

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUG. 16, 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.

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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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November 1, 1950 Pope Pius XII defined the doctrine of the Assumption of Mary—having completed her earthly life, Mary was body and soul assumed into heavenly glory—with a Solemn Feast Day of Obligation set on August 15th. To this day it remains a Solemn Holy Day in the midst of our summer days

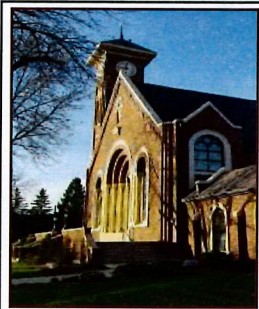
of relaxation. More than just a theological doctrine of Mary's eternal existence, it continues to define our understanding of our Blessed Mother's part in salvation history, and her ongoing intercession upon the lives and peoples, drawing them into the presence of Christ Jesus. Though we can debate this theological doctrine, this feast day helps me understand my Grandma Johnson's sincere faith life, having rosaries in each room of her small, humble home. And likewise, that of many other Catholic-Christians who reach out to Christ Jesus through the example of Mary's steadfast faith and ongoing grace for anyone seeking the hope as only our Creator can bestow. Though our Catholic faith is many faceted with its tradition and prayers, Mary's humanity and eternal intercession will always remain a part of our faith journey as a church and as individuals.

An interesting reflection on the gospel accounts of Jesus and Mary's relationship, and his final words from the cross when he turned toward Mary and said, "Behold your son," and then toward the beloved disciple John, "Behold your mother." (John 19:26-27). It was his going away present to her really, somebody to be the son to her that he had no way of being himself, what with a world to save and a death to die. He would be present in that disciple, he seemed to be saying, for her to live for and to live for her. Beyond that, he would be present in generation after generation for her to mother, the Mater Dolorosa who seeks him always, and sorrowing, everywhere she goes." (Frederick Buchner, Beyond Words)

Thank you for your prayers and thoughtfulness as I recover from shoulder surgery. (With my left arm limited for a bit I now relish the training of our Catholic faith where everything had to be done with the right hand, right knee—genuflecting—the right side.). I apologize for the distraction at Mass, but the Sacramental life of the Church is significant to me. Just a note, in three weeks time we will switch back to our three weekend Mass schedule following Labor Day weekend. On the 9th we will Confirm our students whose Sacrament was postponed with the Coronavirus guidelines, taking place at St. Mary's Church, Spirit Lake.

I leave you with a brief story as we celebrate Mary's Assumption this weekend.

"A shoeshine boy was plying his trade in New York's Grand Central Station. A silver medal danced at his neck as he slapped his cloth, again and again, across



By Fr. Tim Johnson

a man's shoes. "Sonny," said the man curiously, "what's the hardware around your neck?" "It's a medal of the mother of Jesus," the boy replied. "Why her medal?" said the man. "She's no different from your mother." "Could be," replied the boy, "but there's a real big difference between her son and me."

God Bless,

Fr. Tim

FROM MARY By Kathy Lowe Hart
"Really, God? You chose me?"

But why?

I'm ordinary, young, uneducated,
Not married.

Why me for such a task?"

Then comes understanding.

Not the answer to WHY, but just THE answer:

"I am not alone in this,
And nothing is impossible with God."

At worst, it's terrifying,

At best, sobering.....

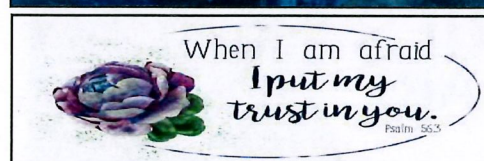
And eventually joy-filled

To be selected for God's service.

We are all Mary.

Accept being chosen,

For nothing is impossible with God.



In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?



Aug. 8-9, 2020

Weekly Envelopes: \$4,343.00

Loose: \$746.00

Online Cont: \$425.00

P & J: \$180.00

Retirement Fund for Religious: \$278.00

FAITH FORMATION

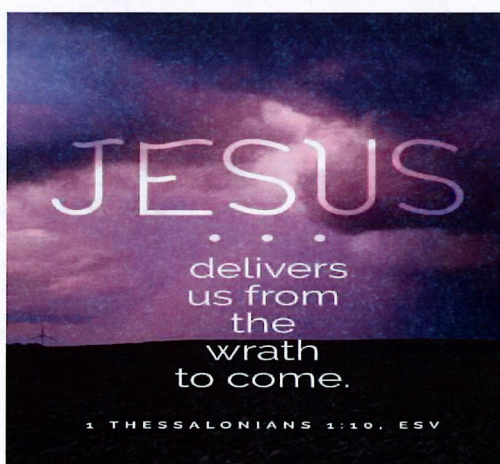
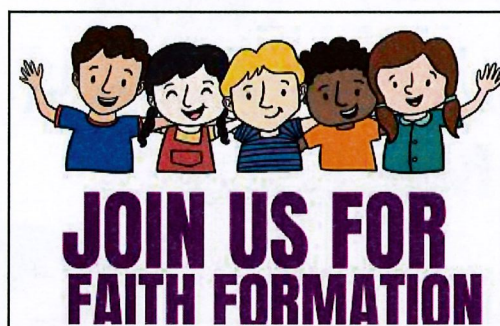
By Sharon Mayer

As we get closer to the start of religious education classes, I would like to share some reminders. First, I have sent the registration form, by email to those families who have been in our program previously. It can be filled out and returned online or by mail or after Masses the last weekend of August. Payment can be mailed or dropped in collection at church or given to me by the start of classes on Sept. 9. Afternoon classes will begin a little later than usual at 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. Evening classes begin at 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Family formation will begin in October meeting the first Wednesday of the month.

As students arrive, masks will be required, they should come in the NW door, and hand sanitizer will be available upon arrival. They should go directly to their classrooms for their lesson. Ours rooms will provide for distancing.

This year will look different than most, but we will get through it the best we can. Should you have questions please contact me by phone or email. Otherwise I plan to see everyone soon.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION registration for the 2020-21 year will be following all Masses Aug. 29-30. Forms were sent online to families and can be turned in that weekend with payment. New families may stop and register.



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, Aug. 15 @ 4 p.m.

EMES: Paul and Holly Skopec

LECTOR: Lois Eckard

SERVERS: Ron Swartz

USHERS: KC's

Saturday, Aug. 15 @ 5:30 p.m.

EMES: Connie Hinrichs, Fr. Tim

LECTOR: David Johnson

SERVERS: Loretta Halbur

USHERS: Bob and Donna Elser

Sunday, Aug. 16 @ 7:30 a.m.

EMES: Tammy Delaney, Fr. Tim

LECTOR: Darlene Moritz

SERVERS: Deb and Mark Johnson

USHERS: Chad Harms, Doug Heller

Sunday, Aug. 16 @ 9 a.m.

EMES: Patti Scott, Fr. Tim

LECTOR: Roger Moss

SERVERS: Jan Pithan

USHERS: KC's

Sunday, Aug. 16 @ 10:30 a.m.

EMES: Jim and Laurie Murray

LECTOR: Susan Willette

SERVERS: Dick Mataloni

USHERS: Schnettters, Jim/Janette Nelson



Call the parish office or email sreiser@milford-cable.net if you have a prayer request.



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.



Yore, LaDonna Jansen, Dale Langel, Finley Brunsvold, Dee Bryant, Phyllis Hintz, Terry Abbas, Susan Robinson, Leona Spieker.

Other Special Persons: Denny Daberkow, LeAnn Reinsbach, 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, Marilyn Mertz, Jan Wolf, Peggy Price, Joan Mertz, John Bruening, Ann Willette, Ashlyn Clark, Jerry Wolford, Kami Svoboda, Darrel Wedeking, Dan Mulder, Leah Brevik, Colleen Mulder, Jamie O'Neill.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Aug. 15

4 p.m.: +RonDog Sweeten

5:30 p.: +Sharon Arms

Sunday, Aug. 16

7:30 a.: +Paul Delaney

9 a.: +Todd Wittrock

Dec & Liv Wittrock/Baxter Fam.

Monday, Aug. 17

7:30 a.: +Jim Cates

Tuesday, Aug. 18

7:30 a.: +Bud Brooks

Wednesday, Aug. 19

7:30 a.: Special Intention (TJW)

Halbur/Johnson Families

Thursday, Aug. 20

7:30 a.: +Cae Shima

Friday, Aug. 21

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

+Cae Shima

+Earl and +Frances Connors

Saturday, Aug. 22

4 p.m.: +Mark Beardmore Family

5:30 p.: +Mary Negus

Sunday, Aug. 23

7:30 a.: Special Int (PC)

+Jim Moritz

9 a.: +Joan Langel

10:30 a.: +Lucille Vogel

