

The Saint Joseph Journal

Form Community. Share the Good News of Christ. Be Witnesses for Christ in Everything We Do.

Mother's Day and graduation ceremonies have defined the month of May in our culture. And rightfully so, recognizing the nurturing love of mothers, and the aspirations and hopefulness of those who are graduating from high school and from college. Though the celebrations will be different this year, the nurturing gift of mothers flourishes, the youthful aspirations inspire us beyond our present situation. Notwithstanding the month we all look forward to, harboring these two events in our culture and the visual renewal of Spring, May is the cherished month as defined by William Shakespeare: "As full of spirit as the month of May, and as gorgeous as the sun in Midsummer." Congratulations to our graduates, their character and humanity; their aspirations and gifts. Blessings upon

Our Parish

By Fr.
Tim
Johnson

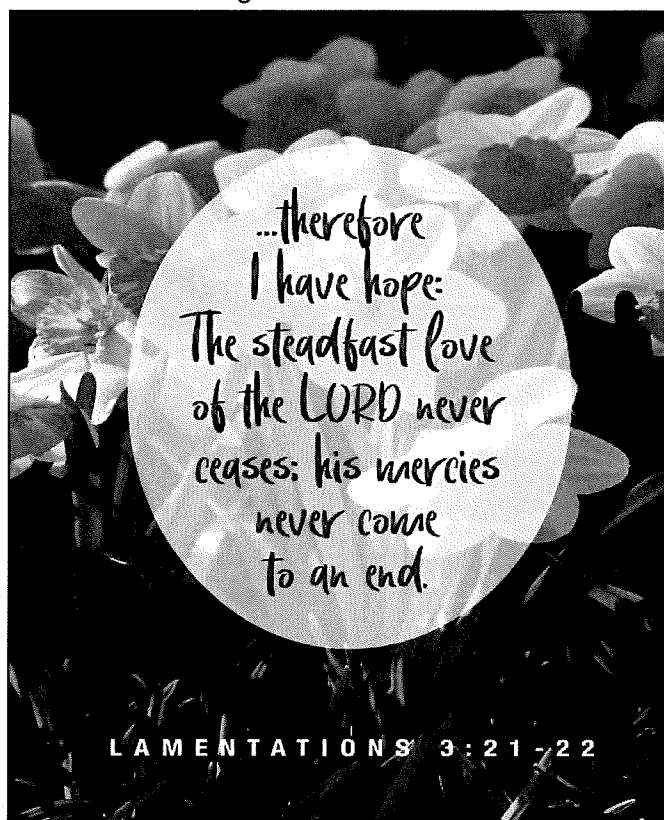


mothers of all ages, and your nurturing spirit prevailing in your sons and daughters.

'normal' day to day lifestyle with the possible lifting of the present restrictions. For the Christian Church, and our Catholic faith specifically, the social restrictions has interrupted the rituals, the symbolism, the annual days of Lent and Holy Week

that (under normal circumstances) focuses our attention on the relevance and renewal of our faith, our relationship with God, as people of hope.

I too have listened to different accounts of the virus, local and national efforts to deal effectively with the containment and safeguard of the most vulnerable, and



Entering this month we are cautiously hopeful of a return to a more

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Fr. Tim

of the medical personnel who are involved in the day to day care of those who come before them. My attention may wander, but somehow the waning days of Lent—our personal resolutions—and the relevance of Holy Week, and Easter, brought a focus to my daily life and daily routine, if even at times it was threadbare. I do have a blessing—unique and odd shall I say, with the opportunity to spend time in our beautiful, re-assuring and peaceful sanctuary. I don't take it for granted, and only hope a sense of community within our parish and Catholic—Christian faith is conveyed by our efforts to share the Mass, our Catholic prayers and information via the technology (our website and Facebook) we have available to us.

Most of all, music has again sustained me during this time of unbalance, no less than keeping with my normal routines such as a daily walk and prayer space. I lost an old friend (my reference of musicians I've listened to over the years) in John Prine who died of the virus this past month as the age of 73. Prolific songwriter about individuals, our humanity and different twists of life. One of his earliest songs written remains to this day relevant and provoking, entitle "Hello In There." Culminating this somber song is a hope that each of us can share regardless of our social distancing and the unique time we are experiencing:

So if you're walking down the street sometime
And spot some 'hollow ancient eyes'
Please don't just pass 'em by and stare
As if you didn't care, say, "Hello in there, hello."

In spite of the technology at our fingertips—the many, many sites providing some sense of information and entertainment, it remains for me the written word on a page or piece of paper as in this poem.

Go placidly amid the noise and haste,
and remember what peace there may be in silence.
As far as possible without surrender
be on good terms with all persons.
Speak your truth quietly and clearly;
and listen to others,
even the dull and the ignorant;
they too have their story.
. . . . Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune.
But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings.
Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.
Beyond a wholesome discipline,
be gentle with yourself.
. . . . And whether or not it is clear to you,
no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.
Therefore be at peace with God . . .
and whatever your labors and aspirations,
in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul.
With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams,
it is still a beautiful world.
Be cheerful.

Strive to be happy. (excerpts from Desiderata)

Whatever our opinions, sacrifices, concerns or fears during this surreal time, may we find the faith to share—if even for a moment, the gracious joy voiced by Mary Magdalen recognizing the presence before her, "Rabbouni!"

Blessings upon you and your family this Easter Season,

Fr. Tim

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FYI: John Prine took delight in describing our humanity and character as he saw it. Fittingly, one of his more recent songs seems relevant, with a twist of humor.

Up in the morning
Work like a dog
Is better than sitting
Like a bump on a log
Mind all your manners
Be quiet as a mouse
Some day you'll own a home
That's as big as a house

Kiss a little baby
Give the world a smile
If you take an inch
Give 'em back a mile
Cause if you lie like a rug
And you don't give a damn
You're never gonna be
As happy as a clam

So I'm sitting in a hotel
Trying to write a song
My head is just as empty
As the day is long
Why it's clear as a bell
I should have gone to school
I'd be wise as an owl
Stead of stubborn as a mule.

There's a big old goofy man
Dancing with a big old goofy girl
Ooh baby
It's a big old goofy world

Soon, hopefully we shall again share the Eucharist together as a community, people of hope, the Body of Christ.

The Encounter and the Call

By Zach Jones

On the Mount of the Beatitudes in Galilee, overlooking the sea of Galilee, there is a cave. This cave is thought to be the place where Christ prayed throughout the night before calling the twelve apostles (Luke 6:12-16). This Christmas I was blessed enough to spend two weeks in the Holy Land and prayed myself in this cave. In my prayer, as I looked out at the sea, I realized something remarkable. Sitting in the place where Christ prayed you can see the supposed locations of Christ's first meetings with almost half of his apostles. Just down the curve of the lake is the site where Jesus called Matthew (Matthew 9:9-13) and right in front of where the cave sits is the site of the calling of Andrew and Peter as well as James and John (Mark 1:16-20). So we see here the intimate connection between the first encounter with Christ and the eventual calling to follow Him more closely. It's easy to imagine our Lord sitting in the cave that night recalling the first encounters He had with the men who would eventually go out and spread the gospel to the ends of the world.; the night before He officially called them to this ministry. More specifically, called them to learn from Him, to become His friends, to conform their hearts to His. In truth, He was calling them to the seminary. The next three years they would spend intimate time with the Lord, preparing to give their life in the service of His Church.

Today's seminary system is a little different than that first seminary. It now takes anywhere from six to nine years instead of three, we have much more structured lessons and schedules than the life described in the gospels, and instead of twelve men from basically the same county there are thousands and thousands of men from all over the world. However, the goal is the same and the call follows the same path. The goal is to unite ourselves with Christ in order to work in persona Christi (in the person of Christ) in administering His love to the people of God through the sacraments and pastoral care. And the calling always begins with an initial encounter with our Lord before the Holy Spirit eventually drives into our hearts this crazy idea of the priesthood. This vocation that we can never truly be ready or worthy to live. Praise the Lord that it is God who calls us (John 15:16) and Him that works in us (Galatians 2:20).

And lastly the men that are called tend to follow the same pattern, or shall I say lack of a pattern. They come from every walk of life with an endless array of experiences. Jesus called Peter, a fisherman; Matthew, a tax collector; John, who was probably in his late teens, and Andrew, who was previously a disciple of John the Baptist. The only pattern is that each of these men had an intimate encounter with our Lord and that He poured out His grace upon them, allowing them to say "Yes" to His calling. Today, I have classmates and priest friends who were engineers, lawyers, doctors, brick layers, farmers, veterans, teachers, and businessmen. Some knew they were called since they were small children, some like myself, found their vocation while in college, some worked for several years after school, and some did not feel the call until several decades into life. Some are great athletes, some are incredibly brilliant, some are introverts, some are the life of the party, some are cradle Catholics, some are converts. Again, just like those men who sat at table with Christ at the Last Supper, each of the men called to the priesthood now has experienced Christ is a real way and now is following the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to serve at the altar of the Lord.

We now spend years studying philosophy and theology, growing in our abilities to pastor and guide our people, learning our personal strengths and weaknesses, and most importantly fostering a deeper relationship with our Lord in prayer. These four pillars of priestly formation laid out by St. John Paul II (academic, pastoral, human, and spiritual) allow us to be formed into the priest that Christ needs and desires us to be for His Church.

I often get asked how I knew of my calling or how a parish or a person can help a young man find his vocation. My answer to this is to help foster a community where that first intimate encounter with Christ can take place and be nurtured. Grow a community and an atmosphere of prayer and openness to the Lord's desires in each of our lives. I have had countless people pray for me, inspire me, and lead me to the Lord and ultimately to the vocation of the priesthood and for that I am infinitely grateful. Each vocation is beautiful and finding yours is a momentous occasion in your life. It is something to be prayed about, something to search for, and lastly something to be grateful for. Let us all pray that the hearts of each person be open to God's will and that they faithfully answer the call to be priests, religious brothers and sisters, and devoted spouses.

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Accrual Basis

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
As of March 31, 2020

	<u>Mar 31, 20</u>	<u>Mar 31, 19</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
11000 · CASH	334,560.80	232,710.86
12000 · INVESTMENTS	498,232.64	497,278.16
Total Checking/Savings	832,793.44	729,989.02
Total Current Assets	832,793.44	729,989.02
Fixed Assets		
18000 · FIXED ASSETS	3,364,844.43	3,364,844.43
19000 · ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	-501,968.01	-501,968.01
Total Fixed Assets	2,862,876.42	2,862,876.42
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>3,695,669.86</u>	<u>3,592,865.44</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
22000 · PAYROLL LIABILITIES	1,935.73	59.93
24000 · FUNDS HELD FOR OTHERS	350.00	9,694.05
Total Other Current Liabilities	2,285.73	9,753.98
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Total Liabilities	2,285.73	9,753.98
Equity		
31000 · UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE	3,473,251.66	3,314,213.68
32000 · PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED FUND BAL	110,838.70	110,838.70
33000 · TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	15,602.21	15,602.21
Net Income	93,691.56	142,456.87
Total Equity	3,693,384.13	3,583,111.46
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>3,695,669.86</u>	<u>3,592,865.44</u>

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
Profit Loss Prev Year Comparison

		Mar 20	Mar 19	Jul '19 - Mar 20	Jul '18 - Mar 19
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
	40000 · PARISH INCOME	31,824.94	43,086.15	447,681.28	492,429.24
	40173 · Peace & Justice Income	1,483.17	1,463.00	21,925.62	15,993.47
	41000 · INVESTMENT INCOME	-13,993.56	7,623.52	-15,392.14	13,685.22
	42000 · SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00
	44000 · ENTERTAINMENT & FESTIVALS	5,828.40	10,961.31	27,351.87	30,252.23
	47000 · CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS	371.50	75.00	34,277.65	544.00
	49000 · OTHER INCOME	1,250.00	535.96	5,789.43	5,791.92
	49911 · Memorial Income	565.00	0.00	565.00	3,205.00
	Total Income	27,329.45	63,744.94	522,198.71	561,991.08
Expense					
	50000 · SALARIES AND WAGES	20,746.63	18,918.73	185,447.91	192,206.97
	51000 · ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	6,721.99	4,147.42	69,291.31	70,427.40
	51300 · MISSION EFFECTIVENESS	679.21	495.70	9,199.31	13,727.48
	51400 · BUILDING AND GROUNDS	17,984.49	7,749.08	100,547.21	96,781.56
	51900 · OTHER ADMIN EXPENSES	88.88	17.50	4,873.35	277.83
	53000 · ASSESSMENTS	1,980.00	1,876.00	17,820.00	16,884.00
	54000 · ENTERTAINMENT & FESTIVALS EXP	2,615.92	835.18	14,301.84	10,536.61
	59000 · OTHER EXPENSES	6,447.00	4,029.71	22,120.46	15,551.64
	Total Expense	57,264.12	38,069.32	423,601.39	416,393.49
	Net Ordinary Income	-29,934.67	25,675.62	98,597.32	145,597.59
Other Income/Expense					
Other Income					
	49905 · Haiti Connection Income	20.00	1,400.00	13,096.24	17,379.28
	Total Other Income	20.00	1,400.00	13,096.24	17,379.28
Other Expense					
	59905 · Haiti Connection Expense	0.00	4,020.00	18,002.00	20,520.00
	Total Other Expense	0.00	4,020.00	18,002.00	20,520.00
	Net Other Income	20.00	-2,620.00	-4,905.76	-3,140.72
	Net Income	-29,914.67	23,055.62	93,691.56	142,456.87

Together In Faith

By Sharon Mayer
Director of Faith Formation

Spring is in the air. I know we are all anxious to have warm days and a reason to get outside. The last month has been cruel to us in many ways but we still have blessings that we can count on. I took a short vacation with my daughter and during that time everything fell apart. I came back to a closed church and no religious education classes. Even worse it happened a few days before Confirmation.

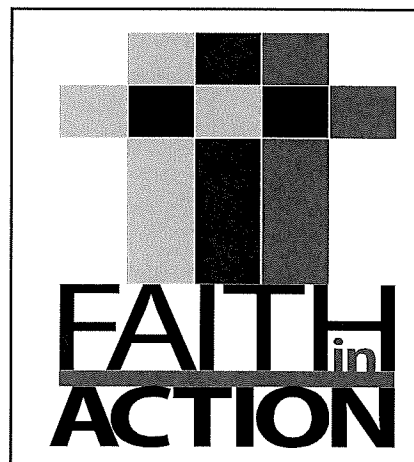
Here we are a month later and still closed but we have a super staff that has made Mass possible to us through technology. If you missed the Masses during Holy Week, they were great. Confirmation will be at a future date. Their preparation for it was mostly complete but as it is postponed, we will have a review over things when we know a timeline. Our First Communicants will have to wait a bit longer for the Sacrament but when we know more, I will let the families know and we will have a workshop night to review and prepare for their Sacrament.

All of our Catechists, along with me, were upended and none of us were able to close out the year as we had expected. Hopefully, some prayers have been practiced and some Masses watched so they do not forget who Fr. Tim is or what Mass is! I have sent some lessons online to families and will continue to do so. The Diocese has also sent some links that I have forwarded. I am planning on a Bible school week sometime this summer for children who will be in grades PK-4th in the fall. In addition I am planning the calendar for 2020-2021 and all the activities that come with it. We may have to back up a bit and pick up what we didn't get to finish this spring. It will all work out fine. God's got this.

Congratulations to our Catholic seniors whose names appear elsewhere in this newsletter. Normally we have a Mass and breakfast in their honor and it looks like this year we will not be able to have that. I look forward to acknowledging them in another way.

Many things got changed everywhere; Lifestyles, jobs, activities, school, weddings, funerals, baptisms, shopping... the list goes on. We need patience and understanding and to be grateful for the technology that can keep us connected and the people that are helping get us through it.

I am happy to keep in touch with families as we move into Spring and Summer. As for now most of my time will be spent at the golf course getting things shaped up and sanitizing this and that.



Marlanya Bennett

Avery Cable

Liz Chicoine

Brady Clausen

CJ Crouch

David Greiner

Jake Halbur

Austin Jones

Nathan Kollasch

Lawton Kramer

Jazmine Seeders

Joseph Stein

Martha Stein

Jay Swygman

Joseph Waters

Matt Wintz

Tyler Wittrock



Celebrating 100 Years: 1920-2020

SAVE
THE DATE



**Saint Joseph Catholic Church, Milford, IA, will
celebrate their Centennial July 25-26, 2020.**

Plan to be a part of this historic event!

Saturday night, July 25, 2020

All St. Joseph School Reunion Social

5-7:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish Center

Sunday, July 26, 2020

Centennial Mass at 10:30 a.m.

With Bishop Walker Nickless

Roast Beef Dinner to follow

Program at 1:30 p.m.

Refreshments to follow.

**CELEBRATING
100 YEARS**



Knights News

St Joseph Council 7284

March Review – 2020

Exemplification of Members: The Knights of Columbus has recognized that we needed to update our organization of the changing times. One area was the inducting of new members. The three levels of Charity, Unity and Fraternity are now done all at the same time. The Ceremony was opened up so family and friends may be in attendance. This helps families understand what the Knights of Columbus is about, and they may give their support to the Knight in their home. With Coronavirus pandemic, Supreme has made additional adjustments for Councils to adapt to the situation. The Exemplification of Members was done online by Supreme April 16th. Those that were scheduled to be online as New Members were: Brady Clausen, Doug Svoboda and Scott Goehring. We extend a welcome to our new Brother Knights. Also, those that added Unity and Fraternity as Knights were: Gary Behrens, John Harmelink, David Johnson, John Long, Dustin Abbas, Austin Jones, Jon Sorenson and Tim Fairchild. We congratulate you Knights for continuing your path in membership with the Knights of Columbus and in our St Joseph Council 7284.

Helping Hands from the Knights: We have Gift Cards for Food and Cash to help offset your short fall.

Helping Hands



A project of Knights of Columbus

St Joseph Council 7284

Milford, Iowa

Purpose of this project: To assist those who are unable or limited in their ability to perform certain tasks. Especially during this unique time, possibly you need a little help in getting groceries or running some kind of errand. The St. Joseph Knights of Columbus would like to offer you that help. And not just now but when things get back to some normalcy we are here to help.

There is no charge for our service, however, there are some needs that require financial help. Our only source of income is from our annual pie sales which after our normal giving would run out quickly and so if you are able, we would gratefully accept any financial help you could give. Make checks payable to "St. Joseph Council 7284" with the memo line "Helping Hands" to ensure the money is used for those in need. Drop off or mail to: St. Joseph Parish, % Knights of Columbus, 1305 Okoboji Ave., Milford, IA 51351.

How to request help: A number of Knights have volunteered to be available to assist those in need. Call the parish office (712) 338-2274 explaining your need. A Knight of Columbus member will follow up. Call or text: Terry Abbas (712) 330-9131

Don Breuker (712) 461-1321

Chris Jones (712) 1709

Text: John Heller (712) 330-4371

Contact any member of St. Joseph Council 7284

May Activities: - All is in a state of Flux. Watch for e-mails.

KC Meeting – 27th Wednesday

Memorial Day Mass – 25th KC will furnish Coffee and Rolls

Take Care. Be safe. Be thoughtful. Be Considerate. Be Kind. Pray.