

JULY 19, 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 Parish? Just fill out the coupon below and return to the office or in the collection basket.

NAME: _____

Address: _____

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State: _____ Zip: _____

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ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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"A waiting person is a patient person. The word patience means the willingness to stay where we are and live the situation out to the full in the belief that something hidden there will manifest itself to us." (Henri J.M. Nouwen, priest & spiritual writer)

After Bishop Nickless' announcement in mid March to close parish facilities and activities, many if not most thought, all would get back to normal after the mandated eight weeks (May 12th). We were and still are anxious and hopeful to return to 'life' as it was before the spread of the coronavirus. However, patience and due diligence with the guidelines will minimize the spread of the virus, and safeguard those who are most vulnerable. May we continue to welcome parishioners and visitors alike to our weekday and weekend Masses within the diocesan guidelines (masks, social distance, seating every third pew), recognizing the virtue in our sacrifices, and a new perspective of faith within our daily lives.

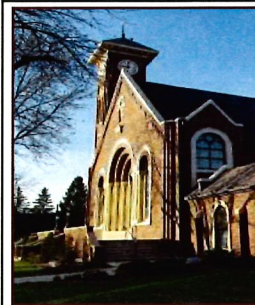
Beginning this weekend, parishes are allowed to open all Masses to the public. Our weekday Masses will remain at 7:30 a.m., including Tuesday. Hours of Adoration will change. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered Wednesday morning from 6:30 a.m. to 7:25 a.m., specifically for those who desire to quietly pray or meditate before going to work, whether briefly for a few minutes or longer. Adoration will be offered again Thursday morning, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Although our church will be open to the public for Masses throughout the week, our parish hall will remain closed temporarily to gatherings. For adoration and weekday Masses I'm asking individuals to sanitize their respective area before leaving. (Simply spray a single sheet, that are available on the baptismal font, and take it with you to the pew.)

With diocesan approval our parish will begin Homebound Ministry next month, bringing Communion to those who are shut-in, with health issues. If you know of someone who would desire to receive Communion weekly but struggling with health issues, or those who are older and anxious about attending Mass at this time, please call me at the parish office. We are happy to bring Communion to our parishioners who are limited because of health issues or physically unable to get to Mass.

Because the sun and the wind are consistently a part of our summer days, may I share this short fable.

"The sun and the wind were arguing about who was stronger, when a chance to settle the argument arose. A person wearing a coat was walking down a country road. They agreed that whoever could make the person remove the coat faster would be declared the winner. The wind went first; it blew and blew. But the more it blew, the tighter the person buttoned the coat. The sun went next. It merely shone in all its glory. Shortly, the person removed the coat."

The point of that ancient fable is this: More can be achieved by gentleness than by violence. The fable's



By Fr. Tim Johnson

point invites me to ask: What is one way that I might become gentler in my life?

"What comes from the heart touches the heart."

God Bless,

Fr. Tim

We've collected so much stuff.....

IT'S TIME FOR THE FIRST TREASURE CHEST GARAGE SALE OF 2020!!

Friday, July 24

8 to 5

Saturday, July 25

8 to Noon

You won't want to miss the grand opening of 2020.

Hundreds of treasures that need a new home!

Masks required and

social distancing encouraged.

THE FIRST Communion Mass will be limited in attendance. If you would like to watch the live-stream on July 26 at 1 p.m., go to <https://stjosephmilford.org/first-communion>.



First Communion

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who will be receiving their First Communion next Sunday, July 26: Alex Anderson, Emily Breuer, Ryder Clark, Scarlett Fairchild, Josephine Haulard, Tuesday Hinshaw, Claire Kilgore, Kallie Kraninger, Porter Prentice and Lucas Tittingerton.



WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH to Everly Faye Reding, daughter of Colby and Myra Reding, of Arnolds Park, who was baptized Tues., July 14 at St. Joseph.

"Those who are just must be kind," says today's first reading. If our words and deeds are kind and selfless, we will be like the good seed in the Gospel parable and gathered as wheat in the Lord's harvest.

July 11-12, 2020

Weekly Envelopes: \$5,895.00 Loose: \$881.00

Online Cont: \$1,720.00 Religious Ret: \$25.00

Retired Priests: \$100.00

Online Min.: \$1,430.00

Assumption: \$25.00

Endow: \$50.00

P & J: \$155.00



FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

This past week our First Communion families had a workshop in preparation for receiving the Sacrament on July 26. This long-awaited special day will be just as special now and I hope the children are excited. I am excited for them! Every year I do this I remember my special day here at St. Joseph. Yes, very many years ago, but a vivid memory. I received two special gifts: one a 1922 silver dollar and the other, an angel. I still have them both. My best friend and I got the same angel and we thought that was so neat. My sincerest wishes are for our young people to always appreciate the gift of the Eucharist that we have been given.

I have sent out a communication with the families that we plan to have religious education classes beginning Sept. 9 of this year. Specifics are still being worked on at this time. We will also offer Family Formation as we have in the past. If you are new to this parish or have a Kindergartener this year, please communicate with me in August. We will see some changes this year, but we will try to make it as normal as possible. Confirmation will be celebrated for those who would have celebrated in March on September 16. We are also working out the details of a review for those students.

As always if you would like to be a Catechist for our kids, please contact me so we can get the VIRTUS training done prior to the start of classes. Despite the virus, I do feel like we need to try to get back to a sort of routine in our lives. It has been hugely disruptive and difficult for some to grasp and know what to do or not do. We will work through it the best we can and make accommodations where necessary. Like a child's formal education, an education in and about their faith is equally important as we learn tolerance and kindness toward all other people as Jesus taught.

I still am at the golf course primarily but do come in briefly during the week and read my emails and listen to messages. I am happy to be back at it. When rainy, I am here. So glad we have the technology to use to keep in touch with everyone even though I am not the best at operating it.

DO YOU HAVE a love for technology? the Online Media Ministry is looking for your help! 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.

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 25 @ 4 p.m.

EMES: Paul and Holly Skopek

LECTOR: David Johnson

SERVERS: Ron Swartz

USHERS: KC's

Saturday, July 25 @ 5:30 p.m.

EMES: Irene McCoy

LECTOR: Jeff Rolfes

SERVERS: Loretta Halbur

USHERS: Bob and Donna Elser

Sunday, July 26 @ 7:30 a.m.

EMES: Tammy Delaney and Fr. Tim

LECTOR: Lois Eckard

SERVERS: Mark and Deb Johnson

USHERS: John Heller, Doug Heller

Sunday, July 26 @ 9 a.m.

EMES: Chad Harms

LECTOR: Susan Willette

SERVERS: Jan Pithan

USHERS: KC's

Sunday, July 26 @ 10:30 a.m.

EMES: Patti Scott and Fr. Tim

LECTOR: Roger Moss

SERVERS: Dick Mataloni

USHERS: Schnettters, Jim/Janette Nelson

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: Louise DeWitt, Ray Langel, 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 18

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

+Jim Moritz Family

+Rollin Tiefenthaler

+Milo Tiefenthaler

Special Intention (PJ)

10:30 a: +Jeffery Eggers

Monday, July 20

7:30 a: Special Int. (JLW)

Tuesday, July 21

7:30 a: +Betty Newman

Wednesday, July 22

7:30 a: Halbur/Johnson

Thursday, July 23

7:30 a: +Rita Wuebker

+Tom Wuebker

+Joe Schmitz

Friday, July 24

7:30 a: +Marilyn Schimmer

Saturday, July 25

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

+Rita Wuebker

+Tom Wuebker

5:30 p: +Helen & +Daryl Miller

Sunday, July 26

7:30 a: +John Clisbee

9 a: +Jim Moritz

10:30 a: +Floyd Sporrer

PRAYERS and sympathy from the St. Joseph Parish Family to Connie Mart on the death of her brother, Thomas Umscheid, 54, of Armstrong, who died Sat., July 11. His funeral will be Thurs., July 16 at Nazareth Lutheran Church, in Armstrong.



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. 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.