

AUG. 23, 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 below and return to the office or in the collection basket.

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## ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

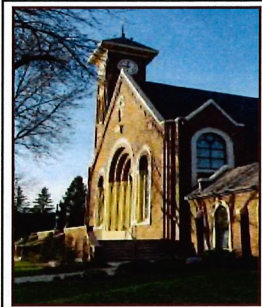
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"It often happens that I wake up at night and begin to think about the serious problems afflicting the world and I tell myself, I must talk to the pope about it. Then the next day when I wake up I remember that I am the pope." Pope John XXIII would often share his humor and humility alongside that of his calling as the Shepherd of our Roman Catholic Church. His self deprecation did not deter his spirituality, his calling to lead our Church, nor the significance of the Vatican II Council he presided over. Like his predecessors and those who followed in the "Chair of Peter," Pope John XXIII's faith guided his humanity and 'calling' to minister as our Shepherd through the grace of the Holy Spirit. Our gospel passage this weekend highlights the 'calling' of our first pope as Jesus' conversed with Peter: "And I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." Until Pope John Paul II the pope residing in Rome was distantly respected so to speak, rarely traveling to other countries. Pope Paul VI led our Church when I was a youngster; and my image of him was tied to the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass he presided over in St. Peter's Basilica televised in black and white with hazy reception picked up on a local network. His motto—"If you want peace, work for justice"—defined his papacy, and the faith of those who followed in the Chair of Peter. Pope John Paul II certainly brought the papacy to the forefront, with his travels throughout the globe, and intimately for us Iowans with his presence and Mass at Living History Farms, Des Moines, in 1979.

I speak for myself, witnessing the faith and guidance of five popes during my lifetime: my reverence for the "Bishop of Rome" has been reinforced by their humanity, personality, and Christian compassion. As Pope Francis leads our Church, we must remember such as we consider the misunderstanding of 'infallibility.' Often misunderstood concerning the Pope to be without error or sin in his ministry, the proper definition remains: "the Pope is infallible only when he defines a doctrine concerning faith or morals as a deposit of divine revelation handed down from apostolic tradition." (Such as the Assumption of Mary, body and soul, into heaven as declared by Pope Pius XII in 1950.) Pope Francis—not unlike previous popes—has his 'confessor' he goes to, seeking God's forgiveness for grievances committed. I was heartened in my faith and as a Catholic when Pope John Paul II—early in his papacy—voiced the need of the Church to seek forgiveness for past errors and hurt we have incurred as people of God. Thus, as I recall the gifts and humanity of each of the five popes who shepherded our Church during my lifetime, Pope Francis words bolsters my faith: "God created every person with a unique dignity, inviting us into communion with him, with our sisters and brothers (and) with respect for all creation. . . . As disciples of Jesus, we do not want to be indifferent or individualistic — two ugly attitudes, which are against harmony. Indifferent, I look



By Fr. Tim Johnson

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## FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

the other way. And individualistic, 'only for me,' looking only at one's own interests... We want to recognize the human dignity of every person, whatever his or her race, language or condition." May we remember to pray for Pope Francis' guidance and that of our local Shepherd, Bishop Nickless during these challenging times.

Next month we will begin RCIA, the step into our Catholic faith, sharing the gatherings with St. Mary Church, Spirit Lake. If interested in becoming Catholic or if you know of someone who may be interested, please contact me at the parish office. RCIA shares a blending of different personalities and faith backgrounds that coalesce with the sharing in the Eucharist.

We continue to follow diocesan guidelines, with social distancing and the wearing of masks in church. I hope for those who are sharing in the Eucharist attending Mass feel safe and prayerful within our parish. For those who are still a bit reluctant in respect to their health, may you share a bond with others, and the Eucharist, through participation online. Thank you for your faith, and understanding at this time—and your presence in community with our shared prayers. At present our parish offices are open, but please call ahead to come in. Considering the diocesan guidelines our parish hall remains closed with special considerations, trying to safeguard the wellbeing of all who come into our building.

I leave you with Pope John XXIII's graceful reply when he overheard someone calling him fat: "Madame, I trust you understand that the papal conclave is not exactly a beauty contest."

God Bless,

Fr. Tim



**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.

**THANK you** to Jean Kennedy for covering the parish office while I was on vacation. --Susan Reiser

Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is "Yes!"

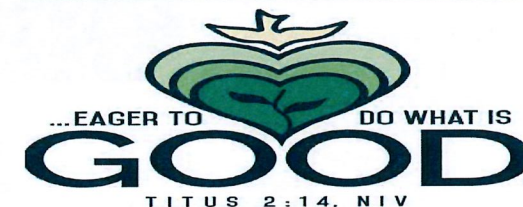


Aug. 15-16, 2020

Weekly Envelopes: \$8,993.00 Loose: \$813.00

P & J: \$25.00 Assumption: \$190.00

Online Ministry: \$100.00 Rental: \$100.00



## 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, Aug. 29 @ 4 p.m.

EMES: Paul and Holly Skopec

LECTOR: David Johnson

SERVERS: Ron Swartz

USHERS: KC's

Saturday, Aug. 29 @ 5:30 p.m.

EMES: Irene McCoy

LECTOR: Lois Eckard

SERVERS: Loretta Halbur

USHERS: Bob and Donna Elser

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

EMES: Tammy Delaney and Fr. Tim

LECTOR: Darlene Moritz

SERVERS: Mark and Deb Johnson

USHERS: John Heller, Doug Heller

Sunday, Aug. 30 @ 9 a.m.

EMES: Chad Harms

LECTOR: Susan Willette

SERVERS: Jan Pithan

USHERS: KC's

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

EMES: Patti Scott and Fr. Tim

LECTOR: Roger Moss

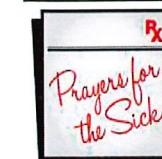
SERVERS: Dick Mataloni

USHERS: Schnettters, Jim/Janette Nelson



# JOIN US FOR FAITH FORMATION

**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.



## Please pray for these St. Joseph Parishioners:

Nancy Crepeau, Mary Langel, Elizabeth Knudtson, Geneva Knudtson, Roger Wittrock, Rick DeMuth, Bev Sporrer, 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:** Jim Higgins, 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. 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

Monday, Aug. 24

7:30 a: +Joyce Fear

Tuesday, Aug. 25

7:30 a: +Carl & +Arlene Berning

Wednesday, Aug. 26

7:30 a: +Mardell Eilers

Thursday, Aug. 27

7:30 a: +Al & +Mary Schultz

Friday, Aug. 28

7:30 a: +Bill, +Elvera, & +Gary Kane

Saturday, Aug. 29

2 p.m.: Konz/Anderson Vows

4 p.m.: +Rita Wuebker

+Tom Wuebker

5:30 p: +Helen & +Daryl Miller

Sunday, Aug. 30

7:30 a: +Jerry & +Norma Schmitz

9 a: +Joan Langel

10:30 a: +Floyd Sporrer

+Ed Wollner

**Catholic Daughters** will meet Tuesday, August 25 with private Mass at 5:15 p.m. We will be installing the new officers: Regent, Deb Johnson; Vice Regent, Karen Naber; Secretary, Becky Wittrock; Financial Secretary, Marlys Nolan and Treasurer, Barb Kollasch. Mass and meeting will be in the parish center with masks and social distancing. Due to the Covid we will not have a lunch. Pray for more normalcy next month.

