By Sharon Mayer

Please consider St. Joseph's as your church away from home. Contact us at the Parish God bless your adventure be-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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CATHOLIC CHURCH

We hope your visit here

will be a prayerful time as

you enjoy the lakes region.

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30 minutes before each Mass BULLETIN DEADLINE

Tuesday 12 noon

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday at 4:30 p.m. Sunday at 8 and 10 a.m. Summer

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Congratulations to our graduating seniors. You are embarking on another adventure, however distant or near. Not only have you received twelve years of fundamental education, a background of family support, whatever the makeup, and the premise of faith, but an awakening of the person God created you to be.

By Fr. Tim Johnson

fore you—your achievements and your missteps: don't forget the words of Helen Keller: "Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature, nor do the children of men as a whole experience it. Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing."

For the last five weeks our first reading has been from the Acts of the Apostles, written by St. Luke describing the early days of the Church and the works of the disciples. Like you would expect, the names of the villages and larger cities where the disciples evangelize and form Christian communities are unlike those within our culture (for the most part). In today's first reading the disciples journey to Lystra, Iconium. Antioch, Pisidia and Pamphylia, Perga and Attalia. Iconium for instance is located 120 miles north of the Mediterrain Sea; a large city presently called "Konieh" it is home to Greeks, Turks, Armenians and Jews. Attalia was built by King Attalus Philadelphus and named after him. Located on the coast in present day Turkey is home to Moslems and Christians, exporting an abundance of grain, cotton, licorice root and acorn cups. Like the communities in our local area-Langdon, May City, Superior, Fostoria etc.—those ancient and present day towns receiving the word of God each have a unique quality and purpose. Regardless of the size or diminishing population of our local towns and cities, we too have received the word of God, and the promise, "God himself will always be with them as their God." Antioch above all holds a special place for us, where the gathered disciples—followers of Jesus—were first called "Christians."

Remember, next weekend we move to our summer schedule: Saturday evening Mass at 4 & 5:30 p.m.; Sunday morning Mass at 7:30, 9 & 10:30 a.m.

"To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you." (C.S. Lewis)

Fr. Tim

PARISHIONERS may go online at stjosephmilford.org and sign-up to have their photo taken for the new Centennial book. It takes five minutes. Do it today!

ADDITIONAL All Souls Novenas for Mother's Day: Let us remember +Elizabeth Schierholt, +Gwen Kennedy and +Evelyn Holdgrafer by Frank and Jean Kennedy; +Alvena Willison, +Florence Sander and +Joy Walz by John and Tutti Willison: +Rita Koll by her family: and +Carol Rolfes, +Agnes Paskert, +Martha Rolfes, +Louise Lambert, +Dorothea Bailey and Mildred Wolf by Jeff and Patricia Rolfes.

FAITH FORMATION

Last Sunday I had the pleasure of doing children's Liturgy with some very excited kids because it was Mother's Day. They were all eager to share their plans on how they were going to honor mom. In the evening I was able to be a part of senior awards night as I was the designated presenter for Campus Women's Club and the Milford Commercial Club. I enjoyed it because I used to work with these kids in elementary school and to see how they have grown, developed their interests and plans brings joy. I was and am happy to have a very small part in helping to shape their futures.

Also last weekend I attended ISU graduation for my youngest son, Tom. The commencement speaker was Dr. Robert Easter, well known in the agricultural field. He made some wonderful points about being a part of a community wherever they end up. Not only to remember the community that had a hand in bringing them up but the one they will be establishing themselves in. He highly suggested not burning bridges and not just being concerned only about themselves because it all works together to form who we are and the opportunities that will be available to them. It was a very good speech. He added to always keep an open mind as you have no idea where the Lord will lead you. He could not have imagined his success when he was young. As we graduate another class today, I hope they take that advice as well.

It is fun to look back on my experiences and how being involved in community has formed me. Some of us at this age may think that what young people do is none of our business. But it is. We have an obligation to them to tell them if what they are doing is really missing the mark or to praise them when they are doing good. It is a part of their guidance that they need to go in the right direction. Some may still not listen but at least we didn't just let it go. That is a part of building a good community. We have a lot of good young people to work with. Congratulations to all of our area graduates.

CONGRATULATIONS to Stan and Rhea Sybesma, of Spirit Lake, who won the St. Joseph Bridge Marathan and Margie Mueller of Okoboji and Charlotte Lunsford, of Milford, who placed second. Eleven teams participated in the marathan. The new season will begin in September. If you like to play bridge and want to participate, call the office.



1 p.m.: Cards in Nazareth Hall 7-9 p.m.: Driver's Ed, Basement 8 p.m.: AA in Nazareth Hall; Al-Anon in NW.

Tuesday, May 21

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration.

Wednesday, May 22

6 p.m.: KC's meet in basement 6:30-8:30 p.m.: Girl Scout Court of Awards, Parish Center

Thursday, May 23

8 a.m.: Bible Study, Nazareth

Friday, May 24

10:30 a.m.: Mass at Milford Care Center.

FRESH CINNAMON rolls will be baked and sold at Masses on Memorial Day Weekend. We are in need of volunteers to package and sell. If you plan to be around that weekend and would like to help, call the office.



CONGRATULATIONS to the following who were baptized at St. Joseph this past weekend:

Joshua and Jennifer Schaben; ✓ Priva Noelle Vonnahme, daughter of Jacob and Megan Vonnahme; and

✓ Luke Andrew Barta, son of Michael and Stacev Barta.

THE CENTENNIAL Committee is in search of autograph books/yearbooks from the St. Joseph School or people who remember the names of their classmates. Please call Sharon Maver at 338-2274 if you have photos, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, etc. Thanks in advance for your assistance with this project.

Remember....the Friday Mass at 10:30 a.m. is held at the Milford Care Center.

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples - and us a new commandment: "Love one another." Good stewards



who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.

Weekly budget needs are \$7,582

May 11-12, 2019

Weekly: \$6,044.00 Kids: \$91.42 Loose: \$1,413.25 Candles: \$1101.75 P & J: \$29.27 Rental: \$40.00 R/A Dues: \$20.00 Building: \$650.00 Lifesavers: \$1,185.40 Garage Sale: \$94.50

Welcome to our visitors who are worshipping with us this weekend. May your time in the lakes region be special.

Sixth Sunday of Easter **Summer Schedule Begins!** Saturday, May 25 @ 4 p.m.

EMES: (7) Karen Naber, Jim Baumgard, Jim and Laurie Murray, Aaron Hyatt, Ray and Carla Schley

GREETERS: Dick and Connie Mataloni

LECTOR: Nancy Crepeau

SERVERS: Andrew Frerichs, Isabel Nelson **USHERS:** Kathy Eilers, Bonnie Duhn

GIFTS: Roger Wittrock Family

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Saturday, May 25 @ 5:30 p.m.

EMES: (5) Larry Arndt, Steve Eral, Connie Jones, Jim and Irene McCov

GREETERS: Larry and Mary Arndt

LECTOR: Lois Eckard

SERVERS: Melika Smith, Alex Stoll USHERS: Sharon and Jim Metzger

GIFTS: Family

Sunday, May 26 @ 7:30 a.m.

EMES: (5) Bev Kruger, Loretta Halbur, Charree Sweeten, Faith Garcia, Jeff Nelson

GREETERS: Jeff and Pat Rolfes **LECTOR:** Darlene Moritz

SERVERS: John Garcia, Jay Garcia **USHERS:** Terri and Tom Rierson

GIFTS: Volunteers

Sunday, May 26 @ 9 a.m.

EMES: (9) Patti Scott, Roger and Cheryl Moss, Tom and Jan Johnson, Connie Hinrichs, Cory Knudson,

Bob and Kay Sewell

GREETERS: Ted and Joann Lyons

LECTOR: David Johnson

SERVERS: Dawson Kuker. Liam Knudtson **USHERS:** Wavne and Barb Woodlev

GIFTS: Philip Walleck Family PC Tech: Jack and Julie Kliegl

Sunday, May 26 @ 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Mass

EMES: (6) Dori Lippon, Denise Cole, Mike and Becky Wittrock, Pat Graves, Donna Elser

GREETERS: Curt and Susan Willette

LECTOR: Irene McCov SERVERS: Caleb Jones. Nick Stein

USHERS: Donna Clark, Bob Elser GIFTS: Kraig Vos Family

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS meet Tues., May 28 after the 5:15 Mass. Guest speaker will be from Hospice. All women of the parish 18 and older are invited to join. Lunch committee: Patti Scott, Darlene Moritz, Julie Fairchild, Becky Wittrock and Pat Graves

THANK YOU to Bill and Cheryl Aumer, Donna Elser, Maxine Elser, Fr. Tim, Tom and Jan Johnson, Jim and Irene McCoy, Marlene Nelsen and Susan Reiser who volunteered to work the Volunteer Supper Wed. night, May 15 at First Lutheran, in Milford.

THE JUNE NEWSLETTERS are available in the church lobby or on the counter near the elevator. Be sure to pick one up today before you leave church.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 18

4:30 p +Roy Wintz

Sunday, May 19

8 a +Norma & +Fritz Thoma

10 a +Floyd Sporrer Monday, May 20

7:30 a Mother's Day (7)

Tuesday, May 21

5:15 p +Don Kruse Mother's Day (8)

Wednesday, May 22

7:30 a +Halbur/Johnson Mother's Day (9)

Thursday, May 23

7:30 a +John Cain

Friday, May 24 7:30 a +Tony Hawn

10:30 a Special Intention (JLW) Saturday, May 25

4 p +Rita Wuebker +Tom Wuebker

5:30 p +John Cain Sunday, May 26

7:30 a +Mary Negus 9 a +Earl Langel 10:30 a +John Berg

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Please pick up your bowls and pans in the kitchen/hall.



Please pray for these St. Joseph Parishioners:

Jan Nau, Dennis and Alma Klute, Bill Ruml, Jerry Clark, Joan Langel, Irene Clark, Harlan Schumacher, Robert Rowland, Bill James, Marie Van Hofwegen, Ethel Wilson, Steve Painter, Ginny Yore, LaDonna Jansen, Dale Langel, Finley Brunsvold. Dee Bryant, Cindy Rush, Phyllis Hintz, Terry Abbas, Susan Robinson, Leona Spieker.

Other Special Persons: Ashlyn Clark, Jerry Wolford, Harvey Baxter, Jr., Kami Svoboda, Darrel Wedeking, Dan Mulder, Pam Meyer, Peri & Vern Hughes, Dan Donovan, Leah Brevik, Colleen Mulder, Jamie O'Neill, Carol Willette, Nancy Younie, Pat Juza, Kathy Reimers, Bea Reiter, Paula Bernardy, Mary Jones, Andy Bensman, Todd Clausen, Zach Budden, Roman Schierholt, Jan James, Sharon Forsman, Aden Remme, Jeff Harbst, Esther Baxter, Melissa Hruby, David Smith, Jean Stilley and Howie Holdenried. Please call to add persons.