

NOV. 17, 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.

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Parish? Just fill out the coupon
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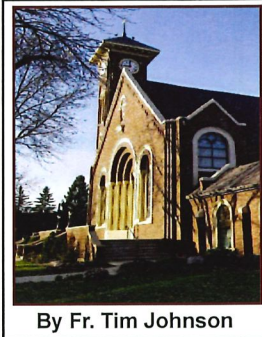
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Looking ahead to the centennial of our present parish church—when the patron saint of our parish changed from the ol Irish fellow, St. Patrick, to our present benefactor in heaven, St. Joseph—we also consider the history of our Clothing Room operated to this day out of one the former classrooms. We believe it was started back in the seventies, shortly after our parish grade school closed; and most likely it was initiated during Fr. Fandel's term as our pastor. Because of the consistent blessings of many, many individuals and families who bring in clothes, we are able to provide the clothing items at no charge for those in need. Likewise through the years we have had different individuals coordinate our Clothing Room, (what is brought in, what is put out on the racks), and for several years now Mary Lou has provided unspoken hours and care for the continued ministry of our Clothing Room. In the last few months however, we have had some abuse of the Clothing Room; individuals are ignoring our "6 items or less" policy and purposely taking upwards to fifty pieces of clothing, (thus depriving others who are in need of good dignified clothing. Thus, we are temporarily keeping the door shut, asking those seeking clothes to ask first before entering. We will not turn away anyone, but will try to halt those individuals who purposely take a stockpile of items (sometimes reselling them for a profit). Our hope is the continuation of this valuable ministry within our parish, extending a presence of dignity to others.

At the same time we extend our appreciation for the many, many individuals and families who drop off clothing items. Your generosity provides a source of support for others in need. People from throughout the lakes region know of our program and drop clothing items off, and frequently, people drive several miles to drop off items. Thank you. Recently though we have received clothing items that are torn, dirty, stained—and in a couple cases, bug infested—that are simply lacking any sense of dignity to be 're-purposed' much less sorted by Mary Lou. We welcome all those who truly desire to help out others with their donations of clothes, but especially appreciate the efforts to drop off clothing items that are clean; regardless of the quality of the clothes we cannot put out dirty or unwashed clothing items. By all means we will make every effort to support the continuation of this long standing ministry within our parish and the dignity of those who come to our parish seeking clothing items.

Our Annual Harvest Dinner is serving this Sunday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. A time to share a warm delicious meal as the days get colder, conversation and a presence of hospitality and gratefulness. Please feel welcome in the gracious space of our parish hall, and the kindness of the many who volunteer. In the words of J.R.R. Tolkien: "If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world."



By Fr. Tim Johnson

FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

Thank you to our third graders for their help with last week's Mass. This is the first year they get to usher. We add different ministries as they grow and are able to handle them. Congratulations go out to our second graders and one fourth grader who will be making their First Reconciliation next Sunday afternoon, the 24th. They are Alex Anderson, Emily Breuer, Ryder Clark, Scarlett Fairchild, Josephine Haulard, Tuesday Hinshaw, Claire Kilgore, Kallie Kraninger, Porter Prentice, and Lucas Titterington. They have prepared for this Sacrament and will be ready to receive the grace from it. After the holiday season, they will begin preparations for their First Communion. I will have a basket of names available for you to adopt as someone you pray for on this journey to the Eucharist. You may so do anonymously or let them know with a card or such. That is up to you. First Communion will take place the Sunday after Easter.

Before we reach that glorious holiday of turkey and football, we have our own Harvest Dinner this weekend. It too, is very good with ham, beef, potatoes and gravy, salads and desserts brought from people in the parish. I enjoy serving this meal and seeing everyone plus I enjoy eating it! Following that, during the week, we will be cleaning the parish center carpet so you will want to use a different door on Monday and Tuesday.

The next weekend, Nov. 23-24, after Masses, it sounds like you will be able to get some cookie or soup mixes from the CDA. These make nice gifts for your friends.

Children in grades K-8 have been introduced to the Knights of Columbus coloring contest. This annual event for students to make their best poster reflecting the theme "Keep Christ in Christmas" has begun. Students will have until December 11 to get their artwork creations in for cash prizes before Christmas. Thank you to the Knights for their sponsorship of this event.

My days are getting filled with activities. That Nativity scene in my home is so appreciated when it is placed on my mantle. It is the gentle reminder that no matter what, good day or bad, busy or quiet, Jesus is here with you and we should daily say "Thank You".

THE NEXT Baptism Class will be Tues., Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m. in the Bethlehem room. This class is required before a baptism can be scheduled.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, Nov. 18

7:30 a.m.: Church carpet cleaning. Please avoid the area.

6 p.m.: Blue Water Quilts, basement.

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

Tuesday, Nov. 19

7:30 a.m.: Parish Center carpet cleaning. Please avoid the area.

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

6:30 p.m.: RCIA at Milford, Nazareth

6:30 p.m.: Baptism Class, Bethlehem.

Wednesday, Nov. 20

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

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

Thursday, Nov. 21

8 a.m.: Bible Study, Nazareth

Friday, Nov. 22

8 a.m.: CDA jar project, kitchen.

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

Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 23-24

After Masses: CDA cookie/soup jars for sale.

Sunday, Nov. 24

8 a.m.: KC Mass with bisquits and gravy to follow in parish center.

1 p.m.: First Reconciliation with reception by CDA to follow in parish center.

IT'S not too early to be thinking about your Thanksgiving Day dinner plans. St. Joseph is hosting a free Thanksgiving dinner at 12 noon on Thurs., Nov. 28. Call the office if you would like to attend or contribute food.

THE KC's will be distributing food baskets to less fortunate persons of our parish around Dec. 21. If you would like to help, non-perishable, in date canned goods are being accepted as well as toiletry items. Please bring your donations by Dec. 18.

Today's readings paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time. But the Gospel ends with the assurance to faithful stewards that those who persevere will be saved.

Weekly budget needs are \$7,582

Nov. 10, 2019

Weekly: \$7,273.00 **Kids:** \$11.00 **Loose:** \$1,026.10

Candles: \$64.26 **Peace & Justice:** \$65.00

All Saints: \$480.00 **Haiti:** \$20.00 **Misc.:** \$490.00

Harvest: \$40.00 **R/A Dues:** \$445.00

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

Christ The King

Saturday, Nov. 23 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: (6) Kathy Eilers, Deb Travis, Dick and Connie Mataloni, Mark Kollasch, Karen Naber

LECTOR: Cheryl Houseman

SERVERS: Oliver Miller, Brianna Swenson

USHERS/GREETERS: Kraninger Family

GIFTS: Larry Arndt Family

Sunday, Nov. 24 @ 8 a.m.

KC MASS

EMES: (5) KC members

LECTOR: KC Members

SERVERS: Liam Knudtson, Aubry Knudtson

USHERS/GREETERS: KC Members

GIFTS: KC Members

Sunday, Nov. 24 @ 10 a.m.

EMES: (6) Denise Cole, Chris Hinshaw, Mick and Jeanette Baack, Jim and Laurie Murray

LECTOR: Aaron Lorch

SERVERS: Tyler Wittrock, Alissa Wittrock

USHERS/GREETERS: Curt and Susan Willette

GIFTS: Bill Aumer Family

CHILDREN'S LIT: Patti Scott

CDA Court #1585 will host their first ever sale of "Gifts In A Jar!" of three different cookie recipes and one soup recipe. They will sell these items Nov. 23-24 in the Parish Center following Masses. Proceeds will be split 50-50 with the State CDA. The State will forward them to Bishop Nickless and the other half will stay locally.

Fr. Tim

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Those children in our parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take one of first steps next weekend as they participate and receive their First Reconciliation. Thank you parents for giving your children the opportunity to grow in their faith, in their relationship with God, and the grace of your Christian values shared in your homes. Regardless of age, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is the grace of God's desire to remove any barriers that keeps his presence and love from our daily lives and relationships. Thank you to Faith who is guiding these children in the classroom on Wednesdays.

God Bless,

Fr. Tim

2019-20 DAA UPDATE

Week 7

GOAL: \$53,247.00

TOTAL PAID: \$16,127.00

REMAINING: \$37,120.00

Families: 700

Responses: 103

% of Response: 14.7%

% of Goal Reached: 30.2%

ADDITIONAL All Souls remembrances:

+Larry Enfield, +Sean Enfield, +Mike Svoboda, +Pete Svoboda, +Miro and +Elizabeth Svoboda, +Mae and +Joe Millen, +Vincent Enfield, +Stephanie Rottering and +Harry Melson by Dannie and Jane Enfield.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Nov. 16

4:30 p +Daryl & +Helen Miller

Sunday, Nov. 17

8 a +Sharon Knudtson

10 a +Lorraine Kenney

+Bill Ruml

+Norma & +Fritz Thoma

Monday, Nov. 18

7:30 a +Thomas John Oleson

Tuesday, Nov. 19

5:15 p +Don Goyette

+Merle and +Mary Goyette

Wednesday, Nov. 20

7:30 a +Halbur/Johnson

Thursday, Nov. 21

7:30 a +Joshua Schertz

+Betty Newman

+Bill Mehan

Friday, Nov. 22

7:30 a +Ed Nelsen

+Lucille Vogel

10:30 a +Cindy Rush

Saturday, Nov. 23

4:30 p +Roy Wintz

Sunday, Nov. 24

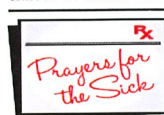
8 a Dec. KC members

10 a +Floyd Sporrer

+Joy Walz

+Susan Green & Family

Our parish will consecrate gluten free hosts for communion on weekends, and the priest will hold the container of those hosts at each Mass.



Please pray for these St. Joseph Parishioners:

Gordy Graves, 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: Charlotte Tiesler, Tailen Sturtz, Carrissa Mulder, Aimee Wallrich, Sara Springer, Betty Taylor, Mary Vogel, Diane De Vries, 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 Juzza, 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.