

## 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

**Milford Community Center**  
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MARCH 1, 2020

With the sale agreement of her house, Mary Lou has informed us she will be moving to Omaha this Spring. For a number of years she has managed and cared for the clothing room and the many many individuals who donated clothes and those who needed clothing items. She has protected the clothing room from being misused, as well as assuring the clothing items were clean and appropriate for people in need. Msgr. Siegfried asked her to manage the clothing room following the death of her husband. Along with her husband, Mary Lou started up our parish garage sale. Initially housed in the parish garage, it soon outgrew the space calling for the construction of our present metal building on the west side of the parking lot. Again, Mary Lou has devoted many, many hours to assure quality items are received, organized and fairly priced for individuals searching for household goods. She has put in more hours and care than many of us would know. Her faith and generosity have made a difference shared within our parish.

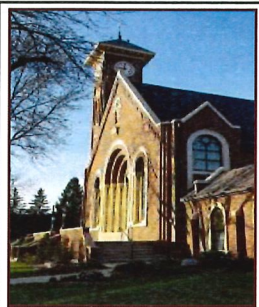
If anyone is interested in helping out with the clothing room, or managing the parish Garage Sale please contact me. Presently we begin accepting garage sale items in the late winter/spring, and offer the items on four weekends: Memorial Day weekend, Fourth of July weekend, Pioneer Days weekend and Labor Day weekend. Call the office if you have any questions.

Our diocese has offered the following as a personal reflection guiding our faith through these forty days of Lent:

We can all agree it has been a trying time in our Catholic faith. Now, more than ever, we need to work together to raise up our faith, show our support, and make time to examine how we can be a positive force in our Catholic church, locally and across the board. With the beginning of Lent it is an opportune time to reflect on what you can do to offer the Lord more. Ask yourself these questions:

1. What do I give to my church in terms of Time, Talent, Treasure? 2. Do I go to church on Sundays and leave right after church without greeting someone or anyone new, or saying Thank You to the Lord for my blessings? 3. If I feel as though I am not getting anything out of my faith... what am I giving? 4. Do I ever attend daily mass, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or pray at home with my family? 5. Am I consistently asking for God's help in stressful moments, without thanking Him for my life and comforts? 6. What blessings do I have in my life? (health, place to live, spouse, friends, children, job, car, etc.). 7. How can I actively enhance my faith during the next 40 days? 8. Is there something more I share with my parish besides my faith and presence at the Eucharist?

On this 1st Sunday of Lent those who are in RCIA (preparing to be received into our Catholic faith) will take a step forward with their assent before Bishop Nickless at the Rite of Election. Traditionally the Bishop meets all those preparing to be received into our Catholic faith at one of two locations: St. Mary in Storm Lake, and the Cathedral in Sioux City. These candidates have chosen a 'sponsor' to support them during RCIA, and a Saint's name reflecting some aspect of who they are in God's eyes. We share the RCIA program with St. Mary parish, Spirit Lake. Please pray for these individuals, and



By Fr. Tim Johnson

## FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

The most serious of our church seasons has begun. The Sundays of Lent give us scriptures we are very familiar with. We need these reminders about how Jesus walked through these times. It helps our children become familiar with stories of His life and then THEY can tell you about them.

Last Wednesday we had wonderful participation for the class Masses. 4th grade doing a super job and, in the evening, the 11th grade with the help of some 12th, and 7th graders. Attendance was terrific by our students and families. Thank you. We installed two new altar servers, Kaela and Ethan Weston who both did a marvelous job at their first try with the help of experienced servers. It takes everyone working together to make special Masses even better.

Today, we hear how Jesus was tempted by the devil. He tried his hardest to get Jesus off track but no deal. Jesus put Himself to the test by eating little for forty days. Hardship and temptation- can you overcome them? Our children are tempted every day; friends that have possessions that perhaps they can't afford or get to go on trips that would be impossible for their family. Bombarded by things on the internet more so than the T.V. or printed material almost non-stop. Parents need to be so vigilant but more so, need to guide them to not want all of this. Jesus was well focused on what God thought He needed.

We can all get off track. Lent is a time for us to realign ourselves with Jesus and the work at hand. Can we resist the daily temptations? Would you rather go out for breakfast and skip Mass? Can you do both? Would you rather buy a new TV than give to the church? Hmmm. Could you add a Mass to your schedule during Lent? Even if the rest of the year you do as normal please use this season to teach your children that it is in giving that we receive. Jesus gave His all for us and we should give back without hesitation. Rice bowls are out for you. They are for your family to put in some money as a means of giving to the needy this Lent. Please give what you can even pocket change.

On the Wednesdays of Lent, I will offer supper, lesson and craft to be displayed in your home for our families. This begins at 5:15 with a meal followed the lesson/craft and done by 6:15. RSVP to me on the Tuesday before by noon so that I have enough food and materials. This is all free and you don't have to cook! I am happy to do this for you. Our food is kid friendly, and the craft is done together as a family at your table. Another way to make Lent great!

A BIG thank you to the parishioners donated a 55-inch TV to the religious education program. We needed it very much and I thank you with all my heart.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Monday, March 2

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

### Tuesday, March 3

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

5:15: Mass

5:45 p.m.: Lenten Soup Supper by Jones & Crew.

RCIA at Spirit Lake.

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

### Wednesday, March 4

8 a.m.: Peace & Justice Committee meets in Nazareth Hall.

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

5:15 p.m.: Lenten Event

5:30 p.m.: Miracle Choir practice, church

6:45 p.m.: Family Formation

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

### Thursday, March 5

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

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

### Friday, March 6

9:30 a.m.: World Day of Prayer at Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church, Milford. This is the first of the Friday Lenten Ecumenical services planned this year.

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

### Saturday, March 7

5:30 p.m.: 80th Birthday Party for Marlene Nelsen in Parish Center. All are invited.

### LENTEN SOUP UPDATE

Attendance: 105

Income: \$400.85

Expense: \$163.19\*

Net: \$237.66

Thank you to the CDA for preparing and serving the Ash Wednesday soup and clean-up following. \*Thank you to Loretta Halbur and Bob and Kathy Eilers for their donations of soup ingredients. The next Soup Supper is Tues., March 3 with Jones and Crew preparing chili, vegetable beef and a surprise soup.

### THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

✓ Thank you to all who supported and contributed to the Catholic Daughter Layette. The cradle was full of wonderful baby items. There was enough items to help Lakes Regional Hospital of Spirit Lake. Birthright and Catholic Charities of Spencer, Iowa.

✓ Thank you to Fr. Tim for the wonderful service and to Funeral Group 5 for serving Gordy's funeral luncheon. Your thoughtfulness was appreciated. **Pat Graves**

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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

### Second Sunday of Lent Saturday, March 7 @ 4:30 p.m.

**EMES:** (6) Holly and Paul Skopec, Bonnie Duhn, Connie Lange, Mike and Becky Wittrock  
**GREETERS:** Bonnie Duhn, Kathy Eilers  
**LECTOR:** Nancy Crepeau  
**SERVERS:** Liam Knudtson, Asher Knudtson  
**USHERS:** Jim and Kathleen Baumgard  
**GIFTS:** Volunteers

### Sunday, March 8 @ 8 a.m.

**EMES:** (5) Robert and Barbara Kollasch, Larry Arndt, Jean Petitti, Deb Travis  
**GREETERS:** Volunteers  
**LECTOR:** David Johnson  
**SERVERS:** Deb and Mark Johnson  
**USHERS:** Ron and Carol Swartz  
**GIFTS:** Volunteers

### Sunday, March 8 @ 10 a.m.

**EMES:** (6) Jim and Laurie Murray, Erin and Aaron Lorch, Roger and Cheryl Moss  
**GREETERS:** Wayne and Barb Woodley, students  
**LECTOR:** Need lector here. Call the office.  
**SERVERS:** Abrey Knudtson, Adison Frerichs  
**USHERS:** Bill and Cheryl Aumer  
**GIFTS:** Volunteers  
**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Heidi Wittrock

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those teenagers within our parish to be Confirmed on the fourth Sunday, March 22.

Just a reminder: Soup Supper will be served in our parish hall following the Tuesday evening Mass (5:15) during Lent. Different groups prepare the soups and meal each week. Stations of the Cross will be offered before the Wednesday and Friday morning Masses. Likewise, the Stations of the Cross will be offered after a Mass each weekend during Lent. Confessions are always offered before each weekend and weekday Mass. And the traditional "Rice Bowl" program through Catholic Relief Services is open to anyone regardless of the amount you donate. Donations will go in support of our Catholic outreach to the suffering overseas, and towards our adopted parish in Haiti.

God Bless,

*Fr. Tim*

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

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!

Weekly budget needs are \$7,582

**Feb. 22-23, 2020**

Weekly: \$7,371.00

Loose: \$1,158.11

Candles: \$145.25

Peace & Justice: \$148.00

Childrens: \$29.00

Building: \$32.00

Misc.: \$30.00

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Feb. 29

4:30 p +Rita Wuebker  
+Tom Wuebker

Sunday, March 1

8 a +Tom Wittrock

10 a +Lorraine Kenney

+Jim & +Phyllis Streit

Monday, March 2

7:30 a +Jolene Trienen

Tuesday, March 3

5:15 p +Bud Brooks

Wednesday, March 4

7:30 a +Ann Leuer

Thursday, March 5

7:30 a +Lois Sporrer

Friday, March 6

7:30 a Special Intention (JLW)

10:30 a +Cindy Rush

Saturday, March 7

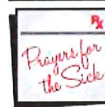
4:30 p +Bonnie Thein

Sunday, March 8

8 a +Jeffery Eggers

10 a +Steve Jones

**FUNERAL Group #6** will handle the next funeral luncheon.



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 Brunsvoild, 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 Holderried.