

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 5, 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.

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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's Parish? Just fill out the coupon below and return to the office or in the collection basket.

NAME: _____

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ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

The Three Sons

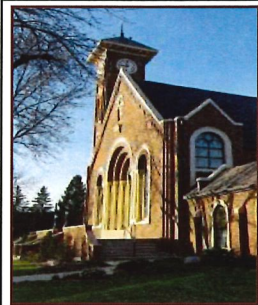
902-10th St.
Milford, IA

Reading seems to be a very healthy pastime during this alteration to our daily routines. Earlier this week I was given an old Sports Illustrated—dated September, 2002—because of an article pertaining to the greatest quarterback ever: Johnny Unitas. “Johnny U,” my childhood hero with his image and character indelibly marked in my memory. One of those interviewed in the article shared a proverb that caught my attention. “Tell me some facts and I’ll learn; tell me a truth and I’ll believe; but tell me a story and it’ll live in my heart forever.” Of all the story tellers—and I’ve heard the best including Leo Durocher, Garrison Keillor, Harry Chapin—the greatest of all of course is our Creator, God our Father. His story of creation, of life, and salvation reaches its pinnacle in the ‘paschal mystery’ of Christ Jesus. Our Holy Week is the story of the ultimate meaning of life, culminating in Jesus’ last moments with his apostles and Mary, his arrest and persecution, death and resurrection. Our Triduum liturgies dramatizes this story of our faith, of our purpose here on earth and the promise awaiting us. Though these liturgies will happen under unique circumstances which we understand, they will nonetheless convey the story of who we are called to be as Catholic-Christians. Our Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper will be on our website/Facebook sometime after 6 that evening. Good Friday Service will be on our website/Facebook sometime after 2pm that day. And Easter Sunday Mass will be on our website/Facebook sometime around 10am. I have to beg your forgiveness accidentally misleading you about the palms on Palm Sunday. Noting the threat of the virus passed on so easily the diocese requests we not bless the palms during this Sunday’s Mass. At a later time when we are able to share in the Eucharist as a parish family we will bless and offer the palms to the people.

Of our Holy Week and the liturgies that echo the story of our meaning here on earth, J.K. Rowling aptly and simply describes such truth: “There’s always room for a story that can transport people to another place.” And Bishop Fulton Sheen, God rest his soul, reminds us of the vital truth described in our Holy Week liturgies: “Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday.”

Holy Week Prayer:
Lord Jesus,
I pray today with Peter, who recoiled when you stooped to wash his feet: “Lord, wash, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.” And my heart. And my mind. And my life. Amen. May God bless your Holy Week story,

Fr. Tim



By Fr. Tim Johnson

FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

Happy Easter to everyone! Young or old I think all of us love Easter for many reasons. Children love it for the Easter eggs or Easter baskets. Adults love it because it means Spring, family, and good food. Beautiful plants abound from Easter forward. Our Lord gives us every reason to be happy in Him and to have hope in our life until the end when we can be happy in heaven. Easter is our reminder that no suffering is too great when you have our Lord’s help to get through it.

That is certainly true this year. I know people are praying hard every day for successes in dealing with this virus. All of us are experiencing new ways to find out how to appreciate our life. I am finding that people can be very creative. Despite so much sadness, people know there is hope at the end of the tunnel. There are joys to be found and a God who is with us.

We are in the holiest week of the year. It begins today with the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem to people cheering Him and waving palms. By the end of this week people will be jeering Him. How quickly things can change. This year we will have to follow our various Masses online. Not as good as being there but we can follow with our hearts. It gives us time to reflect that church is not about the building but its people.

On Good Friday, plan to spend time in adoration if you can, at home, reflecting on the sacrifice Jesus made. This can be done by following the Stations on our web page or find a couple of candles and a crucifix and set them up then read about His last few hours. Celebrate the resurrection on Easter Sunday by getting a spring flower, dressing up, setting a pretty table, appreciating family whether you can be with them physically or remotely.

The Lord overcame—we will overcome. I hope this week allows you to be grateful to Him no matter where we are today, knowing our hope is in Him.

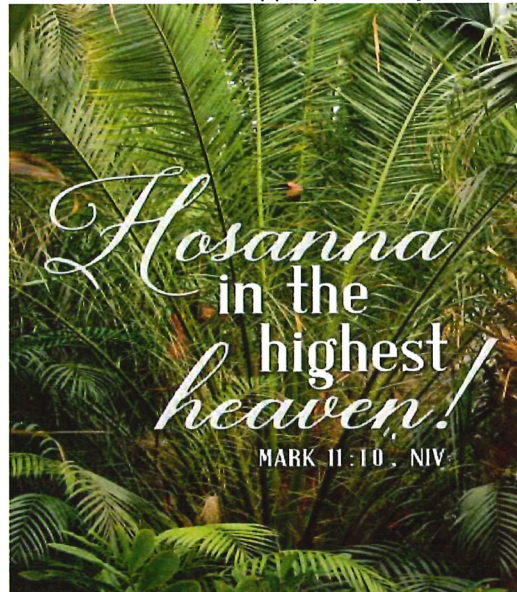
A Note From Fr. Tim

FYI: Indeed, God told me Johnny Unitas is and always will be the greatest quarterback. (Cardinal William Keenble presided at Johnny U’s funeral Mass at Mary Our Queen Cathedral in Baltimore, the oldest diocese in the United States.)

Holy Week Update

✓ Per Bishop Nickless, there will be no palms available. They will be made available at a later date to be determined.

✓ We will tape Holy Week Services. They will be available for viewing on the website or Facebook on the appropriate day.



The Bishop has ordered that all facilities and the parish office remain closed during the eight week quarantine. Calls are being taken by Susan at 338-4674 or 320-2584. Calls for Sharon are being taken at 330-6028. Thank you for your understanding.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: Our KC’s are starting a food/assistance project, “Helping Hands,” for persons in need. They plan to distribute food cards to those in need within our parish. If the parishioner needs assistance shopping, running errands or whatever need, they can call the parish office and a KC member will be dispatched to assist. The KC’s are asking parishioners to contribute, if able, to assist others in need. We are all in this together. Be kind. Be thoughtful of others who may need help.

TELL your friends our Mass is on Facebook or the website. We are new at this. Please bear with us as we move forward.

NEW ONLINE GIVING

We have just installed the capabilities for online stewardship. Check out our website or Facebook page for details or call the office to set up automatic payments.

HAPPY 63rd BIRTHDAY FR. TIM

With the cancellation of his birthday potluck, parishioners and friends of Fr. Tim are urged to remember him on his birthday, Sunday, April 5, with a card send to 1305 Okoboji Ave., Milford, IA 51351. It’s the best we can do under the circumstances.

PALM SUNDAY



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 4

4:30 p +Clara & +Fred Sporrer
+Dolores & +Maurice Fitzpatrick

Sunday, April 5

8 a +Jeffery Eggers
10 a +Jim & +Phyllis Streit
+Lorraine Kenney
+Todd Wittrock, Wittrock/Baxter Fam

Monday, April 6

7:30 a NO MASS

Tuesday, April 7

5:15 p +Tim Galm

Wednesday, April 8

7:30 a +Joe Schmitz

Thursday, April 9

7:30 a +Steve Jones

Friday, April 10

7:30 a No Intention

Saturday, April 11

8 p +Patty Zweibahmer

Sunday, April 12

8 a +Bill Badding
+Jeffery Eggers
10 a +Sr. Genny Morrissey
+Todd Wittrock
Wittrock/Baxter Families

Count your Blessings!



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, LaDonna Jansen, Dale Langel, Finley Brunsvold, Dee Bryant, Phyllis Hintz, Terry Abbas, Susan Robinson, Leona Spieker.

Other Special Persons: Kathy Kapustka, Kristin Meyer, Leo Trebbien, 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 Stille and Howie Holdenried.