

JAN. 17, 2021

## 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.: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Fri.: 8 a.m. - 12 noon

#### RECONCILIATION:

3:30 pm Sat;

7:30 am & 9:30 am Sun

#### 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.

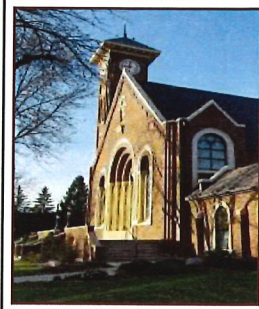
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#### ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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The last few days I have been feeling that a bit of me is coming home. Since my childhood I have been hanging out at St. Joseph here in Milford. As a kid we came here when visiting the area. In graduate school I did my research and thesis on architect William Steele, the man who designed our beautiful church building. I have completed research on Emil Fry the German-born designer of our stained-glass windows. Since my early years as a priest, I have attended delightful Labor Day and Memorial Day hospitality events here at St. Joseph. During my assignment at nearby St. Mary's, I assisted here on many occasions for weddings and funerals, for Confirmations and Confessions and for weekday Masses. I am proud to say that I can count several of my predecessors here at St. Joe's as my friends. Indeed, I feel like a part of me has already known and enjoyed the graces of this holy place. I am very grateful for the warm and gentle welcome that many have extended to me during these last couple of days. Months ago, when I was told of my assignment here I began to pray for all of you. I beg your prayers for me. I pray that every bit of every ounce of energy that I will spend here will be about Jesus and His mission. I hope and pray that together we will help to build up the Kingdom of God here in Dickenson County. Our most important task together will be to celebrate the Lord's Supper at Holy Mass. There we will give praise and thanks God together, we will dive into his Sacred Word and we will allow the Lord to nourish us so that we can in turn nourish each other. May God be praised in all we do together and may God bless

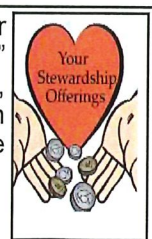


By Fr. Brian Hughes

#### THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who stepped in at the last moment to help move Fr. Tim to Boone on Tuesday and help move in Fr. Hughes at Milford on Tuesday and Wednesday. We appreciate your spur of the moment availability to assist.

In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the Psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."



**Jan. 9-10, 2021**  
Weekly Env: \$5,362.05 Loose: \$1,381.00  
Religious Ed: \$540.00 P and J: \$97.00  
Endowment: \$50.00 Cans: \$310.40

## SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

### The Year of St. Joseph

This last December 8th our Holy Father declared a year dedicate to the memory of St. Joseph. 2021 is the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as the Patron Saint of the universal church. For the next weeks we will be sharing short reflections from Pope Francis's new apostolic letter *Patris Corde* (With a Father's Heart). This year will be a great opportunity for us to grow in our appreciation of St Joseph in the life of Jesus. Here is today's excerpt from *Patris Corde*:

#### APOSTOLIC LETTER

WITH A FATHER'S HEART: that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as "the son of Joseph". [1]

Matthew and Luke, the two Evangelists who speak most of Joseph, tell us very little, yet enough for us to appreciate what sort of father he was, and the mission entrusted to him by God's providence.

We know that Joseph was a lowly carpenter (cf. Mt 13:55), betrothed to Mary (cf. Mt 1:18; Lk 1:27). He was a "just man" (Mt 1:19), ever ready to carry out God's will as revealed to him in the Law (cf. Lk 2:22, 27, 39) and through four dreams (cf. Mt 1:20; 2:13, 19, 22). After a long and tiring journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, he beheld the birth of the Messiah in a stable, since "there was no place for them" elsewhere (cf. Lk 2:7). He witnessed the adoration of the shepherds (cf. Lk 2:8-20) and the Magi (cf. Mt 2:1-12), who represented respectively the people of Israel and the pagan peoples.

Joseph had the courage to become the legal father of Jesus, to whom he gave the name revealed by the angel: "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Mt 1:21). As we know, for ancient peoples, to give a name to a person or to a thing, as Adam did in the account in the Book of Genesis (cf. 2:19-20), was to establish a relationship.

In the Temple, forty days after Jesus' birth, Joseph and Mary offered their child to the Lord and listened with amazement to Simeon's prophecy concerning Jesus and his Mother (cf. Lk 2:22-35). To protect Jesus from Herod, Joseph dwelt as a foreigner in Egypt (cf. Mt 2:13-18). After returning to his own country, he led a hidden life in the tiny and obscure village of Nazareth in Galilee, far from Bethlehem, his ancestral town, and from Jerusalem and the Temple. Of Nazareth it was said,

### FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

I was so hoping that Our warm January days with little snow would continue but, no deal. I think I may have jinxed it when I washed my car! Anytime we are above zero as far as we have been it makes the winter seem so much shorter and even though snow and wind are here, it still isn't that cold. It gives one hope that someone is on our side, at least in the short term.

I have spoken with some people who have been lucky enough to get the vaccine already. I can't wait until I can be one of them. It may have its own set of issues, but I think it might be better than the alternative. Time marches slowly, however. I was hoping for mass inoculations 24 hours a day to get this thing under control.

My prayers lately have been for the possible return of our students for religious education classes and Family Formation. I have prepared and am sending lessons out to families by email every Wednesday so that they can do them at home when it works best for them. Our tenth graders have been zooming with their Catechist getting ready for Confirmation in March. Although not an ideal situation, it is our way of keeping children "up" on their faith with your help until we can get back to what we know. We will be ready when the time comes. Perhaps I will know more over the weekend and the news will be uplifting. As soon as I hear anything, families will as well.

You may notice in this bulletin that this is the year of St. Joseph whose traditional Feast day is March 19. He is the patron of our parish and we will plan a special class with the students somewhere around that date if we are allowed to have classes. Feast days allow us to learn more about our Catholic Saints.

#### From last column.....

"No prophet is to rise" (cf. Jn 7:52) and indeed, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" (cf. Jn 1:46). When, during a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, Joseph and Mary lost track of the twelve-year-old Jesus, they anxiously sought him out and they found him in the Temple, in discussion with the doctors of the Law (cf. Lk 2:41-50).

After Mary, the Mother of God, no saint is mentioned more frequently in the papal magisterium than Joseph, her spouse. My Predecessors reflected on the message contained in the limited information handed down by the Gospels in order to appreciate more fully his central role in the history of salvation. Blessed Pius IX declared him "Patron of the Catholic Church," [2] Venerable Pius XII proposed him as "Patron of Workers" [3] and Saint John Paul II as "Guardian of the Redeemer." [4] Saint Joseph is universally invoked as the "patron of a happy death." [5]

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

### 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat., Jan. 23 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: Fr. Hughes and Tony Peschong

LECTOR: Roger Moss

USHERS: KC's

Sunday, Jan. 24 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: Fr. Hughes and Darlene Moritz

LECTOR: David Johnson

USHERS: KC's

Sunday, Jan. 24 @ 10 a.m.

EMES: Fr. Hughes and Cheryl Houseman

LECTOR: Beth Lorch

USHERS: Cheryl Aumer

\*\*Servers are not allowed under Diocese policy.



### PRAYERS and sympathy from the St. Joseph Parish Family to:

- ✓ Karen Halbur on the death of her brother, Cameron Welch, 83, of Spirit Lake, who died Mon., Jan. 11. His funeral was held Thursday., Jan. 14; and to
- ✓ Matt McHugh on the death of his father, +Wilfred "Willy" McHugh, 79, of Okoboji, who died Wed., Jan. 6 in Fort Meyers, FL. Services are pending as of presstime.

PARISHIONERS may want to make a note of Fr. Tim's address for future reference. Fr. Tim's address in Boone is 1021 12th St., Boone, IA 50036.



**PRAY for these members:** Donna Kramer, Mary Dunleavy, Bob Mulhern, Pat O'Brien, Jean Elbert, Alberta Nolan, Nancy Crepeau, Mary Langel, Geneva Knudtson, Roger Wittrock, Rick DeMuth, 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, Leona Spieker.

**PLEASE pray for these special persons:** Glen Luchtel, Esther Morris, Harvey Baxter, Jr., Wayne Bellinghausen, Maxine Thompson, Lois Doran, Dale Gentry, Susan Barnes, Mike Cooper, Denny Daberkow, Louise DeWitt, Ray Langel, Kristin Meyer, Leo Trebbien, Kevin Wittrock, Charlotte Tiesler, Tailen Sturtz, Aimee Wallrich, Sara Springer, Jan Wolf, Peggy Price, Joan Mertz, John Bruening, Ann Willette, Ashlyn Clark, Jerry Wolford, Kami Svoboda, Darrel Wedeking, Dan Mulder, Leah Brevik, Colleen Mulder, Jamie O'Neill.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan. 16

4:30 p: Skelton/Hinshw Fam.

Sunday, Jan. 17

8 a: +Clarice Schmit

10 a: +Joan Langel

Monday, Jan. 18

NO MASS TODAY

Tuesday, Jan. 19

5:15 p: +Norma & +Fritz Thoma

Wednesday, Jan. 20

7:30 a: L/D Kramer Family

Thursday, Jan. 21

7:30 a: Special Int. (JLW)

Friday, Jan. 22

7:30 a: +Jeffery Eggers

Saturday, Jan. 23

4:30 p: +Marilyn Higgins

Sunday, Jan. 24

8 a: +Bud Brooks

10 a: +Don Weiland

### A FEW NOTES

✓ **EFFECTIVE** Mon., Jan 18, there will be no Monday morning Mass at 7:30 a.m. or any Monday thereafter. Monday will be Fr. Hughes' day off. The Tuesday morning Mass will move back to 5:30 p.m. and remain that way until further notice.

✓ Daily mass attendees are reminded that in the event of a funeral, the daily Mass will be cancelled.

✓ We are seeking a volunteer to coordinate the revitalization of the Eucharistic Adoration Program. If you have time, please call the office to learn about the program. Thanks in advance.

### ATTENTION SERVERS:

Effective immediately, we will no longer be scheduling servers for weekend Mass. Because of Covid-19, servers are no longer allowed to serve. Persons who serve daily Mass will still be needed. Thank you for your understanding.