

NOV. 24, 2019

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

Next Sunday we will be in the season of Advent. One of the hallmarks of this time of year, like lent, is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is always offered before Masses and this year Communal Penance will be on Sunday Dec. 8 at 1 p.m. in the afternoon. This is preferred by some people. We will offer it to our 5-12 graders on Dec. 18 at 7:10 p.m. Any adult is welcome to attend that evening as well if that fits your schedule better. It is not really too much to ask of us that we receive this Sacrament once or twice a year and it is offered for our benefit. This is part of being Catholic and taking care of your soul as well as our physical bodies is just something we do as we grow in grace.

Reminder: we do NOT have religious education classes on Nov. 27. Enjoy the holiday with your family.

The Knight's sponsored poster coloring contest for children has begun. Posters are due back by Wednesday, December 11 with judging taking place that week and winners announced on Wednesday, December 18. If your child has not received a registration form yet or a poster paper, they are available in my office. Your young artist might make a beautiful Christmas themed picture that will put some cash in their pocket for Christmas.

Our children's Christmas program practice is underway. I love to watch them tell the story of the first Christmas and put themselves into it. Please plan to come see it on Dec. 15 at 4:30 p.m. after Fr. Tim's open house. There will be pizza for the families.

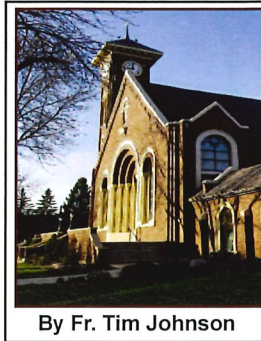
Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY from the St. Joseph Parish Family to Connie Lange and Denise Norland on the death of their father, +Dean Seehusen, 89, of Pocahontas, who died Mon., Nov. 18. His Mass of Christian Burial was held Wed., Nov. 20 at St. Columbkilles, in Varina, IA.

PLEASE remember to pick up your bowls and pans. They are located both in the kitchen, under the steel tables.

THE CLOTHING room is in need of plastic hangers. Please leave them on the desk in Mary Lou's Office.

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 food items are being accepted as well as toiletry items. Please bring your donations by Dec. 18.



By Fr. Tim Johnson

Our Diocesan Vocations' Office requested each parish to provide a twenty four hour period of Adoration for the purpose of increased vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Our parish is offering a time of Adoration and Prayer for increased vocations this Tuesday, in line with our normal time, 8:00 a.m. until 4:50 p.m., ending with a brief prayer service & Benediction before Mass at 5:15 p.m. You are invited at anytime to spend a few moments or longer in church during Adoration for the intention of our seminarians and future vocations. Whether a few moments or longer within the presence and peace of the Blessed Sacrament, Mother Teresa's words reflect the grace of our time in prayer: "Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts."

Today we offer the Sacrament of First Reconciliation to our children preparing for First Holy Communion. Though we may not grasp the full grace of God's desire to forgive us our sins and bring a certain peace in our hearts, these children in their anxiety and innocence reflect a simple faith in a God who loves them, who protects them and who accepts them. A Sacrament that will always bring forth an inner peace and healing to whomever receives this grace regardless of age or the sins that God desires to forgive.

Thanksgiving Day Mass is 9:00 a.m. with the Turkey Meal served at noon, open to any individual or family. In the midst of the Civil War, burdened by the strife, the loss of life and a union breaking apart, Abraham Lincoln paused with a certitude of graciousness, signing the Thanksgiving Proclamation to be honored on the fourth Thursday of November throughout the United States. Whatever meal we share on this day, may our main ingredient include a pause for prayer.

I believe everyone who enjoyed the delicious and generous helpings at our parish's Annual Harvest Meal left with a smile, a full stomach and a sense of hospitality last Sunday. Again, the many volunteers and their hospitality created a wonderful setting for the many, many who enjoyed the food, conversation and atmosphere. We are blessed with a facility to support such gatherings, and the upkeep of our church providing us and visitors with a welcoming space to encounter God's presence in our Sacraments.

On this Feast of Christ the King, the words penned by St. Francis of Assisi reflected in the song, All Creatures Of Our God and King, honors the power and grace of God's presence: "Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia. Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one."

May God Bless you and your family this Thanksgiving.

Fr. Tim

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.

NAME: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

Fairchild Welding

Terril, IA

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, Nov. 25

5:15 a.m.: Praise Band rehearsal.

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

Tuesday, Nov. 26

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

5:45 p.m.: CDA meets in Nazareth Hall.

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

Wednesday, Nov. 27

No Religious Education Class

Thursday, Nov. 28

9 a.m.: Thanksgiving Mass

12 noon: Annual Thanksgiving dinner at St. Joseph, parish center.

Friday, Nov. 29

Parish Offices closed for Thanksgiving.

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

THANK YOU to all who assisted in making the 2019 Harvest Dinner a success. Whatever part you played, THANK YOU. We served 478 persons, 44 of which were delivery and take-outs. Of the 478, 239 were St. Joseph parishioners, 234 were community members with five tickets blank. Winners of the \$20 cash prizes were Connie Stein, John Elser, Beth Primavera, Vern Schoeneman and Richard Hildebrand. The checks are in the mail! Here is a snapshot of financial information:

Income: \$5,154.00

Expense Total: 1,767.50

Groceries: \$1,600.00*

Advertising: \$67.50

5-\$20 prizes: \$100.00

*Thank you to the anonymous St. Joseph Parishioner who paid for the groceries!

NET: \$4,986.50

Please return your DAA pledge as soon as possible.

Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of my life?

Weekly budget needs are \$7,582

Nov. 16-17, 2019

Weekly: \$6,460.00 **Kids:** \$13.00 **Loose:** \$1,144.96

Candles: \$36.00 **Peace & Justice:** \$5,015.00

R/A Dues: \$30.00 **Youth Ministry Cans:** \$325.85

Youth Ministry: \$150.00 **Misc.:** \$1,575.03

CHRIST THE KING



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

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, Nov. 28 @ 9 a.m.

EMES: (5) Steve and Kris Feld, Jeff and Pat Rolfes, Pat Graves

LECTOR: Joseph Schmidt

SERVERS: Kailee Herman, John Garcia

USHERS/GREETERS: Bill and Cheryl Aumer

GIFTS: Volunteers

First Sunday of Advent

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

EMES: (5) Donna Elser, Jeff Knudtson, Deb Faulkner, Mary Dunleavy, Larry Arndt, Alex Jones

LECTOR: Lois Eckard

SERVERS: Loretta Halbur, Bryce Anderson

USHERS/GREETERS: Bonnie Duhn, Kathy Eilers

GIFTS: Larry Arndt Family

Sunday, Dec. 1 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: (5) Brad Shell, Tom and Jan Johnson, Cory Knudtson, Bev Kruger

LECTOR: Loretta Halbur

SERVERS: Jerron Heller, Mark Johnson

USHERS/GREETERS: Tom and Terri Rierson

GIFTS: Volunteers

Sunday, Dec. 1 @ 10 a.m.

Praise Band

EMES: (6) Roger and Cheryl Moss, Beth Lorch, Jim and Laurie Murray, Denise Cole

LECTOR: Aaron Lorch

SERVERS: Austin Harms, Simon Walleck

USHERS/GREETERS: Donna Clark, Barb and Wayne Woodley

GIFTS: Jim Murray Family

CHILDREN'S LIT: Faith Garcia

The Catholic Daughters meet on Tuesday, November 26 following the 5:15 Mass. Lunch will be soup and apple crisp. All women of St. Joseph's ages 18 to 108 are welcome to join us. Committee is Darlene Moritz, Connie Lange, Connie Mataloni, Kathy Hesseltine and Sue Miller. If you have questions call Darlene at 330-6725. We look forward to meeting new members each month.

ST. JOSEPH Parishioner Marlene Nelsen needs just a few more blankets to complete her homeless sleeping bag project. Please leave any extra blankets you may have in the office. Thanks in advance.

PARISH offices closed Thurs. and Fri., Nov. 28-29.

2019-20 DAA UPDATE

Week 8

GOAL: \$53,247.00

TOTAL PAID: \$16,127.00

REMAINING: \$37,120.00

Families: 700

Responses: 106

% of Response: 15.1%

% of Goal Reached: 30.2%

LOOKING Ahead... we need four dozen small sandwiches and four dozen holiday cookies for the Christmas Open House at Fr. Tim's on Sun., Dec. 15. Please call the office in you can help.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, Nov. 25

7:30 a +Fr. Jim McCormick

Tuesday, Nov. 26

5:15 p Liv. & Dec. CDA mem.

Wednesday, Nov. 27

7:30 a +Halbur/Johnson

Thursday, Nov. 28

9 a +Sr. Genny Morrissey

+Lois Graettinger

+Pegi Riens

Friday, Nov. 29

7:30 a +Joyce Fear

10:30 a +Ginger Wollner

Saturday, Nov. 30

4:30 p +Rita Wuebke+

+Tom Wuebker

+Bo Schnetter

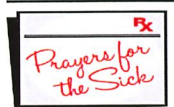
Sunday, Dec. 1

8 a +Georgene Guthrie

10 a +Joy Walz

+Jim & +Phyllis Streit

COMMUNICAL Reconciliation for the Advent Season will be Sun., Dec. 8, 1 p.m. at St. Joseph.



Please pray for these St. Joseph Parishioners:

Bev Sporrer, 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 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.