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Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 19, 2023

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

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May the Holy Spirit lead us in living as a welcoming Catholic community.

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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, 9 and 11 a.m.

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LENTEN TUESDAY MASS, STATIONS & SOUP



Tuesdays at St. Joseph

On Tuesday evenings during Lent, we will have Stations of the Cross at 4:45 p.m., benediction at 5:15 p.m. and Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by a soup supper. **THANK YOU** to the St. Joseph Staff for cooking and serving soup on Tues., March 14. Here are the numbers: **# Attended: 57** **Income: \$313.00.** This week the Altar/Rosary will be in charge of making and serving tomato basil and pasta fagioli with grilled cheese sandwiches. A free will offering is taken to defray the cost of the soup. All are welcome to attend any or all of the evening events.

CHURCH and parish center carpets will be cleaned Mon., March 27 at 8 a.m. Please avoid the area. Call the office if you can help.

COMMUNITY LENTEN Ecumenical Services

resume for their 45th season. Calvary Methodist, in Arnolds Park, will host on Fri., March 24, 9:30 a.m. Refreshments follow.



CONFIRMATION is scheduled for Sun., March 19, 1:30 p.m. at St. Joseph for youth from St. Mary's and St. Joseph. The Mass will be livestreamed.



REMEMBER your loved ones with an Easter lily or flower this season. Lilies will be \$14.50 each from Hy-Vee, in Spirit Lake. Envelopes are in your packet or you can put a check in the basket at Mass. Be sure to include the names of your loved ones to be remembered.

TAKE a moment before you leave today to sign up to volunteer at the annual Chicken N' Noodle Dinner set for Sun., March 26, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Reminder

Mass on Sunday, March 26, will begin at 10:30 a.m. rather than 9 a.m. because of the annual Chicken N' Noodle Dinner.

OUR ANNUAL CHICKEN N' NOODLE DINNER is Sun., March 26. Parishioners with last names A-M are asked to bring one salad that will feed 10-15 persons. N-Z names are asked to bring a homemade pie, pan dessert or cake. All items should be delivered Sat., March 25 or Sun., March 26 prior to 10 a.m. A few jobs remain. See the list on the church lobby windows. Dine in, meal delivery and take outs available. Cost is free will with suggested \$9/adults and \$5 for children 5-12.

FAMILIES are often wondering about an "in memory" gift for the church following the death of their loved one. A new pecan kneeler has just arrived to be used for weddings, etc. This would make an excellent "in memory" gift for someone to contribute to St. Joseph. Cost is \$234.23. Call the office if interested.



PRAYERS and sympathy from the St. Joseph Parish Family to Diana Hansen and family on the death of her husband, +Dirk, who died Tues., March 14. His Mass of Christian Burial was held Sat., March 18 at St. Joseph.

ST. JOSEPH will be the location for the Milford Community Easter Egg Hunt on Sat., April 8, 10 a.m. for children 0-5 or in kindergarten. The hunt is being hosted by the Campus Women's Club.



News From St. Joseph Parish

Faith Formation

By Sharon Mayer

When will winter lose its grip on our weather? I am ready for some melting and warmth. I know that golf courses have been used to being open early and high school golf teams are already practicing so spring will happen sooner or later. In the meantime, we wait.

This is a busy weekend. It began with the "wearing of the green" if you are Irish this past Friday. Bars and restaurants love this day as people usually go out to celebrate whether they are Irish or not. St. Patrick was indeed special but not for that reason. He was born in Britain but gave his life to Ireland as he preached about the Trinity and helped spread Christianity throughout pagan Ireland. He became a Bishop and is their most honored Saint. In the land of the shamrock he used it to teach about the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We use his example today to help youngsters learn about the 3 persons in one God.

Then this Sunday is the Feast of St. Joseph our Patron Saint. He is the Patron of husbands, fathers and workers. He was the husband of the Virgin Mary and foster father to Jesus. There is not much we know about him other than he was a skilled carpenter, provided well for his family and was a humble man following God's will. In 2021 our summer Bible school focused on Joseph as we celebrated the year of St. Joseph and closed with a special Mass for their dads.

This weekend we also welcome Bishop Nickless to Confirm students from St. Mary's and St. Joseph on Sunday afternoon. Names are listed in the April newsletter. Confirmation allows the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to come into the lives of these young people. We hope they always keep an ear tuned to the messages of the Holy Spirit. Congratulations to all!

Ministry Schedule

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, March 25th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Connie Chapman, Deb Faulkner, David Loebig

LECTOR: Loretta Halbur

SERVERS: Grace Davis, Asher Knutson

HOSPITALITY: Jim Baumgard, Bonnie Duhn, Eldon & Mary Kraninger

Sunday, March 26th @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Deb & Mark Johnson, Pete & Sara Laven

LECTOR: Aaron Lorch

SERVERS: Bryce Anderson, Ryder Clark

HOSPITALITY: Donna & Patrick Goebel, Curt & Susan Willette

PRAY for these members: Linda Cunningham, Mary Jo Coffey, Mark Kollasch, Phil Nau, Scarlett Ann Stellish, Briggs Harmelink, Becky Wittrock, Kiana Svoboda, Janet Delaney, Tutti Willison, Andrew Gross, James Higgins, Mary Mittag, Jerry Finch, Mary Langel, Geneva Knutson, Rick DeMuth, Mary Ann Sigler, Dennis and Alma Klute, Jerry Clark, Robert Rowland, Bill James, Marie Van Hofwegen, Steve Painter, Ginny Yore, LaDonna Jansen, Finley Brunsvoild, Phyllis Hintz.

PLEASE pray for these special persons: Christine Fischer, Joan Beckman, Paul Roth, Tom Kallis, Cheryl Kallis, Duane Doran, Jane Baxter, Wanda Randall, Norine Kennedy, Bruce and Sandy, Susan Sunland, Nova Goodnight, Kaydan, Adam Hall, Kate Jensen, Cooper Hatfield, Corey Langner, Claire Yaw, Cheryl Kallis, Sammy Schumann, Ellie Wiemers, Mary W., Mary Bolan, Charles Graves, Zoe Lorenzen, Heather Hamann, Esther Morris, Wayne Bellinghausen, Maxine Thompson, Lois Doran, Dale Gentry, Susan Barnes, Mike Cooper, Denny Daberkow, Ray Langel, Tailen Sturtz, Aimee Wallrich, Peggy Price, John Bruening, Ashlyn Clark, Jerry Wolford, Kami Svoboda, Darrel Wedeking, Dan Mulder, Colleen Mulder, Jamie O'Neill.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 18

4 p: For The People
+Scott Baumgard

Sunday, March 19

9 a: +Bob Mulhern
1:30 p: For The People

Monday, March 20

12 noon: Liv/Dec of St. Joseph

Tuesday, March 21

5:30 p: +Don Baschke

Wednesday, March 22

7:30 a: Dec/Liv Halbur/Johnson

Thursday, March 23

7:30 a: +Eileen Herbers

Friday, March 24

7:30 a: +Al & +Mary Schultz

Saturday, March 25

4 p: +Sally Fairchild

Sunday, March 26

10:30 a: For The People

THANK you to Funeral Group #3 for serving the +Dirk Hansen funeral luncheon on Sat., Feb. 18. Your assistance to a family in their time of need is greatly appreciated. Funeral Group #4 is next up.



Monday, March 20

12 Noon Mass: Feast of St. Joseph

8 p.m.: Al-non meets via zoom.

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, March 21

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

4:45 p.m.: Stations of the Cross

5:30 p.m.: Mass

5:30 p.m.: Soup Supper by A/R

6 p.m.: Bible Study

Thursday, March 23

5 p.m.: AED class in Spirit Lake.

Friday, March 24

8 a.m. Bible Study

9:30 a.m.: Lenten Ecumenical Service at Calvary United, Arnolds Park.

Saturday, March 25

4 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, March 26

9 a.m.: Mass

1:30 p.m.: Confirmation

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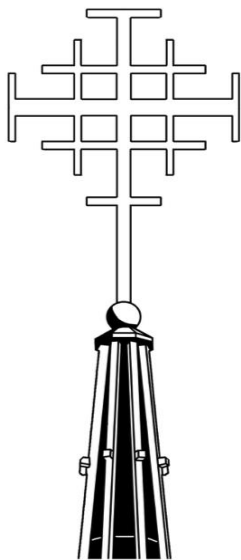


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News From St. Mary's Parish

Weekend Mass Schedule

The current weekend Mass schedule at St. Mary's Church is 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. Mass at St. Joseph's is at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and 9:00 a.m. on Sunday.

Updated Time for Stations of the Cross During Lent

Stations of the Cross during Lent will be at 4:45 p.m. on Thursdays (March 30) and 5:00 p.m. on Fridays when there is a Fish Fry (March 24, and tentatively March 31).

Baptism Class

If you are expecting or need your child baptized, please call Deacon Messerly regarding a baptism class. You can reach him at 515-230-3963. The next baptism class will be 4:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday, April 12. Please call Deacon Messerly if you need to register for the class.

St. Mary's Lenten Fish Fry

Come join us this Friday for our Fish Fry on March 24th. On the menu will be fried pollock, baked red potatoes, coleslaw, drinks, and dessert. Mac & Cheese will also be offered for the kids. \$12 for adults, \$6 for kids ages 12 and younger, 2 and younger are free. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Andrew Vortherms at 507-884-6139 or Rob Waterhouse at 712-320-0269 for additional information.



Garage Sale Donations

The Catholic Daughters will start collecting items on May 1st for the garage sale that will be held in June.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter for Married Couples

Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all: time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities and a chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you. If that sounds good to you, sign up now for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience. The upcoming dates are April 22-23 in Epworth, Iowa, and September 22-24 in Dubuque, Iowa. For more information, call 563-920-9419.

Ministry Schedule

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, March 25th @ 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Linda Hansen, Annette & Tom Kalkhoff

LECTOR: Phyllis McKeown

SERVERS: Carter Trautman, Kaitlyn Trautman

HOSPITALITY: Jim Bunt, Gayle Eral, Jim Leinbaugh, Doug Zemler

ONLINE: Jean Mohr

Sunday, March 26th @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Jeannie James, Stacy Sieperda, Pam Wingert

LECTOR: Karen Fergen

SERVERS: Libby Leinbaugh, Ava Wasson, Miles Wasson

HOSPITALITY: Larry Bortscheller, Mike Davis, Sylvia Jennings, Jim Wiese



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Mon.- Thurs.: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Fri.: 8 a.m. - 12 noon

Reconciliation:

4:45 pm Sat;

9:45 am Sun

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday 12 noon

Mass Schedule:

Winter

Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

If you are a new parishioner at St. Mary's, we welcome you to register with our parish. Simply go to our parish website (stmarysspiritlake.org), and click on "Parish Registration" at the top of the page. Then complete the form, and click "Submit." We look forward to serving you here at St. Mary's!

News From St. Mary's Parish

This Week's Mass schedule

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 20

No Mass Today

Tuesday, March 21

5:30 p.m.: +Joy Walz

Wednesday, March 22

12 noon: +Dee Hauber and +David Hauber

Thursday, March 23

2-5:15 p.m.: Adoration

5:30 p.m.: +Betty Nicolai

Friday, March 24

12 noon: +Catherine Brown

Saturday, March 25

5:30 p.m.: +Marlyn & +Joyce Lonneman

Sunday, March 26

10:30 a.m.: Liv/Dec of St. Mary's

WEEKLY Calendar

Monday, March 20

No events today

Tuesday, March 21

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Wednesday, March 22

12 noon: Mass

Thursday, March 23

2 p.m.: Adoration

4:45 p.m.: Stations of the Cross

5:30 p.m.: Mass

6 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal, church

Friday, March 24

12 noon: Mass

5 p.m.: Stations of the Cross

5 p.m. Fish Fry

Saturday, March 25

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, March 26

9 a.m.: Lectio Divina Group (clsm)

10:30 a.m.: Mass

4 p.m.: Amore Dinner (Parish Hall)

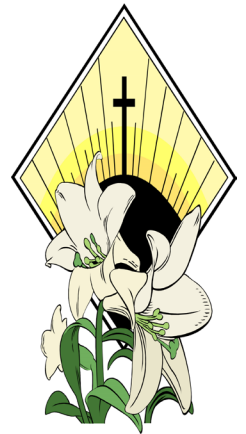
Congratulations

We would like to congratulate the St. Mary's 10th grade Confirmation students, as they will receive the Holy Spirit in an afternoon ceremony on Sunday, March 19. They include Sam Chicoine, William Ditsworth, Owen Engel, Bode Higgins, Elizabeth Leinbaugh, Kiana Leistikow, Isabella Marx, Tyson Robinson, JD Schneider, Abigail Scott, Terrence Sexton, Melika Smith, and Robert Waterhouse. Macy Rose was also confirmed on March 4 in Estherville. We would also like to thank their catechists, John Sandy and Stephanie Jacobsma, and all others who have catechized them over the years. May the faith journey of these students continue and flourish as they make this official pledge of their Catholic faith.



Special Collections in March

Donations for the Annunciation and Easter Flowers collections should be placed in the basket on the weekend of March 26. Please make checks payable to "St. Mary's," and write "Annunciation" or "Easter Flowers" in the memo line. If you would like to give to these collections online, please visit our website (stmarys-spiritlake.org), and click on the "Give" option at the top of the screen. Then click on the "Click Here to Make an Online Donation" button. To see all available funds, click on "View All Funds." Choose the fund you want to give to, and click "Give Now." The March special collections will be available on our website from March 1-31. Thank you for your generous support!



Membership Drive for Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are having a membership drive this weekend. The Knights of Columbus is a global Catholic fraternal service order founded by Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney open to Catholic men 18 years of age and older. To learn more about the great work the Knights do for our parish, our community, and around the world, please visit kofc.org and/or contact Brian Nokleby, Grand Knight, at 712-339-0083.

Together As One

Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through TAO. As of March 9, we have raised \$26,672.00 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$28,699.00 with gifts from 153 households. Will you help us meet our fundraising goals? Visit www.scdiocese.org/together-as-one.

Liturgical Ministries

The March schedule is posted on the website now. Reminder that you are responsible for finding your own substitutes if you are unable to attend that weekend. As always, you can let Ali know of your unavailability prior to the 15th of the month to avoid the hassle of finding substitutes.

Prayer Chain

All Confidential Prayer Chain requests may be directed to Jean Mohr, our Prayer Chain Coordinator, at 712-336-2559 or 712-320-5433. Prayer intentions may be entered in the prayer request book in the narthex of the church.

Following is general information that may be helpful to you.

- ✓ **BAPTISMS:** Contact the office to inquire about pre-baptismal class.
- ✓ **MARRIAGE:** Contact the office at least six months before the date of the wedding.
- ✓ **CONFESSIONS:** Wednesday at 11:30 a.m., Saturday at 4:45 p.m. and Sunday at 9:45 a.m.
- ✓ **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday from 2 to 5:15 p.m.



Pastor's COLUMN

Welcome Bishop Nickless

We would like to thank Bishop Nickless for his presence among us this Sunday to impart on our students the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Bishop's presence here among us is a blessing and a grace. We thank Bishop Nickless for all his hard work and miles and miles of travel each year. Congratulations to our Confirmation students from both parishes. The grace of the Holy Spirit will bring countless blessings upon these students in the years to come. The gifts of the Holy Spirit include: wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord. Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of the faithful and enkindle in them the power of your love. We would like to thank Judge John Sandy from St. Mary's and Teresa Goehring from St. Joseph and their teams for their hard work in preparing these fine young people for Confirmation.

AED Class

We want to thank the great group of folks from both parishes who signed up for the training class on our life saving AED machines. The training will take place on Thursday, March 23rd at 5 p.m. at the EMS Building at 809 Lake Street in Spirit Lake. Thanks for your service to our community.

Easter Confessions

We are grateful to the priests who assisted us at last weeks Communal Penance Services. We will have Confessions beginning 45 minutes before each weekend Mass and will have Confessions during Holy Week on Tuesday, April 4 at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph's and at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5th at St. Mary's.

Holy Week Schedule

We are looking forward to the beautiful liturgies of Holy Week. Palm Sunday Masses will follow the regular weekend schedule. On Holy Thursday, Mass will be at 6 p.m. at both parishes, on Good Friday the Lord's Passion will be at 12:00 noon at Spirit Lake and at 6 p.m. at St. Joseph. On Holy Saturday the Great Easter Vigil will be celebrated at 8:30 at St. Joseph. On Easter Sunday we will add a Mass in each parish with a sunrise service at St. Joseph at 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. Easter Masses at St. Mary's will be at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Please mark your calendars.

Make a Joyful Noise

We are very impressed by the beautiful singing of our combined parish choirs of more than 25 people who have been practicing for the Great Easter Vigil. They sound wonderful together and all are looking forward to beautiful music on Easter. Many thanks to Ali Oyler who has worked hard to draw both groups together for many weeks of practice. Thanks to the talented singers who place their skills at the service of our prayer together at Mass.

Pastor Fr. Brian Hughes
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REPORT

The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

ST. JOSEPH

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

March 11-12 Attendance: 452

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