

# 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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**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.

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

Marisa Bayerl  
Alaina Botz  
Tricia Castro  
Adreya Connor  
Beau Douvier  
Tiegen Drontle  
Teresa Ethen  
Kenzie Finken  
Justin Funk  
Jackson Gerads  
Mara Goracke  
Madelyn Gottwalt  
Samuel Harren  
John Hawkins  
Taylor Hess  
Abigail Kalthoff  
Colin Klein  
Emma Kremer  
Maxwell Meyer

Samuel Meyer  
Reese Money Penny  
Connor Motschke  
Cailin Nothnagel  
Jaedyn Nydeen  
Blake Rajkowski  
Grant Roob  
Tara Schleper  
Claire SiaSu  
Zachary Stang  
Kyle Taufen  
Brennan Thielen  
Taylor Thoma  
Taylor Wald  
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Logan Wing  
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Lindsey Zimmer

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FEBRUARY 5, 2012 • FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

In the Gospel for this Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, two statements caught my attention on this Super Bowl weekend. "The whole town was gathered at the door" (where Jesus was at the house of Simon and Andrew), and Simon's words to Jesus, "Everyone is looking for you." Wouldn't it be great if everyone was looking for Jesus and whole towns would gather at church doors!

As I've mentioned before in my homilies, "sports" have become the new "god" in America. Church attendance has decreased over the years, but participation in sports at all levels has increased dramatically. Many parents have told me of all-weekend tournaments that prevent them from coming to Mass, and they say there is nothing they can do about it. Rather than pit "sports" against "God and church," I would hope that we could find a better balance between the two.

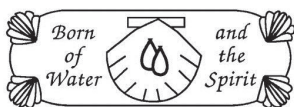
There are many positive aspects to youth participating in sports. Playing sports is better than spending hours in front of the television or with video games. Playing sports is a way to have fun, to make friends, to keep fit, to learn teamwork, to gain confidence, to learn social skills, and to manage one's time.

When it comes to "time," isn't it reasonable to find at least one hour a week to worship God who has blessed us with everything including our ability to participate and watch sports?

As the saying goes, "I'm preaching to the choir," since if you're reading this you probably were at Mass this weekend. But, perhaps you can share this message with those you love that weren't able to join us. Anyway, I hope you enjoy the BIG game.

Blessings on your week!

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



## Welcome and Blessings to the Newly Baptized...

- Karah Diana Faye, daughter of Daniel Schueller & Katie Thelen
- Kaylee Ann, daughter of John & Alecia Prom
- Tucker Ray, son of Benjamin & Julie Loso
- Adam Mark, son of Peter & Jill Hoffmann
- Briella Ann, daughter of Steve & Kelly Linn
- Claire Eleanor, daughter of Nicholas & Marcia Gaetz
- Sophia Frances, daughter of Craig & Katie Gould
- Stella Rae, daughter of Buddy & Jenna Struzyk



## Ministry Spotlight: Funeral Lunch

Providing funeral lunches for bereaved families and their guests is one of the ministries of our parish. Teams of parishioners work in the kitchen to prepare the lunch, work in the dining room to serve the lunch and to clean up afterwards. In addition to the funeral lunch committee, there is a calling committee that phones parishioners on a rotating basis to request donations. These donations are then given to the bereaved family to help offset the cost of the lunch. Members of the Funeral Lunch committee need to be personable, organized and have a willingness to work together. They also need to respond quickly to requests, since there is usually only a 2-3 day notice prior to a funeral. The ministry of providing lunches for bereaved families belongs to the Commission Advisory Board of Pastoral Ministry. If you would like to help prepare the food, assist in the dining room, or participate on the calling committee for funeral lunches, please contact Sandy Scholz at 363-7505, ext 120.

## Making Room at Our Table

We still have a long way to go to realize the full potential of the \$150,000 matching gift offer for the *Making Room at Our Table* capital campaign. So far we have slightly over \$30,000 in pledges/contributions. If you find yourself in a better financial position than anticipated after you file your 2011 income tax return, please consider making a pledge/contribution to the matching gift offer. Every dollar helps. 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](http://www.churchstjoseph.org). Thank you for all your support and please continue to pray for the success of the campaign.

*Sandy Scholz  
Business Manager*

## Annual Diocesan Appeal

Recently, you received a mailing from the Saint Cloud Diocese for the 2012 Annual Diocesan Appeal. Funds raised from the appeal are used to support the diocesan budget for a number of ministries including Marriage & Family, Catholic Education, Faith Formation, *The Visitor*, and Vocations. Please prayerfully consider this request and respond by sending your contribution to *The Saint Cloud Diocese, PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302*.

## Liturgy

### Anointing Liturgy

In observance of *World Day of the Sick* on February 11, we will offer an Anointing Liturgy on Friday, February 10 at 8:00 am. Additional music at Mass will be included that day. Please plan to attend and also invite those you know who may be in need of any kind of healing. If you plan to be anointed, please call Joann at the parish office, 363-7505, ext. 100.

### Burning of Last Year's Palms

We are collecting old palms to be burned in preparation for Ash Wednesday, February 22. You may place your palms in the bin located in the main entrance to the church. All are invited to attend the brief prayer service which accompanies the burning of the palms on Tuesday, February 21 (Mardi Gras) at 12:15 pm in the parking lot between the church and the school.

### Youth Choir

The Youth Choir will sing at the 5:00 pm liturgy on Saturday, February 18. Practice is scheduled for 6:30 pm on Wednesday, February 15 and 3:00 pm on February 18. To participate, please contact David Orzechowski at 363-7505, ext. 123, or [liturgy@churchstjoseph.org](mailto:liturgy@churchstjoseph.org).

David Orzechowski  
Director of Liturgy and Music

## Social Concerns

### Seeds of Hope

A new venture is starting for the summer. We would like to match up adults and children who would like to learn about gardening with parishioners who have garden plots and may no longer be able to tend them anymore. If you are a gardener and interested in joining a conversation about this venture, please contact Mary Plafcan at 363-4277. We are excited about the inter-generational opportunities that this presents.

### Save the Date! Day on the Hill

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 20 if you would like to become educated about the important legislation our state legislators will be facing. Listen to updates, meet other concerned citizens from Minnesota and visit with our lawmakers to make sure that the voices of those on the margins will be heard. A bus will be going from St. Cloud. For more information go to [www.jrlc.org](http://www.jrlc.org).

### Practicing Sustainability

How do you make decisions about what you buy? Where do you eat? How do you care for the earth? Do you know your neighbor(s)? All of this is what practicing *sustainability* is all about. Judy Purman, the Director of Sustainability at the College of Saint Benedict, will speak about practical ways we can include sustainability in our lives at 7:00 pm on Wednesday February 8 at Minnesota Street Market (*the new co-op across the street from the church*.) Visit the co-op and hear a great talk!

Molly Weyrens  
Social Ministry

## Pastoral Ministry

### CareNotes

Check out the CareNotes in the east entrance of the church for new titles. These free booklets cover a wide range of topics and you may find them helpful in facing the various challenges in your life.

### Loss & Grief Support Group

The Loss and Grief Support Group will meet at 1:30 pm on Sunday, February 19 in the parish meeting room. All are welcome to attend.

### Blood Pressure Screening

Blood pressure screening will be available in the Lab School 9:00– 11:30 am on Sunday, February 5 (**today**).

S. Joyce Iten  
Pastoral Minister

## Bake Sale

Students from the College of Saint Benedict will hold a free-will-offering bake sale after the weekend Masses February 11–12 to financially support their upcoming spring break trip. Their *Alternative Break Experience* will focus on immigration. The students will spend a few days with Hand Across the World in St. Cloud working with the Somali community and a few days with Casa Guadalupe in Cold Spring working with the Latin American community. Please consider supporting their efforts.

## Heart for Hope

The “Have a Heart for Hope” Chad Boeckers Memorial Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, February 12. This pancake and sausage breakfast and bake sale will be served at the St. Joseph Community Fire Hall 9:00 am–1:00 pm. The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 10 and under. All proceeds will go to construction of the Ngamini Village Medical Clinic in Kenya, Africa. Donations are welcome.

## Faith Formation

### Grades 1-8 Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes **WILL NOT MEET** on Wednesday, February 8. Our next class will be held on Wednesday, February 15. Please contact the faith formation office with any questions, or if your child will be unable to attend.

### Sunday School

Sunday school classes **WILL MEET** on Sunday, February 12.

### Reminder for Parents

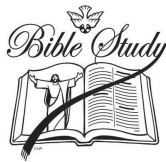
We ask during these winter months especially, that for the sake of all our students and catechists, parents are careful not to send their children to Faith Formation/Sunday School classes if they are not feeling well.

*Laura Morgan  
Youth & Adult Faith Formation*

## Confirmation Retreat

A Confirmation Retreat will be held on Saturday, February 11 from 10:00 am–4:00 pm. All 10<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation students please come to the Lab School at 9:45 am. This will be a day filled with many fun and thought-provoking activities with your peers, as you learn together about the central role of the Holy Spirit for living out your faith. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. See you there! For information on how you can support the Confirmation students with your prayers, please read the *Prayer Partners* article on page 6 of this bulletin.

*Kathy Janku  
Sacramental Preparation*



## Exploring *The Gospel of John*

With Rev. Mr. Charles A. Bobertz

Saint Joseph Lab School

6:30–8:00 pm

**First Session: Thursday, February 9**

Other Sessions: February 16, 23 and 29

All are welcome!

To register, call the Faith Formation Office  
at 363-7505, ext. 152

There is no charge for this Bible Study

## Youth News

### Reminders

Facebook: Church of Saint Joseph Youth

Website: Go to *Formation* and choose *Youth Ministry*

### Senior High Youth Group

The senior high youth group will meet 7:30–8:30 pm on Sunday, February 5 at the home of Jeny and Mike Meyer. We will meet in the school parking lot at 7:15 pm to caravan over. The topic is “Relationships: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly.” Come to mingle, share, pray, eat and laugh. We can peek at the Super Bowl score too!

### Castaway Retreat

Registration for the Castaway Retreat is due on Monday, February 6. The retreat, for students in grades 9–12, will be held the weekend of March 16–18 near Detroit Lakes. Music, small groups, Mass, outdoor activity, reflection time, good food and new friendships await you. Contact Molly if you are interested. Scholarships are available.

### Junior High Small Groups

Junior High Small Groups **WILL** meet on Wednesday, February 8, 6:30-7:45 pm in the Lab School. Your leaders will be connecting with you this week. Let Molly know if you have not heard from them.

### TEC Retreat

The Teens Encountering Christ retreat is a powerful weekend of faith/life sharing, community-building, and prayer. Upcoming weekends are February 18–20, March 10–12 and March 31–April 2. The cost is \$75. Contact Molly if you are interested. Scholarships are available.

### Attention, Juniors and Seniors

For information on how you can become a prayer partner for one of the students attending the Confirmation Retreat on February 11, please read the *Prayer Partners* article on page 6 of this bulletin.

### Place of Hope

We will be serving a meal at the Place of Hope on Sunday, February 12, 3:30 pm-6:45 pm. To participate, please register on the parish website.

### Ski Trip

We are looking to plan a Family Ski Trip to Spirit Mountain in Duluth. Please contact Molly if you are interested in helping to plan this fun event.

*Molly Weyrens  
Youth Ministry*

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, February 5

#### *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

#### *Knights of Columbus Breakfast*

- 8:00 am Mass††Clarence & Vivian Elfering  
 10:00 am Mass for our Parish  
 7:30 pm Youth Group

### Monday, February 6

- 5:00 pm Mass at Saint Benedict's Monastery

### Tuesday, February 7

- 8:00 am Mass†Duke Hewitt  
 7:15 pm Contemporary Choir

### Wednesday, February 8

- 8:00 am Mass†Eileen Hund  
 9:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 9:30 am Arlington Place Mass †Stanley Kron  
 4:30 pm Children's Choir  
 7:00 pm HR Meeting

### Thursday, February 9

- 7:45 am Confession  
 8:00 am Mass††Mathias & Rosina Roeder  
     \*Drake & Madeline Dierkhising  
 10:00 am Autumn Thursday  
 1:30 pm Senior Citizens at St. Joseph Fire Hall  
 6:30 pm Cantor Rehearsal  
 6:30 pm Bible Study  
 7:00 pm Adult Choir  
 7:00 pm Pastoral Council

### Friday, February 10

- 8:00 am Mass †Alphonse Stueve & \*Clara Stueve  
     *Anointing Liturgy*

### Saturday, February 11

#### *Baptism Weekend*

- 8:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 9:45 am Confirmation Retreat  
 12:00 pm KC Free Throw Contest  
 4:00 pm Confession  
 5:00 pm Mass†John Nierengarten

### Sunday, February 12

#### *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

#### *Baptism Sunday*

- 8:00 am Mass†Al Studniski  
 10:00 am Mass for our Parish

## Masses

Monday	Sacred Heart Chapel	5:00 pm
Tuesday – 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.

## Parish/School

## 363-7505

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## FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIR

Doug Danielson	363-1026
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## Stewardship of Treasure

### *Treasure received week of January 29, 2012*

Average weekly budget	\$11,844.00
Adult offering	\$8,771.58
Average weekly automated offering	\$2,684.53
Weekly difference	-\$387.89
Youth offering received	\$110.18
Budget through January 29	\$355,320.00
Actual through January 29	\$341,211.23
Difference	-\$14,108.77

*But let our people, too, learn to devote themselves to good works, to supply urgent needs, so that they may not be unproductive. Titus 3:14*

**Pastoral Ministry**

Making sense out of illness, pain, tragedy and suffering can preoccupy our lives at times. We may find ourselves asking ourselves or God some hard questions as we experience difficulties that life sometimes dishes out to us: “Why me? What did I do wrong? Why is this happening? Where is God in all of this?” We long to find meaning and understanding in life’s burdens that come our way. God is not out to ‘get us.’ Rather, God grieves with us and stands with us as we recognize we live in an imperfect world, where all sorts of things can go wrong. Things go wrong with us, with others, with nature, with material things. It seems almost natural to want to blame God for everything that goes wrong, as if God is the great policeman in heaven, busy trying to keep everyone out of trouble. Rather than directing traffic and keeping order in an imperfect world, God is our best advocate and support when it comes to getting past the trials and tragedies of our lives. For example: Wars: “War and it’s destruction is the work of human beings” (Pope John Paul II) and often tragedy comes from choices of human beings that are made contrary to the will of God. God permits or allows suffering, pain, destruction, and death, but never wills it upon us. It’s a reality that bad things happen to good people. Rabbi Harold Kushner wrote a book about this fact and urges us to open ourselves to the good God who walks with us in our struggles and never abandons us through thick and thin. “Though I walk through a dark valley, I fear no harm for you are at my side” (Psalm 23). Rabbi Kushner urges us to ask this question of God: “Now that this bad thing has happened to me, what will you, oh God, and I do together to make things better?” God is our advocate and faithful helper. With expectant faith, we turn to our God who walks with us every moment of our lives to receive God’s peace and comfort in the midst of our troubles.

*S. Joyce Iten, Pastoral Minister*

**Prayer Partners**  
 If you would like to be a prayer partner for the Confirmation students attending the February 11 retreat, please contact Molly at 363-7505, ext. 129. Prayer partners will write a letter and pray for the student before, during and after the retreat.

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

**Readings for the Week of February 5**

*When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34*

- Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
- Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10
- Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45

**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, military men and women and their families, Alan Monsebroten, Delores Newcomb, Mike Nierengarten, people of the Diocese of Vijayapuram, India, Lori Sprenger, 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 11 5:00 pm	Sunday, February 12 8:00 am	Sunday, February 12 10:00 am
<b>Sacristans</b>	Bob & Bernadette Ethen	Bill Elfering	Judy Meemken
<b>Greeters</b>	James & Dana Steve, Mary Ann Fitzgerald	Gerry & Jackie Klaphake, Carmen Schmidt	Kristi & Kelli Spaniol, Ashley Theisen
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Dan & Jean Nierengarten	Mark & Lisa Hilsgen	Tim & Mary Knudsen
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Bernadette Ethen, Joann Rueckert, Dianne Bechtold, Marilyn Court, Janelle Harren, Meg Klecker, Jane Bierschbach	Bill Elfering, Connie Loecken, Ellen Murray, Othmar Schmitz, Ann Reischl, Nancy Walz, Joan Skroch	Alex Schleper, Bruce Bechtold, John Blattner, Dee Dee Blattner, Jim Boettcher, Peggy Boettcher, Becky Cameron
<b>Ushers</b>	Mark & Beth Leither, Marv & Carol Mastey	Hank Sunder, Melvin Ruegemer, Maurice Palmersheim, Leo Glatzel	Matthew Schreifels, Mike Thell, David Thomas, Sean Thomas
<b>Servers</b>	Katie Schleper, Justin Terhaar, Sara Gideon	*Jake Ethen, Daniel Walz	Steven Froehle, Jon Ethen, Corrie Ethen
<b>Lectors</b>	Laura Kutzera	Tammy Johnson	Pat Kutzera
<b>Music Ministry</b>	Cantors	Cantors	Children’s Choir