

JULY 5, 2020

## SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

### 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's 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

Woodlyn Hills Golf Course

1.5 miles east of St. Jo

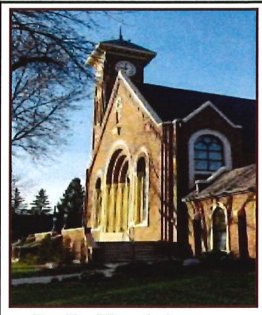
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"The essence of America—that which really unites us—is not ethnicity, or nationality, or religion. It is an idea—and what an idea it is: that you can come from humble circumstances and do great things. That it doesn't matter where you came from, but where you are going." (Condoleezza Rice)

Our social lives and practice of faith have been interrupted these last three months, with the hope of "normalcy" a relative term. As our diocese slowly reopens parishes with guidelines and expectations, the adjustments are so evident. With masks worn, distancing within and between pews, Communion offered at the end of Mass, and far fewer individuals present in church, we recognize changes that have taken place. Safeguarding our parishes and facilities is one matter, but the sharing in the Eucharist is another. What remains unaltered, unchanged, is the Eucharist, the real presence. At the same time, our prayers in the liturgies—spoken, sung, quiet reflection—concur a consistency with the Eucharist alongside the faces and lives of those present—ever evolving and yet unchanged in principle. We are blessed with the Sacraments which connect us to our past, places us in the present grace of Christ, and guides us to the light before us. Patiently and hopefully our mission as St. Joseph Catholic Parish will thrive and evolve, drawing us closer to the peace of Christ. Welcome back! In respect to these last three months of uncertainty and the altering of our social lives, Condoleezza's words ring true: "That it doesn't matter where you came from, but where you are going."

We will continue with our 'summer schedule' of weekend Masses, with our daily Masses opening up after the Fourth weekend. Without change, the weekday Masses will follow the same diocesan guidelines: masks worn, distancing in and between pews, Communion at the end of Mass. However, at weekday Mass, I'm asking each person to 'sanitize' their respective area before leaving. As we move back to 'reopening' daily Mass for the public, I'm looking at a 7:30 a.m. schedule, Monday thru Friday. During Lent we would move the Tuesday Mass back to 5:15 p.m. with our Lenten Soup meal to follow. Realizing how difficult it is to have at least one person assigned for one particular hour during the 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adoration, I would have this special prayer time in some form as we do at present: two hours, one or two days a week. Times and days are not set in stone by any means. We will continue offering the Anointing Mass every other month at a 7:30 a.m. Mass.

We are setting First Communion in late July, Sunday the 26th, at 1 p.m. Families have been contacted and Sharon with Faith will have the families participate in a workshop prior to that Sunday. Confirmation will take place at St. Mary's Parish (as originally scheduled before the restrictions), most likely in late summer or



By Fr. Tim Johnson

early fall. Again, nothing set in stone at this point but hoping to re-establish a presence of community within our parish, our liturgies, and our activities. We have to keep in mind the diocesan guidelines and our efforts to safeguard the wellbeing of individuals who feel welcome here.

Our parish office is open but we ask that you call ahead, and when coming into the office space, or to visit Sharon or Cain, please be aware of social distance, and wear a mask—efforts to safeguard our staff and others. Our clothing room will remain closed through the summer months and most likely longer depending on the severity of the coronavirus. As always, thank you for your patience and understanding. Because of the virus spiking in our region, we are keeping our Parish hall closed to activities and gatherings for a certain time.

As we celebrate our country's Independence this weekend, I leave you with a quote from President Johnson: "This, then, is the state of the union: free and restless, growing and full of hope. So it was in the beginning. So it shall always be, while God is willing, and we are strong enough to keep the faith." Blessings to you this Fourth of July, for your safety, your hope going forward, and a spirit of gratitude for the freedoms we have received, especially the practice of our Christian faith and the virtues reflecting our character. God is willing!

God Bless you on this Fourth weekend,

*Fr. Tim*

FYI: Much maligned yet our native son—Herbert Hoover—speaks so eloquently of the God-given character embellished in each person: "Freedom is the open window through which pours the sunlight of human spirit and human dignity."

**THANK YOU** to everyone at church for your expressions of sympathy and caring. It means so much. *Charree Sweeten*

"Let all Your works give You thanks, O Lord, and let Your faithful ones bless You," says the Psalmist. Stewardship is this "attitude of gratitude" for the many gifts God has given us.

**June 27-28, 2020**

Weekly Envelopes: \$5,495.00

Loose: \$1,458.00 Online Min.: \$2,825.00

Peter's Pence: \$615.00 Endow: \$60.00

P & J: \$535.00 Aid to Domestic Church: \$30.00

Misc.: \$1,189.00

### FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

Little by little I feel like we are making progress back to a routine we are familiar with. Our BIG news of course is that Mass has returned. Daily Masses soon. In addition my big news is that we will have First Communion for our ten families who have been patiently waiting on July 26. This is a Sunday, but the Mass will be private for our families this year instead of during a regular parish Mass. A little bit of a review will be happening until that point. But... this is exciting for the children.

Confirmation is still in the works in conjunction with Spirit Lake and as it was their turn to host, they make the decision. We will host next spring and Fr. Tim has put in a request for a date. Like First Communion, when we find out, that class will review in preparation for the Sacrament. In the meantime, I will begin planning for the 2020-21 year ahead. My hope is that we all stay safe and well until a vaccine is found and that we will be able to meet on Wednesdays as usual. This month I will be putting out a call to my current Catechists to see who will be returning and then the way will open for anyone new who would like to join in teaching. The church does require VIRTUS child protection training and I would expect people who are regular church attendees, comfortable in leading youth in conversation and prayer and are able to follow a lesson plan for their grade level.

Many plans did not come to completion last year even before we had to shut down due to the virus. Most every class will have to begin with a review of some type. Even though it is a busy summer, I am anxious to get going again. If you are new to the parish, please call me about registering your student. If you have a kindergarten student, we begin with that grade level. Should you be interested in Family Formation, we have information about that. There will be early registration in late August as I will be out at every Mass. More on that to follow at a later date.

**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. ✓ Fr. Tim and Staff: We have so appreciated your weekend and daily Masses. We want to help you be able to keep putting them on line. Thank You.

*Bob and Doris Gengler, Remsen, IA*

## 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

### Volunteer Ministry Schedule

#### For Weekends of July 11-12 and 18-19

Each person will serve for two weekends. If you wish to assist, call the parish office.

**Sat., July 11 and 18 @ 4 p.m.**

EMES: Connie Jones

USHERS: Knights of Columbus

LECTOR: Lois Eckard

SERVER: Ron Swartz

**Sat., July 11 and 18 @ 5:30 p.m.**

EMES: Patti Scott

USHERS: CDA

LECTOR: Jeff Rolfes

SERVER: Mark and Deb Johnson

**Sunday, July 12 and 19 @ 7:30 a.m.**

EMES: Irene McCoy

USHERS: Jim McCoy

LECTOR: Pat Carr

SERVER: Loretta Halbur

**Sunday, July 12 and 19 @ 9 a.m.**

EMES: Susan Willette

USHERS: Knights of Columbus

LECTOR: Sara Laven

SERVER: Dick Mataloni

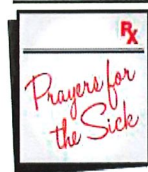
**Sunday, July 12 and 19 @ 10:30 a.m.**

EMES: Connie Hinrichs

USHERS: Duane and Tami Schnetter

LECTOR: Beth Lorch

SERVER: Jan Pithan



### Please pray for these St. Joseph Parishioners:

Elizabeth Knudtson, Mike Willison, Geneva Knudtson, Roger Wittrock, Rick DeMuth, 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, 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 July 4-5

4 p.m.: +Stan Norman, Sr.

+Rita Wuebker

+Tom Wuebker

5:30 p.: +Sr. Genny Morrissey

7:30 a.: +John Cain

9 a.: +Jim & +Phyllis Streit

+Lois Sporrer

+Todd Wittrock

Dec. Wittrock/Baxter Families

+Bill Miller

10:30 a.: +Lorraine Kenney

+Dennis Kasperbauer

#### Monday, July 6

7:30 a.: No Mass Today

#### Tuesday, July 7

7:30 a.: No Mass Today

#### Wednesday, July 8

7:30 a.: Halbur/Johnson

#### Thursday, July 9

7:30 a.: +Bud Brooks

#### Friday, July 10

7:30 a.: +Lorraine & +Pat Kenney

Open to the Public; enter west door.

#### Saturday, July 11

4 p.m.: +Stan Norman, Sr.

+Tim Norman

+Barbara Nicknoth

5:30 p.: +Joy Walz

#### Sunday, July 12

7:30 a.: +Paul Delaney

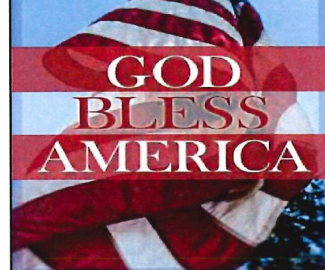
9 a.: +Lois Sporrer

+Bill Miller

Spec. Inten (50th Goebel)

+Delores & +Francis DeRouchy

10:30 a.: Special Inten. (JLW)



**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.

