

OCT. 18, 2020

## SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 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?  
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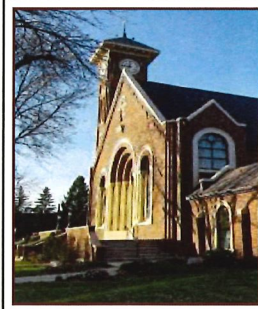
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Often during these last five months of the restrictions and guidelines due to Coronavirus I have quietly pondered the "blessing" of receiving the Eucharist daily; and, as you know, the restrictions withheld others from receiving this Sacrament. I understand and accept the guidelines that have created a different scenario these last several months, but so appreciative of the 're-opening' of our churches and the invitation for all to receive the Eucharist. Wearing a mask, seating every other pew and keeping a social distance doesn't deter from the grace of the Eucharist or the gracious invitation to receive. As much as possible, we are safe in our gatherings here at St. Joseph with those in the congregation mindful of the wellbeing of others. Whether older or young, I hope all our parishioners and visitors recognize and share in the "blessing of the Eucharist," and comfort with their own wellbeing within our beautiful church. We do what we can to maintain a safe environment within our church and offices, and God supplies us with the invitation and the "blessing" of His Son's real presence in the Eucharist. Regardless of how many come to our church, we will maintain a safe environment and a prayerful presence for all participating in the Eucharist.

Recently a friend inquired about the meaning and substance of a "blessing." She closes her notes and letters with the words "bless you" and was questioning what exactly that means; and if it depends on the disposition or faith of the receiver. According to the Church "people witness bishops, priests, and deacons blessing objects or persons in the name of the Church. Indeed, the more a blessing concerns ecclesial and sacramental life, the more its administration is reserved to the ordained ministry (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1669), often with the participation of the local parish community gathered in prayer. Whenever an ordained minister is present, he should be called upon to give the blessing." With this understanding aside, my friend was searching for an understanding of "blessing" in general.

One spiritual writer describes it as such: "In the biblical sense, if you give me your blessing, you irreversibly convey into my life not just something of the beneficent power and vitality of who you are, but something also of the life-giving power of God, in whose name the blessing is given. Even after old, half-blind Isaac discovered that he had been hoodwinked into blessing the wrong twin, he could no more take the blessing back and give it to Esau than he could take the words of it out of the air and put them back into his mouth again."

Another scripture scholar is more 'black and white': "When we bless others in the name of God, we are in effect praying that God would send his blessing to them. When we bless we are asking God to bless someone to be successful in God's good will and intentions for them. It is also an acknowledgement that



By Fr. Tim Johnson

Fr. Tim ....continued from last column

we can't do this without His power. It's not simply a matter of desire, but of design — doing the very good that God intended and designed us for. He tells us what to do in His word, and His blessing is His given power to do it. He gives us commands, then He alone is the one who gives us the capacity to be fruitful in obeying them."

Regardless if the person who is to receive the blessing is a believer or non-believer, lukewarm or active, once communicated it remains the grace of God's presence. As St. Francis said before a large crowd harboring different beliefs and convictions, "Since many of you do not belong to the Catholic Church and others are non-believers, from the bottom of my heart I give this silent blessing to each and every one of you, respecting the conscience of each one of you but knowing that each one of you is a child of God."

I leave you with the following prayer; and may God bless, Fr. Tim

**BLESS THIS DAY PRAYER**

This day is full of beauty and adventure, help me Lord to be fully alive to it all.

During this day, may I become a more thoughtful person, a more prayerful person, a more generous and kindly person.

Help me not to be turned in on myself but

to be sensitive and helpful to others.

Let me do nothing today that will hurt anyone,

but let me help at least a little,

to make life more pleasant for those I meet.

When night comes, may I look back on this day without regrets;

and may nobody be unhappy because of anything

I have said or done or failed to do.

Lord God, bless this day for me and all of us.

Make it a day in which we grow a little more like your Son,

and gentle as Mary His Mother.

*Fr. Tim*

**CONGRATULATIONS** and Best Wishes to Braxton and Alana (Kliegl) Clark who were married at St. Joseph on Sat., Oct. 17. May your new life together be filled with much happiness

**PRAYERS** and sympathy from the St. Joseph Parish Family to Shirley Ney on the death of her husband, +John, who died Wed., Oct. 14. As of presstime, no funeral plans were available.



**Monday, Oct. 19**

**7 p.m.:** Blue Water Quilters, parish center AA and Ala-non meet in Nazareth Hall and northwest classroom.

**Tuesday, Oct. 20**

6:30 p.m.: RCIA in Milford

**Wednesday, Oct. 21**

**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, Oct. 15**

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

### FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

The colors of fall continue to be beautiful. The rain and wind really brought the leaves down in a hurry though. Our students have enjoyed the warm weather and being able to play briefly out on the playground. Our Confirmation students had a cool but nice day for their prayer walk on the 4th. It was an experience I had not participated in before either, so we were all in the same boat.

Next Sunday our 7th grade will be participating in their class Mass. We do not have as many duties this year so like everything else we are adjusting but still the chance for ministry is there. Our juniors and seniors are still able to go to the cemetery for their annual prayer service and that will be coming up soon. That is their walk-about time.

This month the children have made cards/posters for Fr. Tim as it is Pastor appreciation month. Likewise, they are working on cards for area law enforcement persons as it is also their appreciation month. Where would we be without either occupation? Up a river without a paddle I am pretty sure. One gives us spiritual guidance about God's laws and the other provides guidance about state and local laws. Without either of them we have chaos.

Normally about this time we are planning a Christmas pageant. This will not happen this year as we are not to gather in a large group for very long. Maybe we can think of something new to do. Any ideas please pass them my way. We will still have the children's Mass at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve. It won't be very long and we will be talking about turkey and dressing!

**PLEASE** remember to return your Together As One (DAA) contribution as soon as possible.



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

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, Oct. 24 @ 4:30 p.m.**

**EMES:** Alex Jones, Fr. Tim

**LECTOR:** Lois Eckard

**SERVERS:** Ron Swartz, Ray Schley

**USHERS:** KC's

**Sunday, Oct. 25 @ 8 a.m.**

**EMES:** Jeff Nelson, Fr. Tim

**LECTOR:** Darlene Moritz

**SERVERS:** Deb and Mark Johnson

**USHERS:** KC's

**Sunday, Oct. 25 @ 10 a.m.**

**7th Grade Class Mass**

**EMES:** Jim Murray, Fr. Tim

**LECTOR:** Student

**SERVERS:** Students

**USHERS:** Need Volunteers Here

**RANDY'S Pantry**, sponsored by the Dickinson County Hunger Coalition, is located in the entryway to Nazareth Hall. If you need food, help yourself. If you have extra, please place your contributions inside the cupboard for others to take. It is for all persons not just adults or Catholics.

### HELP WANTED - We Need.....

- ✓ Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (EMEs)
- ✓ Ushers for 10 a.m. Mass
- ✓ Servers - Looking for adults or youth

(with permission of their parents)

If you would be willing to serve, please

call the parish office at 338-2274.

### ALL SOULS NOVENA

**REMEMBER** your

loved ones in the

All Souls Day No-

vena of 9 Masses

which begin Mon.,

Nov. 2. Deadline

for bulletin is

Wed., Oct. 28.

### DAA UPDATE

**Goal:** \$57,241.00

**Paid to date:** \$10,128.00

**Pledged:** \$990.00

**Remaining:** \$46,123.00

**# Families:** 705

**# Responses:** 68

**% of Response:** 96

**% of Goal Reached:** 17

Each year at tax time, we conscientiously give "to Caesar what belongs to Caesar." Does my stewardship indicate that I am as faithful about giving "to God what belongs to God?"



**Oct. 10-11, 2020**

**Weekly Envelopes:** \$6,596.55

**Peace & Justice:** \$175.00

**Online Ministry:** \$1,300.00

**Loose:** \$709.85

**Memorial:** \$200.00

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, Oct. 17**

**4:30 p:** +Clarice Schmit  
+DeEtte Graettinger

**Sunday, Oct. 18**

**8 a:** +Don Wollerman

**10 a:** +Todd Wittrock

+Wittrock/Baxter Families

+Norma and +Fritz Thoma

**Monday, Oct 19**

**7:30 a:** Special Int (AW)

**Tuesday, Oct. 20**

**7:30 a:** +Tom Wuebker

+Rita Wuebker

**Wednesday, Oct. 21**

**7:30 a:** +Roman Staab

**Thursday, Oct. 22**

**7:30 a:** +Bud Brooks

**Friday, Oct. 23**

**7:30 a:** Special Int. (JLW)

**Saturday, Oct. 24**

**4:30 p:** +Tom Wuebker

+Rita Wuebker

**Sunday, Oct. 25**

**8 a:** +Paul Delaney

**10 a:** +Floyd Sporrer

+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:

Ronald and Lois Doran, Dale Gentry, Susan Barnes, Mike Cooper, Denny Daberkow, Louise DeWitt, Ray Langel, Craig Danes, Kristin Meyer, Leo Trebbien, Kevin Wittrock, 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.