

Church of SAINT JOSEPH

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Mission Statement

We, the Church of Saint Joseph, are a Catholic, Benedictine faith community. Our liturgy invites and inspires active participation and faith-filled living. Through our ministry of formation in Christ, we continue to build a solid foundation as witnesses who eagerly respond to the needs of the parish and wider community.



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Stewardship of Ministry

Is it a **MINISTRY** or just a **JOB**?

If you are doing it because no one else will, it's a job.
If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a ministry.

If you are doing it just well enough to get by, it's a job.
If you are doing it to the best of your ability, it's a ministry.

If you will do it only so long as it doesn't interfere
with other activities, it's a job.
If you are committed to staying with it, even when it means
letting go of other things, it's a ministry.

If you quit because no one praised you or thanked you, it's a job.
If you stay with it even when no one seems to notice,
it's a ministry.

If you do it because someone else said it needs to be done,
it's a job.
If you do it because you are convinced it needs to be done,
it's a ministry.

It is hard to get excited about a job.
It is almost impossible not to get excited about a ministry.

People may say, "Well done," when you do your job.
The Lord will say, "Well done," when you complete your
ministry.

An average church is filled with people doing jobs.
A great church is filled with people involved in ministry.

—Author Unknown

New Parishioners Please stop by the parish office to register or mail your completed registration form found on the New Parishioners page of the parish website.

Prayer Corner If you know someone in need of prayers, please call the parish office. You may also call one of the chairpersons of the Prayer Network: Mary at 363-4244 or Joan at 363-4358.

Infant Baptism Attendance at a baptism class is required for all baptisms, even for parents who have had other children baptized. Please call the parish office at 363-7505, ext. 100, to register for the baptism class (held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm). The date of baptism will be scheduled upon completion of the class.

Marriage Call Fr. Joseph, ext. 122, to set a wedding date and to register for a parish preliminary marriage session. A minimum of six months is needed for preparation.

Pastoral Care If any parishioner or family member is in need of a pastoral care visit, please call Fr. Joseph at ext. 122. Today's privacy laws do not permit hospitals to contact churches when a patient is in need of a pastoral visit. We are made aware of it only when the individual or their friends and family contact us.

Sacrament of Anointing
Please call Fr. Joseph at ext. 122.

FEBRUARY 19, 2012 • SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 22. Masses will be celebrated in the parish at 8:00 am and 6:30 pm. Please see the bulletin insert for our Lenten opportunities. I also encourage everyone to celebrate daily Mass in the parish as you are able. It's a great way to start your day.

Several weeks ago, two different persons inquired about low gluten altar hosts. According to the Internet:

Celiac disease affects as many as one out of every 133 people. Those suffering from this condition cannot ingest any gluten, a protein found in wheat. Eating gluten causes intestinal damage and can lead to many secondary illnesses. Celiacs have to maintain strict gluten free diets to protect their health.

We have found a source that produces low gluten altar breads, which meet the requirements set forth by the Roman Catholic Church for communion in terms of ingredients and gluten content. The use of these hosts is endorsed by the Holy See and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Made from wheat starch and water, the gluten content in these hosts is less than 0.01%.

We would like to make low gluten hosts available at our celebration of the Eucharist. Please call Joann, our parish secretary, if you are interested or would like more information. Once we get a sense of the need, I will report back to the community.

Lastly, we have officially opened our search for a new Director of Faith Formation (*see page 3*). As a reminder, Dawn Carrillo, our former director took a position in Melrose late last fall. We filled that opening with two interim directors, Kathy Janku and Laura Morgan, who are both doing a fine job. Please keep this process in your prayers.

Blessings on your week!

*In Christ's peace,
Fr. Joseph, O.S.B.*

Newly Baptized

Welcome and Blessings to the Newly Baptized...

- ✧ Brody Robert Zinken, child of Brian & Tracy Zinken
- ✧ Leo Thomas Roering, child of Christopher & Heidi Roering
- ✧ Aubrey Marie Dockendorf, child of Jeffrey & Christine Dockendorf
- ✧ Madison Rose Linquist, child of Cody & Ashley Linquist
- ✧ Brayden Markus Proell, child of Austin Proell & April Simon
- ✧ Devin Patrick Proell, child of Austin Proell & Amber Koprek
- ✧ Nevaeh Lee Ann Sanders, child of Carl Sanders & Tara Proell



Ministry Spotlight: CHILDREN'S CHOIR

One of the ministries of our parish that children can participate in is the *Children's Choir*. This choir leads the assembly in its sung prayer at the 10:00 am Mass, usually once per month during the school year. Members of the children's choir must have a willingness to share their faith in song and be in at least second grade. They need to arrive thirty minutes prior to the Mass at which they are scheduled to sing. Rehearsals are usually held 4:30–5:30 pm on Wednesdays. The ministry of Children's Choir belongs to the Commission of Worship. If your child is interested in joining this choir, please contact Anita Fischer at 363-4844 or email amfischer5@gmail.com.

Making Room at Our Table

So far we have received \$35,000 in pledges/contributions towards the matching gift of \$150,000! Thank you for your support and please continue to pray for the success of the campaign. When making contributions to the capital campaign, we ask that you write a separate check made out to the *Church of Saint Joseph* and write "capital campaign" in the memo area. This will help keep our records accurate. To learn more about *Making Room at Our Table*, check under the Communications tab at www.churchstjoseph.org.

*Sandy Scholz
Business Manager*

Stewardship of Ministry

As Christian stewards we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

– The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

During this month of February, we commit our lives to ministry, which is the third phase of our annual stewardship program. We start by looking at our gifts and recognize that everything we are—our breath, our life, our time, our talents, our treasures—comes from God. Using our gifts for the common good is one way we can express our gratitude and say thank you to God.

Liturgy

Ash Wednesday

Liturgical Ministers are needed for the 6:30 pm Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 22. A sign-up sheet is on the counter in the East Entrance of the church. *(The 8:00 am Mass that day will be the school Mass. All ministers for this Mass will be secured through the usual procedures for school liturgies.)*

David Orzechowski
Director of Liturgy and Music

Pastoral Ministry

Loss & Grief Support Group

The Loss and Grief Support Group will meet at 1:30 pm on Sunday, February 19 (**today**) in the parish meeting room. If you have recently experienced the loss of a loved one, consider joining us.

S. Joyce Iten
Pastoral Minister



Living Love: Loving Life

Living Love: Loving Life is a date opportunity for married couples to explore the treasures of their unique marriage and Sacrament. This retreat will be held 2:00–6:00 pm on Sunday, March 18 in the Lab School. The Knights of Columbus will serve dinner at 5:00 pm. Although there is no charge, registration is necessary for planning purposes. To register, please contact the parish office at 363-7505, ext. 100. Childcare will be available in the Lab School upon request.

Social Concerns

Sustainability

Thanks to those who came to enjoy Judy Purman’s talk on “A Sustainable Spirit”. To learn more about sustainability, you may visit www.catholicclimatecovenant.org.

Seeds of Hope

We are starting a program called *Seeds of Hope* for those who would like to garden, but either don't have the space or the know-how. We are going to pair up seasoned gardeners with newer gardeners and their families. If interested, please contact Mary Plafcan at 363-4277.

Catholic Worker House

Join with others on Monday nights at the Catholic Worker House, 35 2nd Ave SE St. Joseph, to enjoy soup/bread from 6:30-7:00 pm and prayer/reflection from 7:00-8:00 pm. All are welcome. We had a full house last week and it was wonderful!

Day on the Hill

Visit www.jrlc.org to register for Day on the Hill, which is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 7:00 am–6:00 pm. Gather with almost 1,000 people of faith from the Jewish, Islamic and Christian religions to learn about pertinent legislation on various issues and then meet with representatives to talk about the issues. No experience necessary! If you've never talked with a representative before, this is the time to go. Those who struggle need our passion for justice and a willingness to share our gifts. We will travel together with others from our diocese. Contact me for more information.

Molly Weyrens
Social Ministry

Habitat for Humanity Open House

All are invited to drop by Central MN Habitat for Humanity’s Open House, which will be held 7:00 am–7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 21. Located at 815 & 817 11th Avenue SE in St. Cloud, this twin home was completed in December 2011 as *The Thrivent Build*. A special volunteer recognition ceremony will be held at 12:30 pm, recognizing volunteers and groups with the top volunteer hours for 2011. There will be food, a trivia game, and door prizes. It’s a great opportunity to learn more about all the facets of Habitat for Humanity, including volunteer opportunities, the new ReStore, Women Build, Apostle’s Build, and who qualifies to apply for a Habitat home. This event is sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.



Job Opening

The Church of Saint Joseph is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Director of Faith Formation. This ten-month position is responsible for coordinating a comprehensive faith formation and sacramental preparation program for a Catholic community of 1,200 households. Other responsibilities include recruiting and training volunteers, supervising staff, and evaluating program curricula. Qualifications are a minimum of a BA in theology, strong communication, planning and administrative skills, and be a practicing Catholic of good character and deep faith. The preferred candidate will have a Master’s degree in pastoral ministry or scripture and three years of experience. Please send cover letter, resume, and three letters of recommendation to: Business Manager, Church of Saint Joseph, 12 W Minnesota Street, St. Joseph, MN 56374. Preferred application deadline is March 9, 2012.

7th Annual Nun Banquet

The Sisters of the Order of Saint Benedict are hosting their 7th Annual Nun Banquet 4:30–7:00 pm on Friday, February 24, in the monastery dining room to raise money for Central MN Habitat for Humanity. The banquet will feature homemade wild rice, cheesy potato, garden chili and vegetarian split pea soups, locally made breads and homemade cookies and live music to entertain diners. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students, \$30 for families with children under age 13. For questions and pre-orders, contact 363-7100 or sisters@csbsju.edu. Pre-orders must be received by 11:00 am on Wednesday, February 22.

All Saints Academy

Our school will be doing many things to help bring students closer to God during this season of Lent. During a prayer service on Tuesday we will burn last year's palms in preparation for Ash Wednesday and then celebrate Ash Wednesday the following day. Every Friday during Lent, the students will be participating in the Stations of the Cross starting at 1:40 pm. In keeping with Benedictine tradition, lunches on Friday will be quiet meditation with instruction on particular countries that are served by Catholic Relief Services. Students will learn how the money they are collecting as their almsgiving project for Operation Rice Bowl benefits the people of these countries.

Each grade will spend additional time in prayer, utilizing lessons from the Religion book and taking time each week to discuss the Sunday Scripture readings. A progressive window/door painting will be completed each week as we move through the forty days of opportunity. Each week we will add a color/arc to the rainbow. By Holy Week we should see beautiful rainbows, symbolic of our prayers, penance and almsgiving during the previous forty days.

I invite all parishioners to our Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 1:40 pm in the church. If there is a funeral, the Stations will be held in the school gym. There will be no school Stations on Friday, March 9 due to spring break.

*Karl Terhaar
President of All Saints Academy*

Faith Formation

Grades 1-8 Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes **will not meet** on Wednesday, February 22. Our next class will be held on Wednesday, March 14, in conjunction with Community Night.

Sunday School

Sunday school classes **will meet** on Sunday, February 26.

*Laura Morgan
Youth & Adult Faith Formation*



Youth News

Reminders

Facebook: Church of Saint Joseph Youth
Website: Select *Youth Ministry* from the *Formation* menu of the parish website for detailed information.

Text Reminders

Parents and youth: please email Molly your cell phone number if you would like to receive a texted reminder when we have events. Do not worry about getting lots of texts. It is for reminders only.

Place of Hope

Thanks to all who served at Place of Hope last weekend: the Maleska family, Renee and Sara Lepinski and Tiphani Massman. Our next meal will be March 11. To register, please sign up on the youth ministry page of the parish website or contact Molly.

Confirmation Retreat

Thank you to those who helped with meals and various aspects of the Confirmation Retreat: Kathy and Mike Janku (Master Chef!), Rachel Janssen, Ann, Dave and Josie Thelen, Nancy Ebel, Janelle Thell & Alayna Christensen.

Also, thank you to those who served as Prayer Partners for the Confirmation Students. We had 37 parishioners praying for the students as well as deliver a note of encouragement and prayer. These, along with prayer requests to the Poor Clare Sisters and the Sisters of Saint Benedict's Monastery helped to make it a great day of retreat. Continued blessings as our students deepen their call to discipleship and prepare to be Confirmed.

Junior High Activity Night

Junior High Wednesday 4 Activity Night will be held 7:00–8:30 pm on Wednesday, February 29 in the Lab School. This event is open to all parishioners who are students in grades 6–8, as well as their friends. Enjoy fun games, some shared prayer, a talk on a relevant theme and time to build community with others in junior high.

*Molly Weyrens
Youth Ministry*

The Week Ahead

Sunday, February 19

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Mass††Deceased members of Caspar Court Family

10:00 am Mass for our Parish

Blessing of Expectant Parents following 10:00 am Mass

1:30 pm Loss & Grief Support Group

Monday, February 20

5:00 pm Mass at Saint Benedict's Monastery

Tuesday, February 21

8:00 am Mass†Ron Brinker

12:15 pm Palm Burning Prayer Service

1:00 pm Saint Ann's Mission Group

7:00 pm Making Room at Our Table Committee

7:15 pm Contemporary Choir

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

8:00 am Mass††Joseph & Pauline Reischl

9:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

4:30 pm Children's Choir

6:30 pm Mass†Mark Lodermeier

Thursday, February 23

7:45 am Confession

8:00 am Mass††John & Emily Eich

10:00 am Autumn Thursday

6:30 pm Cantor Rehearsal

6:30 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm Adult Choir

7:00 pm Annual Cemetery Meeting

Friday, February 24

8:00 am Mass †Gene Pfannenstein

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 25

7:00 am Spirit Mountain Ski Trip

4:00 pm Confession

5:00 pm Mass†Lillian Kuklok

Sunday, February 26

First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am Mass†Lester Baird

10:00 am Mass for our Parish

Masses

Monday	Sacred Heart Chapel	5:00 pm
Tuesday		8:00 am
Wednesday		8:00 am & 6:30 pm
Thursday-Friday		8:00 am
Saturday		5:00 pm
Sunday		8:00 & 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursdays 7:45 am
 Saturdays 4:00-4:40 pm
 And by appointment - Please call Fr. Joseph at ext. 122.

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Stewardship of Treasure

Treasure received week of February 12, 2012

Average weekly budget	\$11,844.00
Adult offering	\$12,049.95
Average weekly automated offering	\$3,355.66
Weekly difference	\$3,561.61
Youth offering received	\$49.78
Budget through February 12	\$379,008.00
Actual through February 12	\$370,660.71
Difference	-\$8,347.29

Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, according to your means. Sirach 35:7-10

Reflection

To what lengths would we be willing to go in order to help a loved one in need of relief and healing from an illness, disease, or other difficulty? In the Gospel for today we hear about a paralyzed man being carried to a home where Jesus was preaching in order to have Jesus heal him. The four men carrying the paralyzed man became very creative when they realized they couldn't push through the crowd into the house where Jesus was. They climbed up onto the roof of the house, lifting off the tiles, and making a hole big enough to allow the paralyzed man to be lowered on his mat (by ropes, I would imagine) to where Jesus stood or was seated. Imagine the surprised look on many faces in the house as the roof opened up and this man was lowered before Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven" and later he added, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." The man rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. Everyone was astounded and glorified God, saying: "We have never seen anything like this." What an example of perseverance and generosity for us to think about when it comes to helping another brother or sister in need! Would we be willing to do the same for a brother or sister in need even if it means being creative in how we might do it?

S. Joyce Iten
Pastoral Minister



Partnership with the Diocese of Vijayapuram

Please keep Bishop Sebastian Thekkethecheril and the people of the Diocese of Vijayapuram in your daily prayers.

In Loving Memory

Please remember in your prayers those who have died: Sandi Lunde-Tadych, mother of Ken (Petrina) Mehr; Mark Walberg, brother of David (Sharlene) Walberg. Please also remember their families in your prayers.

Readings for the Week of February 19

"Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth"—he said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home."—Mk 2:9-11

- Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/ Mk 2:1-12
- Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
- Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Prayer Corner

Please pray for... Judy Bruemmer, Laken Court, Nancy Evans, Theresa Glatzel, Cliff Hilsgen, Blake Hogenson, Glenn Hommerding, Kathleen Johnson, Bob Kempen, Amy Klaphake, Rebecca Klaphake, Cassie Klein, Larry & Linda Leither, Mike Lyon, military men and women and their families, Alan Monsebroten, Sy Miller, Delores Newcomb, Mike Nierengarten, people of the Diocese of Vijayapuram, India, Lori Sprenger, Regina Somers, workers & volunteers in foreign lands. *(These people will be specially remembered at Mass on the first Sunday of each month. If you would like a name added to, or removed from, the Prayer Corner, call the parish office, ext. 100. Names remain in the Prayer Corner for about two months.)*

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	Saturday, February 25 5:00 pm	Sunday, February 26 8:00 am	Sunday, February 26 10:00 am
Sacristans	Judy Meemken	Bill Elfering	Molly & Savana Paquin
Greeters	Delroy & Dianne Bechtold Jean Nierengarten	Mark & Diane Plantenberg Elizabeth Lansing	Chuck & Pat Kutzera Sydney Knudsen
Gift Bearers	Delrose Fischer	Dale & Barb Wick	Loren & Tiphani Massmann
Eucharistic Ministers	Kathy Lyon, Lori Pfannenstein, Carol Mastey, Joann Rueckert, Sandy Scholz, Lori Stock, Mike Tangredi	Bill Elfering, Peggy Jansky, Peter Jansky, Tammy Johnson, Connie Loecken, Ellen Murray, Ann Reischl	John Herdan, Shirley Miller, Alex Schleper, Ken Schreiber, Susan Sink, Karl Terhaar, Jody Terhaar
Ushers	Ron & Mary Ritter, Tom Schinder, Diane Thelen	Peter Giroux, Alan Glatzel, Mark Gohmann, John Heinen	Roger Drontle, Tom Ethen, Dan Goebel, Bernie Imholte
Servers	Jamie Deuhs, Madison Honer	Owen & Simon Berg-Arnold	Jared Klein, Ben Meyer
Lectors	Tom Murray	Trish Gannon	Mary Kay Hoeschen
Music Ministry	Cantors	Cantors	Adult Choir