

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.

Church of Saint Joseph Community Night Marriage and Holy Orders Sacraments at the Service of Communion and Mission

Kristi & Peter Spaniol & Fr. Joseph Feders, OSB,
Presenters

Wednesday, January 4, 6:30-7:45 pm in the Church
(Faith Formation students in grades 1-8 will be dismissed after prayer to complete the Safe Environment Training. For more details, see page 3 under Faith Formation Update.)



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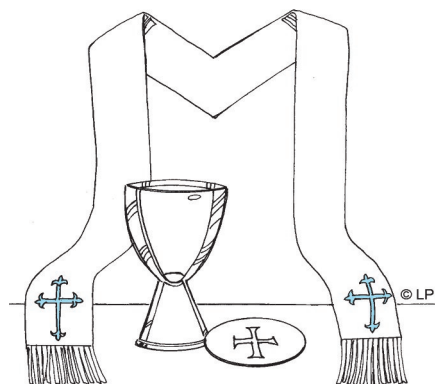
What do priests and married couples have in common? What are the top 10 ways to strengthen our vocation?

Explore the call to LOVE and SERVE through the Sacraments of Marriage and Holy Orders. Gain insight on how to share the Gospel no matter what your vocation.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join us in the Lab School for refreshments at the conclusion of the evening.

Please contact Laura Morgan in the Faith Formation office if you have any questions: 363-7505, ext. 152.



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JANUARY 1, 2012 • MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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.

3rd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day KIDS AGAINST HUNGER PACKING MEALS EVENT: HERE'S A GREAT WAY TO START OUT THE NEW YEAR! On Saturday, January 21 at Saint Augustine's School in St. Cloud, (428 2nd St. S.E., right off Division St.) 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, hundreds of volunteers are needed to help package 150,000 meals which will be shipped to Jamaica's starving children. (Last year 148,000 meals were packaged.) You are encouraged to sign up for a two-hour shift at unitedwayhelps.org. (Scroll down and click on *Click here to find local volunteer opportunities*. Scroll down to *Events* and click on *Learn More*. Click on a time slot to volunteer.) Children are welcome to help as well. You can even make it a family project. Each volunteer is asked to donate \$10 toward the cost of supplies. This event is being sponsored by churches, service clubs, organizations, and ordinary folks of the area. Over-all, we are hoping to raise \$25,000 to help pay for the food packaged. Each packed bag will feed six people and the cost of the meal is 95 cents per bag.

\$ 300.00 will feed 2,000 people

\$ 150.00 will feed 1,000 people

\$ 35.00 will cover the cost of a full box of packed food which will feed 216 families

\$ 10.00 will sponsor yourself as a volunteer or you can sponsor another volunteer from our parish if you are unable to be there.

All donations go toward the cost of the food packaged. Think about it and tell your family and friends, too. If you wish to help financially, please write your check to *Kids Against Hunger of Central Minnesota* and put "January 21 packing" in the memo line, and drop it in the offering basket at church or at the parish office. Thank you in advance for your help.

Joyce Iten, O. S. B., Pastoral Minister

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COMMISSION OF SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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

Praying for Peace

Each year the Pope offers a message for the World Day of Peace which we celebrate on January 1. This year his theme is "Educating Young People in Justice and Peace" I offer this excerpt:

Peace, however, is not merely a gift to be received; it is also a task to be undertaken. In order to be true peacemakers, we must educate ourselves in compassion, solidarity, working together, fraternity, in being active within the community and concerned to raise awareness about national and international issues and the importance of seeking adequate mechanisms for the redistribution of wealth, the promotion of growth, cooperation for development and conflict resolution. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God," as Jesus says in the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5:9).

How might we, as a community of faith, live this out more fully this year?

Molly Weyrens, Coordinator of Social Ministries
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Social Concerns Committee

The committee meets the second Saturday of the month. Anyone is invited to join us for our meetings. Our next meeting is Saturday, January 14 at 9:00 am in the Youth Ministry Room of the school. Contact Chairperson Cheri Burg for more information at cheriburg@yahoo.com.

Partnership with the Diocese of Vijayapuram, India

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

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, Renee Lepinski, Alice Lenhardt, military men and women and their families, Alan Monsebroten, Delores Newcomb, Mike Nierengarten, people of the Diocese of Vijayapuram, India, Sam Rueckert, Lori Sprenger, Jeanette Steichen, Joan Wiener, 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, simply call the parish office, ext. 100. Names remain on the Prayer Corner for about two months.)*

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

30 Hour Fast: OK, don't be scared off by this challenge! Take a risk and see what it's like. Fasting is actually a very popular prayer form in many religions. It helps us to pay attention to our surroundings and people in new ways, understand just how strong we can be and get a better sense of what those who really can't eat go through. It's a way to be in solidarity—for a very short time—with those who struggle to survive.

Our fast will be the weekend of January 28/29. We will be drinking fruit juice and eating some crackers throughout our fast. (Our intent is to make sure this is done in a healthy way.) If you are in grades 9-12 and would like to be involved in planning this event, along with some of the youth from Resurrection Lutheran Church, we are meeting Monday, January 2 at 7:00 pm in the Youth Ministry Room. We have several people who've stepped forward and you also have a spot at the table! Please come if you are interested in creating a meaningful experience for our communities of faith.

Youth Group: Sunday, January 8, 6:30-8:00 pm at Meyer Home on Cty Rd 2. We'll meet at school (6:20 pm) and caravan over. Youth Group is not a regular class. It's a time for youth from the parish to gather who value their faith AND who might question their faith. It's for those looking to develop community and who want to make a difference in the world through exploring the gospel in a positive, realistic and relevant way. Come and at LEAST check it out! Call a friend to join you or come and meet a new friend. All 9-12th graders are welcome—friends outside the parish too! Spread the word. As we begin a new year our theme is "Challenging the Challenges."

Junior High Youth Rally: Sunday, January 15. Saint John's Prep 10 am-5 pm for Grades 6-8. Check out the parish website for more information and to register. REGISTRATION IS DUE ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 5. This is a great event to be outside to play, be inside to play and pray and listen to a great speaker while exploring our faith. Any adults able to attend, please talk with Molly.

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Family Table Talk... Questions for your family discussion this week (Gospel: Luke 2:16-21): What do mothers do to take care of their children? What does Mary do to take care of Jesus? What do you know about Mary's life? How does your parish church honor Mary? What prayers to Mary do you know? What do you imagine Mary pondered in her heart about Jesus?

Saint Joseph Lab School

A **big thank you** to the kindergarten students of the Lab School for your beautiful Christmas carols last week. Your voices filled the parish office with much joy and excitement for Jesus' birth.

—Fr. Joseph and the parish staff

Faith Formation Update

Sunday School classes WILL NOT meet next Sunday, January 8. **The next Sunday School class will be January 15.**

Grades 1-8 Safe Environment Training

This year's training will be on Wednesday, January 4 from 6:30-7:45 pm. To be in compliance with the policy of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops in the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, we are required each year to offer training in our Catholic schools and faith formation programs about personal safety. This year we will be using *Strong Voices, Smart Choices* for grades K-6, and *Personal Power* for grades 7-8. We will be showing these videos to grades 1-8 on Wednesday, January 4. Parents are welcome to preview the DVD prior to its showing, or to join us for this class time. You can also find trailers and short descriptions for this year's videos at the Diocese website: www.stcdio.org/about/safe-environment/safetyvideo.html. A declination form is available for parents who opt out of this training for their child. Contact Laura Morgan with questions or to obtain a declination form. Following the video, students will go back to their classrooms to discuss the video with their catechists.

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10th Grade Confirmation Students:

There will be a Confirmation Large Group activity night on Wednesday, January 11 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm for all 9-10th graders Confirmation candidates. We will be exploring how music, nature, personal experiences, and Eucharistic Adoration can connect us with God in meaningful prayer experiences.

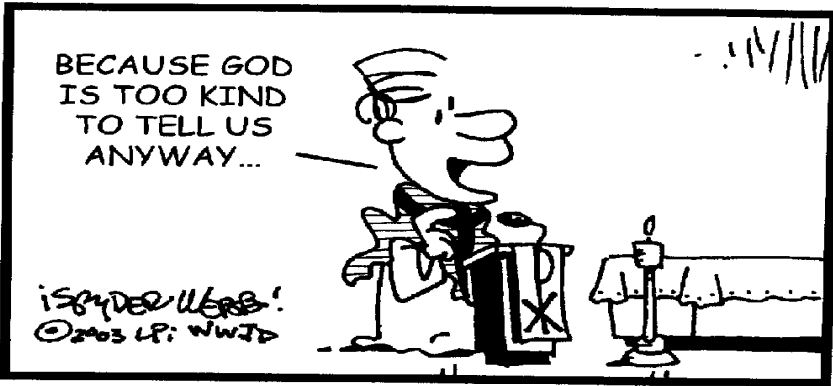
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COMMISSION OF WORSHIP

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

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



Readings for the Week of January 1

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. —Lk 2:16-17

- Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21
- Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
- Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11
- Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12



Gift Bearers needed for Weekend Liturgies

There is an ongoing need for people to serve as Gift Bearers for weekend liturgies. We are working to establish a more varied and inclusive list of people to contact for this liturgical role. Bringing up the gifts at Mass is very easy. Yet it's a very significant symbol and important aspect to our celebration of the Mass. Is this something you would like to do? We encourage you to participate. **Families with children:** This is a wonderful...and manageable... way for you to participate at Mass together! If interested, call Patty Paquin at 363-7277.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	Saturday, January 7 5:00 pm	Sunday, January 8 8:00 am	Sunday, January 8 10:00 am
Sacristans	Lori Pfannenstein	Bill Elfering	Judy Meemken
Greeters	Jean Nierengarten, Dorothy Sadlo, Thomas Schindler	Dale & Barb Wick, Elizabeth Lansing	Norm & Judy Hansen, Paige Cordie
Gift Bearers	Marie Przybilla & Family	Ryan Bahl & Family	Dave & Norma Koetter & Family
Eucharistic Ministers	Lori Pfannenstein, Marilyn Court, Janelle Harren, Charles Kern, Mary Kay Kern, Meg Klecker, Laura Kutzera	Bill Elfering, Nancy Walz, Peter Jansky, Peggy Jansky, Tammy Johnson, Sue Meers, Connie Loecken	Bernie Imholte, Alex Schleper, Kenneth Schreiber, Susan Sink, Jody Terhaar, Karl Terhaar, Karen Backes
Ushers	Diane Thelen, Leroy Warnert, Bernadette & Bob Ethen	Peter Giroux, Alan Glatzel, Mark Gohmann, John Heinen	Gerald Schreifels, Brian Klein, Tom Klein, Marvin Schmitz
Servers (*New Server)	Brenna Skahen & Clare McCarty	Colleen Dullinger & Riley Glatzel	Taylor Nordine* & Jon Ethen
Lectors	Betty Schloemer	Trish Gannon	Tim Ebel
Music Ministry	Adult Choir	Contemporary Choir	Children's Choir

The Week Ahead

Sunday, January 1

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:00 am Mass††Blaise and Mae Legatt
10:00 am Mass for our Parish

Monday, January 2

Parish/School Offices Closed

5:00 pm Mass at Saint Benedict's Monastery

Tuesday, January 3

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

SJLS Classes Resume

5:00 pm Mass at Saint Benedict's Monastery

Wednesday, January 4

4:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:00 pm Mass at Saint Benedict's Monastery
6:30 pm FF Community Night
6:30 pm Pastoral Council Ad Hoc Meeting

Thursday, January 5

7:45 am Confession
8:00 am Mass†Alphonse Stueve (Gr. 6)
10:00 am Autumn Thursday
7:15 pm Knights of Columbus District Meeting

Friday, January 6

8:00 am Mass†Deceased Members of Bill & Evelyn Laudenbach Family
2:30 pm Parish/School Offices Closed

Saturday, January 7

Baptism Weekend

4:00 pm Confession
5:00 pm Mass†Elmer Przybilla

Sunday, January 8

Epiphany

Baptism Sunday

8:30 am Mass for our Parish
10:30 am Mass†Ron Henne

Masses

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 7:45 am
Saturday 4:00 pm
 And by appointment - Please call Fr. Joseph at ext. 122.

Parish/School 363-7505

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Stewardship of Treasure

Treasure received week of December 25, 2011

Adult offering	\$6,121.00
Average weekly automated offering	\$2,978.20
Youth offering received	\$134.02

Budget through December 25	\$296,100.00
Actual through December 25	\$282,977.83
Difference	\$-13,122.17

Christmas Offering	\$16,291.77
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We brought nothing into the world, nor have we the power to take anything out. —Timothy 6:7-9

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,

In the 4th and 5th centuries debates about the nature of Christ raged in the Church. The debate was about the relationship of Christ's divine and human natures. At the center of this debate was a title of Mary. Since at least the 3rd century, Christians had referred to Mary as *theotokos*, a Greek word meaning "God-bearer." The first documented usage of the term is in the writings of Origen of Alexandria in AD 230.

Related to *theotokos*, Mary was called the mother of God. Referring to Mary this way was popular in Christian piety, but the patriarch of Constantinople from 428-431, Nestorius, objected. He suggested that Mary was only the mother of Jesus' human nature, but not his divine nature. Nestorius' ideas (or at least how others perceived his arguments) were condemned at the Council of Ephesus in AD 431, and again at the Council of Chalcedon in AD 451. The Church decided that Christ was fully God and fully human, and these natures were united in one divine person, Jesus Christ. Thus Mary could be called "mother of God" since she gave birth to Jesus who was fully divine as well as human. Since this time, Mary has been frequently honored as the "mother of God" by Catholics, Orthodox, and many Protestants.

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God falls exactly one week after Christmas, the end of the octave of Christmas. It is fitting to honor Mary as Mother of Jesus, following the birth of Christ. When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human. Calling Mary "mother of God" is the highest honor we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace." This solemnity, falling on New Year's Day, is also designated the World Day of Peace. (Source: www.churchyear.net)

I will be at the annual Saint John's Abbey workshop January 2-4, so there will be no morning Mass in the parish on Tuesday and Wednesday. However, everyone is invited to join the Sisters of Saint Benedict's Monastery for Mass at 5:00 pm on those days.

The parish office will be closed Monday, January 2 for the New Year's Day holiday.

Blessings on your week!

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

Join CERT

Learn how to prepare yourself and your family for emergencies. Receive instruction on how to respond to your neighborhood and your community during a disaster. Join the Stearns and Benton County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) by attending our FREE eight-week training course, held Tuesday evenings in January and February (ending Feb. 21), 6:30-9:00 pm in Waite Park. To enroll, or for more info., please contact Angie at 255-7265 or Angie.Trulson@ci.stcloud.mn.us.

The Collegeville Consort will present a brief concert entitled, "Epiphany!" at 2:00 next Sunday afternoon, January 8, in the Emmaus Chapel on the campus of Saint John's University. Music of Christmas and Epiphany will be presented. The concert is free and open to the public.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Are you looking to enrich your relationship with your spouse? Put life back into your loving relationship by attending a Marriage Encounter weekend at the St. Francis Center in Little Falls. For over 30 years St. Cloud Marriage Encounter has enriched thousands of marriages in Minnesota. The next weekend will be held on February 11/12. To get further information please call 252-3220 or go to <http://stcloudme.org>.

Christmas Goodies



Thank you to Judy Hansen for preparing a delicious spread of Christmas goodies on Thursday, December 22 after Mass. Everyone enjoyed the fabulous culinary delights and great company.