

JUNE 21, 2020

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

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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:

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"I simply can't build my hopes on a foundation of confusion, misery and death... I think... peace and tranquillity will return again." (Ann Frank)

Welcome back! Though our regathering will be a bit different with the guidelines, —and with the many too anxious about their health who will continue to participate via our website or Facebook—our

Eucharist remains the Presence of healing, hope, and gratitude. Welcoming back parishioners and visitors to the Eucharist, I'm reminded of the television show, "Welcome back, Kotter." We, too, come back after an unexpected spring of anxiety and social change, seeking a barometer to our faith lives and relationships. May the hospitality of our parish and the grace of the Eucharist provide us "food for the journey." With the rising count of those affected with the virus within our Dickinson County, our parish depends on the following guidelines to safeguard those present:

*You must wear a mask from the time you enter church until you leave.

(If you forget we have a supply at the west and east entrances.)

*Ushers will guide you to a pew, seating front to back with a person on either end. Couples and families may sit together.

(Maintaining the 6 foot distancing, there will be two empty pews in between.)

*Communion will be offered after Mass with the ushers assisting row by row.

(After receiving Communion you are to leave church, (minimizing the chance of the virus).

*Baskets are in place at each of the doors entering the church proper; you may leave your envelope/tithing/donation as you enter or as you leave.

Bishop Nickless is extending his dispensation from Sunday Mass as we reopen for those concerned about their health and hesitant to be in a crowd. I ask for the understanding of anyone who will not wear a mask for their own reasons, to please participate via our website or Facebook. And too, anyone who has not been social distancing, please consider the health of others as you come to church.

We, as a parish, do welcome back parishioners and visitors alike, but during this time we need to consider the wellbeing and concerns of those around us.

Our parish office will open beginning next week. Please enter through the northwest door. Keeping all the inside doors closed, please knock before entering Susan's office, Sharon's or Cain's. We ask that you wear a mask when entering our building. If possible please call ahead before coming to our parish offices.

At this time, the Clothing Room will remain closed for the foreseeable future.

We are not accepting any clothing items.

Likewise, our Garage Sale has been cancelled for the Fourth weekend. Cheryl is taking items but please call her ahead of time, 712-331-4303. We are looking at the possibility of Labor Day weekend for a sale.



By Fr. Tim Johnson

Our church will continue to open for private prayer on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. On the Tuesday following the Fourth weekend, July 7th, we will have our daily Mass open to the public; likewise on that Thursday, the 9th.

Thank you for your patience and your understanding during these past several weeks and as we continue to reopen. We each have our varying opinions, but may our Catholic-Christian faith guide us on the path forward with the light of Christ before us.

And, thank you for your continued support of our parish, during the past several weeks and moving forward, but especially the gift of your faith and presence whether returning to church or participating via our website.

God Bless, Fr. Tim

FYI: An interesting dialogue between two of the "sweathogs" from Welcome Back Kotter. Vinnie: "I got my own idea of what God is like: I know he's a sharp dresser, and he's good-looking, and of course he's Italian." Freddie: "Yeah? Well, if you ask me, all that stuff about harps is a lot of jive. God is backed up by a jazz rhythm section. He got a piano, a bass guitar, and a drummer with a good right foot."

"We hold these truths to be self evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator

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 are so thankful to be able to watch our own parish Masses on the computer. --a parishioner

✓ So appreciate the video masses and hope they can continue for the sake of those with health issues. --anonymous

✓ Thank you, Fr. Tim, for your beautiful Masses. --a parishioner

✓ Please use this donation for equipment for online ministry. Thank You. --anonymous

✓ Here is a donation for the online ministry which I appreciate so much --a Parishioner

✓ Thanks for televising the Mass. We feel like we have been at the Mass. --a parishioner



FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

I am very happy that the date has been selected for First Communion. Long overdue, the students will receive this important Sacrament on Sunday, July 26 at 1 p.m. This will be a private Mass for those families. If you were a prayer partner, please acknowledge your student in some way.

I will be in contact with Spirit Lake about Confirmation. We are already working on next years date for the next group.

If you kept your rice bowls, you can return those as of this weekend as we pick up with our normal summer Mass schedule. It will look very different in the church though due to distancing. Still, a very good feeling to get back to being able to receive the Eucharist.

I am pretty well glued to the golf course right now, but still check emails and phone messages. I am planning for religious ed to begin in September. If you have been a Catechist or would like to be, I will be happy to have you as part of the teaching team. VIRTUS training which is required is available temporarily online. If interested, please let me know.

Hoping you are all well.



THANKS TO THOSE ON THE FRONTLINE OF COVID-19

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.

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.



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



Both the first reading and the Gospel today speak of hospitality and welcome. Our ministers of hospitality are a most visible example of using one's time and talents to welcome the people of God. But the Gospel assures us that all who gives even just "a cup of cold water" to one of His lowliest ones will be rewarded. June 18-24, 2020

Weekly Envelopes: \$1,800.00 Online Ministry: \$300.00 Building: \$333.00



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, 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 Stilley and Howie Holdenried.

MASS INTENTIONS

Weekend Masses 6/27-28

4 p.m.: +Rita Wuebker +Tom Wuebker +Tim Norman 5:30: +Jeffery Eggers Father's Day (6) 7:30 a: +Steve Jones

Monday, June 29

Father's Day (7)-Live Stream

Tuesday, June 30

Father's Day (8)-Live Stream

Wednesday, July 1

Father's Day (9)-Live Stream

Thursday, July 2

John Cain-Live Stream

Friday, July 3

+Lois Sporrer-Live Stream

Weekend Masses 7/4-7/5

4 p.m.: +Stan Norman, Sr. 5:30 p: +Sr. Genny Morrisey 7:30 a: +John Cain 9 a: +Jim & +Phyllis Streit +Lois Sporrer +Todd Wittrock

Dec. Wittrock/Baxter Families 10:30 a: +Lorraine Kenney +Dennis Kasperbauer

