

JAN. 24, 2021

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.: 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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This week the priests had a "Zoom" meeting with Bishop Nickless. The Bishop shared with us several changes to the protocols that we have been following these last months. In an attempt to gradually restore some of our parish life, we will be making a few minor changes to parish policy here at St. Joseph.

These protocols follow the policies at every parish in the Diocese of Sioux City. **These protocols will take effect on Jan. 30.**

We will be returning to "in person" religious education on Wed., Feb. 3. Parents who prefer to continue at home faith formation, you are free to do so. We will continue to provide at home resources for all families. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Sharon Mayer at the parish office or email her at smayer@milfordcable.net.

Group meetings can resume at this time with proper protocols for appropriate social distancing. Masks should be worn at all meetings. Adult Bible Study, the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Daughters, Peace & Justice and our RCIA group can resume meetings.

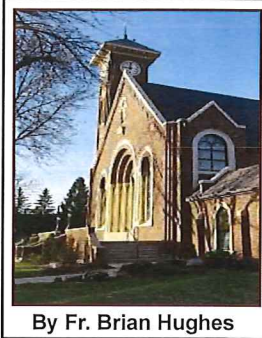
Our Confirmation is scheduled for March 21 and we will celebrate the Sacrament at that time. The Bishop has granted permission for all pastors to perform the Sacrament of Confirmation so I will be the celebrant of the Mass where I will Confirm five of our young parish members.

In terms of Liturgy, we will be able to make use of cantors for solo singing but there will be no congregational singing at this time. We will continue to go **without** Mass servers until further notice at all parishes in the Diocese. We continue to require all to wear masks during services here at St. Joseph.

We will be making a few small changes to our liturgy schedule. We will **not** be having daily Mass on Mondays and the Tuesday Mass will be returning to the late afternoon with liturgy at 5:30 p.m. We will be offering Confessions each Saturday beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the Church. On Sunday, Confessions will be offered beginning at 7:30 am and 9:30 a.m. I am available for Confessions by appointment at any time. Please call the office.

We hope to be able to expand the opportunity for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our parish. We are planning on scheduling Adoration each Tuesday from 2 to 5:15 p.m. each week. We are seeking a volunteer to help coordinate this beautiful prayer experience. A coordinator will seek individuals who can choose a half hour or an hour for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. We must have someone present in the church for prayer during the entire time that the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.

Let us pray for each other!



By Fr. Brian Hughes



Mark Your Calendar

✓ The Rosary/Altar Society will host a come and go "welcome" for Fr. Brian Hughes on Sat., Jan. 30 and Sun., Jan. 31 following all Masses. Please plan to attend to meet and greet our new Pastor.

✓ Looking ahead to Ash Wednesday, Wed., Feb. 17. We will attempt to have soup suppers but they will be a bit different because of Covid-19. We are looking for our soup makers to prepare the soup and then package it to go. As people leave the 5:30 p.m. Mass, they may pick up a bowl of soup, a wrapped cookie and garlic bread to take with them to enjoy at home.

If you have a group that would like to be the cooks for the night, please call the parish office.

✓ Lifeserve Blood Drive is scheduled at St. Joseph from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fri., March 19.



CONGRATULATIONS and Best Wishes to David and Melissa Frischmeyer who were married at St. Joseph on Fri., Jan. 15. May your new life together be filled with much happiness.

FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

I am thrilled to share with all of you that our religious education classes will start again on Feb. 3. We will still have to maintain masks and distancing and no special events can be held, but at least we are back together learning about our faith and will be able to interact as the church family that we are. I am hoping that the vaccination process takes off at a much faster rate than what we are seeing now and that will ease minds considerably as well.

This Monday is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. Now usually I do not attend daily Mass and I do not pay that much attention to daily Feasts unless it is major. However, St. Paul stands out for several reasons.

First of all, many times the second reading on the weekends is from St. Paul. Many of the books in the New Testament are attributed to him including Corinthians, Ephesians Galatians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians, Philemon, and others. He was quite gifted as a writer and as a disciple. Oftentimes when we talk about the 12 Apostles, people include Paul but no he wasn't part of the 12.

Paul was very influential in the spread of Christianity. It wasn't always the case until Jesus approached him (voice only) on the road to Damascus when he was known as Saul and wanted to know where he got off persecuting Him? Not only that, but Jesus made Saul blind. Saul was known as being an evil man, but Jesus had plans for him. Soon after being blinded, the Holy Spirit came to him, he could see again, was baptized, and became known as Paul one of the most supportive followers of Jesus.

Many people through the ages have had visions which changed them completely. Can that still happen? Most likely. Jesus has not stopped His effort just because this is 2021. These life changing events do still happen and the world is a better place because of them.

So we celebrate the new Apostle Paul, as influential as the original Apostles. He did much to spread and "keep the faith".



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, Jan. 30 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: Fr. Tim and Connie Jones

LECTOR: Lois Eckard

USHERS: KC's

Sunday, Jan. 31 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: Fr. Tim and Darlene Moritz

LECTOR: David Johnson

USHERS: KC's

Sunday, Jan. 31 @ 10 a.m.

EMES: Fr. Tim and Jim Murray

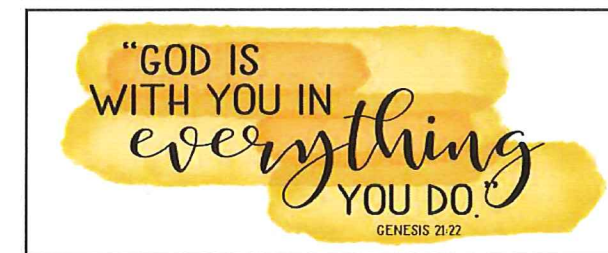
LECTOR: Aaron Lorch

USHERS: Curt and Susan Willette



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

Fred Schmidt on the death of his father, +Fred Schmidt, Sr., 95, of Spencer, who died Thurs., Jan. 14 at St. Luke Lutheran Home, in Spencer. A memorial service for Fred will be held at a later date.



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. 23

4:30 p: +Marilyn Higgins

Sunday, Jan. 24

8 a: +Bud Brooks

10 a: +Don Weiland

Monday, Jan. 25

NO MASS TODAY

Tuesday, Jan. 26

5:30 p: +DeEtte Graettinger

Wednesday, Jan. 27

7:30 a: Halbur/Johnson Fam.

Thursday, Jan. 28

7:30 a: +Joe Schmitz

Friday, Jan. 29

7:30 a: +Darold Haberman

+James Haberman

Saturday, Jan. 30

4:30 p: +Rita Wuebker

+Tom Wuebker

+Charles McCabe

Sunday, Jan. 31

8 a: +Patty Zweibahmer

10 a: +Joy Walz



ST. JOSEPH WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

There is a certain urgency today as Jesus calls His first disciples--Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus *immediately*, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me--at *this* moment, in *these* circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

Jan. 16-17, 2021

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