

MARCH 8, 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.

NAME: _____

Address: _____

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State: _____ Zip: _____

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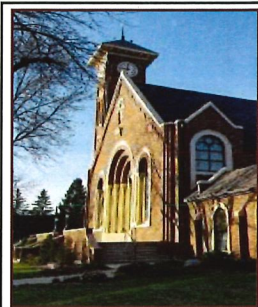
ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

Rohik Chiropractic & Acupuncture Clinic
Milford 712-338-2127

Bishop Nickless sent out a letter to each pastor last week-end asking us to be aware of and cautious about the spread of germs, colds, flu symptoms, and in particular the Coronavirus. Though reluctant at this time to declare an all-encompassing directive for all parishes, Bishop Nickless asked each of us to make our own judgment. As of this

weekend we are suspending (temporarily) the Blood of Christ offered at Communion. Likewise, we will suspend the Sign of Peace (temporarily) considering how germs could spread. Some parishes have initiated such changes earlier this winter season because of the outbreak of the flu and colds in their respective areas. Our Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Mutual Insurance have issued statements of caution and awareness in line with Bishop Nickless' directives. Our Bishop went on to state, "I would especially encourage you to be extra vigilant regarding the washing of hands as preventative practice, particularly by anyone involved in the distribution of holy Communion, the visiting of the sick, home bound and those in extended care facilities. . . Obviously, individual parishioners who are ill should be assured that they are not obligated to attend Mass . . . and exercise their best judgment about Mass and parish events."

As aspects of Vatican II were slowly incorporated into our Sunday Mass, the Sign of Peace and the offering of the Blood of Christ were two of the prevalent renewals within our liturgies that took place. In my hometown parish, indeed very German—parishioners were hesitant to offer the Sign of Peace (not quite comfortable with this outward expression of faith). In the same manner, very few received the Blood of Christ when it was initially offered to all during Communion. Our present Sign of Peace was a part of the very early Church, and practiced through the decades until the 17th century when it became relegated to those in the sanctuary. "Then after the Second Vatican Council the Church took a new look at the ancient custom and decided to restore the original action of the faithful. The sign of peace is a highly symbolic act that is meant to point towards the disposition of heart required for receiving the Holy Eucharist. It reminds the faithful that in order to be in full communion with Christ, one must first "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength," and not forget to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:30-31). Personally, though it was uncomfortable for me when initially re-instituted, it has been a significant ritual and gesture in my participation of the Eucharist. I hope we can re-instate this ritual soon with respect to all parishioners. I strongly believe the Blood of Christ should be offered to all who desire to receive as an essential part of our Communion, the Eucharist. For many decades the chalice was restricted to the priest presiding at the Mass. However, we remember the Gospel passages of the Last Supper: While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it,



By Fr. Tim Johnson

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FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

It has been a busy first week of Lent and unfortunately, we did not have our first Wednesday craft and supper. If families would like to sign up for this week, please do so by noon this coming Tuesday. Hopefully the practices of the Season of Lent have not fallen by the wayside. I would not like to face our Lord and have Him ask me "Did you walk with me for a time during Lent?" and my answer would be no.

I will admit as busy as we are, it takes extra effort to keep the practices of Lent at the front of the thought process. Is anyone following the sheet that Fr. Tim put out? I am and it is very gratifying. It is nothing hard but still a Lenten challenge. Has everyone picked up a Rice Bowl for Lent? I put all my change that I receive in it. We bring them back on Holy Thursday. Have you been to a soup supper yet after Mass on Tuesdays? Good stuff there.

Coming up this month, the ninth-grade students and their parents will have a Holy Spirit workshop on March 18 from 7-8. This is a required workshop as they make progress to Confirmation next year. Confirmation for our tenth grade will be on Sunday March 22 at Spirit Lake. Their names are found in the March newsletter. Our grades 5-12 will have an opportunity for reconciliation on March 25 during class time. Family members are welcome to come and receive the Sacrament at that time. Then to round out the month, our K, 1, and 6th grade students will have class Mass on March 29.

Fr. Tim

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and giving it to His disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Mt 26:26-28; cf. Mk 14:22-24, Lk 22:17-20, 1 Cor 11:23-25)

Please remember our Chicken Noodle Dinner next Sunday (the 15th), a long standing tradition of our parish. To this day the process of making the noodles remains the same.

Following the delicious meal, our parish will have our Lenten Communal Penance Service at 1:30, March 15, in our church. For the Lenten season and in preparation for Easter this Sacrament is a healing and gracious renewal of our relationship with God. "Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed." (Jeremiah 17:14)

God Bless. *Fr. Tim*

UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, March 9

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

Tuesday, March 10

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

5:15: Mass

5:45 p.m.: Lenten Soup Supper by Rosary/Altar volunteers

RCIA at Milford.

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

Wednesday, March 11

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

5:30 p.m.: Praise Band rehearsal.

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

Thursday, March 12

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

11 a.m.: "Ones" meet at Sunshine Deli, Mil.

5:15 p.m.: Finance Meeting, parish office.

Friday, March 13

9:30 a.m.: Lenten Ecumenical Service at Light of the Lakes, Arnolds Park.

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

12:30 p.m.: Noodle making for annual Chicken N' Noodle dinner.

Saturday, March 14

1 p.m.: (Sharp) Table setting and potato peeling for our annual Chicken N' Noodle dinner.

Sunday, March 15

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Annual Chicken N' Noodle Dinner, parish center.

March 3 SOUP UPDATE

Attendance: 66 Income: \$324.00

Expense: \$0* Net: \$324.00

Thank you to Alex and Deb Jones, Chris and Connie Jones, Charree Sweeten and Mary Lou Schroeder. *Thank you to the Jones families for covering the entire cost of the soup supper. The Rosary/Altar volunteers will be in charge of the soup Tues., March 10.

THE FINANCE Committee meets Thurs., March 12, 5:15 p.m. in the parish office.



PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY from the St. Joseph Parish Family to:

✓ the family of +Joan Langel, who died Fri., Feb. 28. Her Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, March 5 at St. Joseph; and to

✓ Connie Cable on the death of her husband, +Don, who died March 1. His funeral is Sat., March 21 at Excelsior United Methodist Church.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 14 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: (3) Kathy Eilers, Steve and Kris Feld

GREETERS: Volunteers

LECTOR: Joseph Schmidt

SERVERS: Addison and Andrew Frerichs

USHERS: Jeff and Pat Rolfes

GIFTS: Volunteers

Sunday, March 15 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: (3) Chris and Connie Bjornstad, Steve Eral,

GREETERS: Volunteers

LECTOR: Pat Carr

SERVERS: Jocelyn Heller, Jarron Heller

USHERS: Ron and Carol Swartz

GIFTS: Volunteers

Sunday, March 15 @ 10 a.m.

EMES: (3) Susan Willette, Donna Clark, Patti Scott

GREETERS: Jack and Julie Kliegl

LECTOR: Beth Lorch

SERVERS: Jack Laven, Austin Harms

USHERS: Donna Clark, Gary Espinoza

GIFTS: Jim Murray Family

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Faith Garcia

KEEPING IN LINE with Diocesan regulations, we will no longer extend the sign of peace and offer the Blood at Communion time. Therefore only three EME's will be needed at each Mass.

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

PLAN TO ATTEND the annual CHICKEN N' NOODLE Dinner Sunday, March 15 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



St. Joseph Parish Center

Those with last names A-M are asked to bring one homemade pie, a pan dessert or a cake; those with N-Z are asked to bring a salad that will feed 10-15 people.

Delivery Available - 338-2274

Some jobs remain. Sign-up today!

"Bear your share of the hardship which the gospel entails." St. Paul tells Timothy in today's second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share.?

Weekly budget needs are \$7,582

Feb. 29-March 1, 2020

Weekly: \$8,057.00 Loose: \$1,200.00 Candles: \$69.10

Peace & Justice: \$903.17 Childrens: \$15.00 Ash Wed: \$549.00

Building: \$233.00 Rental: \$975.00 Memorial: \$565.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 7

4:30 p +Bonnie Thein

Sunday, March 8

8 a +Jeffery Eggers

10 a +Steve Jones

Monday, March 9

7:30 a +Bud Brooks

Tuesday, March 10

5:15 p Special Int. (Fr. Tom)

+Edwin

Wednesday, March 11

7:30 a Halbur/Johnson Fam.

Thursday, March 12

7:30 a Liv/Dec Judy Foster Fam.

Friday, March 13

7:30 a L/D Judy Foster Fam.

10:30 a Special Int. (JLW)

Saturday, March 14

4:30 p +Ted Christensen

Sunday, March 15

8 a +John Cain

10 a +Ken Pick

+Todd Wittrock, Wittrock/Baxter Fam.

"THE ONES" will meet Thursday, March 12, 11 a.m. at the Sunshine Deli, in Milford.

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, Robert Rowland, Bill James, Marie Van Hofwegen, Ethel Wilson, Steve Painter, Ginny Yore, La-Donna Jansen, Dale Langel, Finley Brunsvold, Dee Bryant, Phyllis Hintz, Terry Abbas, Susan Robinson, Leona Spieker.

Other Special Persons: Kyle Pedley, 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.