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.

#### SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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?

Would you like to join St. Josep
Parish? Just fill out the coupo
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in the collection basket.
NAME:
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# ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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Congratulations to Fr. John Vakulskas for his fifty years of ordained ministry serving various parishes within our diocese and extending his faith and presence as chaplain to the individuals who work the circus. He served our parish of St. Joseph from 1993



to 1998, refurbishing the By Fr. Tim Johnson interior of our church during his tenure. He celebrated his anniversary in our church with a gathering of family, relatives and friends last Sunday, a reminder of the former pastors who served our parish, each providing their unique gifts and personalities. With the death of Msgr. Roger Augustine, there are still six former pastors living: Fr. Richard Remmes, Fr. John, Fr. Jim Bruch, Msgr. Seifried, Fr. Brian Danner, and Fr. Tom Flanagan. Reflecting on the ministries of our former pastors, and the many other priests who served within our diocese the following excerpt seems pertinent: "It was in the spring of 1856 that Bishop Mathias Loras of the Diocese of Dubuque sent Father John Vahey as the first resident pastor to that distant colony on the western frontier. From that date until this [time], many hundreds of priests have served within the boundaries of the twenty-four counties of northwest Iowa that now comprise the Diocese of Sioux City." (Living Stones, introduction) Though we are recognizing the hundredth year of our present church structure, our parish actually formed in 1873 (146 years ago) as St. Patrick's with Fr. John Smith serving as the first pastor. (We were more or less a mission parish at that time as Fr. Smith traveled from Emmetsburg where he served as pastor of Assumption Church.)

For the many priests who followed Fr. Smith in serving our parish over the years. Jesus words seem so appropriate: After Jesus' death and resurrection, Jesus gave the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19-20 before leaving this earth: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20, 'the Great Commission')

Looking ahead a bit, if there is anyone interested in RCIA, the process of joining our Catholic faith, please contact me. Or if you have any questions and concerns about the process please contact me. As in the past we will share the gatherings with St. Mary in Spirit Lake.

God Bless

# SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

#### FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

July is sailing by especially because I do not want it too. I have missed most of the activities I do for a month and it will be a while longer before I am walking normally. As we come toward the end of the month it is time for the annual Pioneer Days celebration. There are a number of activities beginning this coming Friday and our church is actively participating. We have the garage sale on Friday and Saturday along with a bake sale from CDA and a bridge luncheon and tournament. If you play bridge you will want to enter. The parade happens on Saturday with Fr. Tim on the float throwing candy to all of the youngsters along the route with hamburgers to follow in Florence Park . Come to the parish center on Sunday and eat an omelet with the Women's Club. I hope to be one of the cooks this time as I missed the one in June. Enjoy the many activities over the weekend for this long running town celebration.

After that, I am planning to work hard at getting families registered for religious ed and working with Catechists to get them up to speed on VIRTUS and ready to teach. I have done this many years and I am happy to say it is a rewarding occupation even for a volunteer. You grow your own faith as you help youngsters grow theirs. I appreciate everyone who takes the time on Wednesday to be a part of this very important ministry. I am hoping and praying to get a few new Catechists to join us this year.

I am also working on getting information for the 2020 All Years St. Joseph school reunion slated for Pioneer Day weekend. If you know anyone who went to St. Joseph School who does not live here, please let them know. I am also gathering any school memorabilia to be displayed that Saturday evening. It was wonderful to go to school here and even more wonderful to be employed in the same space where I spent so much of my life. I hope people want to return to share in the centennial celebration of the greatness that is St. Joseph Church.

#### PIONEER DAY ACTIVITIES AT ST. JO Fri., July 26

7 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Garage Sale 7 a.m. to ???: CDA rolls and coffee, Naz. 11 a.m.: Doors open for bridge and cribbage tournament, parish center.

Sat., July 27 7 a.m. to 12 noon: Garage Sale Sun., July 28

8 a.m. to 12 noon: Campus Women's Club Omelet Breakfast, parish center. 1:15 p.m.: Bingo in parish center.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



8 p.m.: AA in Nazareth Hall; Al-Anon in NW.

#### Tuesday, July 23

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

# Thursday, July 25

8 a.m.: Bible Study, Nazareth

#### Friday, July 26

7 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Pioneer Day Treasure Chest Garage Sale.

7 a.m. to ???: CDA cinnamon roll sale and coffee in Nazareth Hall.

10:30 a.m.: Mass at Milford Care Center. 11 a.m.: Doors open to bridge and cribbage tournaments, parish center.

#### Saturday, July 27

7 a.m. to 12 noon: Pioneer Day Treasure Chest Garage Sale.

## Sunday, July 28

8 a.m. to 12 noon: Omelet Breakfast, Parish Center, by Campus Women's Club. 1:15 p.m.: Doors open for Pioneer Days bingo in parish center, hosted by Milford Commercial Club

THANKS to everyone who called and offered to bake bars. Love the quick response!

PLEASE PICK up a copy of the August St. Joseph Journal before you leave church today. They are located on the table across from the elevator or in the stands in the church lobby windows.

THERE are many bowls and pans in the kitchen that need to go home with you! Check for yours!

#### DON'T forget-

Mass Friday, 10:30 at the Care Center.

Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality re-



guired, was rewarded with his heart's desire-a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?

Weekly budget needs are \$7,582

#### July 13-14, 2019

Weekly: \$9,754.00 Kids: \$76.00 Loose: \$3,139.05 Candles: \$55.52 Quilt: \$50.00 Endow: \$100.00 2nd Coll Catholic Charities: \$1,179.52 Youth Min: \$150.00 Building: \$1,052.00 P & J: \$200.00 Rental.: \$50.00

## 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

#### 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, July 27 @ 4 p.m.

EMES: (8) Larry Arndt, Holly and Paul Skopec, Dave Loebig, Bonnie Duhn, Charree Sweeten, Connie Lange, Faith Garcia

**GREETERS:** Barb and Wayne Woodley

**LECTOR:** David Johnson

SERVERS: Kailee Herman, Melika Smith USHERS: Larry and Mary Arndt, Doug Heller

GIFTS: Wayne Woodley Family

PC TECH: Streit

#### Saturday, July 27 @ 5:30 p.m.

EMES: (6) Mary Dunleavy, Sharon and Jim Metzger, Jim Baumgard, Tony Peschong, Brad Shell

GREETERS: Chris & Connie Bjornstad, Marian

Feldhacker

**LECTOR:** Teresa Place

SERVERS: Kaleb Peschong, Alex Stoll **USHERS:** Bob and Bonna Elser

**GIFTS:** Mike Wittrock Family

#### Sunday, July 28 @ 7:30 a.m.

EMES: (5) Deb Travis, Loretta Halbur, Jeff Nelson, Barbara and Robert Kollasch

**GREETERS:** Tom and Terri Rierson

**LECTOR:** Darlene Moritz **SERVERS:** Mark Johnson, Bryce Anderson **USHERS:** Loretta Halbur, Julie Reynolds

**GIFTS:** Volunteers

#### Sunday, July 28 @ 9 a.m.

EMES: (8) Jan Pithan, Bill and Cheryl Aumer, Aaron and Erin Lorch, Pete Laven, Roger and Cheryl Moss

**GREETERS:** Volunteers **LECTOR:** Sara Laven

SERVERS: Brianna Swenson, Ethan Weston

**USHERS:** Harmelink Family **GIFTS:** Harmelink Family PC TECH: Jack and Julie Kliegl

#### Sunday, July 28 @ 10:30 a.m.

EMES: (6) Denise Cole, Donna Clark, Patti Scott Mick and Jeanette Baack, Chris Hinshaw

**GREETERS:** Bob and Donna Elser **LECTOR:** Aaron Lorch

SERVERS: Austin Harms, Dalton Kilgore

Mon., July 29.

**USHERS:** Susan and Curt Willette

**GIFTS:** Mick Baack Family

BECAUSE of staff vacation, the Aug. 4 and 11 bulletins will be printed early. If you have items for either of those bulletins, please have it to the office by

FRI.. AUG. 23 is the last day to bring items for the Labor Day Garage Sale.

#### **IT'S TIME FOR PHOTOS!**

If you wish to submit a family photo for the new Centennial photo book, please do so by Aug. 15. Be sure to include a written release by the original photogra-



#### MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, July 20

4 p +Stan Norman, Sr. 5:30 p +Darold Haberman

#### Sunday, July 21

7:30 a +Margaret Kacvnski

+Rita Koll 9 a

+Mike Koll

+Dave Koll 10:30 a +Betty Newman

# Monday, July 22

7:30 a +Bud Brooks

Tuesday, July 23

5:15 p +Tom Wuebker +Earl Connors

# Liv & Dec CDA members

Wednesday, July 24 7:30 a +Halbur/Johnson

# +Leo Detrick

Thursday, July 25 7:30 a Liv/Dec Koll Fam. Mem

Friday, July 26 7:30 a +John Cain

#### **10:30 a** Special Intention (JLW) Saturday, July 27

4 p +Stan Norman, Sr. +Rita Wuebker

+Tom Wuebker 5:30 p +Sharon Knudtson

# Sunday, July 28

7:30 a +Edith Long

9 a +Alan Langel +Earl Langel

10:30 a +Floyd Sporrer +Bud and +Betty Fortin



Please pray for these St. Joseph Parishioners:

Sharon Mayer, Dennis and Alma Klute, 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 Phyllis Hintz, Terry Abbas, Susan Robinson, Leona Spieker.

Other Special Persons: Everett Ward, Jan Wolf, Peggy Price, Joan Mertz, John Bruening, 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 Bernardy, Mary Jones, Andy Bensman, Todd Clausen, Zach Budden, Jan James, Sharon Forsman, Aden Remme, Jeff Harbst, Esther Baxter, Melissa Hruby, David Smith, Jean Stilley and Howie Holdenried. Please call to add persons.