

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEB. 14, 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.

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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.

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.

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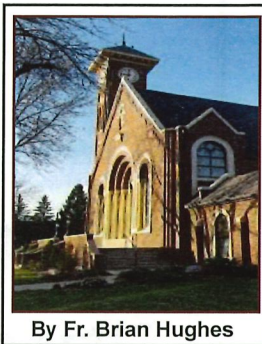
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Blessed Palms

We are approaching the beginning of Lent and we would like to invite all parish members to return their blessed palms to the Church so that we can burn them in preparation of distribution of Blessed Ashes on Ash Wednesday. There is a large wicker basket near the upper entrance to the elevator where you can place palms that you might have in your home. This is a wonderful old tradition and we would like to restore it here at St. Joseph's.



By Fr. Brian Hughes

Lenten Guidelines

Lent is a special time in the life of the Church and it is good to remind ourselves of the customs that all Catholic follow during the Lenten Season:

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are both days of Fast and Abstinence. Adult Catholics are bound to take only one full meal and two small meals on both of these days. Further we are asked to avoid eating meat on those days. We fast

- Catholics are obliged to abstain from eating meat on the Fridays of Lent. We fast and abstain during Lent to help us focus on the truth of the journey to heaven and to guide us to concentrate on the personal demands of "The Way, the Truth and the Life" that Jesus preached.

- All are encouraged to take up a personal act of penance during the Lenten season. We "give up" something during Lent to remind ourselves of the small disciplines that Life in Christ demand.

- All Catholics are reminded of the obligation to go to Confession once between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost Sunday (50 Days after Easter) We have schedule several penance services to assist in this Universal Catholic practice.

- We will have several opportunities for Confession during Lent. Please keep an eye on the bulletin where Penance Services will be announced. We offer Confession each Saturday at 3:30pm and Sunday mornings at 9:45.

Come and Join us for Mass

It has been almost a year since we began struggling with the realities that the Covid-19 pandemic brought demands to all of us. While our Bishop has extended the dispensation from the Sunday obligation, I think that it is time for healthy and active folks to return to Mass. If we can go to work and go shopping and attend social and athletic events it is time for us to come to back to Church and thank God for the blessings that He has poured into our lives. Please consider coming to join us for our weekend Liturgies. Of course, to help protect one another, we ask that all wear masks during all of our parish activities.



Monday, Feb. 15

12 noon: March newsletter deadline

Tuesday, Feb. 16

6:30 p.m.: RCIA at Milford

Wednesday, Feb. 17

Ash Wednesday Masses at 7:30 a.m., 4 and 7:05 p.m. Soup "to go" by CDA

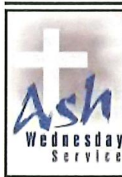
Mark Your Calendar

✓ THANK you to the CDA volunteers who will be making soup for the first soup supper of 2021 on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17. They will be serving wild rice soup, potato soup and tomato soup. All soups will be packed "to go." Soup will be served from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m. allowing those attending Ash Wednesday Mass to have ample opportunity to enjoy soup.

On Tuesday nights, 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.

Thanks to the following for volunteering to date:

Feb. 23: St. Joseph Staff; **March 2:** KC's; **March 9:** Deb Bode and Denise Wunn; **March 16:** Jones Crew; **March 23:** Reiser Crew and **March 30:** Rosary/Altar. If you would like to help at any of the soup suppers, call the office and we will find a job for you.



ASH WEDNESDAY Masses will be Wed., Feb. 17 at 7:30 a.m., 4 p.m. and 7:05 p.m. We will livestream the 7:30 a.m. Mass. Soup will be available for take out from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR...the St. Joseph Knights of Columbus will host their first fish fry Fri., March 26, 5 to 7 p.m. drive-by style. More details when they become available.



FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

Last Sunday as I was leaving church, I heard a song on the radio that I had never heard. I didn't know the name of it but I heard a line about "chapel bells ringing" and I thought that was appropriate for Sunday and our church. When I got home, I looked it up by just putting in those three words and got "The Three Bells" by The Browns. I listened to all of the song on You Tube and it seems to be about the singer, or someone with the same name. I was struck by the verse "Lead us not into temptation bless this hour of meditation, guide him with eternal love".

The song really addresses the Baptism, marriage and death of Jimmie Brown; the times most people need or depend on their church and God the most. At the marriage part it says, "lead us not into temptation, bless oh Lord this celebration, may their lives be filled with love". Another milestone where we would like the Lord involved in our lives.

Then the last part of this song is at his death; "lead us not into temptation, may his soul find the salvation, of thy great eternal love". Three sets of standout lines starting with a line from the Our Father asking His help to keep temptation away and the other lines asking for God's blessings and eternal love.

It is my observation that these are the main times the Lord is called on to be with us in our lives, even though we should call on Him to be with us daily. The Lord's Prayer is the most widely known prayer and speaks to God to help us not only at major times of our life but all the time. This pandemic has stretched our limits and detached us from what we knew. We need to get back.

The song asks God for blessings as Jimmie moves through life and at the hour of his death. It asks for God to pour out His love on him from birth to death. Such a simple song with simple requests for life. I had never heard it but it struck a chord as if to say "this is what it is all about". Help us keep evil away, keep us in Your good graces and shower us with Your love. We all need this. Happy Valentine's day. ♥♥♥

Clare Guest House, a faith-based home in Sioux City, for up to six women coming out of prison on parole, is seeking a new director. It is a fulltime, live-in position with a salary. Interested individuals should contact Martha Burchard, 712-203-0205, or Sr. Grace Ann Witte, current director, at 712-255-1916.

• **A NEW LANDLINE** has been installed at the rectory in order that persons may call.
• Fr. Hughes in times of emergency. Please make note of this number:
712-338-2807

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

Ash Wednesday Masses

Wednesday, Feb. 17

7:30 a.m.

EMES: Fr. Hughes and Ron Swartz
LECTOR: Loretta Halbur

4 p.m.

EMES: Fr. Hughes and Mark Johnson
LECTOR: Lois Eckard

7:05 p.m.

EMES: Fr. Hughes and Patti Scott
LECTOR: Student

First Sunday of Lent

Sat., Feb. 20 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: Fr. Hughes and Chad Harms
LECTOR: Deb Johnson
USHERS: KC's

Sun., Feb. 21 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: Fr. Hughes and Jerilyn Streit
LECTOR: Molly Mulqueen
USHERS: KC's

Sun., Feb. 21 @ 10 a.m.

EMES: Fr. Hughes and Laurie Murray
LECTOR: Beth Lorch
USHERS: Ron and Carol Swartz

WANTED: Ice cream pails. We are in need of many to freeze 300 servings of homemade cole slaw to be served at our annual Chicken and Noodle Dinner Sun., March 21. Drop them off at the office or in the church kitchen this coming week.



PRAY for these members: Mary Dunleavy, Pat O'Brien, 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.

PLEASE pray for these special persons: Heather (Abbas) Hamann, Gidget Halbur, Glen Luchtel, Jean Elbert, 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, Feb. 13

4:30 p: +Ron Dog & +Charree Sweeten

Sunday, Feb. 14

8 a: St. Joseph Parishioners

10 a: +DeEtte Graettinger
+John Cain

Monday, Feb. 15

NO MASS TODAY

Tuesday, Feb. 16

5:30 p: +Dorothy Schultz

Wednesday, Feb. 17

7:30 a: Dec. Halbur/Johnson

4 p: +Al & +Betty Mataloni

7:05 p: +Jeffery Eggers

Thursday, Feb. 18

7:30 a: +Bill & +Elvera Kane Fam

Friday, Feb. 19

7:30 a: +Bud Brooks

Saturday, Feb. 20

4:30 p: +Bill & +Elvera Kane Family

Sunday, Feb. 21

8 a: +Josephine Hamilton

10 a: +Fritz & +Norma Thoma
St. Joseph Parishioners

JUST A NOTE...the deadline for submitting items for the March newsletter is Mon, Feb. 15 at 12 noon. Thanks in advance.



ST. JOSEPH WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

In today's second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "do all for the glory of God." If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards!

Feb. 6-7, 2021

Weekly Env: \$ 7,848.00

Loose: \$668.00 Endow: \$40.00

Peach & Justice: \$683.00

Rosary/Altar Dues: \$70.00

Briar Cliff: \$50.00

Haiti: \$2,000.00

