

SEPT. 13, 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.

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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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ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

Great Lakes Motor Company
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Area's nicest vehicle selection.

Our weeks of summer have passed rather quickly despite the concerns and guidelines pertaining to the virus. Beginning this weekend our parish will return to the fall/winter schedule: 4:30 p.m., Saturday; 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., Sunday. Last week Bishop Nickless gave the parishes permission to alter the 'social distancing' in church:

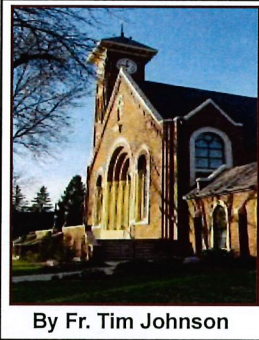
one empty pew in between. He is allowing Communion at the 'normal time' during Mass. However, ushers will release individuals, pew by pew, beginning in the back of church following the final blessing as the recessional song is playing. (Otherwise, the social distancing in church would quickly become negligible.) We are to continue wearing a mask inside the church building, though the presiding priest needs only to wear a mask during Communion; and a space of six feet between individuals or families. As a parish we are seeking to create a prayerful and gracious presence within our gatherings for Mass while safeguarding the wellbeing of others. Hopefully families and individuals will feel safe and comfortable returning to our parish Masses, while nurturing their faith through the Eucharist and our common prayers. If you have any questions please let me know.

We welcome Cain Junkman as a full time music and technology director for our parish with shared time at St. Mary Parish, Spirit Lake. He will coordinate music for both parishes and continue to maintain our online ministry as well as at St. Mary Parish. We are grateful for his service and creativity, bringing parish activities to those who are unable to join our Eucharist in person via our web page and facebook. Likewise, the music he prepares for our liturgies, creating a prayerful and gracious presence to the Eucharist.

We are grateful to Marge Wollner and her family for a donation to our parish in memory of Ed. At their request, the donation will go towards a chasuble garment worn by the priest during Mass; and for Pat Graves who gave donation in memory of her husband, Gordon. Their family's memorial will go towards a new Roman Missal to be used for our Masses, and a portable lectern for our parish. To both families, we are grateful for their faith and presence shared within our parish, and their generosity.

Please hold in your prayers those students of our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Wednesday evening at St. Mary Church, Spirit Lake, delayed because of the the virus restrictions. By the grace of the Holy Spirit we are given the inspiration to make proper decisions, to find the inner source of inspiration in difficult moments, to recognize our purpose in within our daily responsibilities and relationships. With various distractions in life, it is the Spirit that directs our attention to focus on the essential, the moment, the virtuous. Congratulations to all of our students and parents participating in this Sacrament.

"Seven times seventy," are the challenging words Jesus spoke to his disciples (and all who follow his



By Fr. Tim Johnson

teachings) in this weekend's gospel. A Lenten reflection by Elizabeth Cahill (America, March 15th, 2019) provides an interesting take. "For me, forgiveness is one of the hardest imperatives of faith. I know that holding onto anger or resentment harms me more than it affects the perceived offender, and I know, too, that not to forgive is to practice self-righteousness and even to play God. But sometimes it is difficult to let go of these wrongs — small offenses like someone cutting in front of me in traffic . . . We must forgive sincerely, completely and wholeheartedly, not holding back, not making a false peace and not congratulating ourselves on our magnanimity. In humility and love, we must simply embody and extend to others the complete forgiveness that God gives us. Even to that driver who cut in front of me in traffic yesterday. Compassionate Lord, I thank you this day that you do not give me what I deserve, and ask that you help me forgive others with all my heart. Amen."

God Bless,

Fr. Tim

"Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it." (Mark Twain)

WE CONTINUE to receive nice comments both online and in the mail. We enjoy hearing feedback, good or bad. Following are the latest notes in the mailbox.



✓ But a small token of our appreciation of the live Mass streaming service. Thank You -- **A St. Joseph Parishioner**

✓ Fr. Tim - I love viewing your Mass and your beautiful church! Love your sermons! God Bless You!

--an out-of-town visitor

✓ Thank You -- So much appreciate the online ministry.

Sylvia Hildman, Wesley, IA

✓ I wanted to make an additional donation this year since we truly appreciate the online mass with a great message

--summer residents of Okoboji

✓ Thank you Fr. Tim for your uplifting homilies You've been a bright spot during a dismal summer. God Bless.

Jim and Margaret Wegner, Omaha, NE

Watch for your DAA pledge in the mail the next couple weeks and return it asap.

ARE YOU IN need of assistance? The Knights of Columbus are ready and willing to assist people with food, grocery shopping or any variety of things you may need. Call Terry Abbas at 712-330-9131 to sign up for assistance.

FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

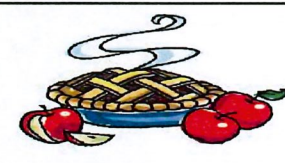
Confirmation of our last year's 10th grade took place last Wednesday night in Spirit Lake. Immediate family members attended with the child and sponsors. At the same time, we started classes here at St. Joseph. K-5 met on Wednesday afternoon from 4-5 p.m. and grades 6-10 met from 7-8 p.m. The day went very well considering we all have masks and are distancing. All students come in the NW door of the school building where we have hand sanitizer ready then they go immediately to classrooms. Those who have not registered yet will still be able to do so. If you do not plan to send your child this year please let me know. If they are in a Sacrament year, we will need to make teaching arrangements so that they may receive the Sacrament.

I have materials and many approved websites available so that you can continue the Catechesis of your child(ren) at home. We also have the Family Formation option that meets here once a month with lessons taught at home.

On Wednesday Sept. 16 we will have opening Mass for children in grades K-5. It is the 4th grade class Mass. Parents are invited to attend this Mass which begins at 4:30.

As a reminder, children who plan to receive 1st Communion should have attended in First grade last year or this year for receiving next year. The same applies for Confirmation, A student needs to have attended religious education to be ready to be Confirmed, you cannot simply attend class for that year and call it good. Prior Catechesis is expected for our children to really know our Catholic faith. Individual instruction is available which I have done with students in the past.

This Sunday, attention is given to those who have stepped out of their comfort zone and will be teaching religious education this year. It is Catechetical Sunday and we will honor those who teach at the 10 a.m. Mass. They are a great group and I am happy to have them.



NO KC Apple Pies This Year

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.

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, Sept. 19 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: Holly Skopec, Fr. Tim

LECTOR: Molly Mulqueen

SERVERS: Ron Swartz

USHERS: KC's

Sunday, Sept. 20 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: Tammy Delaney, Fr. Tim

LECTOR: Darlene Moritz

SERVERS: Deb and Mark Johnson

USHERS: Chad Harms, Doug Heller

Sunday, Sept. 20 @ 10 a.m.

EMES: Jim Murray, Fr. Tim

LECTOR: Roger Moss

SERVERS: Jan Pithan

USHERS: KC's

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY from the St. Joseph Parish Family to Dennis Lippon on the death of his mother, +Marilyn, who died Sat., Sept. 5, 2020. Her funeral was held Sat., Sept. 12 at the First Presbyterian Church, in Spirit Lake.

LECTORS - The new Lector Guides are in. Please stop in the north sacristy after Mass today. Take one and write your name to acknowledge receipt. Thanks in advance.

THANKS to all who contributed items to, who worked and those who stopped to shop at the Labor Day Treasure Chest Garage Sale. Volunteers included Cheryl Aumer, Darlene Moritz, Julie Fairchild, Ramona Boese, Colleen Nelson, Pat Graves, Deb Johnson and lunch supervisor Pam Hanson. It was another great sale netting \$2,270.95. The final Treasure Chest event for 2020 will be Sat., Sept 26 and Sun., Sept. 27 when we host the **"EMPTY THE TREASURE CHEST"** event. Come and get what you want but leave the kitchen sink! Donations will be accepted in case you wish to help in this fundraiser. Masks required. Social distancing requested. Saturday's hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday's hours are 8 am to 12 noon. Our goal is to empty the Treasure Chest. Plan to attend.



Stewardship is not optional! "None of us live as his own master and none of us die as his own master." says St. Paul. "While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die we die as his servants."

Aug. 29-30, 2020

Weekly Envelopes: \$18,758.00

Online Min: \$650.00

Loose: \$2,132.50

Memorial: \$500.00

Sept. 5-6, 2020

Weekly Envelopes: \$2,735.00

Endowment: \$60.00

Loose: \$800.00

Peace & Justice: \$252.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Sept. 12

4 p.m.: +Bud Brooks

Sunday, Sept. 13

8 a: +Rita Wuebker

+Tom Wuebker

10:30 a: +Betty Newman

+Ed Wollner

Monday, Sept. 14

7:30 a: +Ron Dog Sweeten

Tuesday, Sept. 15

7:30 a: Special Int (JLW)

Wednesday, Sept. 16

7:30 a: Halbur/Johnson

Thursday, Sept. 17

7:30 a: +Jim Cates

Friday, Sept. 18

7:30 a: +Ralph Nordstrom

Saturday, Sept. 19

4:30 p: +Patty Zweibahmer

Sunday, Sept. 20

8 a: +Sharon Arms

10 a: +Joan Langel



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:

Dale Gentry, Susan Barner, Mike Cooper, Denny Daberkow, LeAnn Reinsbach, Louise DeWitt, Ray Langel, Craig Danes, Kristin Meyer, Leo Treblien, Kevin Wittrock, Fr. John Vakulskas, Charlotte Tiesler, Tailen Sturtz, Aimee Wallrich, Sara Springer, 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.