

AUG. 30, 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's
Parish? Just fill out the coupon
below and return to the office or
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NAME: _____

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We welcome back students to our Religious Ed. Formation program at St. Joseph. We will follow diocesan guidelines with social distancing and use of masks, otherwise the gatherings and classes will be structured as in the past. Thank you parents for sharing in our program with your sons and daughters, and for the Christian values and faith you share in your own homes. In a culture filled with distractions and constant voices seeking our attention, it is not always easy to find the presence of God in the moments of our daily lives, and to remain true to our Christian virtues within our personal decisions and the home we make. God never tires of re-directing our lives and families, providing us the grace of peace and humility within our families. "Love can change a person the way a parent can change a baby- awkwardly, and often with a great deal of mess." Love that emanates from God's presence within and before us—especially as life seems messy.

On September 9th our students who began preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation a year ago, will receive the Sacrament during a special Mass at St. Mary Church in Spirit Lake. These students were less than a week from receiving the Sacrament when the churches within our diocese closed.

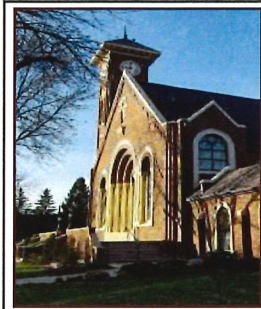
As we enter the fall season our Clothing Room will re-open. We will miss Mary Lou's dedication to the upkeep of our Clothing Room but our parish volunteers will ensure the dignity of the clothes set out, and the hospitality of those who truly in need. If you would like to volunteer to help with the ongoing ministry of the Clothing Room please contact me at the parish office. We appreciate the time and efforts of those who volunteer within our parish, and for you—choosing to help in this ministry. Thank you.

After Labor Day we will take clothes by appointment only, calling our office beforehand.

A group of men have been meeting faithfully, whether by Zoom or in person, preparing for the next "Christ Renews His Parish" retreat to be held at our parish in January. We hope to likewise hold the initial "CRHP" retreat for women during the same month, establishing ongoing retreats every six months, shared with individuals from the surrounding Catholic parishes. In the following weeks you will hear more information pertaining to this retreat for adult men and women.

I leave you with this reflection by Mark Link, Jesuit. "A college girl asked her mother "How can you be sure Jesus' teachings are true?" ... You can be convinced in only one way", her mother said, "by living them. If you live Jesus' teachings they will speak to your heart and tell you that they are true." Give us your love, Lord.

For sometimes people reject us and we are tempted



By Fr. Tim Johnson

to hate.

Give us your strength, Lord.

For sometimes things get tough and we are ready to quit.

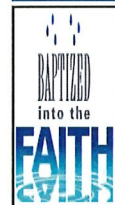
Give us your courage, Lord.

For sometimes we're put under pressure and it is hard to do what is right."

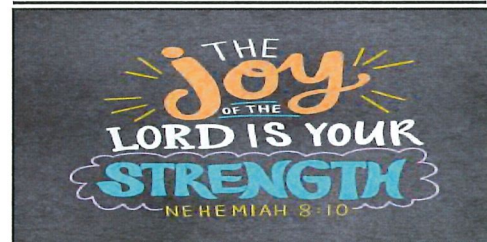
God Bless,

Fr. Tim

IT'S TIME.....
LABOR DAY GARAGE SALE
at St. Joseph
The garage is **FULL** of
excellent furniture, household
goods and treasures.
Check it out....
Friday, Sept. 4 7 - 5 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 5 8 - 12 noon



CONGRATULATIONS and welcome to the Catholic Faith to Hensley Mary Johnson, daughter of Jordan and Katie (Klein) Johnson who was baptized at St. Joseph on Sat., Aug. 22, 2020.



GARAGE SALE Chairwoman Cheryl Aumer is in need of a few more volunteers to help with the Labor Day garage sale. Give her a call if you have time to share....712-331-4303.



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.

In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to *total* stewardship. Brothers and sisters, he urges, "...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."



Aug. 22-23, 2020
Weekly Envelopes: \$4,186.00 Loose: \$546.00
P & J: \$25.00 Online Min: \$100.00 Rental: \$50.00
Rice Bowl: \$15.08 Misc.: \$1,400.46

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FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

As we approach the end of the summer season and the start of school and religious education year, I know and feel the apprehension of our families. The best advice I can offer is to follow suggested guidelines and have faith the God will lead us through. If there is one message that sticks with all of our teaching, it is that. The end of spring and summer has been difficult in some cases with all of the changes, but we humans are resilient, and we just have to muster that once again.

As schools begin and the routines come back, please remember that Masses are being offered as usual and families should try to get that back as well. Our Mass is centered around the Eucharist. Jesus is present in the Eucharist. That is the center of our faith. We derive spiritual strength from that relationship. Ours is a faith that allows Jesus to be present with you every day if you want. For most of us it is once a week. We have, by necessity, needed to be distanced from Mass attendance and the Eucharist but not any longer. Yes, we need to wear a mask to be at church or anywhere in the building when others are present, but still we can have our relationship with Jesus strengthened as we attend and give Him our undivided attention.

Religious education classes will begin on Wednesday Sept. 9. I am out this weekend to accept registrations after all Masses or you can stop by the church or you can drop it in the mail. I am hoping to see people this weekend. Depending on my numbers for Kindergarten and first grade, I may need a Catechist(s) for 8th grade on Wednesday evenings. I will decide soon. I am anxious to get started with our new year.

School has started in Bord de Mer, Haiti, at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, the twin parish St. Joseph's has been supporting for years. Normally we receive most of the money needed to pay the teachers, which keeps the school open, through weekend Mass collections during the summer months. Please give what you can to make up for missing many of those contributions this year!! Send your caring gift to the parish office as soon as possible...and know your help is valuable and much appreciated by the children and their parents. Thank you for being a caring parish toward our Haitian children who have no safety net except us. Education means hope for them.

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, Sept. 5 @ 4 p.m.

EMES: Paul and Holly Skopeck

LECTOR: Lois Eckard

SERVERS: Ron Swartz

USHERS: KC's

Saturday, Sept. 5 @ 5:30 p.m.

EMES: Connie Jones, Irene McCoy

LECTOR: David Johnson

SERVERS: Loretta Halbur

USHERS: Bob and Donna Elser

Sunday, Sept. 6 @ 7:30 a.m.

EMES: Tammy Delaney, Jeff Nelson

LECTOR: Darlene Moritz

SERVERS: Deb and Mark Johnson

USHERS: Need A Volunteer Here!

Sunday, Sept. 6 @ 9 a.m.

EMES: John Heller, Doug Heller

LECTOR: Sarah Laven

SERVERS: Jan Pithan

USHERS: KC's

Sunday, Sept. 6 @ 10:30 a.m.

EMES: Patti Scott, Beth Lorch

LECTOR: Susan Willette

SERVERS: Need a Volunteer Here!

USHERS: Doug Heller, Curt Willette



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION registration for the 2020-21 year will be following all Masses this weekend! 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:

Alberta Nolan, 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. 29

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

Monday, Aug. 31

7:30 a: +Betty Newman

+Michael Newman

Tuesday, Sept. 1

7:30 a: +Jim Cates

Wednesday, Sept. 2

7:30 a: +Cae Shima

Thursday, Sept. 3

7:30 a: Special Int. (JLV)

65th Ann. Dick & Mary Jo Coffey

Friday, Sept. 4

7:30 a: +Mary Negus

Saturday, Sept. 5

4 p.m.: +Sharon Arms

5:30 p: +Dorothy Schultz

Sunday, Sept. 6

7:30 a: +Ryan Ochoa

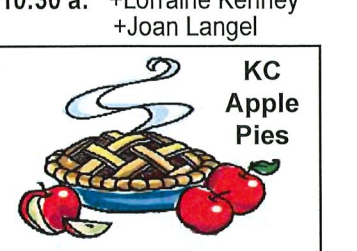
9 a: +Jim & +Phyllis Streit

+Todd Wittrock

+Liv/Dec Wittrock/Baxter Fam.

10:30 a: +Lorraine Kenney

+Joan Langel



BECAUSE of Covid-19, the Knights of Columbus will **NOT** be making pies this fall. Grand Knight Brad Shell said the group will miss the fellowship of the project but hopefully they can resume pie making next fall.