



St. Joseph's Newsletter – September 2008

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Dear St. Joseph parishioners:

The month of September always has the feeling for me of a time of new beginnings. Summer is winding down and school is starting again. It is a time that perhaps we pick up on projects left undone over the summer months. September can be a time of renewed energy and effort in many areas of our lives – including our faith journeys. If we have taken a “summer vacation” from our faith life, it may be a challenge to get back into the swing of things. In our relationship with God, if we are to grow and flourish, we must allow ourselves to be challenged by our relationship with God and the gospel message. Several opportunities present themselves to us as new beginnings in our parish life this September that will allow us to grow and flourish in our relationship with God and one another in our parish community.

September is always the month we begin anew our RCIA process. What is RCIA? **RCIA** is the abbreviated name of the **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation for **A**dults. RCIA refers to the ritual process by which the Church invites and prepares those who are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church. The first stage of the RCIA process is an “inquiry time.” For that reason, no one needs to be certain at this point about his or her intentions of becoming Catholic. That decision can be made later as they learn more about what it means to be a Catholic Christian. Are you interested in exploring the possibility of becoming Catholic? Our inquiry sessions of our parish RCIA process will begin on Tuesday, September 16, at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Please come and/or encourage your spouse, friend or relative to come and learn more about the Church and check out the possibility of becoming Catholic.

Our parish Catechesis program begins again in September. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a wonderful catechetical process that opens the young people of our parish family to a deeper relationship with Jesus. Our high school LIGHT program invites and challenges our high school students to grow in their Catholic faith. An adult faith formation opportunity (which actually began on August 27 but the invitation remains open to everyone) uses materials called *Into the Fields*. This journey of faith is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. There will be ten sessions throughout the year, and they will be held in the parish hall from 6:30-8:30 p.m. A light meal will be served. Please check out the schedule and information in the newsletter or on our website. Or please contact Teresa Hoffelmeyer for more information on this wonderful faith formation opportunity.

Finally, this September holds a lot of promise and possibility for our parish community to be the month that we see the hard work and dedication of the last few years come to life in all of our efforts around building a new home for our parish family to worship in and grow together in faith. We have a meeting with the Diocesan Building Commission on September 2 to hopefully gain final approval for our project so that we can move ahead and begin to realize the dream that we have worked so hard on for so many years. As I said at the beginning, September is oftentimes, for me, a month of new beginnings, and this month of September 2008 is a month that holds open to us the promise of new beginnings for our parish community in so many exciting ways!!!

Peace,

Fr. Chris Hartshorn

The community of St. Joseph Catholic Church is a welcoming family of faith, supporting every member in their spiritual journey to worship God through participation in the Eucharist, fellowship, faith formation, and service to others.

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Reflection Questions

September 7, 2008 - *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time* (Ezekiel 33:7-9, Romans 13: 8-10, Matthew 18: 15-20) What is the connection between warning someone who is doing something wrong and loving them? Why is the first step "keep it between the two of you?" When someone corrects you, how does it feel? At first? Later? Do you listen? Did you change?

September 14, 2008 - *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross* (Numbers 21:4b-9, Philippians 2:6-11, John 3:13-17) What ought to be our gratitude for God's great love? What part does the cross play in your personal life? Do you wear a cross as a reminder of God's unlimited love and Jesus' willingness to give his life for us? Or is it merely a piece of jewelry? How can we imitate the model of Jesus' unselfish love in our families and in our relationships with friends?

September 21, 2008 - *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time* (Isaiah 55: 6-9, Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a, Matthew 20:1-16a) Have you ever thought, "That's not fair?" How did thinking like that make you feel? Did you ever consider that maybe your thinking was wrong rather than the other person's actions? We have been told that God's ways are not our ways. What does that mean in today's gospel parable?

September 28, 2008 - *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time* (Ezekiel 18:25-28, Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5, Matthew 21:28-32) Have you ever said "yes" to someone and then not done what you agreed to do? Did you ever say "no" to someone who asked you (like a parent or teacher) but then regretted it and changed your mind? Jesus is making it clear that sinners who repent are entering the kingdom before the priests and elders who did not repent and believe. What do you think of this?

Welcome!

Through the waters of Baptism,
our parish community welcomes
Jane Rion Nelson,
daughter of Nathan and Kylie Nelson.

Through the waters of Baptism, our parish
community welcomes
Heidi Lyn Harper,
daughter of John and Dana Harper.

Also, our parish community welcomes our new
members, **Jamie and Carrie Bierl**
and their children, **Trinity and Hailey.**

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 2 – Matthew Sents
- 13 – Jacob Larson
- 14 – Brittany Swenson
- 20 – Morgan Wickman
- 26 – Camryn Cox
- 27 – Kyla Dickey
- 29 – Amanda Vogl
Cole Mundus



Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 Mike & Gerene Farrell
- 3 Teresa & Mike Hoffelmeyer
- 4 Dale & Kate Hartman
- 4 Beth & Randy Molln
- 4 John & Jean Pletchette
- 7 Liz & Mike Price
- 7 Norbert & Jo Sitkiewicz
- 8 Carl & Katie Ann Seidler
- 9 Cheryl & Bill Adams
- 13 John & Dana Harper
- 14 Sarah & David Anker
- 16 Jerry & Roseanne Davies
- 20 Pat & Theresa Navin
- 22 Richard & Pamela Heckman
- 23 Tony & Marilyn Klein
- 25 Robert & Robin Hughes
- 28 Dick & Fonda Bass
- 28 Bud & Shirley Bittinger
- 28 Gary & Carol Kiernan
- 30 Julie & Keith Wheeler

Birthdays

- 1 David Cain
- 2 Larry Corkrean, Abby Emmert
- 3 Mike Drysdale, Diana Smith
- 4 Amanda Vogl
- 5 Dick Bass, Susan Dugan, Racheal Riis
- 6 Deb Darling, Margel de Leon,
Stephanie Gerleman, Jacob Larson,
Steve Swenson
- 7 Jim Busch
- 8 Scott Creger, Jess Imes, Kelsey Ripperger,
Kathryn Russell, James Wilson
- 9 Rachel Armstrong, Shirley Bittinger
Adam Harker, Vince Junker, Cori Vogl
- 10 Becky Conrad, Shirley Cunningham,
Sara Maxwell
- 12 Barb Corkrean, Ally Pickering
- 13 Andrew Vogl
- 14 Kate Hartman, Austin Rasmussen,
Dominic Trapani, Jr.
- 15 Cristobal Lopez, Erin Pauly
- 16 Kayla Barnes, Rhea Coffman, Nicholas Lyon
- 17 Rob Hall
- 18 Noah Drey
- 19 Angela Davis, Parker Klimesh
- 20 Mary Jo Creger, Casey Seidler, Carol Ward
- 21 Debby Corkrean, Jeff Elliott
- 22 Kathy Proffitt
- 23 Mary Flander, Anne Golwitzer, Karla Moore,
Rebecca Pugh, Caitlyn White
- 24 Elizabeth Lyon
- 25 Dee Dolton, Anne Elliott, Eric Smith
- 26 Carol Kiernan, Gary Kiernan
- 27 Elijah Cowman, Lucas Schafroth, Amy Ward
- 28 Haley Buckalew, Linda Hermanstorfer,
Makenzi Davis
- 29 Alissa Brownlee, Jessica Kruckenburg,
Cassie Roth
- 30 Gina Hackett, Mary Snyder



Bud & Shirley Bittinger's 40th Anniversary!

Please come celebrate the date on September 28
at the 10 a.m. Mass as they renew their vows!
Then come over to coffee & rolls to celebrate even
further. They would like to thank all of St. Joseph's
community for their support and prayers.
They are truly grateful to have been members of
St. Joseph parish!

Music Ministry

New singers and musicians are always encouraged to join the music ministry. Contact Teresa Kordick for information at 321-0825 or terkord@msn.com.

Catholic Worker House

There will soon be another meal served at the Catholic Worker House and additional meals throughout the year. If anyone could volunteer food and/or service (only three to four people are needed to serve), contact Jo Snyder to be put on an email/phone list to call upon when it's time to put on a meal. Contact Jo at jo.snyder@earthlink.net or 515-462-3682.

Pictures of St. Joseph's Church Needed

Calling all pictures! For a potential craft project that could make a lot of money at our craft show/Covered Bridge booth for the building campaign, please email any pictures you might have of our current church and facilities, former church pictures before any remodeling (even years ago with the rails and Hassey Hall, etc.), pictures of church members or any pictures you might want to share.

Please include the stories, names and dates of the picture. These could be pictures inside, outside, day, night, people, etc. Please respond ASAP.

If you cannot email, contact Mary Kordick.

Mary can take your pictures, scan them and return them the same day. THANKS!

St. Joseph Benefit Auction

We are once again planning a fall auction and meal as a fundraiser for the new church.

Last year's event was a HUGE success, raising over \$20,000 in one evening! We are looking for items to auction off in both our live and silent auctions.

Items should be new, not used.

Donations of services (i.e. baby-sitting, car detailing, lawn mowing) also make great auction items.

Watch the newsletter and bulletin for additional details, including date and time of the event.

Contact Amy Nolan at 462-1545 with questions.

**Food Pantry Weekend -
September 7/8!!**

Ceramic Tiles Needed

If you have any 4" ceramic tiles – any color – call Mary Kordick at 205-5842. Whether it's two or a boxful, we could use them for craft projects. Leave them in the parish hall entry if you can ASAP.

Help Stop Hunger – CROP Walk

This special event takes place on September 28.

25% of the proceeds will go to our own Multi-Purpose Center, and the remainder goes to Church World Services for relief and development programs. If you would like to participate in this year's walk, please contact Linda Armstrong at 462-4434 or 462-1276.

Craft Fair in November

Believe it or not, our craft fair is only three months away. We hope to make this year's craft fair just as big of a success, if not better, than last year. In order for us to do this, we need everyone's participation.

We know we have a lot of talented people in our parish, so please get those tools, sewing machines, crochet hooks, knitting needles or whatever equipment you use and put those talents to work.

Our proceeds once again will go to the new church building fund. So, put your thinking caps on and let's see what new ideas we come up with.

Stay tuned for more information or call Margaret Schlueter at 462-1404 if you have any questions.

Thank you very much for your help.

Coming Soon – Quilt Raffle!

Let's help build our new church with needle and thread! We have a beautiful Double Wedding Ring quilt donated by Elma Tracy that she and her late sister, Irene, hand-pieced a number of years ago. Some of our church members recently finished it by hand-quilting and binding it. Tickets will be available soon - one ticket for \$2 or six tickets for \$10. The drawing for this quilt will be held in early December when we hold our cookie walk. Let's see if we can raise \$1,000 for this beautiful quilt.

Website

Don't forget to check out our church website, listed on the first page of our newsletter, for information, updates, fun and our online store.

Altar and Rosary Society

The Altar and Rosary Society meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month from September to May at 1 p.m. in the parish hall. Every woman in the parish is automatically a member. We invite you to come to the meetings. We guarantee a good time will be had as well as we do good work for others less fortunate than ourselves. We look forward to getting to know each one of you better. So please participate and enjoy!

A Call to Political Responsibility - ICN

This session is called, "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility," from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Can faith and politics dialogue for the sake of the common good? The presenter is Thomas Chapman, executive director of Iowa Catholic Conference. Thursday, September 25, 7-9 p.m., Winterset High School. This is held through the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) with several ICN sites reserved in the diocese. Pre-registration is necessary, but there is no charge. Contact Faith Formation Department, Diocese of Des Moines (formation@dmdiocese.org or 515/237-5058).

Beginning Experience Weekend

The BEGINNING EXPERIENCE retreat weekend is September 19-21.

For more information, call Fr. Bob Schoemann at 515-418-1938, Jean Copic at 515-240-1746 or the Diocese of Des Moines at 515-237-5056.

Sponsor Couples for Marriage Ministry

We will hold a training for couples wishing to become sponsor couples in their parishes. The training will be Sunday, September 14, 1-5 p.m. at the Pastoral Center, 601 Grand Avenue. This training is for new couples.

We ask that they take FOCCUS and bring the scored results with them. We need to know the number of couples your parish will be sending in order to have enough supplies. Our email is luft@dmdiocese.org, and our phone is 515-237-5056. Any priest, deacon or sponsor couple coordinator who would like to meet with their parish couples is welcome at 4:45. Thank you. Deacon Dennis and Sarah Luft, Marriage Ministry.

Meals from the Heartland – Volunteer Opportunity

A massive food drive, "Meals from the Heartland," is under way that will culminate with an assembly-line process to package meals in family-sized vacuum-sealed packaging. The assembly line organizers are seeking volunteers to work in two-hour shifts on September 2-8 at Hy-Vee Hall (connected to Wells Fargo Arena). Packaging meals is as easy as scoop, pour and repeat. It is said that one packaged meal is designed to feed a family of six. A volunteer working a two-hour shift is typically able to package approximately 2000 meals. The meals will ultimately be delivered to starving and malnourished children in Belize, El Salvador, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica and Nicaragua. Signing up for a two-hour volunteer time slot is easy at the website www.mealsfromtheheartland.org.

Life Line Screening

These are ten minutes that could save your life. Do you have high cholesterol? Is your heartbeat irregular? Do you eat fatty foods often? If yes, YOU may want to consider being screened for stroke risk. St. Joseph's is hosting a Life Line Screening on Thursday, September 18, in the parish hall. Life Line Screening will be performing ultrasound tests for stroke, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and osteoporosis. In addition, Life Line Screening is now offering simple blood screening tests that identify some important risk factors for heart disease and diabetes.

You **MUST pre-register** by calling 1-800-697-9693. The prices vary depending on which tests you choose. Please call soon, as appointments fill quickly!

Right to Life Book Sale

The book sale is September 9-13 at Seven Flags Events Center, 2100 NW 100th St., Clive. Premier night on the 9th is 4-9 p.m. (\$5 charge for that night for adults), and all other dates are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Knights of Columbus

Winterset Council #10035 is an organization of dedicated individuals and currently has over 70 members. We gather at our parish hall at 7:30 on the third Thursday of each month from September through June. You are cordially invited, and we look forward to meeting you.

Winterset Knights and their wives are invited to a 4th degree membership social to be held Saturday, September 6, at St. Mary's Church. For more information, contact Rich Corkrean at 462-2597.

Just Faith New Orleans

Just Faith Des Moines is sponsoring a service trip toward rebuilding New Orleans post-Katrina. September 20-27 is the date. We plan on continuing the work of Operation Helping Hands until the list of 4,000 homes is completed on the Catholic Charities list. If you are interested, have questions or would like to make a donation - please contact Celeste Egger at 515-274-6483, eggerj@mchsi.com or Larry Lantz at 515-462-1936, larwin62@yahoo.com.

Pastoral Council Meeting

St. Joseph Pastoral Council met Thursday evening, August 7, at 7:30 in the parish hall. Present were: Fr. Chris, Kris Jacobsen, Julie Wheeler, Terri McNamara and Kathleen Kordick. Absent were: Jeff Honkomp, Mike Corkrean, Sam Sullivan, Brendan Jackson and Nick Junger.

The meeting opened with prayer, reflection and discussion over the readings. Plans for the upcoming parish picnic on Sunday, August 17, were reviewed and discussed. Discussion over the assigned portion of the book, *Stewardship, A Disciple's Response*, was held and will be further discussed at the next Pastoral Council meeting which will be held on Thursday, September 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Walk to Defeat ALS (in Memory of Fr. Sam Palmer)

Fr. Frank Palmer has asked that this information about the ALS Walk in memory of Fr. Sam Palmer be put in our newsletter. This walk will be held on October 4 at 8 a.m. at Principal Park in Des Moines (the walk begins at 9:30 a.m. from Principal Park to Gray's Lake and back). You can pre-register online for "Salvatore's Soldiers" at walkwa.alsa.org and click on the 2008 Des Moines Walk to Defeat ALS. Then click on "Join a Team" and click on "Search for an existing Walk Team." Or you can send Fr. Frank Palmer your donation, name, address, city, zip, phone and email to receive a free t-shirt (indicate shirt size).
If anyone is interested in joining a team from St. Joseph's, contact Mary Kordick at braytbunch@aol.com or at 515-205-5842.

Need a Ride to Mass?

If you would like to attend Mass and are unable to drive, please call the office or Deacon Sam as we have several people willing to pick up others and bring them to Mass. All we need is a call.

Holy Eucharist

The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith.

If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the office or Deacon Sam. We will arrange to have Communion brought to you.

Choose Life, that You May Live

Rev. Denis Wilde, OSA, a member of Priests for Life U.S.A., will present "Choose Life, That You May Live" at St. Augustin Church in their parish hall on Sunday, September 7 at 1:30 p.m. Fr. Wilde travels around the country promoting the Church's teaching on the sacredness of human life. He will preach at St. Augustin's weekend Masses on Saturday, September 6, at 5 p.m. and on Sunday, September 7, at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 12 Noon Masses. All are invited to hear Fr. Wilde at the weekend Masses and to join us for "Choose Life, That You May Live" at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 7.

Calendar

(Details about each of the events are found elsewhere in this newsletter.)

- 3 Adult Faith Formation, 6-8:30 p.m.
- 4 Pastoral Council Meeting.
- 6/7 Food Pantry Weekend.
- 7 Grandparents' Day!
- 10 Adult Faith Formation 6-8:30 p.m.
- 9-13 Right to Life Book Sale in Des Moines.
- 14 Catechetical Sunday & Cinnamon Sunday after both Masses.
- 14 Orientation for Children new to Good Shepherd during the 10 a.m. Mass.
- 15/17 Monday & Wednesday Catechesis begins.
- 16 Altar and Rosary Society meeting at 1 p.m.
- 17 Informational meeting for junior high students, parents.
- 17 LIGHT Kick-off at 7 p.m. at Whistle Stop.
- 18 Knights of Columbus meeting at 7 p.m.
- 18 Life Line Screening.
- 20-27 Just Faith New Orleans trip.
- 25 ICN "Call to Political Responsibility."
- 28 CROP Walk.

Catechesis 2008-2009

Registration for Catechesis: If your child is new to catechesis, please call Teresa Hoffelmeyer at the parish hall (462-2668) to register. Children previously enrolled in catechesis should update their files the first night they attend class. There will be a table upstairs in the hall for parents to do this. Registration fees may also be paid at this time. \$25 for one child, \$45 for two children, \$65 for three or more children.

In the August Newsletter there was a calendar and list of Atrium sessions. If you do not have an August Newsletter, this information is available on the church website. Please check and see that your child's name is listed in the appropriate atrium session. Jr. High and High School students meet from 7:00-8:15 on Wednesday. The Jr. High meets upstairs in the parish hall and the High School Light group meets in Fr.'s basement.

Please check the parish website for other information about catechesis.



LIGHT group helps at the "Hawgwash"

Many of our high school youth, along with some adult supervision, successfully washed many bikes and cars at the "Hawgwash" on August 23.

Thanks to all who supported them!

LIGHT Fall Kick-Off

The fall kick-off for the LIGHT group is on September 17 at 7 p.m. at the Whistle Stop Park with the Knights grilling out. Come enjoy!

Cinnamon Sunday

The LIGHT group hosts a breakfast on September 14 called "Cinnamon Sunday." This is also Catechetical Sunday. Anyone in the parish is invited to bring a cinnamon item to share after the 8 & 10 Masses that day.

Covered Bridge Days Approaching

The LIGHT group wishes to thank our parish for all their support – especially with the Covered Bridge booth. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church soon for anyone who can volunteer their time. THANKS!

Newsletter Information

If you are involved in parish activities and would like to submit an article for the newsletter, please e-mail Braytbunch@aol.com or call 515-205-5842. Articles are due the 24th of each month.

Newsletter Pictures

If you ever have pictures of any church event and/or people, please email them to Mary Kordick at braytbunch@aol.com with a description of the picture.

Happy Grandparents' Day on September 7!!

An old man was grocery shopping with his grandson. The toddler was crying and at times screaming at the top of his lungs. As the old gentleman walked up and down the aisles, people could hear him speaking in a soft voice, "We are almost done, Albert. Try not to cry, Albert. Life will get better, Albert."

As he approached the checkout stand, he gently brushed the toddler's tears from his eyes and said again, "Try not to cry, Albert. We'll be home soon, Albert."

As he was paying the cashier, the toddler continued to cry, and a young woman in line behind him said, "Sir, I think it's wonderful how sweet you're being to your little Albert."

The old gentleman blinked and winked his eyes a couple of times before saying, "My grandson's name is John. ~~~~ I'm Albert."

My granddaughter came to spend a few weeks with me, and I decided to teach her to sew. After I had gone through a lengthy explanation of how to thread the machine, she stepped back, put her hands on her hips, and said in disbelief, "You mean you can do all that, but you can't operate my Game Boy?"

Perhaps you know why women over sixty don't have babies.
They would put them down somewhere and forget where they left them.

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask her what color it was. She would tell me, and she was always correct. But it was fun for me, so I continued. At last she headed for the door, saying sagely, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these yourself."

Grandparents' Day Activities

Have a child draw around their Grandparent's hand. Then place his/her own hand inside the outline of the Grandparent's hand and trace the child's hand. This idea can be used to make a refrigerator drawing, a framed keepsake, a placemat, etc. Another idea is to make the grandparent's handprint with red or yellow finger paint. After it dries, overlap the child's handprint using blue or green finger paint.

Or both hands can be cast in 3/4" deep plaster, side-by-side.



Grandparents Word Search

Nana
Old
Honor
Senior
Age
Stories
Children
Baby-sit
September
Presents
Past
Gifts
Love
Elder
Visit
Cards
Dinner
Sunday
Grandparents
Grandmother
Grandfather
Granddad
Celebration

