

NOV. 22, 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?

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For the sake of acknowledgment, our Diocese has stipulated the following in light of the Coronavirus spike: No cantor to lead singing. All music must be instrumental, with the exception of funeral and wedding liturgies, and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses. All Mass parts (Responsorial Psalm, Holy, Holy, Lamb of God, etc) must be spoken. No gatherings, activities, meetings within parish facilities, rooms, halls. Religious Education programs will temporarily stop in class sessions. Our diocese extended their gratefulness for the continued efforts of the local parishes to keep our Mass safe for all (distancing and wearing of masks). We were reminded of 'brevity' for our weekend Masses, an aspect most parishioners will have no trouble with. If you have any concerns regarding the safety of those present at Mass please contact the office. I hope we are doing what we can to suppress the virus while protecting the wellbeing of others.

My special 'thank you' to the parents of those children who will receive their First Reconciliation this Sunday. Thank you for sharing your faith, for praying together, and for humbly receiving the grace of God's forgiveness for our sins. To share our Catholic-Christian faith as a family is a gift that cannot be taken away—especially as our youngsters grow older, facing their own dilemmas. Thank you.

With the recent elections, the Coronavirus spiking, the thought of colder weather dropping in for the next few months, and our Thanksgiving gatherings curtailed a bit we still have much to appreciate and bear gratitude. Abraham Lincoln summed it up well with his proclamation 157 years ago: "The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. . . . I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise . . ."

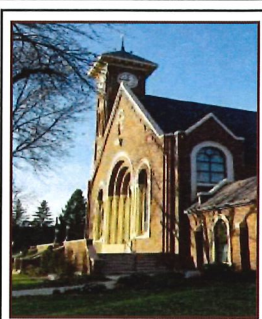
May I leave you with the abbreviated prayer (Deo Gratias) spoken from memory each day by a 108 year old woman.

Thanks be to God for his goodness to me.

Thanks be to God for the wonders he has done.

Thanks be to God for his dear and only Son.

Thanks be to God for becoming our Brother.



By Fr. Tim Johnson

Fr. Timcontinued from last column

Thanks be to God for my angel guardian bright.

Thanks be to God for morning, noon and night.

Thanks be to God in my joy and in my sorrow.

Thanks be to God for today and for tomorrow.

Thanks be to God in my illness and my health.

Thanks be to God both in poverty and in wealth.

Thanks be to God at my work and at my prayers.

Thanks be to God in my troubles and in my cares.

Thanks be to God in my life and at my death.

Thanks be to Thee, O good and generous God. *Fr. Tim*

Blessings upon your Thanksgiving gathering, and the food you share, the prayer you offer, FYI: "What we're really talking about is a wonderful day set aside on the fourth Thursday of November when no one diets. I mean, why else would they call it Thanksgiving?" (Erma Bombeck)

Thanks Be to GOD



for his indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 9:15

FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

Are you ready for turkey and stuffing and all that goes with it? The best part of Thanksgiving is definitely the food. I love to cook it and eat it as well. This year some of our gatherings may be smaller due to the virus. Again, it is controlling what we can and cannot do. This year I am grateful that the scientists have apparently come up with a vaccine that eventually will make its way to us but for the time being we will continue to deal with its outreach.

As I write this article, there will not be in person religious education classes until further notice from the Diocese. Religious education will continue from my office as I send material home either by mail or email. We cannot just let learning about our faith stop so I am asking for your help, parents, to keep your child in the loop until we can have in person learning again. The one advantage at this point is that we can still have Mass. I know I have said this before, but I am hopeful that you do try to get to Mass in person to receive the Eucharist. Live streaming is available for those who do not yet want to come to Mass. As we reach the Advent season and Christmas, I hope Mass can scooch out of the back seat and claim the front even if for a short time.

It will be like it was in the spring -very quiet. I will continue to work on lesson material for the grades, Sacrament students and Family Formation. I will take a break when school takes a break and am hopeful that we will be able to meet again soon.

This weekend our second graders are making their First Reconciliation. Congratulations to all of them. They will begin their study for First Communion after the holidays. All future Sacraments are still on track as far as we know.

I wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving in this most difficult year.

When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcome the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing and inherit the kingdom

Nov. 14-15, 2020

Weekly Env: \$3,915.00

Online: \$200.00

Loose: \$700.00

P & J: \$25.00

CHRIST THE KING



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

Thanksgiving Day Mass Thursday, Nov. 26 @ 9 a.m.

EMES: Fr. Tim and Jeff Nelson

LECTOR: Joseph Schmidt

SERVERS: Loretta and Crew

USHERS/GREETERS: Doug Heller, Chad Harms

First Sunday of Advent Saturday, Nov. 28 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: Fr. Tim and Alex Jones

LECTOR: David Johnson

SERVERS: Ron Swartz

USHERS: KC Members

Sunday, Nov. 29 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: Fr. Tim and Tammy Delaney

LECTOR: Loretta Halbur

SERVERS: Mark and Deb Johnson

USHERS: KC Members

Sunday Nov. 29 @ 10 a.m.

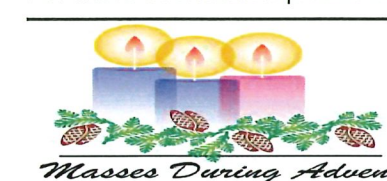
EMES: Fr. Tim and Jim Murray

LECTOR: Aaron Lorch

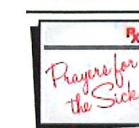
SERVERS: Austin Harms, Ben Garcia

USHERS: Curt and Susan Willette

THE KC'S will be delivering food baskets of non-perishable items to shut-ins and less fortunate persons/families in our parish. To assist in this project, parishioners are asked to contribute non-perishable food items (not expired) to the tubs in the back of the church by Sun., Dec. 13. For more information please call



PLEASE NOTE:
During Advent, the Tuesday Mass will be at 5:15 p.m. rather than 7:30 a.m.



PRAY for these members: Bob Mulhern, Pat O'Brien, Jerry Delaney Family, Jean Elbert, Alberta Nolan, Nancy Crepeau, Mary Langel, Geneva Knudtson, Roger Wittrock, Rick DeMuth, 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.

PLEASE pray for these special persons: Harvey Baxter, Jr., Wayne Bellinghausen, Maxine Thompson, Lois Doran, Dale Gentry, Susan Barnes, Mike Cooper, Denny Daberkow, Louise DeWitt, Ray Langel, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Nov. 21

4:30 p: +Betty Newman

+DeEtte Graeltinger

+Tyler Pudenz

+Spec Int (65th Anniv. R/B Pudenz)

Sunday, Nov. 22

8 a: +Roy Wintz

10 a: +Sharon Arms

+Ed Wollner

+Norma and +Fritz Thoma

Monday, Nov. 23

7:30 a: +Fr. John Vakulskas

Tuesday, Nov. 24

7:30 a: Liv/Dec CDA mem.

Wednesday, Nov. 25

7:30 a: +Mary Negus

Thursday, Nov. 26

9 a: +Tim Schmit

+John Cain

Friday, Nov. 27

7:30 a: +Bev Sporrer

Saturday, Nov. 28

4:30 p: +Rita Wuebker

+Tom Wuebker

Sunday, Nov. 29

8 a: +Bud Brooks

10 a: +Floyd Sporrer



Tues., Nov. 24

NO: RCIA in Spirit Lake.

Wednesday, Nov. 25

NO Religious Ed

Thursday, Nov. 26

NO Bible Study, Naz.

9 a.m.: Thanksgiving Mass

Saturday, Nov. 28

10 a.m.: Mass of Christian

Burial for +Kay Arends.



DAA UPDATE

Goal: \$57,241.00

Paid to date: \$17,506.00

Pledged: \$1,440.00

Remaining: \$38,295.00

Families: 705

Responses: 129

% of Response: 18.29

% of Goal Reached: 33