

AUG. 18, 2019

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.

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. Joseph Parish? Just fill out the coupon below and return to the office or in the collection basket.

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Last week while entering the church body on my way to the sacristy I noticed an elderly woman in a pew, silently present in prayer. A family member brought her to church, as she requested, to spend time alone in quiet prayer. She was limited in her ability to get around and had difficulty communicating because of various physical setbacks in the last couple of years. I recognized her and waited until she finished her prayer or time of quiet contemplation. She was helped to her vehicle but not before we shared a very brief visit, and a gentle smile on her face. Considering her severe physical conditions and limitations, I was humbled to witness her quiet faith, her desire to be present to God, intimately and gratefully, in spite of all the physical setbacks that can make a 'normal' day extremely difficult.

Reflecting on her quiet, resilient faith gave me pause to consider the day to day concerns and personal agitations pulling us away from the presence of God's grace before us. A myriad of distractions or commotions can divert our best intentions to remain focused with a Christian perspective. Her quiet witness of faith in a God who remains at her side is a reflection of an interesting prayer entitled, Prayer of an Anonymous Abbess:

Lord, thou knowest better than myself that I am growing older and will soon be old. Keep me from becoming too talkative, and especially from the unfortunate habit of thinking that I must say something on every subject and at every opportunity.

Release me from the idea that I must straighten out other peoples' affairs. With my immense treasure of experience and wisdom, it seems a pity not to let everybody partake of it. But thou knowest, Lord, that in the end I will need a few friends.

Keep me from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point.

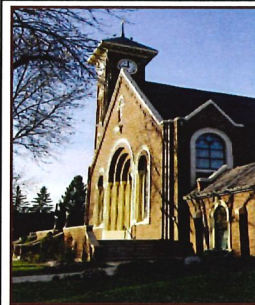
Grant me the patience to listen to the complaints of others; help me to endure them with charity. But seal my lips on my own aches and pains -- they increase with the increasing years and my inclination to recount them is also increasing.

I will not ask thee for improved memory, only for a little more humility and less self-assurance when my own memory doesn't agree with that of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be wrong.

Keep me reasonably gentle. I do not have the ambition to become a saint -- it is so hard to live with some of them -- but a harsh old person is one of the devil's masterpieces.

Make me sympathetic without being sentimental, helpful but not bossy. Let me discover merits where I had not expected them, and talents in people whom I had not thought to possess any. And, Lord, give me the grace to tell them so. Amen.

(As she left the church with the aid of a family member, with sadness I realized it would be for the last time this season as they travel back to their permanent home. At the same time I'm grateful our church and parish is a place where individuals and families feel welcome, finding the presence of God whether alone in prayer or within our Eucharist.) God Bless.



By Fr. Tim Johnson

FAITH FORMATION

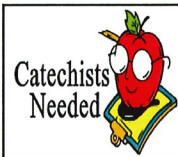
By Sharon Mayer

As summer time winds down, families are trying to cram that last bit of free time into just a couple of weeks. Practices begin for school sports and then we are in fall mode. I, too, am getting into fall mode as I pray for people to help out the religious education program. I have heard from many fine people that tell me "I did that when my kids were in the program." Now a days, many moms are working or the work schedule is very different. It would be nice to have parents teach as part of an obligation to church or just because they want to be a part of that area of their child's learning, however, I do not solely depend on my parents to fill that role as families are very busy. I just need active Catholics who will teach from a text about being Catholic- doctrine, rules, Mary, Jesus, etc. You do not have to be a parent.

This year, immediately, I need 3rd and 6th grade teachers. The 5th and 6th normally meet on Wednesday afternoons, but I am moving them to evening. I have two wonderful people who have agreed to take 5th and 8th grades. If you can help us out, please do.

As we move forward with or without enough people to teach, I am holding a Catechist meeting on August 28 at 7 p.m. This is attended by all Catechists to get the layout for the year and go over questions and expectations. On August 24 and 25 I will have early registration weekend after all Masses. If you have a new kindergartener (not TK) this is when you should register. Classes begin on Sept. 4 and Children's Liturgy begins Sunday Sept. 8. I think the kids form a nice group of learning their faith together through the years. We have serious learning mixed with fun activities. Family Formation is your alternative learning option done at home with materials we provide. Information will be available on that as well.

RCIA will also begin soon. That is for adults, but if you have children under 18 who need to catch up with Sacraments, get in touch with me and we can take care of that. Last year was very busy and I hope this year will be the same. As always, I communicate with families' best through email, the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter. Please be attentive to those. Families with children in second grade or 10th grade should have already received a letter about special Sacrament meetings.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, Aug. 19

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

Tuesday, Aug. 20

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

Thursday, Aug. 22

8 a.m.: Bible Study, Nazareth

Friday, Aug. 23

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

Saturday & Sunday, Aug. 24-25

Rel Ed Registration Weekend.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Thank you to Funeral Group #8 for serving the +Pegi Rients funeral luncheon Tues., Aug. 6. Your service to a family in their time of need is greatly appreciated. Funeral Group #1 will be in charge of the next funeral luncheon.

PHOTOS HAVE arrived in the office for those parishioners who did not purchase any additional prints and have a free 8 x 10 coming to them. Please stop at your convenience to pick your photo up.

Calling all Miracle Choir Members - the Miracle Choir will begin singing monthly again in September. They will sing on Sunday, Sept. 29 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass with a rehearsal prior at 9 a.m. A practice will be held on Wed., Sept. 25 at 5:15 p.m. in the church. New members are welcome and invited to join! For more information contact Cain at cain@stjosephmilford.org or by phone at 712.336.2274, ext. 11.

In today's second reading, St. Paul encourages us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict and division, is one way to measure our discipleship.

Weekly budget needs are \$7,582

Aug. 3-4, 2019

Weekly: \$6,518.00 Kids: \$174.10 Loose: \$3,831.80

2nd Coll. Seminarians: \$1,370.57 P & J: \$358.00

Building Fund: \$1,479.00 Endow: \$71.00

Aug. 10-11, 2019

Weekly: \$5,783.00 Kids: \$93.00 Loose: \$5,818.87

Candles: \$181.90 2nd Coll Rel Ed/Youth: \$1,202.71

Endow: \$22.00 P & J: \$60.00 Retired Rel.: \$485.00

Haiti: \$5.00 Poor Box: \$4.49

Quilts: \$231.00 Building: \$122.00 Misc.: \$43.03



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, Aug. 24 @ 4 p.m.

EMES: (8) Holly and Paul Skopec, Carol Lee, Donna Elser, Jerilyn Streit, Bob and Barb Kollasch, Bonnie Duhn

GREETERS: Volunteers

LECTOR: Pat Carr

SERVERS: Asher Knudtson, Dayton Kilgore

USHERS: Mark and Molly Foss

GIFTS: Bob Kollasch Family

PC TECH: Streit

Saturday, Aug. 24 @ 5:30 p.m.

EMES: (6) Larry Arndt, Kris and Steve Feld, Brad Shell, Chad Harms, Deb Faulkner,

GREETERS: Bob and Donna Elser

LECTOR: Irene McCoy

SERVERS: Alex Stoll, Jaden Heller

USHERS: Doug Heller, Jim McCoy

GIFTS: Steve Feld Family

Sunday, Aug. 25 @ 7:30 a.m.

EMES: (5) Bev Kruger, Loretta Halbur, Ron Swartz, Faith Garcia, Mary Lack, Charree Sweeten

GREETERS: Volunteers

LECTOR: Chris Bjornstad

SERVERS: John Gracia, Kailee Herman

USHERS: Carol Swartz, Julie Reynolds

GIFTS: Volunteers

Sunday, Aug. 25 @ 9 a.m.

EMES: (8) Sara and Pete Laven, Mike and Becky Wittrock, Cheryl Moss, Connie Lange, Donna Clark, Marlys Nolan

GREETERS: Volunteers

LECTOR: Roger Moss

SERVERS: Jack Laven, Brianna Swenson

USHERS: Dick and Connie Mataloni

GIFTS: Jay Scott Family

PC TECHS: Jack and Julie Kliegl

Sunday, Aug. 25 @ 10:30 a.m.

EMES: (6) Connie and Chris Jones, Denise Cole, Jim and Laurie Murray, Patti Scott

GREETERS: Volunteers

LECTOR: Beth Lorch

SERVERS: Ethan Weston, Dawson Kuker

USHERS: Bill and Cheryl Aumer

GIFTS: Chris Jones Family

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

MISSING a bowl? Check the kitchen

DON'T forget to return your quilt raffle tickets.

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

IT'S APPLE PIE TIME...The KC's annual pie project begins Fri., Aug. 23. Unbaked pies will be on sale for \$10 each both Friday and Saturday, Aug. 23-24. Pie sales should continue until Sept. 14-15. Call Terry Abbas at 712-330-9131 if you wish to purchase a pie.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Aug. 17

2 p Brooks/McBride Vows

4 p +Stan Norman, Sr.

+Patty Zweibahmer

+Al & +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

Monday, Aug. 19

7:30 a +Dorothy Schultz

Tuesday, Aug. 20

5:15 p +Cae Shima

Wednesday, Aug. 21

7:30 a +Halbur/Johnson

Thursday, Aug. 22

7:30 a Liv/Dec Don Brown Fam

Friday, Aug. 23

7:30 a +Margaret Rehse

10:30 a +Ralph Nordstrom

Saturday, Aug. 24

2 p Schoelerman/Schmidt Vows

4 p +Stan Norman, Sr.

5:30 p +Darold Haberman

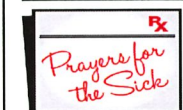
Sunday, Aug. 25

7:30 a Special Intention (JW)

9 a +Jim & +Donna Murray

10:30 a +Floyd Sporrer

+Bill Ruml



Please pray for these St. Joseph Parishioners:

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 Stillely and Howie Holdenried. Please call to add persons.