

MAY 26, 2019

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

Let the fun begin! Summer at the lakes is about to begin. We will pray for warm decent weather for the season. Coming up in a couple of weeks is Camp CaYo-Ca, our Catholic camp for kids of our Diocese held at Twin Lakes Christian Center by Rockwell City. We will have 8 campers attending that I know of. I have sent their registrations off. If for some reason you have a child wishing to go, call me immediately to see if there are openings yet.

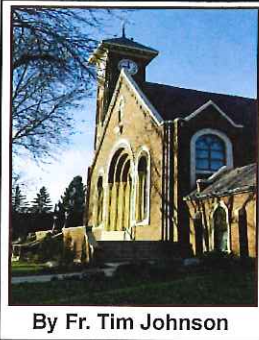
As we come into Memorial Day, I would like to invite our parishioners to bring in pictures of any relatives that are currently serving in the military for our picture board in the west entrance of our church. We would like to keep it current and have their mailing addresses if possible.

Memorial Day or Decoration Day as it was originally called has only been officially recognized since 1971. However the first remembrance was in New York and is now a time when families not only remember war veterans, but also all deceased family members. Cemeteries fly flags and graves are adorned with flowers. Our national cemeteries are a result of the civil war and if you have ever been to one like Arlington you cannot help feel the impact of the wars over the years.

This day is remembered with parades, church services, parties and the like. It is a federal holiday to thank those who have given their lives for their country and for us to remember all of our relatives who have passed. As far back as I can remember, I have gone to Riverside cemetery in Spencer on Memorial Day. My family grave is there and I love to see the flags flying, one of which is my dad's (WW2). There is also one for my grandpa (WW1) and his brother. When they were small, I took all of my kids there to see the flags and let them know why they are flying. I have tried to teach them a healthy respect for our country's symbol.

You cannot go to a cemetery full of flags, each one standing for a person, and not have respect for what that flag means. You cannot go to a national cemetery and look at the sea of white crosses without feeling sadness or gratefulness. If you do not feel something, you do not know what this country stands for. Memorial Day is a good time for a history lesson about our country. Take a few minutes and learn about its history this weekend.

TO EME's: At Mass, please wait a few minutes before you volunteer to fill in on the altar to give the scheduled person an opportunity to get to their post.



By Fr. Tim Johnson

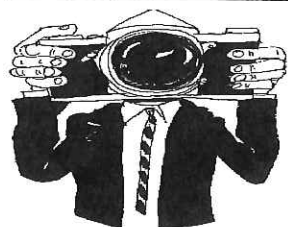
Just behind the little grotto in the center of our hometown Catholic cemetery is my best friend Jeff's grave and tombstone. A few feet away in the next row is my Uncle Joe's grave, my godparent; alongside is my Aunt Bernie's gravesite; and just to the south of the grotto is where my mother and father are buried. Sometimes as I "pay a visit" to the cemetery at this time of the year I sometimes forget the rule of respect: don't walk in front of a tombstone. I've encountered wind and rain, and cold temperatures as can be expected around Memorial weekend. But I've also relished times when it was calm with blue skies above punctuated by a few lingering clouds. My visit to certain graves—and those that draw my attention as I walk by—is a time of 'remembering,' contemplating the lives, the personalities, the experiences of those whom I shared time with in my path of life. Coming home I'm realizing with each passing year of the obvious: I know more individuals buried in the cemetery than those presently living in my childhood home. Not so much a time of sadness as I pause before certain gravestones, but of graciousness for their unique character and presence in my life—however brief it may have been.

Two weeks removed from Pentecost Sunday we are still in the season of Easter and the Resurrection message must echo within our Christian faith: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." Possibly, our "visits" to cemeteries merely validates the purpose of the life of the individual whose name is inscribed on the gravestone; perhaps validating God's promise for those who have died, and those of us among the living regardless of our unique personalities and human frailties. With the small flags dotting gravestones of the veterans throughout the cemetery, the numerous arrangement of flowers flourishing a grace of color and beauty, it simply comes down to the words of the poet Christina Rossetti: Remember me when I am gone away – Gone far into the silent land – When you can no more hold me by the hand. (Remember)

With the beginning of our "summer break" so to speak, and the addition of Masses for the convenience of anyone hoping to share in the Eucharist, I welcome 'home' all those who enjoy time here at the lakes. May you always feel welcome at St. Joseph's parish, and touch the grace of God in the prayers and the Eucharist we share together.

God Bless.

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 or stop at the table in the Parish Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, May 27

Parish offices closed for Memorial Day
9 a.m.: Memorial Day Mass at Calvary Cemetery
8 p.m.: AA in Nazareth Hall; Al-Anon in NW.

Tuesday, May 28

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration.
5:45 p.m.: CDA meets in Nazareth Hall.

Thursday, May 30

8 a.m.: Bible Study, Nazareth

Friday, May 31

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



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

- ✓ Heiko Lee Eckard, son of Daniel and Nancy Eckard; and
- ✓ Amelia Grace Brockhohn, daughter of Jamie and Danielle Brockhohn.

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.

Calling all singers! The Music Department at St. Joseph is in need of additional cantors. With the increase of Masses, we also have a need for an increase in cantors. Training and music is provided for all participants. This is a great way for both summer parishioners and year-round parishioners to share your talents with St. Joseph Parish. Cantors play a very important role at every Mass held at St. Joseph Parish. If you would like more information, or if you would like to become a cantor, please contact Cain Junkman at 712.338.2274, extension 11 or by email at cain@stjosephmilford.org.

Today's reading from Revelation offers a vision of the City of God, the new Jerusalem. "But," the bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us, "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now."

Weekly budget needs are \$7,582

May 18-19, 2019

Weekly: \$4,731.00	Kids: \$24.25	Loose: \$1,308.50
Candles: \$60.00	P & J: \$48.00	Rental: \$50.00
Quilt: \$17.00	Haiti: \$600.00	Endow: \$5.00

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, June 1 @ 4 p.m.

EMES: (7) Pat and Susie Carr, Holly and Paul Skopeck, Jim Baumgard, Kathy Eilers, Tony Peschong
GREETERS: Barb and Wayne Woodley
LECTOR: Joseph Schmidt
SERVERS: Bryce Anderson, Jaden Heller
USHERS: Doug Heller, Bonnie Duhn
GIFTS: John Willison Family
PC TECH: Streit

Saturday, June 1 @ 5:30 p.m.

EMES: (6) Becky and Mike Wittrock, Jim Baumgard, Ray and Carla Schley, Deb Faulkner
GREETERS: Chris and Connie Bjornstad
LECTOR: Nancy Crepeau
SERVERS: Melika Smith, Alissa Wittrock
USHERS: Bob and Donna Elser
GIFTS: Bob Elser Family

Sunday, June 2 @ 7:30 a.m.

EMES: (5) Jeff Knudtson, Barbara and Robert Kolasch, Charree Sweeten, Karen Naber
GREETERS: Tom and Terri Rierson
LECTOR: Darlene Moritz
SERVERS: Mark and Deb Johnson
USHERS: Loretta Halbur, Julie Reynolds
GIFTS: Volunteers

Sunday, June 2 @ 9 a.m.

EMES: (8) Jan Pithan, Roger and Cheryl Moss, Bill and Cheryl Aumer, Jim and Laurie Murray, Jean Petitti
GREETERS: Volunteers
LECTOR: Sara Laven
SERVERS: Jack Laven, Caleb Jones
USHERS: Mark and Molly Foss
GIFTS: Mike Wittrock Family
PC TECH: Jack and Julie Kliegl

Sunday, June 2 @ 10:30 a.m.

EMES: (6) Denise Cole, Donna Clark, Patti Scott, Connie Lange, Marlys Nolan, Pat Graves
GREETERS: Curt Willette
LECTOR: Susan Willette
SERVERS: John Garcia, Alex Stoll
USHERS: Curt Willette, Larry Arndt
GIFTS: Rod Lange Family



PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY from the St. Joseph Parish Family to:

- ✓ Jean Kennedy on the death of her brother, +Roman Schierholt, 87, of Chugiak, AK, who died May 12. His Mass of Christian Burial was held May 18 at St. Andrews Catholic Church, in Eagle River, AK;
- ✓ to Marc Rush and family on the death of his wife, +Cindy, who died Fri., May 17. Her Mass of Christian Burial was held Wed., May 22 at St. Joseph, Milford; and to
- ✓ Art Schultz and family on the death of his wife, +Dorothy, who died Sat., May 18. Her Mass of Christian Burial was held Thurs., May 23 at St. Joseph.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, May 27

9 a +Cae Shima
 +Earl and +Frances Connors

Tuesday, May 28

5:15 p +Georgene Guthrie
 Liv & Dec CDA Members

Wednesday, May 29

7:30 a +Halbur/Johnson
Thursday, May 30
7:30 a +Alvina Herges

Friday, May 31

7:30 a +Greg Deman
10:30 a Special Intention (JLW)

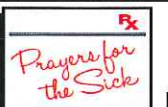
Saturday, June 1

4 p +Stan Norman, Sr.
5:30 p +Helen and +Daryl Miller

Sunday, June 2

7:30 a +Ken Knudtson
 +Lynn Knudtson
9 a +Jim & +Phyllis Streit
10:30 a +Norma & +Fritz Thoma

WE ARE in need of ushers Saturday night, June 15 at 5:30 p.m. If you can help, call the parish office.



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: Joene Edwards, Ann Willette, 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 Bernady, 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 Stille and Howie Holdenried. Please call to add persons.

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 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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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.- Thurs.:

7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fri.: 7:30 a.m. - 12 noon

RECONCILIATION:

30 minutes before each Mass

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Tuesday 12 noon

MASS SCHEDULE:

Winter

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday at 8 and 10 a.m.

Summer

Saturday at 4 and 5:30 p.m.

Sunday at 7:30, 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Are you new to the community?
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 below and return to the office or
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