March 7, 2021—Third Sunday of Lent

Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.

St. James Catholic Church
109 6th Ave. SW

St. Joseph Catholic Church
605 Plymouth St. NE

MISSION STATEMENT
To love and serve God and neighbor by the way we worship, assist those in need, and educate in the faith with fidelity to Sacred Scripture and the tradition of the Catholic Church.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK! CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!!

STATISTICS OF NOTE:
Number of Priests in the Diocese of Sioux City:

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>166</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>146</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>109</td>
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<td>2019</td>
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Age Distribution of Active Priests in the Diocese:

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<td>55-59</td>
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<td>60-64</td>
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<td>65-69</td>
<td>8 (Fr. Bruce fits here)</td>
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<td>70+</td>
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If nothing changes, in the next 9 years 19 priests will retire, 8 will be ordained for a net loss of 11, bringing the number of priests available to serve the parishes in the 24 counties of northwest Iowa down to 37. In the 10 years following that, another 15 will retire . . . . Less than one priest per county????

NEW MEMBERS

James Krienert & Kendra Gloden and son Vincent

We are excited to have you join our faith community and share the love of Christ with you.

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY

Jane (Tentinger) Schmidt entered eternal life February 24, 2021. She was the sister of Michael (Kathy) Tentinger and AJ (Janelle) Tentinger of our parish.

Judith Holmberg entered eternal life March 1, 2021. She was the sister of Marlene Stoos of our parish.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (all at St. Joseph):

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<td>Mon</td>
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<td>3:00PM</td>
<td>Sun</td>
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WE RECEIVED OUR SECOND PAYBACK from this year’s Together as One Diocesan Appeal in the amount of $15,421. Thanks to all who contributed to the Appeal, important for our local (Diocesan) church and our parish.

SPRING SMORGASBORD: Because of COVID restrictions, we will not hold an in-person Spring Smorgasbord dinner at St. James this year. But watch for a letter inviting your participation in the customary raffle, and your support via a donation. (Extra raffle tickets are available through the parish office.)

CONFESSIONS
Before Weekend Masses and Wednesdays 5-6PM, St. Joseph Site

GEHEN: We will be selling Gehlen Ball of Gratitude tickets again March 6 & 7 after Masses. Your $125 ticket includes a drive-thru gratitude parade as you pick up a carryout meal from Iowa BBQ. And with the purchase of a $100 raffle ticket, you could win $5000, $3000, or $2000! Enjoy your carryout meal while watching our entertaining on-line program with a fantastic auction!

GEHLEN KITCHEN CAMPAIGN: They say the heart of the home is in the kitchen and that is no different at Gehlen Catholic School. This week, Gehlen Catholic launched the Heart of the School Campaign which will focus on remodeling and expanding the kitchen and cafeteria beginning spring 2021. These areas have not seen major improvements since the opening of the school in 1953. To learn more, view renderings, or support this campaign, visit donate.onecause.com/heartoftheschool or contact the Gehlen Catholic Development Office.

RETURN TO THE LORD YOUR GOD

THE FORTY DAYS OF LENT

Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Mar. 8 - 8:45AM All Saints-St. Joseph
Jim Hauser (A);

Tues. Mar. 9 - 6:30AM All Saints-St. Joseph
Jose Luis Barajas (Spec. Int.)
- 8:45AM All Saints-St. Joseph
Dan Bickford;
- 12:00NOON All Saints-St. Joseph
Richard O’Kane;

Wed. Mar. 10 - 6:30AM All Saints-St. Joseph
Deceased Members of Dennis Groetken Family;
- 8:45AM All Saints-St. Joseph-NO GEHEN MASS
John Mai;
- 12:00NOON All Saints-St. Joseph
Karen Bender;

Thurs. Mar. 11 - 6:30AM All Saints-St. Joseph
Peggy Poeckes;
- 8:45AM All Saints-St. Joseph-NO GEHEN MASS
Jami Langel (A);
- 12:00NOON All Saints-St. Joseph
Babe & Syb Anthony Family;

Fri. Mar. 12 - 6:30AM All Saints-St. Joseph
Deceased Members of Dennis Groetken Family;
- 8:45AM All Saints-St. Joseph
Tom Traufler & Bernard Hoffman;
- 12:00NOON All Saints-St. Joseph
George Ott;

Sat. Mar. 13 - 4:00PM All Saints-St. Joseph
Dan Cronin; Jerome Mohning;
- 5:30PM All Saints-St. Joseph
Cindy Schlichte;

Sun. Mar. 14 - 8:00AM All Saints-St. Joseph
Leo DeRocher;
- 8:30AM St. Joseph, Ellendale
Ellen Ritz;
- 9:30AM All Saints-St. Joseph
Lawrence “Larry” Gotto;
- 11:00AM All Saints-St. Joseph
Wally Rolfes (A);
- 12:30PM All Saints-St. Joseph-Spanish Mass
People of All Saints;

FEBRUARY 28, 2021 INCOME

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WEATHER ALERT: If school is LATE or CANCELED due to weather, the 8:45AM Mass will also be CANCELED. But note that during these days when we live-stream daily Mass for the sake of those isolating because of COVID, the 8:45AM Mass takes place as usual even when there is a funeral. (This is a change from our pre-COVID custom of canceling.)

CHRISTIAN NEEDS CENTER-MARCH 2021

- Canned Peas or carrots
- Juice
- Canned Tomatoes
- Toilet Paper
- Canned Tuna or Chicken

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FISH FRY
Every Friday During Lent
5:30PM-7:30PM
Serving: Alaskan Pollock, French Fries, Mac-n-Cheese, Coleslaw,
Dinner Roll—$10/Meal
Drive Thru Only

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE

March 14, 2021—8:30AM
Reader: Steve Ritz
EMHC: Kathy Ream
Offertory: Kathy Ream, Steve Ritz

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St. Joseph Ellendale
23533 K22, Merrill, IA
Third Sunday of Lent

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PLEASE NOTE the Statistics of Note on the other side of the bulletin. Let us continue to pray and work for vocations.

PARISH INFORMATION:

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Ross Tentinger 712-898-0516
Director Religious Ed: Mj Tapper 712-568-2754
Hall Rent: Kathy Ream 712-389-5271
Prayer Chain: Marlene Pridie 712-568-2198
Barb Foley 712-539-2243