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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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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Our diocesan paper-The Globe-was established in the early 1900's for the purpose of informing Catholics diocesan wide of activities taking place within our parishes, issues that are pertinent to our faith, and celebrations: marriages, anniversaries, jubilees, parish gatherings. Msgr. Brady was one of the early editors, and followed by other talented journalists,



By Fr. Tim Johnson

the paper has served our diocese well through the years. Up until this summer, the diocesan policy mandated that every registered parishioner must receive a subscription. Any unpaid subscriptions would be then be charged to the respective parish. Over the years our St. Joseph Parish has paid out thousands of dollars for such subscriptions. Wanting to maintain the quality of the paper balanced with income to cover the costs, the diocese has taken a bold step by asking each parishioner whether or not they want to receive The Globe, bi-weekly. You should have received a card asking for that information. Please take the time to fill in and send back to the diocese. If you no longer desire to receive The Globe please mark it on the card and your subscription will discontinue. If you desire to receive the Globe but cannot afford to pay the yearly fee, please mark the appropriate box and it will still come to you. Whatever your decision please send the card back.

At times I smile while on the altar, hearing the voice of an infant. A bit of chattering through the Mass reminds me of the blessing of families interspersed with older parishioners and visitors. Thank you parents for allowing your children to be present at Mass. Though they may very well be distracted, testing your patience, I believe the presence of Christ is very much part and partial of the congregation gathered, as it is in the scripture readings and the Eucharist itself. We are together the "Body of Christ," a bit tinged by our different personalities, abilities and idiosyncrasies, but none the less gathered in faith and hope. After all, "Grown-ups never understand anything by themselves. and it is tiresome for children to be always and forever explaining things to them." (Antoine de Saint-Exupery)

RCIA gatherings begin on Tuesday, Sept. 24. If you are interested in learning about the Catholic faith and traditions, or know of someone, please contact the parish office. Hopefully I can answer your questions and concerns. As in the past we share the gatherings with St. Mary Parish of Spirit Lake. Because of the considerable history of our Church, the different rituals, traditions and facets, the RCIA discussions provide a foundation of our Roman Catholic faith, welcoming questions and personal experiences. Usually the sponsors, chosen by the RCIA candidates, gain as much from the discussions—renewing the faith they have taken for granted.

If you would like to help out with RCIA by sharing in the discussions or as a sponsor for a candidate please contact the parish office. First and foremost we desire individuals who are taking part in the RCIA gatherings to always feel welcome in our church, and find the presence of God in our shared prayers and the Eucharist.

Someday soon the hands on the steeple clock will be moving, ending our perpetual "8:15"! God Bless Fr. Tim

### FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

Our religious education year is officially underway. Many thanks to those who have stepped forward to teach and to those who will be subs for the program or helping out at special events. The biggest change this year was moving our 5th and 6th grades to the evening time slot. To my parents, I communicate frequently by email. I also try to keep people posted through the bulletin and newsletter. In addition, we have a Facebook page and website so we do try every way to keep people in the loop.

Sometimes I have to remember to keep myself in the loop.

We have had our two important Sacrament meetings for second and tenth grades. These grades have much to learn and to do. They learn a lot about their Catholic faith in those years. Coming up first this year will be a celebration of our Catechists on Sept. 15. This is a worldwide celebration of those who pass on the faith to others. The following Sunday our Confirmation students and their sponsors will meet at 8:30 a.m. for a retreat and then attend Mass where they will be presented to the parish.

At the end of the month we will introduce 4th graders to altar serving and the 6th grade, even though moved to the evening, will be treated to the annual field trip to the Grotto in West Bend. We will still leave after school and return about

Children's Liturgy for our young children will begin this Sunday at the 10 a.m. Mass. Although we get children of all the lower grades, it is really intended for children through second grade. Sometimes we get older siblings to help a younger one and that is fine. When they reach a certain age they should be attentive to the Gospel and the homily from Fr. Tim to be able to participate in a family discussion that may take place. I have often heard that this does occur. For our adults who would like to join or explore more about our Catholic Church, RCIA will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 6:30. Contact Fr. Tim for more information.

Believe it or not, I am already planning the Christmas program for December. We will be signing up students for parts in October. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact me and I will do my best to address them.

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.

# THIS WEEK at St. Joseph

**UPCOMING EVENTS** 

Monday, Sept. 9 8 p.m.: AA in Nazareth Hall; Al-Anon in NW.

### Tuesday, Sept. 10

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration. 10 a.m.: Prayer Shawl Ministry, overflow.

### Wednesday, Sept. 11 3:40-5 p.m.: Rel. Ed grades K-4

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

### Thursday, Sept. 12

8 a.m.: Bible Study, Nazareth 11 a.m.: Ones meet at Softail Saloon, Su-

### Friday, Sept. 13

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

AND THE Winner of the 2019 Rosary/Altar quilt is St. Joseph Parishioner Den Stulc, of Spirit Lake. Fr. Tim drew his name Tuesday morning. Sept. 3 from a bucket containing 1,769 tickets. After expenses, the Rosary/ Altar netted \$1,544 on the project. Thanks to the wonderful volunteers who religiously sold tickets especially at the 4 p.m. and 9 a.m. Masses throughout the summer and the Rosary/Altar members who supported the project by purchasing tickets. You are all more appreciated than you will ever know.

WELCOME to the Catholic Faith to Winnefred Rose Tillson, daughter of Eric | | | | | | and Sarah Tillson who was baptized at St. Joseph on Sat., Aug. 31.

Jesus tells the crowd that





**CONGRATULATIONS** and Best Wishes to Dustin and Christina United (Roth) Myers who were married at IN MARRIAGE | St. Joseph on Sat., Aug. 31.

only those who renounce all of their possessions can be your stewardship Offering is discples. Is He truly asking us to give us everything? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God.

Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably. Weekly budget needs are \$7,582

Aug. 31-Sept. 1, 2019 Weekly: \$5,778.00 Kids: \$107.25 Loose: \$5,150.50 2nd Coll P & J: \$1,671.44 Candles: \$148.10 Endow: \$45.00 Garage Sale: \$1,061.40 Quilts: \$487.00 Building: \$705.00 Haiti: \$300.00 Rolls: \$1,104.00 Parish Rental: \$655.00 R/A Dues: \$10.00 Misc.: \$15.00

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

### 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, Sept. 14 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: (6) Pat Graves, Marlene Nelsen, Tony Peschong, Ray and Carla Schley, Darlene Moritz

**GREETERS:** Doug Heller **LECTOR:** Teresa Place

SERVERS: Simon Walleck, Noah Walleck **USHERS:** Sharon and Jim Metzger

**GIFTS:** Tony Peschong Family

Sunday, Sept. 15 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: (5) Jeff Knudtson, Steve Eral, Tom and Terri

Rierson. Deb Faulkner **GREETERS:** Volunteers **LECTOR:** Jeff Rolfes

SERVERS: Ron Swartz, Jerron Heller **USHERS:** Tom and Jan Johnson

**GIFTS:** Volunteers

### Sunday, Sept. 15 @ 10 a.m. **Catechetical Sunday Recognition** Contemporary Mass

EMES: (6) Patti Scott, Chris Hinshaw, Karen Naber,

Loretta Halbur, Pete and Sara Laven **GREETERS:** Barb and Wayne Woodley

**LECTOR:** Roger Moss

SERVERS: Dawson Kuker, Nick Stein **USHERS:** Jim and Irene McCoy

**GIFTS:** Jack Klied Family CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Faith Garcia



THE FOLLOWING Parishioners have photographs in the parish office ready for pick-up. Please stop at your earliest convenience: Shane Akin, Steve Anderson, Mick Baack, Shelly Berning, Al Bofenkamp,

Joshua Breuer, Joann Chaffin, Steve Christensen. Braxton Clark, Polly Connors. Matt Fairchild, Patrick Fairchild, Denny Goetzinger, Pat Graves, Don Herbers, Les Janssen, Mary Johnson, Cory Knudtson, Geneva Knudtson, Jeff Knudtson, Joe Kollasch, Terry Kramer, John Long, Aaron Lorch, Josh Miller, Jack Myers, Theresa Norman, Ann Petersen. Emil Richter, Jerry Rohwer, Jean Schmidt, Michael Sewell, Stan Snyder, Den Stulc, Scott Swenson, Jeff Thiesen, Blake Titterington and Jim Thomp-

Calling all Miracle Choir Members - the Miracle Choir will begin singing monthly again in September. They will sing on Sun., 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. For more info contact Cain at cain@stjosephmilford.org or by phone at 712.336.2274, ext. 11.

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, Sept. 7

4:30 p +Don Goyette +Mary and +Merle Goyette

### Sunday, Sept. 8

8 a +Virgil & +Carol Rolfes 10 a +Norma & +Fritz Thoma

Monday, Sept. 9 7:30 a +Eileen Herbers

Tuesday, Sept. 10

5:15 p +John A. Behrens

## Wednesday, Sept. 11

7:30 a +Halbur/Johnson Special Intention (Ginny)

Thursday, Sept. 12

### 7:30 a +Isabel Klein Friday, Sept. 13

7:30 a +Betty Newman +Rita Wuebker +Tom Wuebker

+Hilda Huelsbeck

### Saturday, Sept. 14 4:30 p +Harold Eilers

Sunday, Sept. 15

8 a +Sharon Knudtson +Lorence & +Agnes Paskert

**10 a** +Bill Ruml **OUR PARISH** will offer gluten free 'consecrated' hosts at each weekend Mass, with the priest holding the container during Communion.

**LECTORS** may pick up a 2020 Lector Workbook in the parish office.



Please pray for these St. Joseph Parishioners:

Linda Higgins, 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, La-Donna Jansen, Dale Langel, Finley Brunsvold, Dee Bryant, Phyllis Hintz, Terry Abbas, Susan Robinson, Leona Spieker.

Other Special Persons: Mary Vogel, Diane DeBries, 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 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.