

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 11, 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
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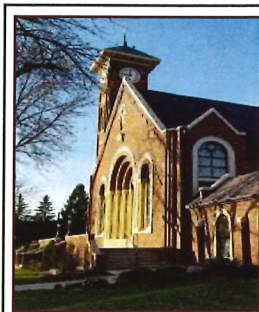
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Many Thanks

We would like to thank the many folks who worked hard to help us celebrate the Holy Week Services with beauty and grace. Our music was outstanding and the help of servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and the ushers were all a great part of our beautiful



By Fr. Brian Hughes

celebrations. The church was beautifully decorated for each of the Holy Days. Many thanks to all who generously helped to make last week's liturgy experience holy, beautiful and prayerful.

Funeral Luncheons

After more than a year we were able to offer our first funeral luncheon this week. There are several safe distancing practices that must be observed but all went very well. Our hospitality toward grieving families is an important outreach of our parish and our funeral luncheons are a vital part of that effort. Thanks to all who have helped with these important luncheons in the past and thanks for your willingness to help in the future.

Our Summer Garage Sales

We are beginning to gather together items for our summer garage sales. Our first sale will be held over Memorial Day weekend. We encourage everyone to search your attics, basements and closets for items that you would like to donate. Do not simply drop your items off but please call Cheryl Aumer at 331-4303 and make an appointment so that she can meet you in the sale building. We cannot accept electronic equipment or large appliances or mattresses.

Technology Updates

We have recently completed some updates to our online Liturgy Ministry. We have received several gifts to fund this effort and appreciate viewers who continue to assist us financially in gratitude for this ministry. We had 7,586 households view our Holy Week liturgies and over 1,000 people viewed Monday's funeral. It is amazing to think of the number of folks we were able to touch during those Holy Days. Thanks to the folks who help us record our Masses each week and we want to express our gratitude to our benefactors.

Security Updates.

A number of years ago we installed a closed-circuit security system here at St. Joseph's. This is a busy place and this system has helped us monitor every part of our property. This week we undertook some necessary upgrades to our security system. These upgrades will allow us to continue to provide a safe and secure environment for all who come to St. Joseph's.

Vacation

Beginning Thurs., April 15, I will be gone on a short vacation. Fr. Tom will handle the Mass duties, etc. in my absence.



Monday, April 12

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

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

Tuesday, April 13

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Wednesday, April 14

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

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

Thursday, April 15

8 a.m.: Bible Study, Nazareth

YOUR five cent redeemable Iowa cans are always welcome in the bins on the west side of the church parking lot. Thank you for your support.



WELCOME to the Catholic Faith to Grace



Louise Ridpath, daughter of Robert and Alyse Ridpath, of Ames, who received the Sacrament of Baptism Sun., April 4, 2021 at St. Joseph.

IN THE MAILBAG.....

From time to time we receive positive (and negative) comments about our online live streaming ministry of Masses. This letter was recently received.



✓ Thank you very much for all the very touching services during Lent and Holy Week. With the virus and the inability to get to Mass until we are fully vaccinated, having the opportunity to share Mass with you and your community has been truly inspirational. The lectors are all excellent and we especially enjoy listening to Loretta. Everyone is so dedicated. Thank you again for giving us the this opportunity.

Alfred and Diana Traegler, Altamont, NY

ATTENTION Parents: If you are a parishioner and have a graduating senior that does not attend religious education, please contact Sharon Mayer, 338-2274.

WE are undertaking a rekeying of our entire complex. With-



in the next three weeks, existing keys will no longer function. If you have reason to need a key for any part of the building please drop by the office and fill out a form to request a key.

FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

Holiness abounds. Before Easter, our lessons focused on the Triduum, Jesus' last days and the resurrection into new life. Students in the afternoon journeyed through Holy Week and colored Easter eggs, the symbol for new life. In the evening, students experienced Eucharistic Adoration through exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, song and prayer. Different Liturgies help us understand the depth of holiness that our church offers. You can't come away from those days, if you are paying attention, without feeling like you have been exposed to holiness all around you. We can all be holy for holiness is not being perfect but instead is giving our mind and heart to God and letting the Holy Spirit work within us.

Congratulations to our second graders making their First Eucharist this weekend. They are: Kaden Becker, son of Morgan and Alex Spielman and Kyle Becker; Josie Berg, daughter of Chuck and Stephanie Berg; Harper Berning, daughter of Brandon and Shelly Berning; Daniel Chicoine, son of Julie and Galen Chicoine; Seth Creswell, son of Sabrina and Josh Creswell; Nolan Holman, son of Caley and Brett Holman; Cadence Knudtson, daughter of Elizabeth and Zane Knudtson; Aubrey Paterson, daughter of Jessica and Ryne Paterson; Elijah Sewell, son of Melissa and Matthew Sewell; and Reid Wolf, son of Amber and Andy Wolf

Thank you to the parents for their support of religious education and the Sacrament. We have wonderful Wednesdays of learning here at St. Joseph's. We enjoy helping your children learn about their faith and this church. We have a few weeks left as our last class is on April 28. We will have a May Crowning with closing Mass and a light lunch for the afternoon kids and Mass followed by BBQ for the evening students.

In a couple of weeks, we will present the Holy Spirit workshop to our ninth graders as this coming fall they will make final preparations for Confirmation. Like we did with the second grade, I am asking for parish volunteers to spend an hour at a particular station. In this case there are eight stations where you will read the information and help them with the questions. This is more on an adult level for this age group. Please call or let me know if you can assist us.

I have my first registration for summer Bible school! It will be June 15-18 with a special Mass at 4 p.m. Sat., June 19. Our theme is St. Joseph, patron of our church and of Fathers. It will run from 9 a.m. to noon and is open to K-5th with a fee of \$10 per child. I have a sign-up sheet for adult or high school volunteers at the back of the church along with registration forms. If you have some free time to help us that would be most appreciated.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 17 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: Fr. Hughes and Chris Jones

LECTOR: Joseph Schmidt

SERVERS: Jaden Heller, Jerron Heller

USHERS: KC's

Sunday, April 18 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: Fr. Hughes and Jerilyn Streit

LECTOR: Irene McCoy

SERVERS: Mark and Deb Johnson

USHERS: KC's

Sunday, April 18 @ 10 a.m.

EMES: Fr. Hughes and Chad Harms

LECTOR: Connie Chapman

SERVERS: Jack Laven, Isabel Nelson

USHERS: Teresa Fairchild,



PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

from the St. Joseph Parish Family to:

✓ Bonnie Lambert on the death of her sister, Beatrice "Bea" Reiter, 69, of Spirit Lake, who died Wed., March 31. Her Mass of Christian Burial was held Tues., April 6 at St. Mary's, in Spirit Lake; and to ✓ Lisa Pederson on the death of her mother, +Jean Elbert, 90, of Spencer, who died Sun., April 4. Graveside services were held Fri., April 9 at North Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, in Spencer.

HERE'S THE NUMBERS.....

The statistics are in for Holy Week in regards to the number of views we recorded through our Online Ministry: Palm Sunday, 2,325; Holy Thursday, 1,443; Good Friday, 1,276; Holy Saturday, 1,361 and Easter Sunday at 10 a.m., 1,181. The total count is 7,586 views.



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: Mary W., Mary Bolan, Dick, Vogel, Clark Graves, Zoe Lorenzen, Heather Hamann, Gidget Halbur, 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, April 10

4:30 p: Pro Po Po Lo

Sunday, April 11

8 a: +Tim Schmit

10 a: +Norma & +Fritz Thoma

Monday, April 12

NO MASS TODAY

Tuesday, April 13

5:30 p: +Bud Brooks

Wednesday, April 14

7:30 a: Liv/Dec Halbur/Johnson

Thursday, April 15

7:30 a: +Clarence Schmit

+Pamela Cerny

Friday, April 16

7:30 a: +Margaret Demke

Saturday, April 17

4:30 p: +Richard Mulder

Sunday, April 11

8 a: Pro Po Po Lo

10 a: +DeEtte Graettinger

THANK YOU to the family of +Dr. Steve Christensen for the flowers left following his funeral to beautify our church.



ST. JOSEPH WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced *total* stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.

April 3-4, 2021

Weekly Env: \$8,412.00

Loose: \$1,366.00

Peace & Justice: \$115.00

Endowment: \$80.00

Easter Flowers: \$51.00

Holy Thursday: \$183.00

Good Friday: \$828.00

Holy Land: \$93.00

Easter Gift: \$1,066.00

Infirm & Retired: \$1,233.00

Online Ministry: \$50.00

Rice Bowl: \$231.30

Cans: \$487.80

Building: \$195.00

Misc.: \$487.00