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

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Catholic community.

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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:

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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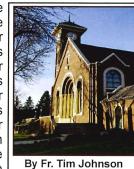
Are you new to the community?
Would you like to join St. Joseph
Parish? Just fill out the coupon
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NAME:
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ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK **United Community Bank**

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Gratefully we received the maintenance upkeep, the care and responsibility towards our parish grounds and buildings these last few years from our custodian Dale Hanna. With his last day at the end of September I want to thank him for his efforts and responsibility towards our parish facilities. Mark Johnson worked alongside Dale as the part time custodian, keeping up L



our parish facilities and helping out wherever possible. We are gracious for his efforts and responsibilities fulfilled as he retired following some health concerns. I appreciate their continued presence and faith shared within our parish. Hired on a part time basis is Pam Hanson who maintains the upkeep and cleanliness of the church proper, parish hall facilities and other aspects of the interior building. Alice Mulder will be cleaning the parish offices and other facilities on a weekly basis. We just hired Shane Akin as our primary custodian taking over Dale's responsibilities. Shane will capably handle the custodial responsibilities as he becomes accustomed to the various aspects of our church facilities. With the direction of the Building and Grounds Committee we have decided to hire out the mowing, trimming and lawn care of our parish cemetery grounds to Gayle Weiskircher. Lisa Pederson has been contracted for her expertise on landscaping. Please welcome these individuals.

For your consideration this Respect Life Month: "Unfortunately, what is thrown away is not only food and dispensable objects, but often human beings themselves, who are discarded as 'unnecessary.' For example, it is frightful even to think there are children, victims of abortion, who will never see the light of day; children being used as soldiers, abused and killed in armed conflicts; and children being bought and sold in that terrible form of modern slavery which is human trafficking, which is a crime against humanity." (Pope Francis, 2014)

Oh God, enlighten my mind with truth; inflame my heart with love; inspire my will with courage: enrich my life with service: pardon what I have been: sanctify what I may be, in light of your sacred, the most vulnerable. Amen.

Our church bells are functioning in unison with our steeple clock. All such are digitally controlled, and hopefully functioning properly. You may hear the bells ringing a certain pattern at 7:05 a.m., five minutes after twelve12, striking the Angelus, a time honored prayer that is centuries old. When the bells ring out the Angelus it was and is calling people's attention to offer up this unique Catholic prayer.

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary, etc...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word. Hail Mary, etc...

V. And the Word was made flesh, R. And dwelt among

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. God Bless.

Fr. Tim

FAITH FORMATION

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

By Sharon Mayer

One of my favorite months of the year is October. We have cool weather but usually some warm days and I don't look for snow although that has happened. One Halloween we were snowed out back in the late 80's. October has a lot to offer us. Beautiful colors in nature, Saint feast days, a focus on Mary and the Rosary and recognizing life. This bulletin will focus on the first two weeks.

Some of the days we recognize early in the month are St. Therese, our guardian Angels, St. Francis and of course, Mary as we honor the power of the Rosary. St. Theresa, of course is featured in our church. Known as the "little flower", she loved roses and considered herself a beautiful creation of God like a flower and wanted people to love God. She was considered a doctor of our church because of her strong but quiet spirituality and influence for others.

It is said each one of us has a guardian angel to watch over us, including Jesus. It is not anything I doubt and appreciate knowing I have a heavenly eye watching out for me when I do not necessarily watch out for myself. If you look toward the playground by the garage, you will notice a carved wooden statue. That would be St. Francis standing proudly watching over creatures of nature and the environment that he was known for.

A wonder is right in our back yard. Our sixth graders will be traveling to the Grotto in West bend on Oct. 9. It is a privilege that we have this so close and that they are allowed to visit it. We have some adults going along which I appreciate and I think they will as well.

We also honor Mary this month as we acknowledge the Rosary. Our 6-12 grade students will participate in a candlelight Rosary on Oct. 16. Each student may state an intention to have the group pray for. Adults are welcome to join us in the church basement at 7:30.

Then there is the right to life theme for this month. Simply: God gives life and He is the only one who decides when that life will end. The premature end to a life is not. nor has it ever been, our decision. I have a poster that says "God is in control" and for better or worse you have to let it be just

Part two for October happenings will come next week.

FYI: According to statisticians, about 200 people die a year while watching--not playing--football. And now you know, the rest of the story.

UPCOMING EVENTS



5:15 p.m.: Rosary/Altar meets for their quarterly meeting, parish center.

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

Tuesday, Oct. 8

Ba.m. to 5 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration. 6:30 p.m.: RCIA at Milford.

Wednesday, Oct. 9

3:40-5 p.m.: Rel. Ed grades K-4 **7-8 p.m.:** Rel. Ed for grades 5-12

Thursday, Oct. 10

8 a.m.: Bible Study, Nazareth 9 a.m.: Soup Kitchen Ministry

5 p.m.: Community Table, Arnolds Park

Friday, Oct. 11

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

IN HONOR of Respect For Life Month, persons are asked to contribute diaper rash cream and baby wipes to Birthright, in Spencer. Birthright is a group of volunteers who attempt to help expectant mothers in need before and after the birth of their babies. Volunteers are also needed to answer the telephone. Donations of supplies may be left in the basket under the table. Monetary donations are always welcome.

MISSING a bowl? Check the kitchen

On Thurs., Oct. 10, St. Joseph will host the community table supper in Arnolds Park. Additional help is still needed. Plan to be there at 4:30 p.m. and be assigned a job.



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Travis and Lindsay (Beck-United er) Radunz who were married at St. IN MARRIAGE Joseph on Sat., Sept. 28. May your new life together be filled with happiness

When will I have given enough--of my income, of my time, of my talents? Today's Gospel suggests that only

total stewardship will do: "When you have done all you have been commanded to do say 'We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty."

Weekly budget needs are \$7,582 Sept. 28-29, 2019

Weekly: \$4,103.00 Kids: \$10.00 Loose: \$1,693.05 Candles: \$105.75 P & J: \$115.00 Haiti: \$20.00 Poor Box: \$4.51 RE Fees: \$90.00 Misc.: \$100.00 2nd Collection P & J: \$1083.83 Rental: \$40.00

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, Oct. 12 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: (6) Connie Lange, Jim Baumgard, Ray and Carla Schley, Dick and Connie Mataloni

GREETERS: Jeff and Pat Rolfes

LECTOR: Kathy Eilers

SERVERS: Asher Knudtson, Alissa Wittrock

USHERS: Kraninger Family

GIFTS: Volunteers

Sunday, Oct. 13 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: (5) Deb Travis, Mike and Becky Wittrock

Chris Hinshaw, Mary Lack **GREETERS:** Volunteers **LECTOR:** Irene McCoy

SERVERS: Jaden Heller, Kayla Kollasch

USHERS: Tom and Terri Rierson

GIFTS: Volunteers

Sunday, Oct. 13 @ 10 a.m.

EMES: (6) Susan Willette, Steve and Kris Feld, Jan

Pithan, Steve Eral, Chad Harms **GREETERS:** Bill and Cheryl Aumer

LECTOR: Beth Lorch

SERVERS: Will Anderson, Noah Walleck **USHERS:** Barb and Wayne Woodley

GIFTS: Volunteers CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Faith Garcia

EACH year, on the first weekend in October, we unveil the new bulletin back layout for the next year. Please take a moment to read the various businesses who support St. Joseph with their advertising dollars. Thank them in person when you shop at their business.

The 4th Degree K of C Knights of Assembly #1607 will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 8, at Mill Creek Lounge, in Milford, beginning with social at 6 p.m. followed by the meeting.

"These are the few ways we can practice humility: To speak as little as possible of one's self. To mind one's own business. Not to want to manage other people's affairs. To avoid curiosity. To accept contradictions and correction cheerfully. To pass over the mistakes of others. To accept insults and injuries. To accept being slighted, forgotten and disliked. To be kind and gentle even under provocation. Never to stand on one's dignity." (Mother Teresa)



THE Knights of Columbus will host their annual "Coats For Kids" drive until Fri., Oct. 25 New coats or those that are gently used and in good condition may be left in the church lobby. The Knights will deliver the coats to our local clothing room and Upper Des Moines Opportunity for distribution to less fortunate children throughout Dickinson Countv.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Oct. 5

4:30 p +Patty Zweibahmer Sunday, Oct. 6

> +Sharon Knudtson +Lvnn Knudtson +Ken Knudtson

+Susan Green & Family 10 a +Betty Orthman

+Jim & +Phyllis Streit

Monday, Oct. 7

7:30 a +Isabel Klein

Tuesday, Oct. 8 5:15 p +RIchard Mulder

Wednesday, Oct. 9

7:30 a +Halbur/Johnson

Thursday, Oct. 10 7:30 a +Don Goyette

+Mary and +Merle Goyette Friday, Oct. 11

7:30 a +Dennis Kasperbauer 10:30 a Special Intention (JLW) Saturday, Oct. 12

2 p Sieh/Schneider Vows 4:30 p +Harold Eilers

Sunday, Oct. 13

8 a +Mike Hawn

10 a +Lorraine Kenney Special Intention (Ginny)

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



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, 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.