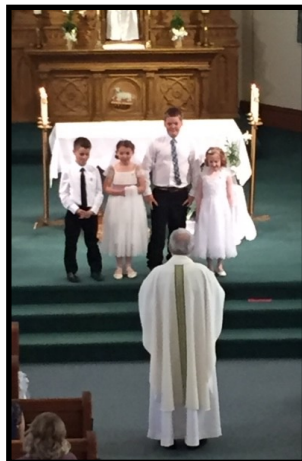


Lent opened with the “Beyond” theme. We had five opportunities at St. Joseph Church to discuss Father’s homily based on questions he provided in the Bulletin. The Reconciliation Service at Starmont was “beyond” expectations. Over 300 attended and had an opportunity to eat supper, go to confession and “adore” Jesus in reflection after Confession.



The Triduum, Holy Thursday (272), Good Friday (127) and Easter Sunday (363) - the church was full!! Photos tell the story. (number in attendance)



The week after Easter we had four kids make their First Communion-Savannah Niederhauser, Claire Orr, Weston Stannard and Daniel Whittle.

Congratulations!

The second week after Easter we had eleven students celebrate Baccalaureate from Central Community School-Olivia Backes, Ciera Deitchler, Jenna Jansen, Elli Kuehl, Samuel McGreal, Alexandria Schmidt, Tom Whittle, Matthew Whittle, Jonathan Whittle, Maxwell Wilwert and Diego Goldamez Fayos.

Congratulations!



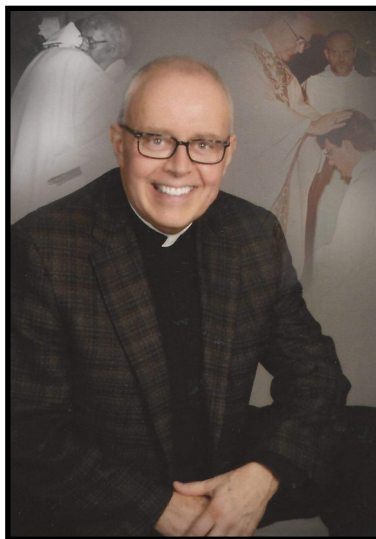
St. Joseph has three new altar servers: Parker Funke, Brylee Erickson and Rayanne Dunlap. Thanks to Tom and Jen Wilwert for training the servers.

Three high school students finished Lector training: Olivia Backes, Jenna Jansen and Claire Hertrampf. Thanks to Courtney Vorwald for training them.

Seven parishioners of our Pastorate, Diane Meyer, Diane Formo, Darla Hawkins, Melissa Fettkether, Cheryl Whittle, Janine Berns and Fran Zichal, completed the two-year Impact program culminating in a very special Mass at Saint Elizabeth Seton Church, Cedar Rapids. Work begins to prepare for the Impact program that is offered here at St. Joseph this fall.



The Pastorate celebrated Father John's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination on May 22 at St. Joseph Hall. You could catch a glimpse of this special day (May 26, 1984, St. Raphael Cathedral, Dubuque, Iowa) through all the pictures, chalice and stole from Father's Ordination. The Hall of Saints marked each parish's expression of love and congratulations.



We celebrated the birthday of the Church on Pentecost, June 2. The church was full of red banners, red flowers and everyone wearing red!! May we all recognize the "manifestation of the Spirit that was given to us to benefit others."

