but let me know how many are coming from your family so that I have enough food and materials by Tuesday noon before each Wednesday. We took a break from this last year, but I am bringing it back as it is a nice thing to do for you and makes this important season of our church personal to your family. You will not have to cook that evening! I ask that you sit as a family through supper, lesson and craft. We are usually completed by 6:15-6:30. Please join us for all or some of the Wednesdays.

Something else that has been a staple in our community for 42 years now is the Friday Ecumenical services. This year they will begin on March 6th at Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church at 9:30 am with World Day of Prayer. These services are only about 30 minutes and end with a coffee gathering. It is unique to be able to continue this for such a long time. St. Joseph has been a part of this for these many years. Our service will be on April 3rd. Please consider attending all or part of these for a Lenten devotion.

Then, a meaningful devotion to me is our Lenten soup suppers. These begin Wednesday night with the CDA cooking. They will continue through Lent on Tuesdays after evening Mass. If you like soup and can add Mass to your schedule, come here as it is wonderful.

In today's first reading, the Israelites are urged to love their neighbors as themselves. In the Gospel, Jesus spells out how we are to do that --to give generously to those who ask of us and not to turn our backs on those who seek to borrow.

Weekly budget needs are \$7,582

Feb. 15-16, 2020

Weekly: \$5,822.75 Loose: \$898.75
Peace & Justice: \$75.00 Candles: \$62.36
Endowment: \$20.00 Childrens: \$7.50 R/A: \$10.00



UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, Feb. 24

6:30 p.m.: Driver's Ed in basement.

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

Tuesday, Feb. 25

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

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

RCIA at Milford.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS: 7:30 a.m.

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

Lenten Soup Supper by CDA 4:45-6:45 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS @ 4 & 7 pm

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

Thursday, Feb. 27

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

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

5:30 p.m.: Praise Band, church

6 p.m.: KC's meet in Nazareth Hall.

6:30 p.m.: Driver's Ed, basement

Friday, Feb. 28

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

LENTEN Soup Suppers begin Wed., Feb. 26 with the CDA preparing wild rice, corn chowder, tomato bisque and potato soup. Please join them from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast Update

Income: \$1,574.25

Served: 200

Expenses: \$260.00*

Net: \$1,574.25

*Thanks to the following for their donations: to Ron and Carol Swartz for the sausage patties, to Bonnie and Tom Lambert for six dozen eggs and to United Community Bank for the pancake batter, butter, milk and advertising costs. Thanks to all who attended and enjoyed the food.

**Last week we printed that 228 persons attend the Spaghetti Dinner. The attendance actually was 247 as we had 47 take-outs and deliveries that day. Our next "food" event is the annual Chicken N' Noodle Dinner on Sun., March 15, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. This is our most labor intensive meal beginning with chicken prep Friday morning, March 13, noodle making Friday afternoon, table set-up and potato peeling Sat., March 14 at 1 p.m. and then the big dinner Sunday where we expect to serve 500 persons. If you have any time to spare, we need your help. Call the parish office if you have questions otherwise sign-up on the volunteer sheets on the lobby windows.

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

ASH WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26, 2020

Mass at 7:30 a.m.

Ministerial duties to be handled by the usual Wednesday volunteers. Fr. Tim will distribute ashes at all Masses on Ash Wednesday. The 4 and 7:05 p.m. Ash Wednesday Masses will be attended by Faith Formation students and are open to the public as well. Soup by the CDA will be served from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m. In addition, ushers will be needed as there is a collection that day. *Indicates Ash Distributor. Please see Fr. Tim prior to this time for instruction.

Mass at 4 p.m.

4th Grade Class Mass

EMES: (5) Denise Cole*, Carol Lee, Marlene Nelsen*, Karen Naber, Patti Scott*

GREETERS: Students

LECTOR: Students

SERVERS: Loretta Halbur, Ron Swartz

USHERS: Kathy Eilers, Bonnie Duhn, Students

GIFTS: Students

Mass at 7 p.m.

11th Grade Class Mass

EMES: (5) Pete and Sara Laven, Chris Hinshaw*, Alex Jones*, Susan Willette*

GREETERS: Students

LECTOR: Student

SERVERS: Jaden Heller, Dawson Kuker

USHERS: Bill and Cheryl Aumer & Students

GIFTS: Students

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday, Feb. 29 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: (6) Marlys Nolan, Tony Peschong, Brad Shell, Bev Kruger, Connie Hinrichs, Mark Kollasch

GREETERS: Marian Feldhacker

LECTOR: Joseph Schmidt

SERVERS: Aubrey Knudtson, Dalton Kilgore

USHERS: Kraninger Family

GIFTS: Tony Peschong Family

Sunday, March 1 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: (5) Pat and Jeff Rolfes, Steve and Kris Feld, Faith Garcia

GREETERS: Barbara and Robert Kollasch

LECTOR: Teresa Place

SERVERS: Addison Frerichs, Andrew Frerichs

USHERS: Tom and Terri Rierson

GIFTS: Volunteers

Sunday, March 1 @ 10 a.m.

EMES: (6) Beth Lorch, Mary Dunleavy, Dick and Connie Mataloni, Jerilyn Streit, Chad Harms

GREETERS: Volunteers

LECTOR: Roger Moss

SERVERS: Simon Walleck, Jay Garcia

USHERS: Donna Clark, Jack & Julie Kliegl

GIFTS: Volunteer

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Patti Scott

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Feb. 22

4:30 p +Patty Zweibahmer

Sunday, Feb. 23

8 a +Irene Clark

10 a +Norma & Fritz Thoma

+Floyd Sporrer

Monday, Feb. 24

7:30 a +Bud Brooks

Tuesday, Feb. 25

5:15 p +Jim Cates

Liv. & Dec. CDA Members

Wednesday, Feb. 26

7:30 a +Isabel Klein

4 p +Dennis Kasperbauer

7 p +Eileen Herbers

Thursday, Feb. 27

7:30 a +John A. Behrens

Friday, Feb. 28

7:30 a Liv/Dec Kane Family

10:30 a +Ralph Nordstrom

Saturday, Feb. 29

4:30 p +Bonnie Thein

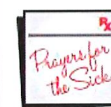
+Rita Wuebker, +Tom Wuebker

Sunday, March 1

8 a +Tom Wittrock

10 a +Lorraine Kenney

+Jim & +Phyllis Streit



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, 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: Kevin Wittrock, 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 Stilley and Howie Holdenried.