

SEPT. 20, 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.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

Schuchert-Lentz Funeral  
Home & Crematory  
Spirit Lake 712-336-8471

We begin RCIA (Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults) this week. Our gatherings are for individuals interested in receiving the Sacraments, joining our Catholic faith. There is no obligation once you take part; simply a journey of discerning and growing in personal faith. If you know of anyone interested please contact me. We culminate the sessions with

reception of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass (April 3rd). Last Spring we had to make some adjustments because of the Coronavirus restrictions, but Debra and Jordan were brought into the Sacraments. Before Vatican II persons desiring to be received into the Catholic faith met with the pastor until they were ready. Since Vatican II the journey is shared with others who desire to be received into the Catholic faith, enabling support, discussion and reflection among all present. Most importantly, RCIA is an extension of our journey of faith.

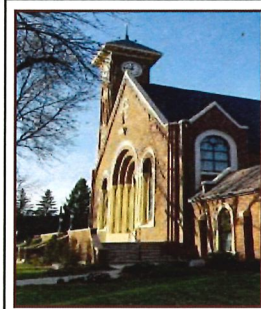
Per the diocesan guidelines, we are ushering people out as the closing song is being sung, beginning with the back pews. Please remember to respect 'distancing' from others as they leave, doing what we can to mitigate the virus. Thank you. So gracious to share in the Eucharist and do so at the proper time of the Mass. To my knowledge there have been only three or four priests of our diocese who have contracted the Coronavirus, each having recovered.

"What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?" Jesus' words spark the acknowledgement that life is not always fair, but we are each equally endowed with the image of our Creator. Thus in those moments life deals us a less than perfect hand it is good to remember the author, E.M. Forster's words: "We must be willing to let go of the life we have planned, so as to have the life that is waiting for us." We all have those moments, questioning life, why the unfairness, "what next could happen." Pope John Paul II shares the insight our Christian faith offers: "It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your heart your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle." God Bless,

*Fr. Tim*

FYI: Our season of Autumn begins this Tuesday, the 22nd. The autumnal equinox—is the start of the fall season in the Northern Hemisphere and of the spring season in the Southern Hemisphere. "Equinox" comes from Latin aequus, meaning "equal," and nox, "night." On the equinox, day and night are roughly equal in length.

Beginning this Monday the 21st, our clothing room be open with the following schedule: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m. - noon. Individuals are welcome during those



By Fr. Tim Johnson

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Monday, Sept. 21

7 p.m.: Blue Water Quilters meet in parish center.

AA and Ala-non meet in Nazareth Hall and northwest classroom.

Tuesday, Sept. 22

5:15 p.m.: Private Mass for CDA members followed by a short business meeting. CDA members and guests welcome. Masks required.

Wednesday, Sept. 23

6:30 to 7:25 a.m.: Eucharistic Adoration.

4 p.m.: K-5th grade Religious Education.

7 p.m.: 6-12 grade Religious Education.

Thursday, Sept. 24

8 a.m.: Bible Study, Nazareth Hall.

6:30 p.m.: KCs meet in church basement for rosary; meeting at 7 p.m.

**PRAYERS and sympathy** from the St. Joseph Parish Family to Wynette Moore on the death of her mother, +DeEtte Graettinger, who died Sun., Sept. 13. Her Mass of Christian Burial was held Sat., Sept. 19 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Milford.

Fr. Tim

hours, with the expectation you wear a mask once inside our building until you leave, you are respectful of the room and items, with limitations on how many items you take (6). Volunteers have spent time reorganizing the room for your convenience and they ask only your help in keeping it in order. You may leave clothes for our clothing room by appointment only; please call the office beforehand. For practicality sake, we ask that your clothes come folded in a box or on hangers, and washed beforehand. We appreciate your generosity and care. Since our northwest door to the offices will be open during the daytime, along with the canopy door, we ask you wear a mask while in the building. Our office door will be closed so please knock before entering. We are following diocesan guidelines, and trying to safeguard our staff and others who are present in the building. Again, thank you for your understanding. Please call if you have any questions or concerns.

It is the summer's great last heat,  
It is the fall's first chill: They meet.

## FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

It is good to be back doing religious education for our students. Most everyone is here for weekly classes and some families will be coming for Family Formation which meets the first Wednesday of every month.

Congratulations to those students who were just Confirmed. Just as a reminder to parents of our older students, although they might be in middle school or high school, all communication will come to parents and not the students as we are not allowed to contact them directly unless you are also part of that communication. For me, as you are responsible for your children, I always will communicate with you and will ask that you keep your children informed of any changes that might come up.

Last Wednesday we had opening Mass for grades K-5. This Wednesday we will have opening Mass for grades 6-12. The K-5 Mass went extremely well even though most have not been at Mass for some time. The Catechists helped with their review. As always, parents and grandparents are invited to attend. Students are I distanced in our pews so that takes a lot of space but still doable. We are still getting used to the change in procedures, but they all seem to be taking it in stride and are excited to be back learning about their faith.

On Wednesday September 23, I would like to have a brief parent meeting for our second graders. A Eucharistic information sheet needs to be filled out and if your child was not baptized here, I must have a copy of their Baptism. This rule applies to Confirmation students as well. I will give you some information about second grade expectations and dates.

Once this year begins, I know it goes fast. I will always try to keep families informed through email, bulletins, and newsletters. Although we are still treading lightly, please try to get your families back to Mass if you haven't yet. Jesus is our security blanket for these uncertain times. Now that we CAN attend Mass again, it is so important that we share that as a Catholic family. It also helps our young learners' piece together what they are taught on Wednesdays and what happens at Mass. Online Mass is great for those compromised during this time, but for many we can get back to church. As they say for some things, "you just gotta be there".

## No KC Apple Pies This Year

**BECAUSE** of Covid-19, the Knights of Columbus will **NOT** be making pies this fall. Hopefully they can resume pie making next fall.



## 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, Sept. 26 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: Alex Jones, Fr. Tim

LECTOR: Molly Mulqueen

SERVERS: Ron Swartz

USHERS: KC's

## Sunday, Sept. 27 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: Doug Heller, Fr. Tim

LECTOR: David Johnson

SERVERS: Deb and Mark Johnson

USHERS: Bob and Donna Elser

## Sunday, Sept. 27 @ 10 a.m.

EMES: Laurie Murray, Fr. Tim

LECTOR: Beth Lorch

SERVERS: Jan Pithan

USHERS: KC's

**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.

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



**WELCOME** to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism to:

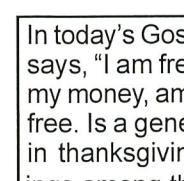
✓ Sienna Grace Richter, daughter of Brian and Ashley Richter, who was baptized Sun., Sept. 6; and to

✓ Grace Ann Davis, daughter of Anthony and Jennifer Daivs, who was baptized Sat., Sept. 19

**NEED Help?** The KC's may be able to assist you with their Helping Hand Project. Call Terry at 712-330-9131

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.



In today's Gospel, the vineyard owner says, "I am free to do as I please with my money, am I not?" We are likewise free. Is a generous return to the Lord in thanksgiving for His many blessings among the choices we have made?



## Sept. 12-13, 2020

Weekly Envelopes: \$5,707.00

Loose: \$757.00

Peace & Justice: \$2170.00

World Mission Sunday: \$20.00

Misc.: \$274.02

Endowment: \$40.00

Haiti: \$700.00 Building: \$4,654.00 Online Streaming: \$110.00

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Sept. 19

4:30 p: +Patty Zweibahmer

Sunday, Sept. 20

8 a: +Sharon Arms

10 a: +Joan Langel

Monday, Sept. 21

7:30 a: Special Int. (JLW)

Tuesday, Sept. 22

7:30 a: Liv/Dec CDA Mem

Wednesday, Sept. 23

7:30 a: +Jim Cates

7:30 p: +Mary Negus

Thursday, Sept. 24

7:30 a: +Bud & +Betty Fortin

Friday, Sept. 25

7:30 a: +Bud Brooks

Saturday, Sept. 26

4:30 p: +Rita Wuebker

+Tom Wuebker

Sunday, Sept. 27

8 a: +Joe Schmitz

10 a: +Floyd Sporrer



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 Barnes, Mike Cooper, Denny Daberkow, LeAnn Reinsbach, Louise DeWitt, Ray Langel, Craig Danes, Kristin Meyer, Leo Trebbien, 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.