

SEPT. 1, 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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Though its beginnings stretch back to the mid 1800's our national holiday this weekend is culturally known as summer's last hurrah and the beginning of the school year. We may have lost the original intent of this day as envisioned by the laborers who actively campaigned for such a nationwide recognition, though it has been a federal holiday since 1894. Labor Day is a pause to honor the contributions workers have made to the "development, security, sustainability, persistence, and well being" of our country. Such was not a novel idea back in the 1800's. If we examine scripture we find accounts of the need to rest, to reflect upon the grace bestowed and the grace to carry forward God's mission to all peoples.

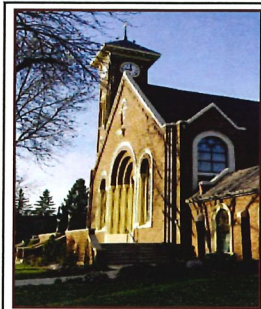
Of course, the precursor of the need to rest in Genesis: "Since on the seventh day God was finished with the work he had been doing, he rested from all the work he had undertaken."

And as Jesus understood with all the work he had to undertake in his short time on earth: "The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while (MK 6:31).'" And too, "I myself," the Lord answered, will go along, to give you rest (Exodus 33:14).'" Fulfilling our responsibilities with the work that sustains our livelihood and our integrity, we can find the time to replenish our character, our relationships, the hope we carry forward. Whatever the labor, its ultimate purpose is reflected in the Social Teaching of our Catholic faith: "Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected." A most obvious symbol of such dignity can be seen in the state park on west lake. Our enduring shelter house at Gull Point Park was fashioned and built by the hands of those who received just enough to support themselves and their families during the depression years. Though their earnings minimal, the shelter reflects the personal dignity of each, whose hands contributed to the enduring enjoyment of families and friends who have gathered within the confines of that structure through the years.

Perhaps the beliefs of John Lubbock, an English scientist and philanthropist, gives us recourse to the purpose of the seventh day, and of Jesus' belief that regardless of the work to be done, one needs a time of rest to replenish the soul: "Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time."

Fr. Tim

THE NEXT baptism class is Tues., Sept. 24, 6:30 p.m. in the overflow room. This class must be completed before a baptism can be scheduled.



By Fr. Tim Johnson

FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

The start of the religious education year is here. We begin this Wednesday at 3:40-5 for grades K-4 and at 7 p.m. for grades 5-12. Please note the 5th and 6th grades have moved from the afternoon to the evening this year. Parents, not the bus, will need to bring them now. This move allowed for me to have the much needed Catechists to accomplish the task of religious education. We still do have Family Formation with home instruction for children up through the 6th grade and those families will meet for the first time in October.

Last weekend I did have some of our families register as that is a required part of sending your children to classes here. We will be registering on the first day as well. If you are not a registered family with the parish, those forms are available with Susan.

If you have a child ready to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion, the Sacrament meeting will be Wednesday Sept. 4th after classes at 5:15 in Nazareth. I will need all Baptismal information for these students. If you have a student in Confirmation, that meeting will be in the parish center at 7 p.m. with your student. Again we will need Sacramental information for your student. These are very important steps for a young Catholic and the requirements are stepped up during these years.

This past Wednesday I met with Catechists that were available to go over the year in general and our handbook. We want them to be as prepared as possible for the task ahead. Our opening Masses will be on Sept. 11 with families invited to join us to open the year. During the week of Okoboji Homecoming, the high school grades, 9-12 only, will not have classes in the evening; grades 5-8 will still meet. Also coming up very soon will be the 6th grade field trip to the grotto. This trip will still leave after school with a return time of about 8 p.m. We also offer being an Altar Server to children in grades 4 and up. The introduction will be on Sept. 25 and then training begins in earnest during the weekends in October after Masses. Loretta Halbur is in charge of this ministry.

As always if you have children that have missed Sacraments, including Baptism and they are under 18, please contact me as I will work with you and your children to complete those Sacraments.

DON'T forget to return your quilt raffle tickets. The drawing is Tues., Sept. 3.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, Sept. 2

Parish Offices Closed for Labor Day Holiday.
8 p.m.: AA in Nazareth Hall; Al-Anon in NW.

Tuesday, Sept. 3

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

Wednesday, Sept. 4

8 a.m.: Peace & Justice meets in Nazareth.

3:45-5 p.m.: Rel. Ed grades K-4

6 p.m.: KC's meet in church basement.

7-8 p.m.: Rel. Ed grade 5-12.

Thursday, Sept. 5

7:30 a.m.: Healing Mass. Refreshments to follow in Parish Center by CDA.

8 a.m.: Bible Study, Nazareth

5:15 p.m. Parish Council in parish office.

Friday, Sept. 6

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

Saturday, Sept. 7

2 p.m.: Potthuff/Boland Vows.

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 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.



CONGRATULATIONS and Best Wishes to Travis and Jessica (Schoelerman) Schmidt who were married at St. Joseph on Sat., Aug. 24.

THE PEACE & JUSTICE Committee meets Wed., Sept. 4, 8 a.m. in Nazareth Hall.

In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us not to give in hopes of repayment, but to give open-handedly to the poor and needy. That sort of giving mirrors the bountiful giving of God, and Jesus assures us it is blessed indeed!



Weekly budget needs are \$7,582

Aug. 24-25, 2019

Weekly: \$8,310.00 Kids: \$27.00 Loose: \$2,973.31
Candles: \$170.26 2nd Coll Rel Ed/Music: \$858.25
Endow: 20.00 P & J: \$62.00 Retired Rel.: \$25.00
Mission: \$50.00 Quilts: \$43.00 Building: \$355.00
Parish Rental: \$100.00 Misc.: \$532.00

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time WINTER SCHEDULE BEGINS

Saturday, Sept. 7 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: (6) Dick and Connie Mataloni, Jim Baumgard, Jean Petitti, Faith Garcia, Tony Peschong

GREETERS: Volunteers

LECTOR: Nancy Crepeau

SERVERS: Melika Smith, Brianna Sweson

USHERS: Bonnie Duhn, Kathy Eilers

GIFTS: Bob Eilers Family

Sunday, Sept. 8 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: (5) Knights of Columbus Members

GREETERS: KC's

LECTOR: KC Member

SERVERS: Mark and Deb Johnson

USHERS: KC Members

GIFTS: KC's

Sunday, Sept. 8 @ 10 a.m.

EMES: (6) Bob and Kay Sewell, Jim and Laurie

Murray, Deb Faulkner, Chad Harms

GREETERS: Curt and Susan Willette

LECTOR: Aaron Lorch

SERVERS: Alissa Wittrock, Andrew Frerichs

USHERS: Donna Clark, Gary Espinoza

GIFTS: Bill Aumer Family

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sharon Mayer

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS will host coffee and donuts in the Parish Center following the Healing Mass on Thurs., Sept. 5.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY from the St. Joseph Parish Family to Jeanette Kellar on the death of her brother, +Merlin R. Clark, of Windom, MN, who died Thurs., Aug. 22. His funeral was held Tues., Aug. 27 at the American Lutheran Church, in Windom, MN.

THE MILFORD Fire Dept. will host a pancake and sausage breakfast this Sunday, Sept. 1, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Milford Fire Hall, 1801 N. Ave., Milford. A free will offering will be taken.

OUR PARISH will offer gluten free 'consecrated' hosts at each weekend Mass, with the priest holding the container during Communion.

SAINT JOSEPH is seeking a full or part-time custodian. Call or stop at the parish office for details.

WE WILL be on our winter Mass schedule next weekend: Sat at 4:30 p.m.; Sunday at 8 and 10 a.m.

FUNERAL Group #1 will be in charge of the next funeral luncheon.

IT'S APPLE PIE TIME....The KC's annual pie project continues until Sept. 14-15. Unbaked pies will be on sale for \$10 each Friday and Saturday and after each weekend Mass. Call Terry Abbas at 712-330-9131 to purchase a pie.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Aug. 31

4 p +Stan Norman, Sr.

+Rita Wuebker

+Tom Wuebker

+Joyce Fear

5:30 p +Betty Newman

+Michael Newman

Sunday, Sept. 1

7:30 a +Sharon Knudtson

+Ken Knudtson

+Lynn Knudtson

9 a +Jim & +Phyllis Streit

+Bill Budding

+Betty Orthman

10:30 a +Lorraine Kenney

Monday, Sept. 2

7:30 a +Cae Shima

+Steven Reistoffer

Tuesday, Sept. 3

5:15 p +Larry & +Jenny Pick

Wednesday, Sept. 4

7:30 a +Halbur/Johnson

Thursday, Sept. 5

7:30 a +Bud Brooks

Friday, Sept. 6

7:30 a +Vic & +Sally DeMuth

10:30 a +Ralph Nordstrom

Saturday, Sept. 7

2 p Potthuff/Boland Vows

4:30 p +Don Goyette

+Mary and +Merle Goyette

Sunday, Sept. 8

8 a +Virgil & +Carol Rolfe

10 a +Norma & +Fritz Thoma

Please pray for these St. Joseph Parishioners:

Mary Ann Sigler, 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: Marilyn Mertz, 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, Leah Brevik, Colleen Mulder, Jamie O'Neill, Carol Willette, Nancy Younie, Pat Juza, Bea Reiter, Paula Bernardy, Mary Jones, Andy Benson, Todd Clausen, Zach Budden, Jan James, Sharon Forsman, Aden Remme, Jeff Harbst, Esther Baxter, Melissa Hruby, David Smith, Jean Stille and Howie Holdenried. Please call to add persons.