

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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Exploring The Gospel of John

6:30-8:00 pm
Saint Joseph Lab School

FOUR SESSIONS:
February 9, 16, 23 and 29

Beginning on the third Sunday of Lent, our Lectionary readings will focus on the Gospel of John. Join us for this engaging Bible Study with Dr. Charles Bobertz, Ph.D., to understand the history of the Gospel of John and how it continues to influence the life of the Church today!

To register, please call the Faith Formation Office at 363-7505 x152.



Rev. Mr. Charles A. Bobertz received his M.A., Th.M. and Ph.D. degrees (New Testament and Early Christianity) from Yale University in 1988. He was ordained to the diaconate for the diocese of St. Cloud in 1997. Deacon Bobertz has taught scripture and early church history at Saint Michael's College (VT), Loyola College in Maryland and, since 1993, is professor of New Testament and Patristics at Saint John's School of Theology • Seminary (MN). In addition to his University appointment, Deacon Bobertz now serves Saint Hubert's Catholic Community in Chanhassen, MN. Along with his regular parish ministries, Deacon Bobertz preaches and teaches scripture in parish settings throughout the Twin Cities and greater Minnesota. Deacon Bobertz and his wife Mary have two children, Sarah (22) and Thomas (20) and live in Chanhassen, Minnesota.

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.

JANUARY 22, 2012 • THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

COMMISSION OF PASTORAL MINISTRIES

Saint Joseph Parishioners will know, understand and practice the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy within our parish and in the wider community.

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus beginning to call his disciples to come follow him and to begin helping him with his mission. The first four persons Jesus calls are local fishermen whom Jesus had been observing and maybe had gotten to know somewhat before calling them. Scripture says: "They abandoned their nets and followed Jesus." I've often wondered what it was about Jesus that brought these fishermen to abandon their nets and boats and throw their lot in with Jesus immediately. Apparently Jesus saw their potential and took a chance calling these ordinary, unsophisticated, burly fishermen and common laborers to be his assistants. Notice Jesus didn't call a high priest, rabbi, teacher from the synagogue, Scribe or Pharisee to be his assistants. There must be a message for us in here somewhere about simplicity, commitment, integrity, honesty, stick-to-it-ness, and loyalty. Jesus seemed to know that these men would someday be his faithful missionaries, although they would go through difficult times and even a betrayal as part of their learning curve. Jesus never gave up on them — just as he never gives up on us even when we give up on him: a lesson we can ponder for quite some time.

S. Joyce Iten, Pastoral Minister

Health and Wellness Advisory Committee

The Parish Health and Wellness Advisory Committee will meet at 6:30 pm on Thursday, January 26 in the Lab School Faculty Lounge. New members are welcome. We will be planning for future health and wellness events such as a presentation of *End of Life Directives* or *The Living Will*, a presentation on *Fall Prevention* and *Maintaining Balance* and so forth.

Prayer Corner

Please pray for... Judy Bruemmer, Laken Court, Richard Dalen, Steve Dusbabek, Nancy Evans, Doris Goebel, Cliff Hilsgen, Blake Hogenson, Glenn Hommerding, Kathleen Johnson, Bob Kempen, Martha Kierzek, Amy Klaphake, Rebecca Klaphake, Cassie Klein, Larry & Linda Leither, Alice Lenhardt, military men and women and their families, Delores Newcomb, Mike Nierengarten, people of the Diocese of Vijayapuram, India, Sam Rueckert, Lori Sprenger, Jeanette Steichen, 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.)*

6th Annual Grief and Loss Seminar

Doug Wood will use stories and song to share insights and wisdom learned from life's difficult lessons. The event, sponsored by Central MN Area Grief Services, will be held on Sunday, January 29 from 1:00–3:30 pm at CentraCare Plaza, Windfeldt Room (*off Hwy 15, use the Woodland entrance.*) To register, send your name and a \$5.00 registration fee (checks payable to *Grief Service Providers*) to Life Transitions Services, 312 2nd Ave. No., Sauk Rapids, MN 56379. Registration deadline is January 25.

COMMISSION OF SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Saint Joseph Parishioners will know, understand and work to realize the Gospel vision of justice and Catholic Social Teaching.

Seeds of Hope

A new venture is starting for the summer. We would like to match up parishioners with garden plots who might not be able to tend to them anymore with adults and children who would like to learn about gardening and also share in the labor and harvest of each plot. If you are a gardener and interested in joining a conversation about what that looks like, please contact Mary Plafcan at 363-4277. We are excited about the inter-generational opportunities this will bring — besides yummy food!

Partnership with the Diocese of Vijayapuram, India

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

Somali Famine Fundraiser

A fundraiser for Somali famine relief will be held 10:00 am–1:00 pm on Sunday, January 29 in the CSB Gorecki Dining Facility. A solicitation table will be set up outside to collect donations. Inside, Somali food will be served and members from the Saint Cloud Somali Community will be available to talk.

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 the Capital will be facing. Listen to updates, meet other concerned citizens from MN 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.

COMMISSION OF WORD

Saint Joseph Parishioners will know, understand and daily witness to Christ-centered living inspired by God's Word and Catholic Tradition.

Youth Ministry

On-Line Information

Join us on Facebook! Also, to find the Youth Ministry page of the parish website, go to www.churchstjoseph.org and then select *Youth Ministry* from the *Formation* drop-down menu.

Junior High News

Junior High Activity Night: Wednesday 4 will be held on January 25 from 7:00-8:30 pm. Join us in the school for a time of connecting, playing, praying and just plain old having fun! This event is open to all students in grades 6-8. See you there! Friends outside the parish are most welcome to attend.

Senior High News

Senior High Youth Group will be held 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.

Castaway Retreat – March 16-18: Grades 9-12

Join with over 100 other youth in our diocese to participate in a great retreat up near Detroit Lakes. Music, small groups, Mass, outdoor activity, reflection time, good food and new friendships await you. Please consider joining us on this weekend. Many have gone in the past and found it to be a very fun and meaningful experience. Contact me if you are interested. Scholarships are available.

Place of Hope

We will serve a meal at the Place of Hope 3:30 pm-6:45 pm on Sunday, February 12. Share in the ministry of hospitality by serving a meal to those living in community at Place of Hope in St. Cloud. Those who have previously gone have had a rich experience. Register on the parish website.

Molly Weyrens, Coordinator of Youth Ministry
363-7505, ext. 129
youthministry@churchstjoseph.org

Children's Envelopes

Please remember that the box of offering envelopes your child was given last year contains envelopes that are not dated. Therefore, new boxes weren't distributed for 2012, as has been done in past years. When your child has used up their current box of envelopes, please contact the parish office at 363-7505, ext. 100 to request a new box.

Youth Choir

Calling all Youth! The Youth Choir will be gearing-up for another Mass in February. This time, we will be singing at the 5:00 pm liturgy on Saturday, February 18. We will also be partnering with fellow-parishioners and band members from the group "Random Road." (Perhaps you've heard them before... at last year's July 4th outdoor Festival Mass...or The Local Blend.) It should be an awesome, fun-filled collaboration as we lead our community in worship on the last weekend before the solemn season of Lent. There will be one practice: 6:30 pm on Wednesday, February 15. We will also want singers to be available at 3:00 pm for additional rehearsal on the day of the Mass. To register or for more information, please contact our Music Director, David Orzechowski: (320)-363-7505, ext. 123, or via email: liturgy@churchstjoseph.org

Faith Formation Update

Grades 1-8 Faith Formation:

Faith Formation classes will NOT MEET on Wednesday, January 25. There will, however, be a catechist preparation session from 6:30-7:45 pm. **All classes will meet the following Wednesday, February 1 for Community Night from 6:30-7:45 pm.** Please contact the faith formation office with any questions, or if your child will be unable to attend.

Laura Morgan
Interim Director of Youth & Adult Faith Formation
363-7505, ext. 152
ffyouthadult@churchstjoseph.org

Rite of Christian Initiation of Children

An RCIC Parent Meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, January 25 in the Staff Lounge of the Lab School (*located on the second floor on the north side.*) Information and materials will be given so that families with children who have missed receiving the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist as second graders may prepare for them.

Kathy Janku
Interim Director of Sacramental Preparation
363-7505, ext. 204

Family Table Talk... Questions for your family discussion this week (Gospel: Mark 1:14-20): What do you hear Jesus say in the Gospel? Why do you want to follow Jesus? What attracts you about following Jesus? What do you do each day to continue Jesus' work?

COMMISSION OF WORD

All Saints Academy

Next weekend marks the beginning of our annual Catholic Schools Week. Speaking on behalf of the students who directly benefit from your generous support of Catholic education, I would like to extend a sincere thank you. You are making a difference in the lives of the children of Saint Joseph by promoting Catholic education as a viable option to our parishioners.

Catholic Schools Week is a joint project of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2012 is “Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service.” The theme focuses on three priorities that Catholic schools establish that make them stand out from other educational institutions. Children are taught faith – not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. Academics, which in Catholic schools are held to very high standards, help each child reach his or her potential. Service, the giving of one’s time and effort to help others, is taught both as an expression of faith and good citizenship.

We start the week with the students of the Lab School assisting at the 10:00 Mass on January 29. Following the Mass, you are invited to the Lab School to view the children’s artwork, see our model cabins, visit with school staff, shop at our book fair, and enjoy a cookie and beverage. We will also be recognizing a school alumnus with the *Distinguished Alumni Award*. The students will celebrate the rest of Catholic Schools Weeks with special theme days and fun activities. We will conclude the week with a school dance in the gym.

*Blessings,
Karl Terhaar, All Saints Academy President*

COMMISSION OF WORSHIP

Saint Joseph Parishioners will know, understand and honor Benedictine values and the dignity of their role as members of the worshipping assembly.

Readings for the Week of January 22

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
 Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
 Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
 Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	Saturday, January 28 5:00 pm	Sunday, January 29 8:00 am	Sunday, January 29 10:00 am
Sacristans	Ron & Mary Ritter	Virginia Meier	Judy Meemken
Greeters	Delroy & Dianne Bechtold Marvin Mastey	Mark & Diane Plantenberg Mary Plafcan	Catholic school representatives
Gift Bearers	Dolores Lowell & family	Jerry & Eileen Whitley	Catholic school families
Eucharistic Ministers	Marilyn Court, Janelle Harren, Bernadette Ethen, Meg Klecker, Mary Kay Kern, Laura Kutzera, Mark Leither	Virginia Meier, Sue Meers, Connie Loecken, Ann Reischl, Ellen Murray, Elaine Newton, Othmar Schmitz	Catholic school representatives
Ushers	Ray Rueckert, Tom Schindler, Ken & Mary Stommes	Bill Elfering, Richard Gallus, Pete Giroux, Mark Gohmann	Roger Drontle, Tom Ethen, Dan Goebel, Bernie Imholte
Servers	Madison Honer Justin Terhaar	Amanda Walz Amelia Walz	Nicole Fish Olivia Schleper
Lectors	Charles Kern	Tammy Johnson	Catholic school students
Music Ministry	Cantors	Adult Choir	Catholic school faculty

The Week Ahead

Sunday, January 22

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Mass for our Parish
10:00 am Mass††Dennis & Lucy Heinen

Monday, January 23

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

Tuesday, January 24

- 8:00 am Mass†Henry Albers
7:15 pm Contemporary Choir

Wednesday, January 25

- 8:00 am Mass†Carl Reber
9:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
4:30 pm Children's Choir
7:00 pm RCIC Parent Meeting
7:00 pm Junior High Activity Night

Thursday, January 26

- 7:45 am Confession
8:00 am Mass††Albert & Agnes Lodermeier (gr. 5)
10:00 am Autumn Thursday
6:30 pm Cantor Rehearsal
6:30 pm Health & Wellness Committee
7:00 pm Adult Choir

Friday, January 27

- 8:00 am Mass†Gene Pfannenstein

Saturday, January 28

- 4:00 pm Confession
5:00 pm Mass†William Lowell, Sr.

Sunday, January 29

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Mass for our Parish
10:00 am All Saints Academy

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.	

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Doug Danielson	363-1026
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Stewardship of Treasure

Treasure received week of January 15, 2012

Average weekly budget	\$11,844.00
Adult offering	\$7,226.32
Average weekly automated offering	\$2,451.35
Weekly difference	-\$2,166.33
Youth offering received	\$52.66
Budget through January 15	\$331,632.00
Actual through January 15	\$319,645.54
Difference	-\$11,986.46

By wisdom is a house built, by understanding is it made firm; and by knowledge are its rooms filled with every precious and pleasing possession. Proverbs 24:3-4

COMMISSION OF COMMUNITY

Saint Joseph Parishioners will know, understand and demonstrate what it means to be a Catholic faith community.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

January 22 marks the 39th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade* that legalized abortion in the United States.

Each abortion leaves a mother wounded by choosing to make this decision, and a family torn by the emotional, physical and spiritual aftermath that follows. There is scarcely a family in the United States untouched by this reality. So what can we do? We can pray that all parents will be equipped to receive the gift of a child with open hearts full of love. We can also reach out to women who have had an abortion to bring healing to their lives.

There are many reasons people give to reject life. Some people don't know and trust God, others can't imagine themselves raising a child with special needs, some people are overwhelmed by a difficult life, others can't see themselves giving a child to another to raise, some may be pressured by others against their will, and still others have a hard time seeking and accepting help. Besides praying for these individuals, we can also vow to support them in their need.

An editorial in the January 16-23 issue of *America* magazine suggests three ways that we can make our world more welcoming to children.

Outreach to families with children with disabilities.

Tragically, many prospective parents now choose to terminate pregnancies if prenatal tests reveal Down syndrome or other genetic anomalies. The challenge of raising a child with physical or mental impairments is overwhelming. A true culture of life makes these families a focus of outreach and support.

Support adoption agencies. Adoption counselors can present a fuller view of parenthood, and they are well placed to reach out to women in difficult circumstances. Adoption agencies also find homes for children with special needs.

Improve childcare. Surely more women would choose to raise a child if they knew that there were affordable options for child care.

The editorial concludes with a very practical suggestion: All pro-life supporters should consider attending a support group for parents of children with disabilities or helping to care for a neighbor's baby. These works of mercy can make the pro-life cause a way of life.

Blessings on your week!

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

Making Room at Our Table Matching Gift

Pledges/contributions to the *Making Room at Our Table* capital campaign \$150,000 matching gift offer are now close to \$30,000. We still need an additional \$120,000 in pledges/contributions to maximize on the \$150,000 matching gift offer. Thank you if you have responded and if you have not, please consider doing so. Taking full advantage of the matching gift offer is a great opportunity for the parish to be able to do the needed facility improvements and plan for the best possible addition. 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 us keep our records accurate. To learn more about *Making Room at Our Table*, check under the Communications tab at www.churchstjoseph.org.

*Blessings,
Sandy Scholz, Business Manager*

Catholic Charities Mardi Gras

Help provide food and shelter - while having a great time! Catholic Charities 30th Annual Mardi Gras celebration will be held on Saturday evening, February 4 at River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud. This *Party with a Purpose* benefits Catholic Charities Emergency Services Food Shelf and Catholic Charities Domus Transitional Housing, a facility for homeless women and their children. Tickets are available for \$85 by calling 320-650-1665. Discounted tickets are available online at www.ccestcloud.org.

Discover Natural Family Planning

NFP cooperates with nature and God's plan for married love. It is effective, healthy, and marriage building. The Billings Ovulation Method is a natural, highly effective method for postponing or achieving pregnancy without the use of drugs or devices. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered on Thursday, January 26 at 6:30 pm at the Office of Marriage & Family in St. Cloud. For more information, or to register, call 320-252-4721. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. (*Note that most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up.*)