

SEPT. 15, 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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## ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

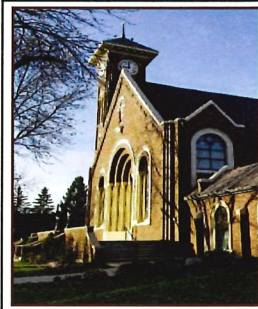
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Again we hear the gospel passage of the Prodigal Son, a reading which leaves us with a good feeling about God's grace in our lives; almost too 'feel good.' Most likely our journey in life has entailed aspects of each of the three: the faithful son, the prodigal son, the father. Henri Nouwen, a Catholic priest from the Netherlands, taught at Notre



By Fr. Tim Johnson

Dame, Yale and Harvard always retaining a passion for pastoral ministry. However, he spent the last several months of his life working in a community home for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Of the spiritual books he wrote before his death at age 64 in 1996, his spiritual treatise on the Prodigal Son remains one of the most popular. May I share an excerpt: "For most of my life I have struggled to find God, to know God, to love God. I have tried hard to follow the guidelines of the spiritual life . . . I have failed many times but always tried again, even when I was close to despair. Now I wonder whether I have sufficiently realized that during all this time God has been trying to find me, to know me, and to love me. The question is not 'How am I to find God?' but 'How am I to let myself be found by him?' The question is not 'How am I to know God?' but 'How am I to let myself be known by God?' And, finally, the question is not 'How am I to love God?' but 'How am I to let myself be loved by God?' God is looking into the distance for me, trying to find me, and longing to bring me home . . . All the time and energy I spend in keeping some kind of balance . . . is mostly a struggle for survival: not a holy struggle, but an anxious struggle resulting from the mistaken idea that it is the world that defines me."

RCIA begins on Tuesday, the 24th. We welcome anyone interested in joining our Catholic-Christian faith, anyone who desires to learn more about our Sacraments and traditions, and parishioners who like to share in our discussions. Please call the parish office if your questions.

From a letter dropped in our collection basket two weeks ago: "We are six months residents of the Lakes, and I don't have the words to express how much we love our Church here in Milford. . . I need to thank parishioners, the greeters, altar servers, ushers, vocalists, music leader and others. . . I am so glad to be here, I feel calm, I feel welcome, I feel in the presence of God. Before we head back home for the winter, I want to say a heartfelt thank you to all of the members of St. Joseph." An appreciation of the Christian hospitality and shared faith that is a part of our faith community that has been nurtured by the former pastors and families who through the years kept our doors open to all who are seeking a deeper presence and hope in their lives. We are far from perfect, with questions and challenges and different viewpoints, but prayerfully our faith and the Sacraments we receive will guide us forward welcoming Christ's healing and gracious Spirit. *Fr. Tim*

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## FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

So at what point did Jesus say to us: "You do not need this faith anymore. It is ok to not come to church to receive me or to continue to learn all you can about the church I founded." The truth is He didn't and wouldn't ever say this. Jesus is the one and only Son of God sent here to bring us the good news about God and His kingdom. He spent all of His life and yes, I'm guessing even before the age of twelve, trying to make us understand what is expected of us: God's special creations.

I was foolish enough at the age of 19-22 to think I didn't need church or God or any of it. It was only when things happened that made you realize what you really need is found with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Life giving food is found at Mass through the readings and the Eucharist. Then and only then do you find strength to make it through all of the tough stuff life will throw at you. Many have taken a break from spiritual learning or attending Mass thinking it is not important but really, it becomes more important than ever as you grow. If I didn't know how to pray many ways I would be truly lost.

Our religious education classes just started and I am happy to see the turnout. They always pick up something new or think about some aspect of our faith in a different way. Our Catechists are also learners as they teach the faith. I am so happy that we have people willing to stretch their knowledge and be open to the Holy Spirit without pre-judging. This weekend we acknowledge them and say thank you for this giving of themselves. They are: Loretta Halbur, Kathy Hessel-tine, Heidi Wittrock, Chris Hinshaw, Molly Foss, Karen Schwaller, Teresa Goehring, Lynnette Cook, Teresa Schoelerman, Kara Rice, Larry Sattler, Kendra Peterson, Abby Walleck, Julie Chicoine, Theresa Eckard, Alice Mulder, Faith Garcia, Morgan Langel, Liz Chicoine, Sara Anderson and our Religious Ed Board: Jeanette Baack, Jenn Prentice, Lynnette Cook, Molly Foss, Abby Walleck, Larry Sattler, and Chris Hinshaw. We have some people that will sub for us as well, so thank you for that offer.

I am happy to be at the helm of religious education as I too am still a learner and try to absorb all I can. Thank you for the support of this program.

RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, begin September 24. If interested, please call the parish office.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, Sept. 16

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

Tuesday, Sept. 17

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

Wednesday, Sept. 18

3:40-5 p.m.: Rel. Ed grades K-4

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

Thursday, Sept. 19

8 a.m.: Bible Study, Nazareth

6 p.m.: KC's meet.

Friday, Sept. 20

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

Sunday, Sept. 22

8:30 a.m.: 10th grade Confirmation Retreat, basement.

9-11 a.m.: KC Coffee and rolls, Parish Ctr.

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

Calling all Miracle Choir Members - the Miracle Choir will practice Wed., Sept. 25, 5:15 p.m. in the church. They will sing on Sun., Sept. 29 at the 10 a.m. Mass. Rehearsal prior at 9 a.m.

## WELCOME to the Catholic Faith to:

✓ Evelyn Rose Sewell, daughter of Michael and April Sewell and to

✓ Ryker Spooner, son of Alex and Rebecca Spooner. Both were baptized Sun., Sept. 8 at St. Joseph.



CONGRATULATIONS and Best Wishes to James and Jill (Potthuff) Boland who were married at St. Joseph on Sat., Sept. 7.

We can only hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son: "You are with me always, and everything I have is yours." What is my response to such remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me?



Weekly budget needs are \$7,582

Sept. 7-8, 2019

Weekly: \$5,714.00 Kids: \$52.00 Loose: \$1,962.26

Candles: \$107.06 2nd Coll Kc Tootsie: \$1,007.14

Parish Rental: \$930.00 Faith Formation: \$450.00

Haiti: \$100.00 Peace & Justice: \$180.00

## 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, Sept. 21 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: (6) Jim and Sharon Metzger, Alex Jones, Mark Kollasch, Eldon Kraninger, Marlen Nelsen

GREETERS: Volunteers

LECTOR: David Johnson

SERVERS: Bryce Anderson, Jay Garcia

USHERS: Bob and Donna Elser

GIFTS: Gary Behrens Family

Sunday, Sept. 22 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: (5) Steve and Kris Feld, Mary Lack, Mike and Becky Wittrock

GREETERS: Jim McCoy

LECTOR: Irene McCoy

SERVERS: Alex Stoll, Oliver Miller

USHERS: Tom and Terri Rierson

GIFTS: Volunteers

Sunday, Sept. 22 @ 10 a.m.

## Confirmation Class Presentation

EMES: (6) Roger and Cheryl Moss, Denise Cole, Jan Pithan, Jeff Nelson, Marlys Nolan

GREETERS: Volunteers

LECTOR: Beth Lorch

SERVERS: Aubry Knudtson, Liam Knudtson

USHERS: Bill and Cheryl Aumer

GIFTS: Jeff Nelson Family

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Heidi Wittrock

ADDITIONAL MEALS on Wheels drivers will be needed in October as an additional route has been added. If you have 30 minutes to spare between 11 and 11:30 a.m. and can help, call Terri Rierson at 320-3217. For some of these recipients, a visit by the Meals on Wheels volunteer is the only outside contact they have.



St. Joseph is responsible for cooking and serving the Community Table Dinner at the Intersect Center in Arnolds Park on Thurs., Oct. 10. The Peace and Justice Committee is spearheading this, however, it is a parish project. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the food, serve, greet, set tables and clean up. In the food department, we are seeking the following: 10 pans of apple crisp, 12 bags of lettuce, 10 cans of mandarin oranges, 12 dozen dinner rolls, 20 pounds of hamburger, 26 cans of green beans, 13 bags of onion tator tots, 13 cans cream of mushroom soup, 13 cans cream of celery soup and 13 foil 9x12 pans. Please call the parish office at 338-2274 if you are able to contribute any of the items listed above.

THE Catholic Daughters meet on Tues., Sept. 24th. Mass @ 5:15 and a light supper, program and meeting to follow in Nazareth Hall. September lunch committee is: Jeanette Baack, Linda Hinshaw, Cheryl Aumer and Wynette Moore. See you there!



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. Please register by calling the parish office.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Sept. 14

4:30 p +Harold Eilers

Sunday, Sept. 15

8 a +Sharon Knudtson

+Lorence & +Agnes Paskert

10 a +Bill Ruml

Monday, Sept. 16

7:30 a +Deon Pitsor

Tuesday, Sept. 17

5:15 p Special Intention (MR)

Wednesday, Sept. 18

7:30 a +Halbur/Johnson

+Bill & +Elvera Kane

+Thomas John Oleson

Thursday, Sept. 19

7:30 a +Charles Berg

Friday, Sept. 20

7:30 a +Jerry & +Mary Jo Roskammer

10:30 a +Hilda Huelsbeck

Saturday, Sept. 21

4:30 p Special Int. (Ginny)

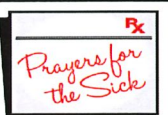
+Tim Galm

Sunday, Sept. 22

8 a +Joel Rolfes

10 a +Maurice & +Eileen Northup

ATTENTION 4th Degree Sir Knights of Columbus: We will meet Tuesday, Sept. 17 at the Mill Creek Lounge, in Milford. Social at 6 p.m. meeting at 6:30 p.m. Please note this change because of the Clay County Fair.



Please pray for these St. Joseph Parishioners:

Glatha Langel, Linda Higgins, Mary Ann Sigler, Dennis and Alma Klute, Jerry Clark, Joan Langel, 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: Sara Springer, Betty Taylor, Mary Vogel, Diane De Vries, 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 Stillely and Howie Holdenried. Please call to add persons.