

FEB. 28, 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.

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: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

Edward Jones

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Milford 712-338-9393

Penance Service

Going to Confession is not simply a nice idea or a pious gesture, it is an essential part of what it means to be a practicing Catholic. Church law requires all Catholics who have committed sin to go to Confession once between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost Sunday each year. This is one of the great Precepts of the Church along with Sunday Mass attendance and abiding by the marriage laws of the Church. But beyond the law and the customs of our faith, going to Confession is good for the soul. It gives us a chance to renew ourselves in goodness and holiness. We have Confessions each week here at St. Joseph's and next Sunday, March 7th, we will have a Communal Penance Service with a group of four priests in attendance. Our service will be here at St. Joseph's at 4:00 but you will also have a chance to go to a service at St. Patrick's in Estherville at 1:00 and at St. Mary's in Spirit Lake at 2:30. Let us pray for each other as we undertake the difficult task of scouring sin out of our lives.

Rest in Peace

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of +Lois Crane, a long time member of our parish who was buried from here this week. Please pray for her and for her family.

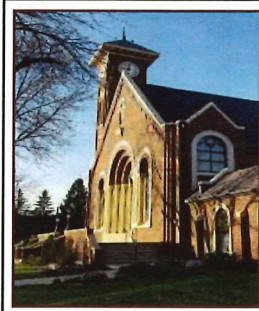
Anointing of the Sick

This week on Thursday, March 4th we will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick. Mass that day will be at 12 noon to allow all who might be infirmed to gather for this beautiful prayer service. Please join us for Mass and the Anointing service. Anyone over the age of 62 can be anointed any time and certainly if you suffering from a chronic illness.

Bibles for our Religious Education Programs

We would like to buy a new set of 50 Bibles for the use of our children in our Religious Education Program, Bible study groups and our RCIA candidates. Our Bibles here at St. Joseph have become torn and worn out. The Word of God is one of the great treasures of our faith and the Holy Bible deserves our greatest respect. Each hardbound Bible will cost \$30. (Books are expensive) If you would like to contribute to this effort to share the Word of God with our children, please call the office or drop an envelope with your contribution in the collection basket. Please mark all gifts "New Bible Project". Thanks for your assistance in this important project.

THANK YOU. The members of St. Joseph Catholic Daughters thank you, dear Parishioners, for all the fabulous baby items gifted to our cradle! The gifts will be distributed to Lakes Regional Hospital, Spirit Lake, and in Spencer: Birth Right and Catholic Charities. Each entity has a variety of needs and your gifts fit perfectly with their "empty shelves." Again, thank you for your generous response to the needs of the community.



By Fr. Brian Hughes

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



Monday, March 1

7 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall.

8 p.m.: Ala-non meets by zoom.

Tuesday, March 2

5:30 p.m.: Mass

6 p.m.: Soup to go by Knights of Columbus featuring sauerkraut soup and bratwurst soup.

7 p.m.: Driver's Ed, basement

Wednesday, March 3

3:45 p.m.: Rel. Ed. for grades K-4.

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

Thursday, March 4

12 noon: Anointing of the Sick Mass

5:15 p.m.: Finance Council meets in Sr. Rita Room

Friday, March 5

9:30 a.m.: World Day of Prayer at Light of the Lakes Church, Arnolds Park. All welcome.

Sunday, March 7

Communal Penance for Lent: 1 p.m. St. Patrick's Estherville; 2:30 p.m. St. Mary's Spirit Lake; 4 p.m. St. Joseph's Milford

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

✓ Thank you to the Catholic Daughters for remembering the staff with chocolate candy. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

✓ Thank you to Darlene Moritz, Connie Jones and Deb Bode for making the cole slaw in prep for our annual Chicken N' Noodle Dinner Sun., March 21.

PRAYERS and sympathy from the St. Joseph Parish Family to Tom Crane and family on the death of his wife, +Lois, who died Sun., Feb. 21. Her Mass of Christian Burial was held Fri., Feb. 26 at St. Joseph.

SOUP SUPPER INFO

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:

March 2: KC's

March 9: Deb Bode & Denise Wunn

March 16: Jones Crew

March 23: Reiser Crew

March 30: Rosary/Altar

Want to help? Call the office 338-2274.



FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

March is nearly with us. Will it come in like a lion or a lamb? I am so ready for the warm temperatures to stay with us and make our spring season that much longer. Our season of Lent is off to an almost normal start. Soup suppers are being offered but the difference is that they are on a to go basis. Still a night you do not have to cook food at your house and the soups are always delicious. Our students are learning about the basics of Lent which involve prayer and giving as well as giving up something. Each class has an opportunity to pray the Stations which are so beautifully done in our church as a Lenten devotion.

In addition to Lent, normally I can talk about Camp CaYoCa but that has been put off another year. There is a new camp however for our older students who want to reach farther and deepen their faith. This five-day event is called Emmaus and will be offered to our students who are completing 10, 11 and 12th grades this spring. It is targeted to those seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus and the church. The dates for this camp are July 21-25 and it will be held at the Creighton University Retreat Center in Griswold, Iowa. The cost is \$400.00 and like we have done for past camps, a scholarship will be offered from this parish for half of the fee. The student fills out registration materials with me and then I register the students on one day only, June 22. If there are students interested in this event, please get with me as the student also needs a referral form. There is a maximum number of registrations allowed of 24 students from the Diocese.

Rice bowls were made available to the parish on Ash Wednesday. They are put out by Catholic Relief services and are a perfect place to put loose change during Lent. This also is a good tool to use to teach children that one of the ways we are Christian is to support those who do not have as much as we do including a warm place to call home, clothes on their backs and decent food to eat. These monies are used in many countries. I hope each family will give to this cause. It is a way of celebrating the Beatitudes as well as the Works of Mercy.

Reconciliation will be offered in this parish on March 7 in the afternoon at 4 pm. If you miss that, it will also be offered to our religious education students on March 10 from 4-5pm and 7-8pm. This wonderful Sacrament heals not only the soul but also the heart and mind. It refreshes your outlook on life and frees us from the burdens we tend to carry on our shoulders when we should let God do it. We are blessed to have this in our Catholic faith.

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 6 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: Fr. Hughes and Mike Wittrock

LECTOR: Lois Eckard

USHERS: KC's

Sunday, March 7 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: Fr. Hughes and Darlene Moritz

LECTOR: David Johnson

USHERS: KC's

Sunday, March 7 @ 10 a.m.

EMES: Fr. Hughes and Jim Murray

LECTOR: Cheryl Houseman

USHERS: Susan and Curt Willette

SOUP SUPPER UPDATE ASH WEDNESDAY

Thanks to the CDA members who handled the Ash Wednesday Soup Supper. Thank you to Bill and Cheryl Aumer for donating a portion of the soup costs. **Inc:** \$441.85 **Exp:** \$121.62 **Net:** \$320.23

FEB. 23

Thank you to the St. Joseph Parish Staff who prepared and served the Feb. 23 Soup Supper serving turkey chili and ham chowder. Thank you to Sharon Mayer for donating a portion of the soup costs. **Income:** \$280.70 **Exp:** \$144.15 **Net:** \$136.55

PLAN to pick-up your soup to go next Tuesday night, March 2 following the 5:30 p.m. Mass. The Knights of Columbus will be preparing sauerkraut soup and bratwurst soup.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will be celebrated Friday, March 5, 9:30 a.m. at Light of the Lakes Church, in Arnolds Park. St. Joseph has been involved in the organization of this service. All are welcome.



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: Zoe Lorenzen, 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. 27

4:30 p.: +Rita Wuebker
+Tom Wuebker
St. Joseph Parishioners

Sunday, Feb. 28

8 a.: +Ron Dog & +Charree Sweeten

10 a.: L/D+Bill & +Elvera Kane Fam
+Fr. John Vakulskas

Monday, March 1

NO MASS TODAY

Tuesday, March 2

5:30 p.: +Clarice Schmit
+Peggy Demke
Liv/Dec O'Neill/Sullivan Fam

Wednesday, March 3

7:30 a.: Dec. Halbur/Johnson

Thursday, March 4

12 noon: +Bev Sporrer

Friday, March 5

7:30 a.: +DeEtte Graettinger

Saturday, Feb. 27

4:30 p.: St. Joseph Parishioners

Sunday, Feb. 28

8 a.: +Charles McCabe

10 a.: +Joy Walz

THE NEXT Healing Mass is set for 12 noon on Thurs., March 4. There will be no 7:30 a.m. Mass that day.

COUPLES SCRIPTURE study - If interested, please call Teresa Goehring at 712-330-1189.



Your gifts are appreciated!

ST. JOSEPH WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare his own Son." Are my gifts to the Lord--of my resources, of my time, of myself - also sacrificial?

Feb. 20-21, 2021

Weekly Env: \$3,444.00

Loose: \$406.00

Peace & Justice: \$35.00

Aid to Global Churches: \$50.00

Poor Box: \$67.00

Candles: \$186.25

Ash Wednesday: \$498.44