Sacred Heart Catholic Church

March 21, 2021

Mass Schedule and Intentions:

Sunday, March 21st - 8:00am

+ Larry Swenson

Thursday, March 25th – 5:30pm

+ Joanie McLaughlin

Sunday, March 28th - 8:00am

+ Ambrose & Elvira Rooney

Sacred Heart Mission: We, the Sacred Heart Catholic Church parish, are a community of Christian faith striving to teach the word of God, to minister the sacraments, and to share Jesus' love.

SACRED HEART UPCOMING EVENTS:

THURSDAY, MARCH 25th - Knights of Columbus Meeting

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: "Create a clean heart in me, O God."

COVID-19 GUIDELINES – Please follow all guidelines put in place and social distancing to keep everyone safe. These apply to both Sunday and Tuesday Masses. If you have a fever or are not feeling well, please stay home. Masks are required and will be provided to those that do not have one. **Everyone must enter through the North Parish Center doors from the parking lot and have temperatures taken** – **if you have a fever, you will be asked to leave. All other doors will remain locked.** Pews are will be marked where people can sit to help ensure social distancing. Hand sanitizer will be available and should be used by all. The church will be sanitized prior to and after Mass.

FELLOWSHIP AFTER MASS – Coffee, rolls and juice are back! Please feel free to join us after Mass. We still need to social distance and limit the amount of people at each table and spread out. The rolls will be provided, we are just looking for volunteers to help serve and clean up afterwards.

REFLECTION – Pope Francis has declared this year the "Year of St. Joseph". We encourage you to learn more about this great man. Our journey of Lent, includes the desire to pattern our hearts and souls in the image of St. Joseph, the worker, the servant of God. Lent is for freedom – freedom to make our heart like his. It is about freedom to give our lives to God as St. Joseph did. Lent should be a process of practicing habits, of thinking about the needs of others, before seeking our needs. What am I doing with the remaining weeks of Lent?

EASTER FLOWERS – In memory of: Harold & Ruth Weaver; Weiner, Johnson, Mansmith, & Victorine Grandparents; Tom Wolf. *If anyone would like to make a donation for Easter flowers, please place your donation in Collection Basket marked "Flowers." If in memory of someone, please make note of that with the donation.*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet this Thursday, March 25th, at 7:00pm, in our Parish Center. Please remember to wear masks and practice social distancing to keep our building safe for everyone using it.

LENT: PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT – Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolations, Through Christ our Lord. Amen. **PILLARS OF LENT** – Prayer, Alms Giving, Fasting. Ways to fast this lent – in the words of Pope Francis – Fast from hurting words and say kind words, Fast from anger and be filled with patience, fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy, Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude. **FAST** – Fast from words and be silent so you can listen, Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others, Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

IRISH FAIR will be held on Sunday, June 6th, with a rain date to be June 12th. The fair will be mostly outside but will keep the lunch inside the Parish Center. We are able to social distance inside for the lunch. If anyone has any donations they would like to give to the fair for the raffle or the auction, please leave them in the office. If you have any ideas of games to do outside let the committee know at 641-822-4950. If you want to become involved in planning the Irish fair, contact the office. More details later!

PARKING LOT RAFFLE – A raffle to raise funds for the parking lot will be happening soon. Tickets will sell for \$100.00 each, only selling 300, giving out \$10,000.00 in prizes and \$20,000.00 to the parking lot funds. This would bring us to around \$75,000.00 for the parking lot. Watch for information when the tickets will be out and be ready to buy some. We will still be short about \$25,000.00 unless the bid from last year has gone up. At the Parish Council/Finance meeting on the 11th, the general consensus was it was time to move ahead finishing the parking lot. It has been 3 years since the pledges went to the parishioners for the project. Now is the time to make your donations to the parking lot fund!

THRIVENT DEPOSITS – Thank you to the member of Sacred Heart that has been donating interest money from a Thrivent investment that is sent to Sacred Heart each quarter. We have received \$83.00 this past quarter. It has been put in the parking lot fund.

SPEAKER SYSTEM – The new speaker system has been installed in our Parish Center, kitchen, and wake area this past week. The cost is around \$4,700.00 – no final bill yet - and will be paid for in part from a memorial to Sacred Heart from Ann Rooney in the amount of \$2237.00. The remaining balance will come from the Building Fund. This system is for broadcasting Mass into those areas, as well as other things like meetings, Irish Fair when back indoors, and music...yes, we can jam out in the kitchen! It was installed by RW Sound from Iowa Falls, thank you to Brad Shupe for the connection. It will be a great asset to the church!

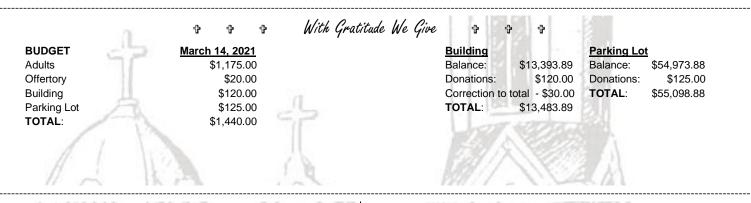
MEN'S HOMELESS SHELTER – Over the last several years we have donated to the Men's Shelter at Christmas time. In talking with the shelter, they said there are things they could use all year: Cleaning supplies of all kinds, laundry soap pods, dish soap pods, personal soap, beard trimmers, briefs & t-shirts in sizes XL & XXL, Sweatshirts (zippered or without) in sizes XL & XXL, and sheets for twin beds. There will be a tote beside the baskets for food if anyone would like to donate any of the items. All donations would be appreciated!

CABBAGE SHREDDER – The Ladies Guild has a cabbage shredder they would like to sell or donate to anyone who can use it. It is a commercial shredder with a hand crank. It was used only one year before an electric one was purchased with a donation from the Knights of Columbus. If you or you know of anyone who would be interested in the shredder, please contact the office at h.cahalan@Qsacredheartrockwell.org or call 641-822-4950.

OFFICE POSITION – Looking for someone interested in learning the jobs the office position entails. Just want someone to come in and learn what goes on at this time and be ready to take over when needed. For a full list of duties, stop by the office. CEMETERY is now taken care of in the office, but if someone was interested in handling the cemetery – sale of lots, etc. – it could certainly be worked out. Call 641-822-4950 or email h.cahalan@sacredheartrockwell.org, if interested.

WEST FORK FOOD PANTRY – This food pantry is open to residents of Franklin County or residents of the West Fork School District. Need to bring a current bill or ID to verify residency. It is located out of Zion St. John Lutheran Church at 422 West Sherman in Sheffield. The phone number is 641-892-4010. If in need, please bring bags, laundry baskets, or boxes to carry your food. The Food Bank is open the 1st Thursday of each month 10:00am-12:00pm and the 3rd Thursday of each month from 3:30pm to 5:30pm.

HAWKEYE HARVEST FOOD BANK in Mason City is always in need of donated items. Since we did not have Mass during most of Advent, we did not get a lot of donations. Lent is coming soon; hopeful we can make more of an effort to donate items toward the food bank. There are baskets in the entry to the church to leave any items you want to donate.



MARCH 21, 2021

LECTOR: Kim Thyne

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Tim & Margaret Nuehring

MUSIC: Kaleb Hrubetz, Ann Wolf

MONEY COUNTERS: Tom Madden, Margaret Nuehring

MARCH 28, 2021 - PALM SUNDAY

LECTOR: Charlie Sprung, Lisa Schultz

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Pat Sheldon, Dave Weiland

MUSIC: Andrea & Avah Hanig, Ann Wolf

MONEY COUNTERS: Pat Sheldon, Charlie Sprung

