

Dickinson County Catholic Community

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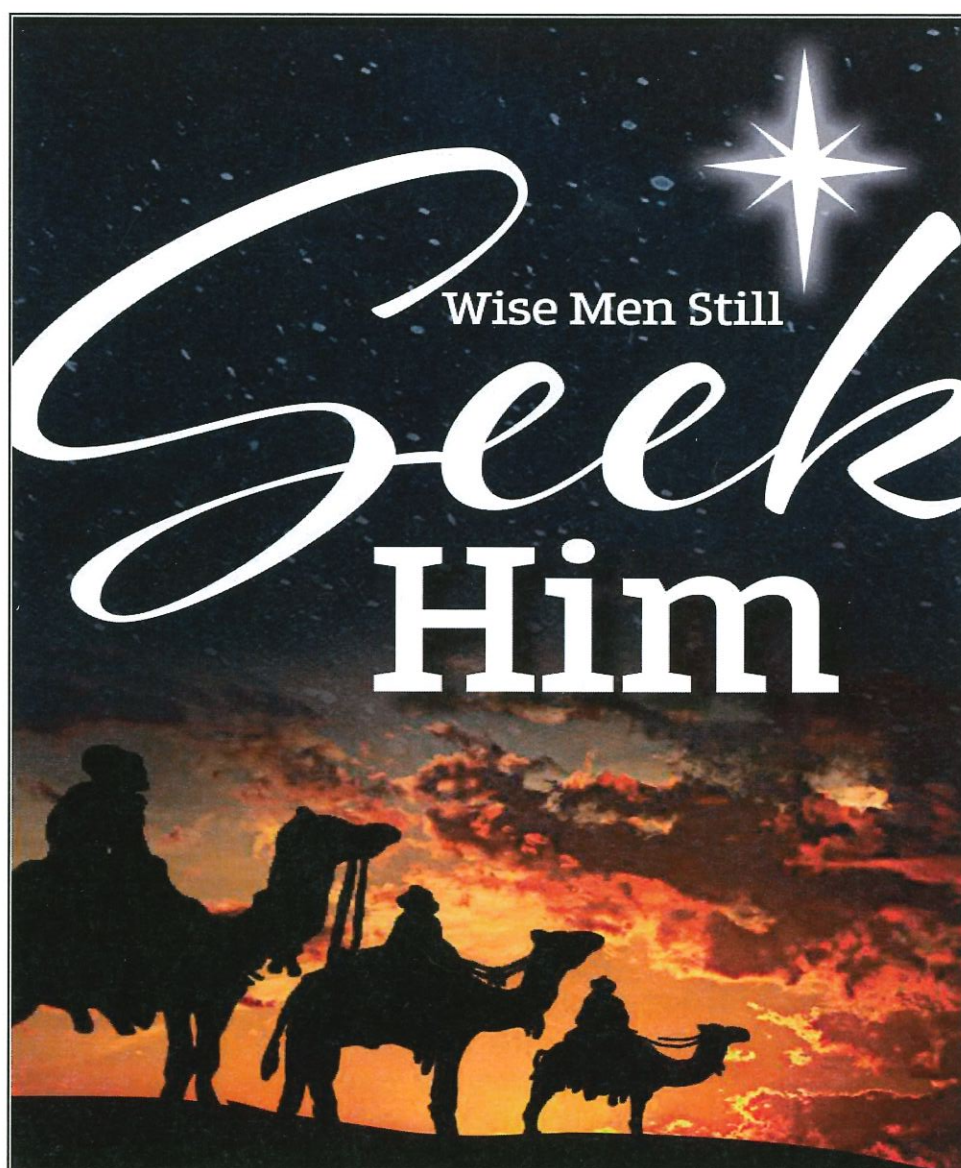
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Epiphany of the Lord

Jan. 2, 2022



News From St. Joseph Parish



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:

3:15 pm Sat;

8:15 am Sun

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Tuesday 12 noon

MASS SCHEDULE:

Winter

Saturday at 4 p.m.

Sunday at 9 a.m.

Summer

Saturday at 4 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: _____

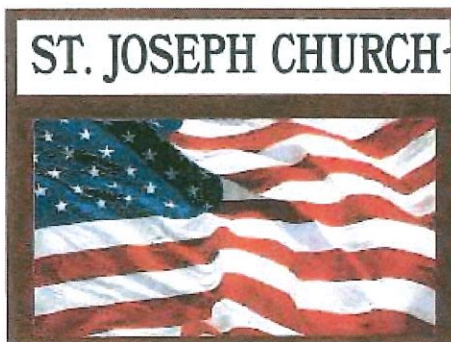
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State: _____ Zip: _____

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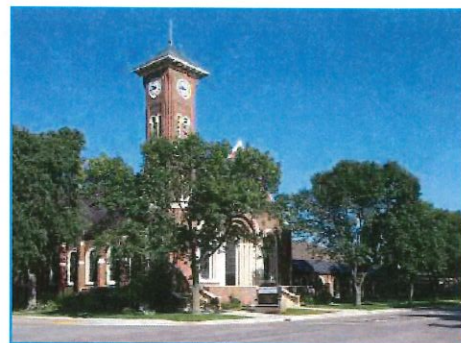
"Let There Be Light" Sign Fundraiser Begins!

Many have noticed that the sign out in front of the church is not working. After investigation, it has been determined that we need to replace the sign. At their December meeting, Finance Council members approved the purchase of a sign similar to the one shown below. Cost is nearly \$30,000 with tax for the 63.5 by 85 inch full color sign. To assist in the payment of the sign, a fundraiser has been started. To date: \$2,200 has been raised. Please mark on your check that it is for the sign project. Thanks in advance for any help you can give. It takes about 8 weeks for the new sign to arrive. We will keep you posted on our fundraising progress.



RESERVATIONS for Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible study registration are still being taken. Registration forms are posted at at St. Mary's and St. Joseph and can be mailed to the address on the form. Call Deb Bode for more information.

NEW 2022 CALENDARS are here. Take time to pick one up before you leave church today. Thanks to the St. Joseph Altar/Rosary Society for contributing the calendars. You will be rewarded for your generosity.



Monday, Jan. 3

Parish Offices Closed

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

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, Jan. 4

Parish Offices reopen at 8 a.m.

2 to 5:15 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Wednesday, Jan. 5

8:15 a.m.: Social Justice Committee meets in Zoom Room

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

7-8 p.m.: Rel Ed for grades 5-12

8 p.m.: High School youth group meets at St. Joseph

Thursday, Jan. 6

8 a.m.: Bible Study in overflow room.

Friday, Jan. 7

AM: First Friday communion calls by Deacon Darwin.

Saturday, Jan. 8

10 a.m.: 2nd Grade 1st Reconciliation

THANK YOU!

Thanks so much for hosting a blood drive with us! A blood drive right ahead of the holidays is always something that isn't taken for granted by us and all of our hospital partners! With that being said, below are your results: 25 procedures with 30 units collected.

Men's WELCOME Retreat March 12-13 @ St. Joseph, Milford. What is WELCOME? It's an experience that helps men discover what's missing in their lives and what to do about it. WELCOME puts a faith-filled framework around questions and struggles all men have.

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Faith Formation

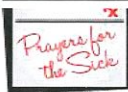
By Sharon Mayer

Happy New Year to everyone! We hope this year is a major improvement over the last two with COVID still making its presence known. Again, a challenge for the scientific world and will not be the last. We wish them every good thing to improve our lives.

We begin this year with Epiphany Sunday. Quite simply the time when Jesus' name and birth was made known throughout the land. Due in part to those wonderful shepherds and the Magi whom this time is really about. It is surmised that they didn't actually reach the Christ Child at His birth but some time later. They were, I'm sure, thrilled to be able to fulfil their journey's goal. We do not know either if there were three or more or less. They are assigned names, however, and from that we have the Catholic tradition of blessing our homes at the beginning of each year.

As we begin our new religious education year on Jan. 5, we will take that tradition to our classrooms and bless the doorways of each one. This tradition can be done by using chalk and putting the start of the year 20 + the initials of the three wise men, C+M+B+ 22. A prayer goes along: "Bless O Lord this home so that in it there may be health, chastity, strength, humility, goodness and mildness, obedience to God's laws and Acts of thanks to the Father Son and Holy Spirit. May this blessing remain upon this house and all who dwell in it. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Blessed
assurance,
Jesus is mine



PRAY for these members: Tutti Willison, Andrew Gross, James Higgins, Mary Mittag, Jerry Finch, Dirk Hansen, June Reiman, Ann Stein, Nancy Crepeau, Mary Langel, Geneva Knudtson, 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: Rich Oliphant, Roy Townsend, Virginia Bensman, Craig Tingwald, Cooper Hatfield, Corey Langner, Claire Yaw, Cheryl Kallis, Sammy Schumann, Ellie Wiemers, Mary Gerdes Smith, Mary W., Mary Bolan, Dick Vogel, Charles Graves, Zoe Lorenzen, Heather Hamann, 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, Kevin Wittrock, Charlotte Tiesler, Tailen Sturtz, Aimee Wallrich, Jan Wolf, Peggy Price, Joan Mertz, John Bruening, Ashlyn Clark, Jerry Wolford, Kami Svoboda, Darrel Wedeking, Dan Mulder, Colleen Mulder, Jamie O'Neill.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan. 1

9 a: For the People

4 p: +Merlin Wuebker

Sunday, Jan. 2

9 a: +Doris Desmarais

Monday, Jan. 3

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Jan. 4

5:30 p: +Merlin Wuebker

Wednesday, Jan. 5

7:30 a: Dec/Liv Halbur/Johnson

Thursday, Jan. 6

7:30 a: +Mary Negus

Friday, Jan. 7

7:30 a: Special Intention (JLW)

Saturday, Jan. 8

4 p: For The People

Sunday, Jan. 9

9 a: +Frances Connors

+Alberta Nolan

Ministry Schedule

The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 8th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Faith Garcia, Alma Klute, Jeff Knudtson

LECTOR: Molly Mulqueen

SERVERS: Brian Jones, Dylan Jones

HOSPITALITY: Anne Donovan, Loretta Halbur, Connie Mataloni, Dick Mataloni

Sunday, January 9th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Denise Cole, Steve Eral, Pete Laven

LECTOR: Sara Laven

SERVERS: Noah Walleck, Simon Walleck

HOSPITALITY: Bill Aumer, Cheryl Aumer, Jon Sorenson, Abby Walleck



Pastor's COLUMN

Happy New Year!

On behalf of St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Staffs, Fr. Tom Flanagan, Deacon Darwin and myself, we wish you a Happy New Year filled with many blessings.

Synod Survey Questions

During the month of December and into early January we are participating in the world-side Synod that Pope Francis has convened to listen to Catholics throughout the world. This is a wonderful opportunity to express your experience of various aspects of Church life. Everyone's voice is important and valuable. We will be holding our hearing sessions on line and we ask that each of you consider completing at least some of the 10 questions that our Holy Father



has posed for Catholics throughout the world.

Please take a few moments to visit one of our websites: stjosephmilford.org or stmarysspiritlake.org. You will find the questions there. We will gather all of the responses together and submit them to our deanery meeting on January 13th in Algona. Please take a few minutes and express your experience.



The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

ST. MARY'S FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Dec. 25-26, 2021

Attendance: Christmas 576; Weekend 306:

Adults: \$5,711.00

Special: \$1,021.71

Dollar: \$185.00

Online: \$426.00

Loose: \$1,477.50

Votive: \$48.00

ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Dec. 25-26, 2021

Attendance: Christmas: 825; Weekend: 306

Adults: \$25,323.81

Candles: \$132.00

Poor Box: \$89.00

Memorial: \$1,250.00

Bulletin Ads: 876.00

Haiti Kids: \$50.00

P & J: \$10.00 Loose: \$3,519.00

Catholic Charities: \$3,040.00

Christmas Gift/Offering: \$4,381.00

Christmas Flowers: \$756.00

Bible Study: \$210.00

Sign: \$150.00

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