

# THE WORKER

FALL 2018

## FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

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#### ***Our welcome to this parish is our invitation to encounter Christ.***

“Whoever receives you receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me.” (Mt 10:40) The parish is where the Church lives. Parishes are the place where God’s people meet Jesus in word and sacrament and come in touch with the source of the Church’s life. They are where the

Gospel is proclaimed and celebrated, where believers are formed and sent to renew the earth.

As a Eucharistic Community, Jesus is encountered in the assembly of his followers, in the proclamation of the Word, in the person of the priest, and especially in the Eucharist.

Pray that you may encounter Jesus anew in St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Receive Him in all these sacramental ways so that Father, Son and Holy Spirit are shaping you to be a sacrament of God’s presence to be encountered and received!

*Fr. Paul*



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### Father Tom McDermott

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As Fr. Paul referenced above, “whoever receives you receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me.” Quite a responsibility from our Lord! So how do we *make it easy for others to receive us*? Clearly the better *our* welcome, the more readily they will *receive us*, and in us, Jesus, and in *Him*, they will receive—and be received by—our Father in Heaven.

How do we welcome better?

First, take the responsibility seriously! The last line of our Baptismal

anointing prayer charged us to remain always part of Christ’s Body, *sharing everlasting life*. That sharing is not only *within* the Church but is meant to be a sharing *beyond* it. Do I pray for the Grace to be a good sharer by being a good *welcomer*?

Second, be intentional about looking up and out to see who is with us crossing the parking lot, or joining me in my pew. If I come early to center my heart for the Mass, how about sitting in the center of the pew? If we need to be near the end of a pew, as the welcome to Mass and announcements are being read, might I be looking a bit behind me to invite someone arriving last minute to join me?

Third, *participate!* Sing and respond firmly! Smile and say “no worries” to

the family with the fussy baby. Ask “pew-mates” *who they are* before Mass, and *how they are* for a few minutes after Mass! If he or she is a newcomer, ask if you can introduce them to the priest as you leave, make sure they get a bulletin, and even point out the parish office contact information! Are you in a ministry, participating in a faith-formation offering, or helping with Octoberfest? Invite them to join you!

Our welcome to the parish is our invitation to encounter Christ! Let’s allow grace to make ourselves *welcomers* so our God is *receivable!*

*Fr. Tom*



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St. Joseph the Worker Church

*Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a welcoming Catholic community by building faith together through worship, faith formation and service.*

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## OCTOBERFEST 2018

After 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, October 6, there will be turkey and dressing sandwiches in the gym as well as **bake sale** and **craft corner** items for sale. We'll also have a **Euchre Tournament** at 6:30 pm and bidding for **Silent Auction** items.

Sunday, October 7, will include a full day of fun including **Bingo**, **prize wheels**, the **Kids Corner** and more!

We need volunteers for our event to be successful! We have many opportunities for all ages and time schedules. Please sign up at [theworker.org/octoberfest](http://theworker.org/octoberfest) by clicking the "Sign Up Here" button.



Here are other ways you can help:

- Come and enjoy a delicious dinner including chicken and ham.
- Purchase or sell your raffle tickets (included in your Octoberfest envelope from the parish).
- Prepare baked goods and handmade crafts items for the Bake Sale and Craft Corner.
- Donate an item to the Silent Auction (Contact Sally Kahle at [kahle.sally@gmail.com](mailto:kahle.sally@gmail.com)).

For more information, contact the Parish Office (563-588-1433) or Jon Lucas (563-581-4475 or [jjlucas00@yahoo.com](mailto:jjlucas00@yahoo.com)).

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## AN UPDATE FROM OUR SISTER PARISH

Our sister parish, St. Therese of the Child Jesus in Gonaives, Haiti, held a summer camp this year for the children of the area. Through this camp, they are offered two meals a day because at home they suffer terribly from malnutrition.

The parish offers the children talks on the life of the Church, its history, discipleship and moral life. They are taught the gestures and meaning of prayer. They learn to live together as young Christians and the requirements of such an experience. In addition to all this, they are taught the principles of personal hygiene. It was a very rewarding experience for the children.

This summer camp is part of a pastoral community. The goal of St. Therese is to seek people in their existential situation to bring them to Christ. This camp allows the parish to offer support to children and young people in the area. Thanks for your support! Continue to pray for them!



## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Emma Schopp**

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Thank you all so much for such a warm welcome the past couple months as I have begun my work as your new youth minister! We have already had our first kick off event, Glow-in-the-Dark Ultimate Frisbee. While playing this game in the dark, we wore color coordinated glow sticks! This event had a great turnout and got me even more excited to start up high school and middle school nights! I am very much looking forward to providing another environment for the youth of this parish to grow in faith and community!



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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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### Vacation Bible School was Shipwrecked!

Team members and participants found themselves on a deserted island

this summer, but through the stories, songs and variety of activities, they learned not to worry because Jesus rescues!

Our parish is grateful to the 25 middle school and high school volunteers as well as the 15 adult volunteers who shared their time and energy to facilitate the VBS stations. Through these stations, participants learned that when you're lonely,

when you worry, when you struggle, when you do wrong, and when you're powerless...Jesus rescues!

Team members and participants also collected coins throughout the week and raised a total of \$500. The money was distributed between the Dubuque Rescue Mission and the Sister Parish of St. Joseph the Worker in Gonaives, Haiti. Thanks to all for making VBS a great week of faith and fun!



## INSTALLATION MASS

At the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, July 15, Archbishop Michael Jackels officially installed Fr. Thomas McDermott and Fr. David Schatz as the new pastors of St. Joseph the Worker and St. Columbkille.

Thanks to everyone who helped prepare for and celebrate this special event and all the events welcoming Fr. Tom, Fr. Dave and Fr. Paul!



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## 50 YEARS IN THE ROUND

This year marks 50 years since the dedication of our beautiful church building. The Parish Life Committee is planning a celebration the weekend of Friday, December 7 - Sunday, December 9. Stay tuned for more details.

If you would like to help out with this celebration and other parish events, the Parish Life Committee would love to have you! Contact Laura Knabel or call the Parish Office at 563-588-1433 for more information.



## LOOKING AHEAD

- Oct. 1-Nov. 26:** Walk in the Word Mondays
- Oct. 2:** Treasure Luncheon
- Oct. 7:** Octoberfest
- Oct. 8:** Moms Group
- Nov. 1:** All Saints Day - 8:00am & 5:30pm Mass
- Nov. 3/4:** Celebration of Remembrance
- Nov. 6:** Treasure Luncheon
- Nov. 10/11:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sacrament Recognition
- Nov. 12:** Moms Group
- Nov. 22-23:** Parish Office Closed
- Nov. 22:** Thanksgiving - 9:00am Mass
- Nov. 23:** Christmas Giving Tree Goes Up
- Nov. 24/25:** Feast of Christ the King
- Dec. 7-9:** 50 Years in the Round Church