

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 24, 2020

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

Clary Lake Service

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As the governor begins to slowly open businesses in Iowa, people have been anxious to return to Mass. Bishop Nickless remains optimistic but cautious, still concerned about safeguarding all who participate in our Eucharist. His "gauge" so to speak will be the following: a downward trajectory of new COVID-19 cases reported, downward trajectory of hospitalizations due to the virus and a lessening of deaths due to the virus. Two weeks after such indications the Bishop will allow the public to attend Mass, with the following restrictions:

Each person must wear a mask in church.

Coming in and leaving church we ask for the appropriate social distancing.

Individuals/families will be ushered to the pews beginning with the front of the church and working back. (You'll see the Mass from a different vantage point each week.)

There will be two rows of empty pews between those designated for people.

Six feet apart in pews, with the exception of families who may sit together.

No missals, hymnals, papers in the pews.

No Sign of Peace or the Cup offered at Communion.

Communion will be offered at the conclusion of Mass. Ushers will be present, allowing people to come forth, maintaining a six foot distance as you come forward to receive. Strongly recommend that all individuals receive on the hand.

After receiving Communion you are free to leave the Church.

Instead of a collection during the offertory, baskets will be placed at each of the entrances into the main body of the church. You may leave your offering/envelope in the basket as you come in or as you leave.

Between each Mass the diocese requires we sanitize the pews people sat in, all door handles and the restrooms. Thus, with our summer schedule of Masses, we need to have the church empty for a period of time in between so we can properly sanitize.

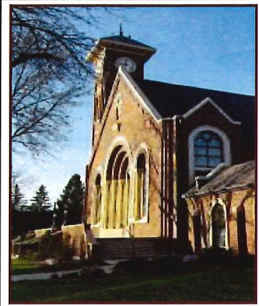
Though our experience will be a bit unsettling at first, participation in the Eucharist while safeguarding the health of all is the grace we are seeking. Please be patient. As the Bishop feels the conditions are improving, restrictions will be gradually loosened.

To minimize any potential exposure or spread of the virus, only two entrances to the church will be open: the west canopy doors and the east main entrance.

As a precautionary measure, the church will remain locked during the week per diocesan guidelines.

Thank you for your patience and understanding, though we each have our different concerns and opinions. And most importantly, thank you for your faith and presence of hope that we will soon share together in the Eucharist. Bishop Nickless will announce the opening of churches two weeks prior.

"Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less."



By Fr. Tim Johnson

(Marie Curie)

Our parish has received a very generous donation towards the new recording equipment to continue live-streaming and downloading parish Masses and activities. We are grateful to the couple who wishes to remain anonymous for their matching gift of \$5,000. Contributions can be sent to the office or made online on our website. Thank you!

Feast of the Ascension this Sunday, a remembrance of Jesus' promise to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, into our personal lives. "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Giver of Life,

help us to see your life

at work in our lives.

Keep us from clinging

to what is today,

that we might receive

the gifts of life

that awaits us tomorrow. Amen.

God Bless, Fr. Tim

Fr. Tim

There are new rules and regulations in regards to the posting of worship aids on our parish website. Please go to the website for information on how to continue to receive these worship aids.

The Bishop has ordered that all facilities and the parish office remain closed until further notice. Calls are being taken by Susan at 338-4674 or 320-2584. Calls for Sharon are being taken at 330-6028. Thank you for your understanding.

As for me
and my
household,
we will serve
the Lord.



Joshua 24:15

FAITH FORMATION

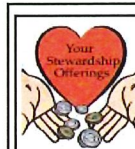
By Sharon Mayer

It was with great pleasure that I was able to attend Mass last weekend so that I could announce the graduating senior class and their parents. Usually I recognize seniors that have made unique contributions to the program and this year is no exception. Liz Chicoine was a senior who helped us with the afternoon religious education program in grades K and 1. The overall attendance of the students that came to religious education classes through the senior year was excellent. Nathan Kollasch and Tyler Wittrock had perfect attendance to religious education classes at least since second grade which is as far back as I have documentation. They have both also been Altar Servers. Some people may not see this as important, but I do. To me this reflects respect for their parents in coming to classes as well as respect for their faith. I'm sure there were times that they probably did not want to come due to heavy homework or such but they did. It shows great responsibility and strength of character. They also do not give up on themselves when life demands more from them. Congratulations to them and all of our seniors.

I was also able to see the awarding of the Catholic Daughters scholarship winners. They were Avery Cable and Nathan Kollasch. I watched the Awards at the high school online which is where I learned that David Greiner of this parish and Eric Sandven won the Fr. Fandel award and that Austin Jones and Nathan Kollasch won the Knights scholarships. Congratulations to all of them.

My families should have a lesson about Pentecost in their email. That is celebrated this weekend. It is the birthday of our church and when we learned that the Holy Spirit is our helper along life's way. This must be a very busy time for the Holy Spirit. I am getting anxious for the days that life becomes more as we are used to. Instead of fearful of what is around the corner and of each other. I cannot help but remember that God didn't and doesn't make junk. We are all His creation and should have nothing to fear as we put our trust in Him.

WE ARE NOW taking items for the Treasure Chest Garage Sale Ministry. Please call Cheryl Aumer at 712-331-4303 to make an appointment. We do not accept electronic items.



In today's Gospel, Jesus prays, "I have given You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave Me to do." Good stewards follow His example by using their time and talents for the glory of God.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WE CONTINUE to receive nice comments both online and in the mail. We enjoy hearing feedback, good or bad. Following are the latest notes in the mailbag.

✓ We have enjoyed celebrating Mass in a new day during this shelter in place. Hope this online ministry continues.

--Betty and Kenyon Black, Denton, TX

✓ I've enjoyed viewing your celebration of the Eucharist, during those momentary separations. God Bless!

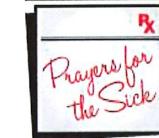
--Bruce Pfeffer, Wesley, IA

✓ I sincerely feel so much peace in watching your online videos done up in great fashion. Fr. Tim and Zach...you are great in what you do. May God Bless you always.

--Sylvia Hildman, Wesley, IA

✓ We so appreciate the online services. The altar is so beautiful.

--Anonymous



Please pray for these St. Joseph Parishioners:

Elizabeth Knudtson, Mike Willison, Geneva Knudtson, Roger Wittrock, Rick DeMuth, Connie Jackson, Fr. Tom Flanagan, Bev Sporrer, Glatha Langel, Linda Higgins, Mary Ann Sigler, Dennis and Alma Klute, Jerry Clark, 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: Craig Danes, Jan Norgaard, Kathy Kapustka, Kristin Meyer, Leo Trebbien, Kyle Pedley, Kevin Wittrock, Peggy Reit, Fr. John Vakulskas, Charlotte Tiesler, Tailen Sturtz, Aimee Wallrich, Sara Springer, Mary Vogel, Diane De Vries, Marilyn Mertz, Jan Wolf, Peggy Price, Joan Mertz, John Bruening, Ann Willette, Ashlyn Clark, Jerry Wolford, Kami Svoboda, Darrel Wedeking, Dan Mulder, Pam Meyer, 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 Stille and Howie Holdenried.

THE University of Okoboji Soccer Tournament, scheduled for June 6-7, has been postponed to 2021.



Nelsen seeks cards, fabric

ST. Joseph Parishioner Marlene Nelsen is seeking 300 old greeting cards for a project for the Milford Care Center residents. She also needs cotton fabric to use in making masks. Items may be left in her back entry at 1209 Okoboji Ave., Milford.



MASS INTENTIONS

Weekend Masses 5/23-24

+Larry and +Jenny Pick

+Thomas John Oleson

+Todd Wittrock

Dec. Wittrock/Baxter Fam.

+Cindy Rush

Monday, May 25

+Cae Shima

+Earl & +Frances Connors

Tuesday, May 26

Liv/Dec CDA Members

Wednesday, May 27

+Shirley Lens

Special Intention (EM)

Thursday, May 28

+Georgene Guthrie

+Mary Alice Miller

Dec. Wintz Fam. Members

Friday, May 29

+Connie Schoenherr

Weekend Masses 5/30-31

+Rita Wuebker

+Tom Wuebker

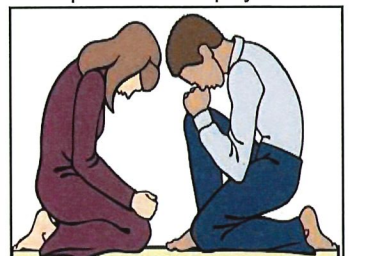
+Gordy Graves

+Floyd Sporrer

+Mary Negus

+Joe Schmitz

Give Online
NEW ONLINE GIVING
We have just installed the capabilities for online stewardship. Check out our website or Facebook page for details or call the office to set up automatic payments.



All who
EXALT themselves
will be HUMBLLED,
and all who
HUMBLE themselves
will be EXALTED.

Matthew 23:12