

OCT. 27, 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

Knights of Columbus
St. Joseph Council 7284

Faith - Family - Community - Life

All Saints Day was a free day from the riggers of elementary school, presumably preparing us for Halloween—(at least such was our way of thinking). I knew little of the Holy Day on October 31st except we had a free day from school, we went to Mass, and somewhere above us there were these near perfect men and women safeguarded in the sanctuary of heaven. Years later I would gradually discover the humanity of those 'saints' who struggled at times with envy, anger, distractions, greed, selfishness, pride and ill will. With the grace of faith they each understood the need of Christ's forgiveness, the power of healing, and trusting in the Light that provided the path forward as God intended for the purpose of their life. Their journey of faith alongside their humanity, their character and personality, would be an inspiration for my own trials and blessings along the journey of faith. Thus, this one certain day celebrating the various faces and unique personalities has in turn become, for me, a highlight in the church year. Robert Ellsberg, the author who has studied the lives of the saints, describes it best:

"The men and women called saints have walked a different path, a path to God that was at the same time the path to their own true selves. There is much that they might teach us. Yet their authority as guides and teachers often fades in the shadow of an apparent 'otherness.' To begin with, saints are supposed to be perfect people —'not like us.' They stood out not just for their faith or good works but for exhibiting a certain quality of being. In traditional Christian art this aura was represented by a halo. Saints have no such distinguishing marks. But the aura is real. It is the presence of life, life in abundance. As the otherworldly heroes of pious legend, saints may seem close to God but not exactly human. In fact, as Thomas Merton observed, sanctity is really a matter of being more fully human: This implies a greater capacity for concern, for sympathy, and also for humor, for joy, for appreciation for the good and beautiful things of life."

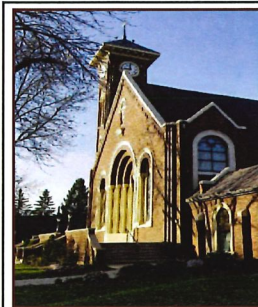
Our Holy Day Mass on Thursday evening, 5:30 p.m., and Friday morning, 7:30 a.m., will include the beautiful Litany of the Saints chant and Satchmo's memorable tribute to the great company of saints. May they intercede upon our humanity along the path God is guiding us along.

(If you haven't already, please remember to reflect and consider what you can or cannot share in support of the diocesan and parish ministries through the DAA pledge. Thank you for your faith.)

God Bless.

Fr. Tim

BE SURE to take a moment and sign up to assist at the annual Harvest Dinner on Sun., Nov. 17. Many jobs remain. The sign up sheets are on the church lobby windows or call the office.



By Fr. Tim Johnson

FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

Happy All Souls Eve and All Saints Day, even though a few days early. In our church we teach our children that "Halloween" is a word that has come from All Souls Eve. Another Catholic meaningful holiday that the world has come to embrace.

In the case of very young children it is a difficult concept to teach. They know and accept that Jesus died on the cross so that we could all go to heaven someday and that He was going home to His Father. However when you talk about death and anyone else it becomes uncomfortable for them and even scary. It is one thing for children to dress up as scary or even evil characters because they know it is not real but death is real and permanent. So gently when the question comes up, and it will, we focus on the body and soul. Our body is useful here on earth but not necessary in heaven. The soul is what goes to heaven; The soul being the personality that we have become in life and what people will remember us by. We have an activity that we do of a "person" made out of clear contact paper. When you take the backing off, you are left with two separate pieces, we show that one is the body and the clear part is the soul that would rise to heaven where we live with Jesus forever. It is meaningful to teach it that way and let them know that we pray for all souls who have passed so that they may get to heaven.

We teach also about our many Saints. They are the models for us to live by. Our Saints are people we pray to for help and with the Communion of Saints and souls who have passed, we have a lot of "good" working for us in this life.

So Halloween might mean ghosts, goblins, candy and fun to many but it has a much deeper meaning than that. And if anyone asks if you believe in ghosts, say no but the Spirits are always with us.

THE KC's are hosting an apple pie social following Mass this Saturday, Oct. 26, in the parish 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, Oct. 28

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

Tuesday, Oct. 29

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

6:30 p.m.: RCIA at Spirit Lake.

Wednesday, Oct. 30

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

4 p.m.: Grade school Mass for All Saints Day

7-8 p.m.: Rel. Ed for grades 5-12

Thursday, Oct. 31

8 a.m.: Bible Study, Nazareth

5:30 p.m.: All Saints Vigil Mass, Holy Day.

Friday, Nov. 1

7:30 a.m.: All Saints Day Mass, Holy Day.

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

Saturday, Nov. 2

After Mass: CDA Veteran's Soup Supper

FRIDAY, Oct. 25 is the last day to bring "Coats For Kids" for the KC Coat Drive. The coats may be left in the church lobby or parish office.

ST. JO PARISHIONER MARLENE NELSEN is making a few quilts for the less fortunate persons who eat at the Sioux City Soup Kitchen. She is in need of about 18 blankets. If you have any good, used blankets you can spare, please bring them to the church office.

THE FOLLOWING persons have photos from the summer photo shoot to pick up in the office: Mick Baack, Al Bofenkamp, Joshua Breuer, Steve Christensen, Braxton Clark, Denny Goetzinger, Don Herbers, Les Janssen, Cory Knudtson, Terry Kramer, John Long, Aaron Lorch, Josh Miller, Jack Myers, Theresa Norman, Stan Snyder, Jeff Thiesen and Jim Thompson

Both the first reading and today's Psalm say clearly that the Lord hears the cry of the poor. Have I been given the gifts -- of time or money or abilities -- to be the means by which God answers their need?



Weekly budget needs are \$7,582

Oct. 20, 2019, 2019

Weekly: \$4,081.00 **Kids:** \$3.00 **Loose:** \$1,454.11

Candles: \$55.50

Peace & Justice: \$25.00

Misc.: \$315.00 **World Mission Sunday:** \$463.00

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, Nov. 2 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: (6) Bonnie Duhn, Jim and Irene McCoy, Paul and Holly Skopec, Connie Lange

LECTOR: Nancy Crepeau

SERVERS: Melika Smith, Isabelle Nelsen

USHERS/GREETERS: Pat and Jeff Rolfes

GIFTS: Paul Skopec Family

Sunday, Nov. 3 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: (5) Tom and Terri Rierson, Darlene Moritz, Mary Dunleavy, Charree Sweeten

LECTOR: David Johnson

SERVERS: Mark and Deb Johnson

USHERS: Tom and Jan Johnson

GREETERS: Volunteers

GIFTS: Volunteers

Sunday, Nov. 3 @ 10 a.m.

Praise Band

EMES: (6) Pete and Sara Laven, Jan Pithan, Patti Scott, Aaron Hyatt, Donna Clark

LECTOR: Susan Willette

SERVERS: Brian Jones, Dylan Jones

USHERS/GREETERS: Jack and Julie Kliegl

CHILDREN'S LIT: Faith Garcia

GIFTS: Bob Louwagie Family

The Catholic Daughters have set up a table near the elevator for you to share photos of your family and friends as All Saints and All Souls Day approaches and during the month of November. We welcome your photos and if you have questions or concerns please contact Darlene Moritz 330-6725.



WELCOME to the Saint Joseph Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism to Benjamin Simpson, son of Brett and Ashtin Simpson, who was baptized Sun., Oct. 19 at St. Joseph.

STOP Human Trafficking. Learn the warning signs and more at an information meeting Tues., Nov. 5, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Parish Hall, Spirit Lake. Speakers will include a representative from the Siouxland Coalition Against Human Trafficking and Dickinson County Sheriff Greg Baloun.

2019-20 DAA UPDATE

Week 5

GOAL: \$53,247.00

TOTAL PAID: \$10,902.00

REMAINING: \$42,345.00

Families: 700

Responses: 89

% of Response: 12.7%

% of Goal Reached: 20.8%

PLAN AHEAD....the CDA will host the 6th Annual Veteran's Soup Supper Sat., Nov. 2, 5:30 p.m. in the parish center. Free to all Veterans, their spouses and spouses of deceased Veterans.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Oct. 26

4:30 p +Rita Wuebker
+Tom Wuebker
+Roy Wintz

Sunday, Oct. 27

8 a +Sharon Knudtson
10 a +Floyd Sporrer
+Norma & +Fritz Thoma

Monday, Oct. 28

7:30 a +William Patrick Mulqueen

Tuesday, Oct. 29

5:15 p Special Intention (IAW)

Wednesday, Oct. 30

7:30 a +Halbur/Johnson
4 p +Bud Brooks

Thursday, Oct. 31

7:30 a +Betty Newman
5:30 p +Mary Negus

Friday, Nov. 1

7:30 a +Bill Badding
10:30 a Special Intention (Ginny)
+Sr. Genny Morrissey

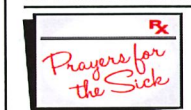
Saturday, Nov. 2

4:30 p All Souls Novena (1)

Sunday, Nov. 3

8 a +Sharon Knudtson
+Ken Knudtson
+Lynn Knudtson
10 a +Betty Orthman
+Jim and +Phyllis Streit

ALL Saints/Souls intentions are due Wed., Oct. 30 in the office for inclusion in the bulletin.



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, LaDonna Jansen, Dale Langel, Finley Brunsvold, Dee Bryant, Phyllis Hintz, Terry Abbas, Susan Robinson, Leona Spieker.

Other Special Persons: Carrissa Mulder, Aimee Wallrich, Sara Springer, Betty Taylor, Mary Vogel, Diane DeVries, Marilyn Mertz, 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.