

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 12, 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

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in the collection basket.

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State: _____ Zip: _____

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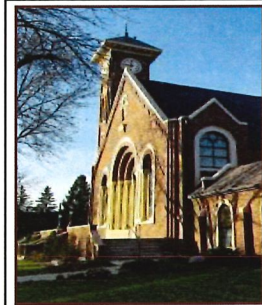
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We had an unexpected and welcome visitor last Sunday: Fr. John Vakulskas. Presently taking treatments for cancer, he felt well enough to concelebrate Mass with us. Fr. Vakulskas always felt at home in the lakes region since his term as the pastor of St. Joseph twenty some years ago. Upon his retirement five years ago he decided to live in the lakes region, while wintering in Florida where he continued his ministry outreach to the circus venues. Presently he is staying with family in Sioux City where he receives his treatments. Please continue to hold Fr. in your prayers. Your welcoming spirit as a parish—even during these adjusted times—is a grace to visitors and parishioners alike, and to those who are unsure and hesitant during this time. Another welcome moment at Mass last weekend was the voice of a small child, echoing in the church. Such welcoming moments reflect the hope and fragility and grace of life, of our humanity and God's presence amongst us! As more and more individuals feel comfortable returning to church for the Eucharist, this grace—our welcoming spirit—is essential. Thank you.

For the past three months we have been using adult servers for the Masses, unsure of families' intentions participating in Mass at this time. If your children of servers' age are ready to help out at weekend Masses please contact the parish office. Such help would be so beneficial and uplifting for our parish. Likewise, with the "re-opening" of our parish we are asking those who previously served as ushers/greeters, those who served as lectors, and those who served as Eucharistic Ministers to let us know if you wish to serve. We don't want to assume during this time we are guarded because of the coronavirus threat. Thank you.

We welcome Travis Crotty, ordained last month for our diocese. His first assignment is the Catholic community in LeMars, serving as an associate pastor (or parochial vicar). At present, we are stable with the number of priests serving our parishes in Sioux City Diocese. No retirements this year and the active priests' health has been stable as of late.

Our First Communion has been set for the class that was suspended this Spring: Sunday, July 26th, 1 p.m. On the sixteenth of this month, Sharon has set up a time for those children and their parents to gather to refresh themselves with various aspects of this beautiful sacrament. Fr. Paul Kelly and I have talked about the Sacrament of Confirmation which was to take place this past Spring just after the parishes were shut down. Bishop Nickless gave us permission to reschedule at a time that is workable for both parishes though he cannot be present. Wednesday, September 16th, 7:00 p.m., the Sacrament will take place at St. Mary's Church in Spirit Lake. It gives families adequate time to hold the date with all the other activities. More information forthcoming.



By Fr. Tim Johnson

Our online service—parish website and Facebook—continues to flourish in a time many are not comfortable with attending Mass in church with the threat of the coronavirus, and for those seeking additional spiritual elements to their day. Thank you to all who donated for our expanded recordings and live stream capabilities and services on our parish sites. Still others who have never been to our parish now have an opportunity to pray and worship with us. Such technology has been expanded by Cain Junkman's efforts assisted by Susan.

Always a "day late and a dollar short" so to speak. Thank you to those who sent me cards, handwritten notes and gifts for my priesthood jubilee. Your thoughtfulness is so appreciated, allowing me to affirm the grace of my priesthood. Especially, thank you for your kindness, your face and presence shared with our parish—and the faith you reflect in your everyday lives. I will be writing cards of appreciation soon. Your hospitality has allowed Milford and the lakes region to be 'home' for me.

God Bless, Fr Tim

Just a note: As Bishop Nickless allows daily Mass to reopen to the public, I'm having each person attending to sanitize their respective seating area before they leave following Communion. There will be paper towels and sanitizer spray in the back of church as you come in; just dampen the folded paper towel and take with you to your seat. Thank you.

FYI: "Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant." (Robert Louis Stevenson)

Fr. Tim



CONGRATULATIONS and BEST WISHES to Patrick and Mary (Eckard) Parrilli who were married at St. Joseph on Fri, July 3, 2020. May your new life together be filled with happiness.

May our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred-or sixty- or third-fold!



July 4-5, 2020

Weekly Envelopes: \$6,870.00

Loose: \$812.00 **Online Min.:** \$2,500.00

Peter's Pence: \$20.00 **Endow:** \$30.00

P & J: \$125.00 **Building:** \$665.00

Rental: \$100.00 **Misc.:** \$62.54

FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

What a beautiful weekend for the 4th of July! Weather just about perfect for anything people wanted to do in the lakes area. Then on the evening of the 5th, if you were outside the full moon was gorgeous with a pinkish orange hue. That must be the dust they have been talking about.

I can't help but think about this weekend's reading that says the sufferings of our time are nothing compared to the glory to be revealed to us. As this pandemic continues to affect the entire world, I can't imagine what it will be to offset it and wipe it from our minds. For some, it has been devastating and others, little notice. Over the holiday many people behaved as if there were "no problems". It is by our God and through our God that this will be resolved. In the meantime, I think a healthy respect for Our Creator and those trying to give us good advice is warranted. Many times, the angels we look for are standing next to us.

We do not know yet what our religious year will look like or if we can continue to have classes in the afternoon and evening. This will be addressed in the coming month. Please be thinking about helping to teach as we make plans to get our kids back to learning their faith. Very soon, July 26, we will have First Communion, a long awaited Sacrament. I am very happy for them. Their names will appear in the July 26th bulletin.

I saw online that a pharmaceutical company is looking for people to volunteer to be in the testing process for a COVID vaccine. I am hoping that goes very well for all of our sakes. My daughter was recently in a group that tested for a new smallpox vaccine. I remember when I got that vaccine many years ago. I wish I were smart enough to be on the cutting edge of these new findings, tests and such. They are learning so much about us humans. All in God's time.

DO YOU HAVE a love for technology? Do you want to get involved with a brand new modern ministry at St. Joseph Catholic Church? If you said yes to either question, the Online Media Ministry is looking for your help! We hope to find enough volunteers to be scheduled on a rotating basis to live-stream / videotape a weekend or daily Mass every three to four weeks. Basic computer knowledge is a plus. Training would be provided to each volunteer. A seasoned volunteer would also be on-hand until you feel comfortable. New volunteers will be trained towards the end of July or beginning of August once the installation of our new equipment has been completed. If interested or if you have questions, call Cain at the parish office at 712.338.2274, or email: cain@stjosephmilford.org.

15TH 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 18-29

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

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



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: 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

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)

Monday, July 13

7:30 a: +Bud Brooks

Tuesday, July 14

7:30 a: +John Cain

Wednesday, July 15

7:30 a: Halbur/Johnson

Thursday, July 16

7:30 a: +Jim Cates

Open to public; enter thru west door

Friday, July 17

7:30 a: +Irene Clark

Open to public; enter thru west door

Saturday, July 18

2 p.m.: Hilbert/Friedrich Vows

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

Spec. Int. 71st N & D Pieper

5:30 p: +John Cain

Sunday, July 19

7:30 a: +Clarice Schmit

9 a: +Sharon Arms

+Al and +Verna Tiefenthaler

10:30 a: +Jeffery Eggers



LOOKING FOR CANTORS:

With the increase of Masses, The Music Department at St. Joseph is in need of additional cantors. Training and music is provided for all participants. This is a great way for both summer parishioners and year-round parishioners to share your talents, while playing a very important role in every Mass held at St. Joseph Parish. If you would like more information, or if you would like to become a cantor, please contact Cain at 712.338.2274, extension 11, or by email at cain@stjosephmilford.org.