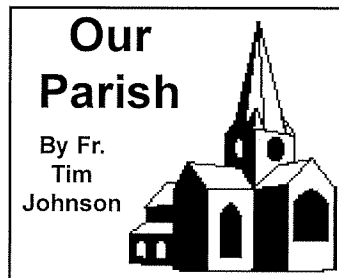


The Saint Joseph Journal

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

Scanning today's newspaper for articles to read, I stopped upon the one entitled, "Poll: Americans unhappiest they've been in 50 years." As one would guess, much of the poll's findings came during the coronavirus shut downs, quarantining, social distancing.

A higher percentage of Americans are less optimistic about the standard of living, and an increase of loneliness within our culture was noted. I have not been immune from such feelings during this very surreal time surrounding the coronavirus guidelines and restrictions. Especially now considering the rising rates within our Dickinson Country area, the reopening of our parishes, and the understandable diocesan restrictions safeguarding those present at the Eucharist though inhibiting the presence of 'com-



munity' and 'hospitality' within our Liturgical gatherings. I don't have a perfect answer, though



an engaged couple I recently visited provides a sense of direction and hope.

Their wedding date is the weekend before the reopening of our churches to public worship, thus the restrictions of ten participants remains in effect. We visited about their engagement, their present livelihoods, interests and of course, the elements of the Mass. With acceptance they counted off the few who would be present, showed me the rings they would share following their vows, the best man and maid of honor at their side. They thoughtfully gave me the names of deceased family members they wanted mentioned

during the Mass, and the scripture passages to be read. Of

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Father Tim

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course, one was Paul's letter to the Corinthians—"faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love"—a commonly chosen passage, but their gospel pick surprised me. Seldom chosen by couples for wedding liturgies, they wanted Matthew's passage of the Beatitudes, "Blessed are they" Reflecting on the respect they had for each other's opinions and thoughts during our visit, a gracious attitude despite the restrictions, a hopefulness for their future together and simple kindness during our time together, possibly their choice of Matthew's Beatitudes is apropos.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God," the essential blessing, is really about recognizing your need for God; a recognition that you can't save yourself. Those who are poor in spirit are people who are humble in spirit; they don't look down on others or think they are better than other people. Being poor in spirit is the faith to acknowledge our frail and beautiful humanity, and that of others, while searching for the presence of God for direction and hope in this world. In other words, "poor in spirit" is an appreciation of knowing we're made unique in the face of God.

Yes, our social lives and activities and financial means may have been turned upside down during these past weeks—not to mention the self reflection of our personal attitudes and prejudices watching the protests and demonstrations—but the presence and power and grace of God remains within the commotion of our daily lives and relationships and omnipotent throughout all creation. As the early Roman philosopher Seneca remarked,

"True happiness is to enjoy the present, without anxious dependence upon the future, not to amuse ourselves with either hopes or fears but to rest satisfied with what we have, which is sufficient, for he that is so wants nothing. The greatest blessings of mankind are within us and within our reach. A wise man is content with his lot, whatever it may be, without wishing for what he has not."

We each have our opinions concerning the coronavirus threat and restrictions, and recently, the demonstrations and protests taking place. No doubt, we have our own thoughts about the guidelines set down by the Church and diocese as we reopen our parishes, and too an anxiety about our health and protection. Looking forward we have gratefully remained connected to the Eucharist through the abilities of those who have brought it online into our living rooms and homes. And now, the opportunity to participate and receive the Sacrament providing us with the hope, the gratitude and the acceptance of the life God has granted us through the compassionate love of his Son, our Brother and Savior, Jesus. Under the circumstance of the guidelines in place for our gatherings at the Eucharist, we will form community, welcome a presence of hospitality and receive the true Presence, our guiding light "in good times and bad, in sickness and health," (the marriage vows shared out of faith).

Please pray for Bishop Nickless' wellbeing and guidance as our shepherd during these surreal times, and likewise the presence, the determination, the sacrifices of those health care workers, law enforcement officers and voices of those reminding us of the dignity and hope of each life regardless of age, race or background.

With faith and hope and acceptance of God's presence in our presence we gather for the Eucharist—not limited but protectively wearing a mask, distancing six feet apart, actively participating in Mass with a humble reserve, seeking Christ's Peace within ourself and those present, and graciously receiving the Eucharist as the guiding Presence within our personal lives.

At this time we will remain with the summer schedule, though such could change: Saturday, 4pm & 5:30pm; Sunday, 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am. For the time being only the west canopy doors and east main doors will be unlocked. Though such would be normal and expected, we are to enter and leave church without gathering to visit inside. You must wear a mask, but if you forget we do have a supply on hand. Please help the ushers by following

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Fr. Tim

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their directions for seating, from front to back in the designated pews. Couples and families may sit together, otherwise a social distance space of one on either side of the pew.

By July 20th we will again offer daily Mass at our usual times and days. Parish office remains open with the usual hours though we ask you wear a mask and respect the health of others. Sharon Mayer will set up the time and date of First Holy Communion, and the in consultation with the Religious Ed. Teachers involved and the parents; the Sacrament of Confirmation date and time will be decided by St. Mary Parish in conjunction with our parish.

Please note: our Garage Sale is accepting items though we will not open for the Fourth of July weekend. Labor Day weekend will be the next time our Garage Sale takes place.

Our Clothing Room will remain closed throughout the weeks of summer until further notice, respecting the wellbeing of our volunteers. We are not accepting clothing items at this time. Please be patient.

All in all, even within the interruptions and changes present in our lives at this time—through the grace of our faith and the presence of the Eucharist—may we grow “poor in spirit” and acknowledge the blessings only God can bestow onto our humble, enriched lives.

Within the joy of these weeks of summer,

God Bless, *Fr. Tim*

A bit remiss without a quote as my conclusion: “Every day one should at least hear one little song, read one good poem, see one fine painting and -- if at all possible -- speak a few sensible words.” (Johann Wolfgang von Goethe)

Which invites me to share the words of Bob Dylan’s song, “Forever Young.”

May God bless and keep you always

May your wishes all come true

May you always do for others

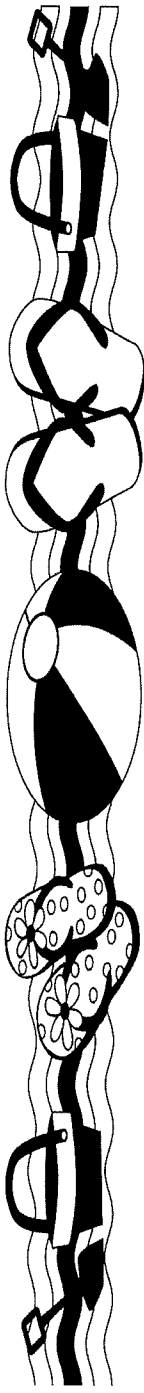
And let others do for you

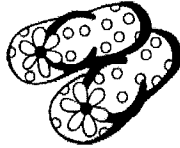


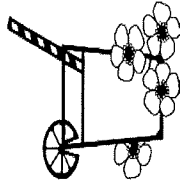


May you build a ladder to the stars

And climb on every rung

May you stay forever young.

July 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Eckard/ Vows	4 Mass at 4 and 5:30 p.m.
5 Mass at 7:30, 9 and 10:30 am	6	7 Eucharistic Adoration	8	9 Eucharistic Adoration	10	11 Mass at 4 and 5:30 p.m.
12 Mass at 7:30, 9 and 10:30 am	13	14 Eucharistic Adoration	15	16 Eucharistic Adoration	17 Hilbert/ Friedrich Rehearsal	18 2 pm: Hilbert/ Friedrich Vows Mass at 4 and 5:30 p.m.
19 Mass at 7:30, 9 and 10:30 am	20 7:30 a Daily Mass	21 Eucharistic Adoration 5:15 p Mass	22 7:30 a Daily Mass	23 7:30 a Daily Mass	24 7:30 a Daily Mass	25 Mass at 4 and 5:30 p.m.
26 Mass at 7:30, 9 and 10:30 am	27 7:30 a Daily Mass	28 Eucharistic Adoration 5:15 p Mass	29 7:30 a Daily Mass	30 7:30 a Daily Mass	31 7:30 a Daily Mass	
We will continue to livestream daily and week- end						

6:45 AM
06/25/20
Accrual Basis

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

	<u>May 31, 20</u>	<u>May 31, 19</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
11000 · CASH	384,418.40	222,116.50
12000 · INVESTMENTS	507,277.98	494,386.98
Total Checking/Savings	891,696.38	716,503.48
Total Current Assets	891,696.38	716,503.48
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>3,754,572.80</u>	<u>3,579,379.90</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
22000 · PAYROLL LIABILITIES	1,614.23	1,144.93
24000 · FUNDS HELD FOR OTHERS	2,340.00	9,359.05
Total Other Current Liabilities	3,954.23	10,503.98
Total Current Liabilities	3,954.23	10,503.98
Long Term Liabilities		
26000 · NOTES & LOANS PAYABLE	46,800.00	0.00
Total Long Term Liabilities	46,800.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	50,754.23	10,503.98
Equity		
31000 · UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE	3,473,251.66	3,314,213.68
32000 · PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED FUND ...	110,838.70	110,838.70
33000 · TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	15,602.21	15,602.21
Net Income	104,126.00	128,221.33
Total Equity	3,703,818.57	3,568,875.92
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>3,754,572.80</u>	<u>3,579,379.90</u>

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
Profit Loss

		May 20	May 19	Jul '19 - May 20	Jul '18 - May 19
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
40000 · PARISH INCOME		38,297.10	36,577.21	527,996.98	570,768.93
40173 · Peace & Justice Income		1,245.00	321.36	23,960.62	18,395.09
41000 · INVESTMENT INCOME		736.70	-8,132.16	-7,303.69	10,118.95
41000 · SPECIAL COLLECTIONS		0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00
44000 · ENTERTAINMENT & FESTIVALS		1,746.30	2,284.98	29,398.17	34,026.28
47000 · CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS		600.00	1,830.40	34,907.65	2,461.40
49000 · OTHER INCOME		1,050.00	0.00	6,839.43	5,791.92
49911 · Memorial Income		0.00	0.00	615.00	3,961.25
Total Income		43,675.10	32,881.79	616,414.16	645,613.82
Expense					
50000 · SALARIES AND WAGES		18,353.71	23,969.32	224,774.83	238,308.74
51000 · ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		5,274.21	9,664.94	80,048.98	84,340.18
51300 · MISSION EFFECTIVENESS		729.21	1,978.25	11,664.06	16,745.60
51400 · BUILDING AND GROUNDS		6,261.56	12,411.37	114,487.92	116,865.43
51900 · OTHER ADMIN EXPENSES		288.79	17.59	5,266.79	313.10
53000 · ASSESSMENTS		1,980.00	1,876.00	21,780.00	20,636.00
54000 · ENTERTAINMENT & FESTIVALS EXP		0.00	2,466.00	14,644.36	17,906.78
59000 · OTHER EXPENSES		525.00	1,143.13	29,005.46	21,594.77
Total Expense		33,412.48	53,526.60	501,672.40	516,710.60
Net Ordinary Income		10,262.62	-20,644.81	114,741.76	128,903.22
Other Income/Expense					
Other Income					
49905 · Haiti Connection Income		0.00	2,060.33	13,096.24	19,838.11
Total Other Income		0.00	2,060.33	13,096.24	19,838.11
Other Expense		0.00	2,060.33		
59905 · Haiti Connection Expense		10,262.62	-18,584.48	23,712.00	20,520.00
Total Other Expense				23,712.00	20,520.00
Net Other Income				-10,615.76	-681.89
Net Income				104,126.00	128,221.33

Together In Faith

By Sharon Mayer
Director of Faith Formation

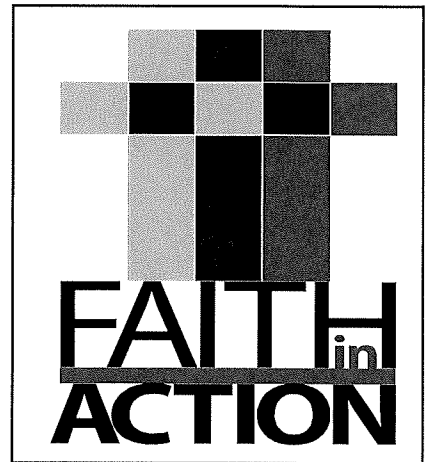
With the coming of July is the news that we can open our churches for Mass. This is good news but seems odd that it comes at a time when cases are going up in our county as well as many other areas around the country due to things opening up in general and people getting out more. Masks will be important as well as hand washing/sanitizing and distancing to the best of our ability. We can do this, we just have to be smarter than the virus that is taking so many down.

With the return to Masses, we can now plan on scheduling our Sacraments that are long overdue. We are hopeful that First Communion can be the end of this month in a private Mass for the families, Then we are working on Confirmation

and I will let Catechists and families know when that can occur in conjunction with Spirit Lake as was planned before.

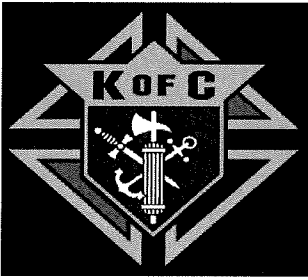
There will not be a Bible School this year unfortunately and I will be working on the religious year ahead. Catechists who were on board will be contacted to see if they will return and I am asking now if anyone would like to be a Catechist for our students to please let me know as soon as possible. Temporarily, you may do your VIRTUS training for child protection online and that is a requirement of all Catechists. Typically we meet at the end of August to talk about the year ahead. Classes begin after Labor Day.

I know some of you are not yet ready to return to church and will continue to watch online. As the month goes along, we will be able to go to weekday Mass and you may feel more comfortable that way. In any event it has been long in coming and I am glad we are on our way back.



Knight News

By Don Breuker



Knights News St. Joseph Council 7284 June Review – 2020

Officer Elections Held in May: We had a virtual meeting for May by the way of Zoom. Trustee Bob Moore presented the slate of Officers. The new Officer Team takes over on July 1. We congratulate and thank those that stepped forward to take on positions. We do have two important positions that need to be filled. Those are for **Financial Secretary and for Recorder**. Your Council needs a couple Men to step forward and volunteer

to help. Financial Secretary: Membership notices and cards out with the collection of dues. Also, a verification of receipts and disbursement. Brad has the new program up and running. He will help you get up to speed and states that it is quite easy to use. Recorder: Basically, this position is to take and report the minutes of each meeting. Don will help to get you up and going. Contact: Bob Moore: robjomo@gmail.com 320-4483 Brad Shell: alshell41@msn.com 515-681-5633; Chris Jones: chris.jones@core-mark.com 330-1709

Officers for 2020-2021:

GK: BRAD SHELL DGK: TERRY ABBAS
DOUG HELLER ADVOCATE: DAVID STEIN
INSIDE GUARD: ROBERT KOLLASCH
TRUSTEE (3 YR): CHRIS JONES
TRUSTEE (1 YR): JOHN HELLER
LECTURER: MICK BAACK

CHANCELLOR: MARK JOHNSON
RECORDER: ?????
OUTSIDE GUARD: TIM FAIRCHILD
TRUSTEE (2 YR): DUANE SCHNETTER
APPOINTED... FINANCIAL SECRETARY: ??????
CHAPLAIN: REV. TIM JOHNSON

TREASURER:

WARDEN: DALE HANNA

Your Council IS in Action: The Council has not stopped doing with the Coronavirus upon us. In fact, we are doing more now than before. We continue to reach out for those in need in any way we may safely help. Providing that Helping Hand. The Council Members are going to be stepping up to help with the extra ushering needed and other help that is needed as Mass resumes to open for the public. We would accept more Knight volunteers. (Contact Chris) There is one Knight who has made 36 cloth masks and 18 to be made for kids, himself. He bought a sewing machine and learned how. The masks will be donated to the Church to be given to people who attend Church that do not have a mask. Your Council has donated funds for the Media upgrade to enable those that want/need to watch Mass at home.

Helping Hands from the Knights: We have Gift Cards for Food and Gas to help offset your short fall. We help families that are in need. We know there are, and will be, others that need some help. Please let us know who we may extend out "Helping Hands" to. We also help with odd jobs around the house and yard for those that need a "Helping Hand". Just ask. A project of Knights of Columbus, St Joseph Council 7284. Milford, Iowa. How to request help: Several 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) 330- 1709, Text: John Heller (712) 330-4371, Contact any member of St. Joseph Council 7284

July Activities: - Watch for e-mails.

KC Meeting – July 22nd Wednesday

Take Care.

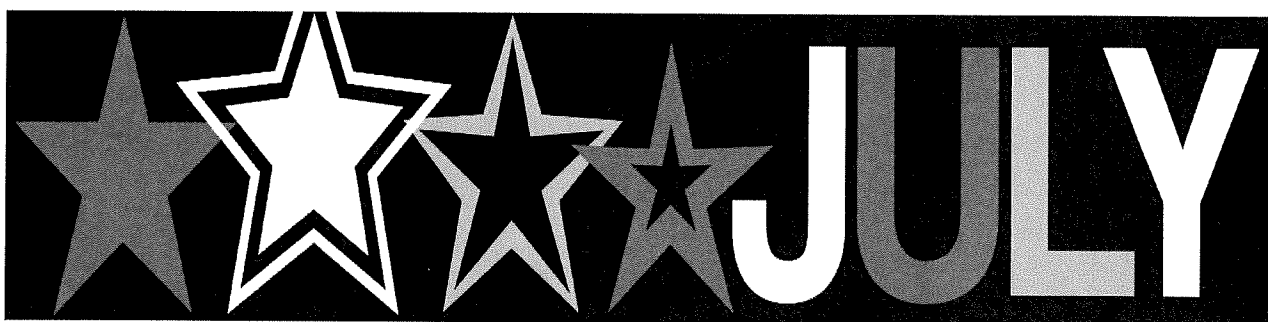
Be safe.

Be thoughtful.

Be Considerate.

Be Kind.

Pray.



Birthdays

1 Galen Chicoine
 1 Jeremy Kelley
 2 Patricia Graham
 2 Rick Houseman
 2 Zachary Jones
 2 Erin Lorch
 2 Eunice Wilson
 3 Alex Spooner
 3 Earl Sporrer
 3 Connie Stein
 4 Bob Elser
 4 Linda Hinshaw
 4 Lily Miller
 5 Keiler Booge
 5 Benjamin DeMuth
 5 Patricia Kratz
 6 Mike Clark
 6 Kristin Nelson
 6 Kathy Rieck
 8 Ruby Bender
 8 Cindy Hansen
 8 Dennis Klute
 8 Michelle Kohorst
 8 Robert Sewell
 9 Olivia Forney
 10 Dolores Brooks
 10 Matthew Fairchild
 11 Aubree Hinshaw
 11 Kayla Reiser
 11 Kaleb Vanderpool
 12 Vicki Willison
 14 Ken Behrens
 14 Caden Swenson
 14 Scott Wintz

15 Charlotte Langel
 15 Francis Spear
 16 Cheryl Houseman
 17 Scotty Ingval
 17 Joshua Schaben
 18 Diane Clary
 19 Dave Hansen
 19 Ethel Wilson
 20 Kay Tyrrell
 21 Joshua Buhrman
 21 Molly Mulqueen
 21 Jay Scott
 22 David Loebig
 22 Kris McHugh
 23 Jean Kennedy
 23 Robert Mulhern
 23 Mike Willison
 24 Jesus Garcia, III
 24 Thomas Mayer
 25 Foster Forney
 25 Kimberly Mahalovich
 25 Diana Reifenrath
 26 Linda Schaben
 27 Dee Kilpatrick
 27 Geneva Knudtson
 27 Glatha Langel
 27 Jim Schlueter
 27 VerDon Schmidt
 28 Hunter Hesseltine
 28 Jim Koenig
 28 Carol Swartz
 29 Mary Ann Cristensen
 29 Turner Matthews
 30 Trentyn Berg

30 Bob Eilers
 30 Dirk Hansen
 30 Nellie Weldon
 31 Kris Berning
 31 Michelle Ingraham
 31 Julie Kliegl

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Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

1 Mick and Jeanette Baack
 1 Vincent and Linda Bronson
 2 Larry and Tina Sattler
 8 Les and LaDonna Janssen
 9 Bob and Wynette Moore
 10 Dennis and Penny Baschke
 10 Don and Marlys Nolan
 11 Walt and Connie Homan
 18 Clint and Julie Banks
 18 Zane & Elizabeth Knudtson
 19 Bob and Debra Rowland
 23 Jeff and Karen Anfinson
 23 Bob and Suzi Epping
 24 Jeff and Lynnette Cronk
 24 David and Michelle Mercer
 26 Gary and Kirsten Wuebker
 28 Ray and Clarice Heller
 29 Chris and Connie Bjornstad
 29 Rod and Connie Lange
 30 Jon and Sara Allen
 30 Jeff and Colleen Nelson
 31 Roger and Linda Ruble