

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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Bishop Nickless will allow parishes throughout our diocese to open their churches during the week on a limited basis. Two days a week, for two hours at a time, we will be allowed to be open. Individuals coming in to pray must wear a mask and keep a distance between anyone else who may be present. No more than ten individuals are allowed in church at a time. Here at St. Joseph Parish, we will open our church on Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Come through the canopy doors on the west side, and then please leave out those same doors. You must wear a mask and please sit at a distance from anyone else who may be present. You are welcome to bring any prayer books or reflection material, but please take with you as you leave church. Your time praying in church is your time; no time limit.

We have been blessed with Zach Jones' presence in our parish and helping with weekday and weekend Masses for the past several weeks. Because of the virus and the Italian government's decision to secure the country at the time, Zach came back to the states and completed his studies at home. He has a special gift of compassion, of spirituality, kindness and understanding, joy of life, and a calling to the priesthood. He will leave Milford and live in Fort Dodge for the remainder of the summer, joining two other seminarians to be in community with each other, and help with the large parish there. May we continue to support, through our prayers his calling, and those within our parish who are also being called to the vocation as a priest or religious. Thank you.

We celebrate Corpus Christi Sunday (The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ) this weekend. As tradition holds, some parishes have a procession carrying the Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance outside the church on a familiar route. Some parishes have had this tradition for a number of years with pre-designated stops along the procession route. With the guidelines in place, Bishop Nickless asks that we refrain from this tradition this year. Our feast day of Corpus Christi Sunday originated in the Diocese of Liege in 1246 as the feast of Corpus Christi. Vatican II reforms brought together Corpus Christi Sunday and the feast of the Precious Blood (July 1) to become the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord. We celebrate today Christ's gift of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our life together as the Church.

On this feast day we are more aware of what we have not received these past weeks, the Eucharist, the abiding presence of Christ Jesus. Our Bishop's intention is to 'safely' open our parish churches as soon as possible so we may participate in this Sacrament. Northwest Iowa, which includes most of our diocese,



By Fr. Tim Johnson

has seen a rise in coronavirus infections and hospitalizations causing a delay of his original plans of opening sooner. And when we are allowed to share in the Eucharist, our presence in church will be different for awhile with the requirement to wear masks, distance six feet from another in the pew, two empty rows of pews in between, and the reception of communion after Mass. These expected guidelines will be in place for a temporary period of time, reflecting those within surrounding dioceses. As we patiently wait with understanding and prayer, consider the experiences shared in Cardinal Dolan's book, "Priests of the Third Millennium."

Dominic Tang, the courageous Chinese archbishop, was imprisoned for twenty-one years for nothing more than his loyalty to Christ and Christ's one, true Church. After he had spent five years of solitary confinement in a windowless, damp cell, he was told by his jailers that he could leave it for a few hours to do whatever he wanted. Five years of solitary confinement and he had a couple of hours to do what he wanted! What would it be? A hot shower? A change of clothes? Certainly, a long walk outside? A chance to call or write to family? What would it be? The jailer asked him. "I would like to say Mass," replied Archbishop Tang.

The Vietnamese Jesuit, Joseph Nguyen-Cong Doan, who spent nine years in labor camps in Vietnam, relates how he was finally able to say Mass when a fellow priest-prisoner shared some of his own smuggled supplies. "That night, when the other prisoners were asleep, lying on the floor of my cell, I celebrated Mass with tears of joy. My altar was my blanket, my prison clothes my vestments. But I felt myself at the heart of humanity and of the whole of creation." *Fr. Tim*



FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

Today, most people equate June 14 with Flag Day. People, especially this year should show their patriotism and remember, above all, that God created all of us in His image. Not just a select portion. All people are important in God's eyes. People came from all over to America to build this country by working together for one purpose. They did not forget about their traditions but instead merged them for good of all.

Jesus came to earth for the "life of the world" He too wanted people to understand that we need to work together in love to make things work. Lately, some are not remembering that very well. Others are trying to remind those that forgot. We celebrate the Body and Blood of Christ as he gave all that he had so that we may grow and flourish in God's love. Is it automatic? No. We need to follow His teachings and have faith. Many times life throws us curve balls and we need to overcome them.

I share in the frustration of the times but see the good in people every day. Prayer is a solace and hopefully soon we can share in our Mass together. Although I don't profess to understand the whole of the sequence in today's liturgy, I get the gist that Jesus is given for all of us, good and bad. It is up to us whether we choose to partake of the good He offers for all time through the gift of the Eucharist.



THANK YOU ZACH

The St. Joseph Parish Staff cordially thanks Seminarian Zach Jones for his many days of serving St. Joseph not only at Mass but for just being there. We appreciate the opportunity to work with you on your journey. May God Bless you in the days ahead. **--St. Joseph Parish Staff**



REMEMBER that special man in your life with the Father's Day Novena of 9 Masses which begin Mon., June 22. Send in a note with your intentions and please mark those who are deceased with an asterick. Intentions will be included in the June 20-21 bulletin. Deadline for inclusion is Wed., June 17.



WE continue to accept donations to our Online Media Ministry \$5,000 match project. Thanks to an anonymous couple who has challenged our parish to raise \$5,000 to match their \$5,000 gift to the online media ministry. To date, \$4,000.00 has been received. This is 80% of what is needed. Our

Online Media Ministry is responsible for live streaming all the liturgies within our parish. By supporting this ministry, donations will be used to purchase the proper equipment, licensing and other costs associated with continuing this ministry permanently. To read more about this ministry, or for information on how to donate, please visit www.stjosephmilford.org/supportonlineministry. Thank you to all who have donated so far, and to the couple that has so graciously offered the matching donation.



CONGRATULATIONS and Best Wishes to Luke and Sara (Konz) Anderson who were married at St. Joseph on Sat., June 6. May your life be filled with much happiness.

HAPPY Anniversary to St. Joseph Parishioners Pat and Donna Goebel who celebrated their 50th Anniversary Fri., July 12. Well wishes may be sent to them at 105-19th St., Spencer, IA 51301.

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.



The Scriptures today remind us that "we, many though we are, are one body for we all partake of the one loaf." How are we using our gifts of time and talent to build up the body of Christ?

June 3 to June 10, 2020
Weekly Envelopes: \$5,315.93 **Youth Group:** \$300.00
Peace & Justice: \$20.00 **Online Ministry:** \$500.00



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: Vonna Leckband, Craig Danes, Jan Norgaard, Kathy Kapustka, Kristin Meyer, Leo Trebbien, 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 Stillely and Howie Holdenried.

MASS INTENTIONS

Weekend Masses 6/13-14

+Stan Norman, Sr.
+Ralph Nordstrom
+Bill Badding
+Frances Connors
Liv/Dec Foster Family

Monday, June 15

+Peg Rients
+Lorraine and +Pat Kenney

Tuesday, June 16

+Bud Brooks

Wednesday, June 17

+Mike Hawn

Thursday, June 18

+Thomas John Oleson

Friday, June 19

+Ryan Ochoa

Weekend Masses 6/20-21

+Betty Newman
+Todd Wittrock
Dec. Wittrock/Baxter Fam.
+Dennis Kasperbauer
+Alan Langel
+Earl and +Joan Langel



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.

Just a reminder that a drive-by bridal shower honoring Mary Eckard will be held Sat., June 20, 10-11:30 a.m. in Diana Eckard's driveway, 803 N. Ave., Milford. Mary is the daughter of Dr. Kurt and Teresa Eckard.



Cain, our Director of Music, will be hosting an online hymn sing Sun., June 21 at 7:30 p.m. See our website or facebook page to enjoy the beautiful music. Join him online for an evening of sharing your favorite hymns.