

## SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



**Monday, March 8**

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

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

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

**Tuesday, March 9**

**5:30 p.m.:** Mass

**6 p.m.:** Soup to go by Deb Bode and Denise Wunn and crew making taco chili, turkey rosemary vegetable and chicken corn chowder.

**6:30 p.m.:** RCIA at Spirit Lake.

**Wednesday, March 10**

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

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

**8 p.m.:** Confirmation Meeting

**Thursday, March 11**

**8 am.:** Bible Study, Nazareth

**Communal Penance for Lent:** This Sunday, March 7 at 1 p.m. St. Patrick's Estherville; 2:30 p.m. St. Mary's Spirit Lake; 4 p.m. St. Joseph's Milford



**WELCOME** to the Catholic Faith to Natalie Renee Jones, daughter of Casey and Elizabeth Jones, who received the Sacrament of Baptism Sun., Feb. 28

**BIBLE PROGRAM** - We are just a bit short in reaching the goal of purchasing 50 new Bibles for our Religious Education Program, Bible Study group and our RA-CIA candidates Thanks for your attention to this project.

**LOOKING Ahead....** A LifeServe blood drive will be held at St. Joseph on Fri, March 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appointments are required and can be made by texting LifeServe to 999-777; calling 800-287-4903 or visiting lifeservebloodcenter.org.

**Priesthood:** A Call from God; a gift for others. Consider priesthood.

**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 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

The next few weeks will be very busy. On the 10th our students will have Reconciliation a traditional event offered to them. On the 17th, we do not have religious education classes as that is a part of their spring break. Saturday, March 20th is special for our 10th grade as we will have Confirmation at the 4:30 p.m. Mass. The 24th is the day our second graders will have their First Communion workshop. This will be done differently this year as we will offer it to them during class time with members of the parish helping them through the workstations. Their class time will begin a little earlier that day so that we can get everything done. Following that is Holy Week where the focus of lessons will be on Jesus' last days until His crucifixion. Our older students will be treated to a night of praise and adoration in the church.

I want to ask the people of the parish if they have about an hour and a half to help with the second-grade workshop. It will be on Wednesday, March 24 from 3:45-5 p.m. You would be assigned a particular station and help each one of our students as they work through them. We have 11 students. This consists of reading about the station material and assisting them if they need help with the project there. Please call me or email me if you can help with this project. We will be in the parish center. I will need 8 or 9 people. This is an important time for our second graders.

It won't be long and our religious ed year will be winding down. It has been difficult this year dealing with COVID and I hope next fall will allow us to get back on track. We will conclude our school year classes with the senior Mass on May 2nd. Camp CaYoCa has been put off another year, but I am able to have Vacation Bible School. This year we have the unique opportunity to enjoy learning about St. Joseph. It is the year of St. Joseph for the Catholic Church worldwide so this will be our theme and all the lessons, games and activities will highlight St. Joseph. VBS week is planned for June 15-18 from 9-12 a.m. with a special Mass to honor "dads" and "granddads" on Saturday the 19th. The cost per child is only \$10.00. Volunteers to help put on this Bible school will be needed. Children of volunteers for it come to the event free. I am really looking forward to this for our parish. We teach about many things but not really about St. Joseph. It will be open for children going into grades K-5 in the fall. Children visiting relatives from other places are welcome to attend as well. Registration materials will be available soon. They will be online, at the back of church and in the offices.

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



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

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Saturday, March 13 @ 4:30 p.m.**

**EMES:** Fr. Hughes and Alex Jones

**LECTOR:** Joseph Schmidt

**USHERS:** KC's

**Sunday, March 14 @ 8 a.m.**

**EMES:** Fr. Hughes and Deb Johnson

**LECTOR:** Irene McCoy

**USHERS:** KC's

**Sunday, March 14 @ 10 a.m.**

**EMES:** Fr. Hughes and Susan Willette

**LECTOR:** Beth Lorch

**USHERS:** Chad Harms, Curt Willette

#### SOUP SUPPER UPDATE

**March 2**

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus who prepared and served the March 2 Soup Supper.

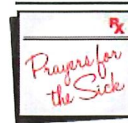
**Inc:** \$275.35 **Exp:** \$0 **Net:** \$275.35 **Served:** 43

Thank you to Bob Kollasch and the KC's who covered the cost of the entire soup supper.



**CHICKEN NOODLE** -We continue to make plans and order food as we move toward the March 21 date for our annual Chicken N' Noodle dinner. There are still a few jobs remaining. See the sign up sheet on the lobby window.

**PLAN** to pick-up your soup to go next Tuesday night, March 9 following the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Sisters Deb Bode and Denise Wunn and their crew will prepare taco chili, turkey rosemary vegetable and chicken corn chowder.



**PRAY for these members:** Dr. Steve Christensen, 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.

### MARCH 7, 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 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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

St. Joseph Council #7284

Faith-Family-Community-Life

712-330-1709

#### Thanks Catholic Daughters

We are grateful to the CDA for their purchase of several liturgical items. The pyxs they purchased will assist us in taking Holy Communion to the sick and our nursing homes and the new patens they purchased will be used at our parish Masses.

#### Together As One

We are making great progress on our Diocesan Annual Appeal. Our goal this year is \$36,913.00 and we have pledged a total of \$27,594. We have reached 80% of our goal and the end is within reach. Many thanks to all who have assisted in this important effort... we are just \$7,266.00 from the end.

#### The Year of St. Joseph

The Holy Father has declared this to be the Year of St. Joseph. This is a great chance for us to renew our understanding and dedication to our Patron Saint. This is also the 100th anniversary of the dedication of our beautiful church building. Beginning on Wednesday of this week we will sing the Litany of St. Joseph after our weekday Masses, especially asking St. Joseph to intercede for our husbands and fathers and grandfathers. We will complete the Novena on the Feast of St. Joseph, March 19th.

#### Statue to St. Joseph

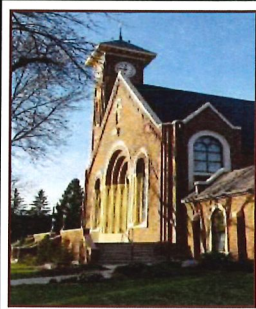
We have the opportunity to honor St Joseph by purchasing a new statue of St. Joseph for the entrance of our Church. We have several images of St. Joseph here in our parish but we would like to have an image of St. Joseph the Worker. Joseph was a carpenter who supported his family by working with his hands. In the New Testament, Jesus is described as the "Son of the Carpenter." The cost of this used, hand carved statue is \$1,775.00. If you would like to assist us in bringing this dream to a reality, please contact the parish office.

#### Time to Return to Church

Each week we have been happy to see more and more people returning to the solemn obligation of weekly Sunday Mass attendance. We know that they are some very vulnerable folks who need to continue to isolate but if you can go shopping and out to dinner there is no reason that you should not be attending Mass. Our taped and broadcast Masses are not intended to be a second Mass option but a service to our shut-ins and nursing home residents. We hope to see more of you here with us at Mass each Sunday.

#### Lectors, EMHC's, and Ushers

We need folks to step forward to help us with the proper celebration of Holy Mass each Sunday. We are very grateful for the Knights of Columbus who have been ushering at the 4:30 p.m. and 8 a.m. Masses and for the various folks who have helped us at the 10 a.m. Mass. We will be sending out a note to all of our lectors and EMHC's in the next days asking if you are willing to return to your previous ministry. We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to consider being a Lector or an Usher here at St. Joseph. Please let us know if you would like to assist us in these important services to our community at prayer.



By Fr. Brian Hughes