SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

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We celebrate the Holy Day of Obligation, the Assumption of Mary, this Thursday, August 15th. Masses for this holy day will be Wednesday evening, 5:30pm, and Thursday morning, 7:30am. Because of our summer activities we often forget about this holy day. In the historical documents of St. John of Damascus living during the 5th century, a request I



By Fr. Tim Johnson

was made at the Council of Chalcedon (parallel to Vatican II Council) seeking the body of Mary, the Blessed Virgin. In reply the Bishop of Jerusalem spoke up, informing the council, "that Mary died in the presence of the Apostles, but that her tomb, when opened upon the request of St. Thomas, was found empty; where from the Apostles concluded that the body was taken up to heaven." Nearly three centuries later this holy day, initially called Memorial of Mary, was renamed the Assumption of Mary. As we believe, Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven.

Looking at the gospel reading of the end times, and getting our 'house in order' I'm reminded of the evangelist, Billy Graham. At the time I was growing up in the sixties and seventies Billy was involved in many Crusades in various cities in the United States and around the world. Though my parents' Catholic faith guided our family life, my mother found an expression of faith that touched her own in the messages Billy Graham preached in those Crusades. Thus I too witnessed his exhortations on television with the "end times" a very evident part of his messages. Caught up in our own activities, daily responsibilities and relationships we give little pause to the final truth of our Christian faith. Interestingly, Billy Graham's message may provide us with a different take on this otherwise bleak prediction: "The Bible repeatedly tells us that someday Christ will return — not in weakness, the way He came the first time, but with power and glory, and with great authority. . . . Why is the second coming of Christ important? First, it gives us hope — hope that someday all the sin and evil of this world will be banished, and peace and justice will rule. . . . Don't ignore Him or push Him off into a corner, but put your faith and trust in Him. Then learn to walk with Him every day. . . . The end will come with the return of Jesus Christ . . . That is why a Christian can be an optimist. That is why a Christian can smile in the midst of all that is happening

Lord Jesus Christ!" Thank you to all who participated with the individual and family pictures for the new parish directory, whether sending in a picture or having yours taken. Our new directory will be available next spring in connection with our parish recognition of our church's centennial. Pictures of various parish groups and activities are still being taken to be placed in the front section of this directory.

Again, a reminder to anyone (or if you know of anyone) who is interested in the steps to become a Cath-

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FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

Time is flying as usual. I am walking better now but it will be a while before I am 100%. I am looking forward to the start of another religious education year which kicks off in less than a month now! We are still looking for people to help teach. I know kids can be naughty and intimidating and not as respectful as we would like them to be when they are here, but I have found that the more you engage them in a topic or activity the more congenial they will be. I have many ways to do that and still follow a lesson plan. If you are a person that can be prepared when Wednesday comes and not try to fly by the seat of your pants, you will get along just fine. We have lost some very good Catechists this year due to their job conflicts but I know there are some very good ones out there too. Please come forward if your heart desires.

Now to some nuts and bolts of the program: Classes begin Sept. 4th. I will have early registration weekend on August 24th and 25th after Masses. If you have had children in our program, I have your form so all you have to do is make sure it is current, sign it and pay your fees. New families will have to fill out a new form. Our program welcomes youth in grades K-12. The Wednesday afternoon program goes through 6th grade with 7-12 in the evening. First Reconciliation and First Communion are given in 2nd grade with Confirmation in 10th grade. If you have children who have missed any of those Sacraments including Baptism, please call me and I can work with you and your child to complete these.

Alternately, we have Family Formation which meets once at the beginning of the month with the family at church then parents teach their children at home. Requirements for this will be the meeting on the first Wednesday between Oct. and April and doing the weekly lessons at a time you choose without interruptions.

In addition, If you are an adult interested in joining our faith, coming back into the church or learning more about being Catholic, plan to come on Tuesday evenings for RCIA. It is usually a full year and I wouldn't want it any other way.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

To Funeral Group #6....Thank you so much for serving at Harlan's funeral. It was a beautiful ceremony and brought us great peace and comfort. Words cannot express how grateful we are for your kindness and service.

Kay Schumacher and Family

UPCOMING EVENTS



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

Tuesday, Aug. 13

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

Thursday, Aug. 15

8 a.m.: Bible Study, Nazareth

Friday, Aug. 16

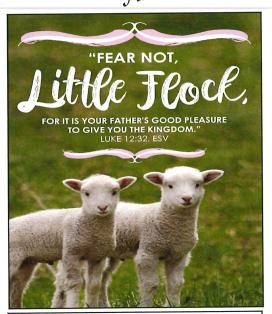
10:30 a.m.: Mass at Milford Care Center.

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olic and share in the Eucharist and our Sacraments, please contact me at the parish office. Our RCIA program shared with St. Mary's of Spirit Lake is a structured but informal process of sharing information about our traditions, prayers and Sacramental life while discussing the questions that arise.

God Bless. Fr. Tim



Am I waiting for the "right" time to become a good steward? Do I plan to share my time and talents "later"? To-

day's Gospel warns those who are procrastinating about stewardship to be prepared -- "at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Financial information for the weekends of Aug. 3-4 and Aug. 11-12 will appear in the Aug. 17-18 bulletin.

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, Aug. 17 @ 4 p.m.

EMES: (8) Eldon Kraninger, Dave Loebig, Connie Lange, Ray and Carla Schley, Brad Shell, Chris and

Connie Biornstad

GREETERS: Volunteers **LECTOR:** Joseph Schmidt

SERVERS: Isabel Nelson, Dakota Hesseltine **USHERS:** Jim and Kathleen Baumgard

GIFTS: Charles Reckard Family

PC TECH: Streit

Saturday, Aug. 17 @ 5:30 p.m.

EMES: (6) Marlene Nelsen, Mary Lack, Denise Cole, Mark Kollasch, Bonnie Duhn, Faith Garcia

GREETERS: Volunteers **LECTOR:** David Johnson

SERVERS: Addison Frerichs, Loretta Halbur

USHERS: Barb and Wayne Woodley

GIFTS: Matt McHugh Family

Sunday, Aug. 18 @ 7:30 a.m.

EMES: (5) Darlene Moritz, Jeff Knudtson, Mary Lack, Tom and Terri Rierson

GREETERS: Volunteers **LECTOR:** Loretta Halbur

SERVERS: Jerron Heller, Bryce Anderson

USHERS: Pat and Jeff Rolfes **GIFTS:** Tom Rierson Family

Sunday, Aug. 18 @ 9 a.m.

EMES: (8) Pete Laven, Jeff Nelson, Bill and Cheryl Aumer, Dori Lippon, Jean Petitti, Connie Hinrichs.

Chad Harms

GREETERS: Bob and Donna Elser

LECTOR: Sara Laven

SERVERS: Liam Knudtson, Aubry Knudtson

USHERS: Harmelinks **GIFTS:** Roger Moss Family PC TECH: Jack and Julie Kliegl

Sunday, Aug. 18 @ 10:30 a.m.

EMES: (6) Beth Lorch, Mick Baack, Chris and Connie

Jones, Susan Willette, Aaron Lorch **GREETERS:** Need volunteers here.

LECTOR: Sara Laven

SERVERS: Noah Walleck, Simon Walleck

USHERS: Larry and Mary Arndt **GIFTS:** Aaron Lorch Family

DON'T forget to return your quilt raffle tickets.

Don't forget Bible Study on Thursday morning, 8 a.m. in Nazareth Hall. Fellowship. Fun. Refreshments.

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, Aug. 10

4 p +Stan Norman. Sr. +Bill & +Elvera Kane 5:30 p +Paul Delaney

Sunday, Aug. 11

7:30 a +Fritz & +Norma Thoma 9 a +Maurice & +Eileen Northup

10:30 a +Harlan Schumacher Monday, Aug. 12

7:30 a +Jolene Trienen

Tuesday, Aug. 13

5:15 p +Darrell & +Cleone Jones

Wednesday, Aug. 14

7:30 a +Halbur/Johnson 5:30 p +Cindy Rush

Thursday, Aug. 15 7:30 a +Al & +Betty Mataloni

Friday, Aug. 16

7:30 a Special Intention (JLW) 10:30 a +George Schmidt

Saturday, Aug. 17

2 p Brooks/McBride Vows +Stan Norman, Sr. +Patty Zweibahmer

+AI & +Verna Tiefenthaler

+Rollin Tiefenthaler 5:30 p +Darold Haberman

Sunday, Aug. 18

7:30 a +Sharon Knudtson

+Thomas John Oleson

+Gary Oeth 9 a Special Int. (JTW)

+Earl Langel

+Alan Langel **10:30 a** +Joy Walz



Please pray for these St. Joseph Parishioners:

Peggy Rients, Sharon Mayer, Dennis and Alma Klute, Jerry Clark, Joan Langel, Irene Clark, 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, 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.