

MARCH 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.

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.

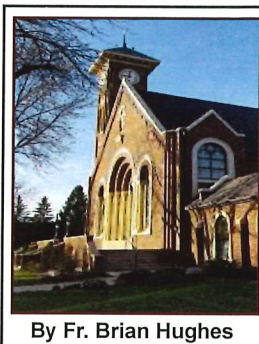
Are you new to the community?
Would you like to join St. Joseph Parish? Just fill out the coupon below and return to the office or in the collection basket.

NAME: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

Coyote Motor Co.
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Milford 338-2506

Two New Statues - This week we received two new statues to enhance our collection of religious art here at St. Joseph. This is the year of St. Joseph and Friday of this week is the Feast Day of our patron St. Joseph. We will install and bless the statues on Friday after the 7:30 Mass. The statue of the Blessed Mother will be placed in our beautiful parish hall. We would like to thank the anonymous donors whose generosity made the purchase of these beautiful statues possible. The statues were hand carved in the Italian Alpine village of Ortesei deep in the Dolomite Mountains. They are real treasures.



By Fr. Brian Hughes

New Bibles for our Students - We have completed our project to purchase new Bibles for our education programs. Our students will use them in our Religious Education Program and our adults will use them in Bible study and RCIA. We would like to thank the many folks who stepped forward to assist in this important project to provide the word of God to our students.

Drive-By Chicken and Noodles - We are going to return to an old St Joseph tradition next Sunday. We will be serving homemade chicken and noodles after Masses next Sunday. This year's dinner will have a bit of a twist, the meal will be served in a drive-by --- take home model. Serving will be from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 21st. There will be a free will offering to cover expenses. If you are attending the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, you can pick up your meals from the tables in the school hallway. If you are driving through, the line will form along the west side of the parish lot with pick up near the kitchen door.

Help Needed - On Saturday we could use a few able hands to help prepare the Chicken and Noodle Dinner. We could also use some help in serving the meal on Sunday. It is always great fun to participate in this good community effort. If you would like to help please call the parish office to get the details regarding the food prep schedule.

Confirmation - On Saturday at the 4:30 Mass we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation here at St. Joseph. Please pray the five young people who will receive this Sacrament.

Picture Directories - After many long months of waiting, our Parish Photo Directories have finally arrived. If you had your photo taken then your book is free. If you did not have a picture taken then the cost for the Directory is \$10. There are volunteers in the parish center this weekend ready to give you your directory. After this weekend, directories will be available in the parish office.

Happy First Anniversary - on Tuesday, March 16 to our online ministry. Live streaming, for many, has been a lifesaver during the pandemic. Thanks to all who have made this ministry a success! To date, we have had 278,556 views of all our Masses combined online.

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



Monday, March 15

7 p.m.: Blue Water Quilters, PC
7 p.m.: Driver's Ed, church basement.
7 p.m.: Ala-non meets by zoom.
8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall.

Tuesday, March 16

5:30 p.m.: Mass
6 p.m.: Soup to go by Alex and Deb Jones and crew making chili, chicken wild rice and chicken taco.

Wednesday, March 17

No Religious Education today.

Thursday, March 18

8 am.: Bible Study, Nazareth
2 p.m.: Building and Grounds Committee meets in St. Rita Zoom Room.

Friday, March 19

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: LifeServe Blood Drive, Parish Center.

Saturday, March 20

1 p.m. Sharp: Potato peeling for annual Chicken and Noodle Dinner.

Sunday, March 21

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (or until we run out): Annual Chicken and Noodle "To Go" Dinner. Enter west driveway and circle around to purchase your meal!



WELCOME to the Catholic Faith to Del Rae Pryor, daughter of Keenan and Kathleen (Fairchild) Pryor, who received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sat., March 6 at St. Joseph.

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.

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 16: Jones Crew
March 23: Reiser Crew
March 30: Rosary/Altar
Want to help? Call the office 338-2274.



FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

It has been nice to have a "tease" of warm spring weather. It got rid of most of the snow and that is good. Back to chilly for the upcoming week with moisture which we seem to need. St. Patrick's Day is this week as is the Feast Day of St. Joseph. We usually teach about St. Patrick in our classrooms on the Wednesday closest to that day and this year it would have been on the day but there is no school at Okoboji so we have no religious education this Wednesday. People will still celebrate by wearing green and such. St. Patrick is most known as the Bishop who brought knowledge of the Trinity to Ireland by using the clover leaf. Ingenious. I have a book that we use for our youngest learners about the trinity that uses an apple. 3 in 1 is the principal idea. St. Patrick took the people of Ireland from paganism to Christianity which led to all of us "Irish Catholics" that many jokes are made about. But what an accomplishment.

In the same week we honor St. Joseph. He is not only the Patron of our church but also of the worldwide church. Pope Francis has declared this the year of St. Joseph. In each of the newsletters, I will address a different aspect of this quiet, strong Saint who helped raise Jesus. Our Bible school this summer will be about St. Joseph as it will be unique and appropriate to learn more about him.

Next weekend we congratulate 5 tenth graders who will be making their Sacrament of Confirmation. This will occur at the 4:30 Mass on Saturday evening. Thank you to Teresa Goehring and Karen Schwaller for helping them learn this year. There will still be class for them afterwards until the end of our regular year which ends on April 28. Then, uniquely, we do have regular Wednesday classes for juniors and seniors - we do not stop teaching them just because they get Confirmed, just the opposite. They need to know how to put their faith into practice all the more. It is a pleasure offering classes for our students all the way through their schooling.

On March 24, we will be offering the First Communion workshop to our second graders during class time this year. I am in need of a few more parishioners to help with this event from 3:30-5 pm. You would man a learning station for these children and help them learn as they rotate through. Please let me know by phone or email if you can assist with this project.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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

Confirmation

Saturday, March 20 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: Fr. Hughes and Chris Jones
LECTOR: Cheryl Houseman
USHERS: KC's

Sunday, March 21 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: Fr. Hughes and Mark Johnson
LECTOR: Molly Mulqueen
USHERS: KC's

Sunday, March 21 @ 10 a.m.

EMES: Fr. Hughes and Laurie Murray
LECTOR: Aaron Lorch
USHERS: Jim and Irene McCoy

SOUP SUPPER UPDATE

March 2

Thanks to the Deb Bode and Denise Wunn and crew who prepared and served the March 9 Soup Supper.

Inc: \$573.85 **Exp:** \$160.71 **Net:** \$413.14 **Served:** 54

CHICKEN NOODLE -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 16 following the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Alex and Deb Jones and their crew will prepare

Plan To Attend Our Annual
CHICKEN N' NOODLE TO GO DINNER
Sunday, March 21 11 a.m. to ???
Homemade chicken and noodles,
mashed potatoes, cole slaw, cookie
Suggested: \$9/adults; \$5 kids under 5



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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 13

4:30 p.: +Janet Hodapp

Sunday, March 14

8 a.: St. Joseph Parishioners

10 a.: Special Intention (JLW)

Monday, March 15

NO MASS TODAY

Tuesday, March 16

5:30 p.: +Bev Sporrer

Wednesday, March 17

7:30 a.: +Tim Schmit

+John Cain

+Margaret Demke

+Charles McCabe

Thursday, March 18

7:30 a.: +Scott Baumgard

Friday, March 19

7:30 a.: +Ken Baschke

Saturday, March 20

4:30 p.: St. Joseph Parishioners

Sunday, March 21

8 a.: +Leona Spieker

+Fritz & +Norma Thoma

+Betty Newman

Plan to Attend KC FISH FRY

(To Go - Drive By)

Fri., March 25

5-7 p.m.



ST. JOSEPH WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead the life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."

March 6-7, 2021

Weekly Env: \$10,892.65

Loose: \$1,237.00

Peace & Justice: \$155.00

Endowment: \$50.00

Candles: \$129.00

Poor Box: \$80.00

Online Ministry: \$400.00

Memorial: \$150.00