

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.



ALL SAINTS
ACADEMY

Invites parents and students interested in learning more about our Preschool - Grade 6 program to attend our

OPEN HOUSE
Thursday, January 12
4:30-6:30 pm

Parents will have the opportunity to meet with teachers, staff and parents of current students.
Games and activities will be available for children.

We offer:

Christ-Centered Education
Academic Excellence
Small Class Sizes
After School Tutoring
Peanut Safe School

Montessori Preschool
4-6 Grade Band Program
Financial Assistance for K-6
Extra Curricular Sports
After School Childcare

Call us for a personal tour if you cannot make the open house.

Contact us at 363-7505, ext. 150 or principal@churchstjoseph.org

Visit our website at

www.churchstjoseph.org/labschool/



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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.

JANUARY 8, 2012 • FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

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.*

“...and behold, the star that the magi had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.” (Mt 2). The magi were blessed for their faith in following the star—God’s GPS system (God’s Primary Star). Because of their diligence and faith, the magi were rewarded by finding the Lord Jesus and having the opportunity of adoring him. How diligent might we be in following the inspirations and leadings of the Holy Spirit in our lives as we search for Jesus? What happens within each of us when God turns on his GPS system and is clearly inviting us to follow a specific star set before us—a star inviting us to forgiveness, the star of caring what happens to our neighbor, the star that invites us to fasting and prayer, the star that brings us to the *Kids Against Hunger* event, or the star inviting us to be a more loving and caring family member? Hopefully, we can give a loving response.

Joyce Iten, O. S. B., Pastoral Minister
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Kids Against Hunger

The 3rd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day *Kids Against Hunger* Event will be on Saturday, January 21, 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Help package nutritionally balanced meals for starving children in Jamaica and for our own local food shelves. The River Cluster: St. Augustine Church, Christ Church Newman and St. Mary Cathedral, along with Thrivent Financial and with the support of other area churches and service clubs, plan to package 150,000 meals with 600 volunteers. Volunteers are asked to make a \$10 donation to help pay for ingredients. 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.) Packaging will be done at St. Augustine Parish Center: 428 2nd St. SE, St. St. Cloud. This can become a family event. Thank you in advance for your help.

Prayer Corner

Please pray for... Judy Bruemmer, 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, Tom Nahan, 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 SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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

“Sustaining God’s Creation” It seems that there are three prongs to “Sustaining God’s Creation” (the theme of this year’s Social Concerns Initiative) that include economics, social justice and the environment. You are invited to a presentation by Judy Purman, College of Saint Benedict’s Director of Sustainability, on **Thursday, January 19 at 7:00 pm** in the SJLS Dining Room to hear about new ways that we can all work to sustain what God has so generously created. Invite your neighbors too. We have much to learn and our planet can’t wait!

Social Concerns Committee We meet 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 info. 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.

An excerpt from Pope Benedict’s 2010 Message for the World Day of Peace:

Twenty years ago, Pope John Paul II devoted his *Message for the World Day of Peace* to the theme: *Peace with God the Creator, Peace with All of Creation*. He emphasized our relationship, as God’s creatures, with the universe all around us. “In our day,” he wrote, “there is a growing awareness that world peace is threatened ... also by a lack of *due respect for nature*.” He added that “*ecological awareness*, rather than being downplayed, needs to be helped to develop and mature, and find fitting expression in concrete programs and initiatives”... It is becoming more and more evident that the issue of environmental degradation challenges us to examine our life-style and the prevailing models of consumption and production, which are often unsustainable from a social, environmental and even economic point of view. We can no longer do without a real change of outlook which will result in *new life-styles*, “in which the quest for truth, beauty, goodness and communion with others for the sake of common growth are the factors which determine consumer choices, savings and investments.”

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

Youth Group: THIS SUNDAY NIGHT! January 8, 6:30-8:00 pm at the Meyer's Barn (like no other barn!) on Cty Rd 2. We will meet at SJLS at 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 and come 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 "The Gift of Challenge."

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 Saturday-Sunday, 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 Wednesday, January 11, 8:30-9:15 pm. 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. If you can't make the planning meeting, but still want to help, please contact Molly.

Junior High Youth Rally! Sunday, January 15 at Saint John's Prep 10:00 am-5:00 pm: Students in grades 6-8 check out the parish website for more information and to register. We might be able to squeeze a few more in, but call TODAY. This is a great event to play inside and outside, pray and listen to a great speaker and explore our faith. Any adults able to attend, please talk with Molly.

Happy New Year! What do you plan on doing to practice your faith in a deeper way this year?

Molly Weyrens, Coordinator of Youth Ministry
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Family Table Talk... Questions for your family discussion this week (Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12): What gift would you like to give the baby Jesus? Why do the magi give gifts? What are some journeys you have taken? What are the magi seeking on their journey? When have you followed a sign or idea that led you to try something new? What makes a pilgrimage different from a walk? Who today are seekers from afar like the magi of the Epiphany gospel?

Faith Formation

Sunday School classes WILL meet next Sunday, January 15. Please call or email Laura Morgan if you have any questions or concerns. See you there!

Grades 1-8: This Wednesday, January 11, there will be NO faith formation classes. **All grades will meet next week, Wednesday January 18, from 6:30-7:45 pm.**

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

9th & 10th Grade Confirmation Students:

All attend Large Group Session, Wednesday, January 11 from 7:00-8:30 pm. **10th Graders: Confirmand/Sponsor Session one and two are due January 11.**

Kathy Janku
Interim Director of Sacramental Preparation
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All Saints Academy—St. Joseph

Happy New Year! I want to start the year by thanking you for your generous support of Catholic education at our parish school. Your support helps the staff at the school carry out our mission to nurture the students in the love and faith of Jesus Christ. Through daily religious instruction and prayer, weekly liturgy, and numerous community service projects, the students learn what it is to carry on the mission of Christ in the world. Your support is invaluable and deeply appreciated especially as we move forward in forming All Saints Academy.

As with any change, there will be some confusion. We need your help in informing others that even though our name has changed, we still offer an excellent academic and faith-filled education. Help us spread the word that **registration for 2012-13 academic year will begin in January.** Please encourage families with children in preschool or elementary school to attend the open house to learn more about our All Saints Academy. **The Open House/Information Night will be held Thursday, January 12 from 4:30–6:30 pm.** Games and activities will be provided for the kids while parents visit with staff. Parents can also contact the school to schedule personal tours. If interested families cannot make it that night, contact the school office at 363–7505 ext. 150 or schooloffice@churchstjoseph.org to set up a personal meeting and tour.

Blessings,
Karl Terhaar, Principal

Theology On Tap

Come to Granite City Food & Brewery, Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 pm to hear all about *Central MN Catholic Worker* from member, Corein Brown. Corein and other community members from the area, have been working to open a house of hospitality in St. Joseph.

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.

The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts

The Proclamation of the Date of Easter during the Epiphany season is a tradition that dates from a time when calendars were not readily available. It was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date. The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday, and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all computed in relation to Easter.

Although calendars are now readily available and people do not depend solely on public proclamations in order to know news and events, the traditional Epiphany proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year.

It is in the spirit of this ancient tradition that we make the following proclamation:

Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the twenty-second day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the eighth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the twentieth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the twenty-seventh day of May, the feast of Pentecost.

On the tenth day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the second day of December, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings for the Week of January 8

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

- Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/
Mt 2:1-12
- Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11
or Acts 10:34-38 or
1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 or
1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/
Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/
Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/
Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/
Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
Jn 1:35-42

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	Saturday, January 14 5:00 pm	Sunday, January 15 8:00 am	Sunday, January 15 10:00 am
Sacristans	Bob & Bernadette Ethen	Virginia Meier	Molly Paquin & Savana Paquin
Greeters	Sandy Chew, Marie Przybilla, Jan Zimmerman	Gerry & Jackie Klaphake, Sue Meers	Bernie & Bea Imholte, Dianne Gideon
Gift Bearers	Gail and Jack Pelzer	Steve and Anita Reber and Family	Bill and Julie Nelson and Family
Eucharistic Ministers	Lori Stock, Bernadette Ethen, Kay Lemke, Kathy Lyon, Judy Meyer, Tom Murray, Joann Rueckert	Virginia Meier, Ellen Murray, Elaine Newton, Ann Reischl, Othmar Schmitz, Joan Skroch, Nancy Walz	Bruce Bechtold, John Blattner, Dee Dee Blattner, Jim Boettcher, Peggy Boettcher, Becky Cameron, Gary Dietman
Ushers	Beth & Mark Leither, Carol & Marv Mastey	Gary Kuefler, Leo Glatzel, Andy Loso, Maurice Palmersheim	Matthew Schreifels, Mike Thell, Sean Thomas, David Thomas
Servers (*New Server)	Caitlin Skahen & Sara Gideon	Charlie Reber & Luke Reber	Rachel Terhaar* & Luca Waletzko
Lectors	Tom Stock	Bonnie Gohmann	Mary Kay Hoeschen
Music Ministry	Cantor	Cantor	Cantors

The Week Ahead

Sunday, January 8

Epiphany

Baptism Sunday

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

Monday, January 9

Baptism of the Lord

SJLS Science Express

- 5:00 pm** Mass at Saint Benedict's Monastery
7:00 pm Concert Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Baptism Preparation
7:15 pm Knights of Columbus Rosary/Meeting

Tuesday, January 10

SJLS Science Express

- 4:30 pm** Liturgy Committee Meeting
5:00 pm Mass at Saint Benedict's Monastery
7:15 pm Contemporary Choir

Wednesday, January 11

SJLS Science Express

- 4:30 pm** Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:00 pm Mass at Saint Benedict's Monastery
6:30 pm Junior High Small Groups
7:00 pm Confirmation Large Group Session

Thursday, January 12

SJLS Science Express

- 7:45 am** Confession
8:00 am Mass††Marcy & Brenda Pfannenstien
10:00 am Autumn Thursday
1:00 pm Senior Citizens at St. Joseph Fire Hall
4:30 pm SJLS Open House
7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting

Friday, January 13

- 8:00 am** Mass†William Lowell Sr.

Saturday, January 14

- 8:00 am** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
4:00 pm Confession
5:00 pm Mass†Eileen Nierengarten

Sunday, January 15

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am** Mass for our Parish
10:00 am Mass for Deacon Sebastian Thekethecheril
 —Blessing for Expectant Parents

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.

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Stewardship of Treasure

Treasure received week of January 1, 2012

Average weekly budget	\$11,844.00
Adult offering	\$13,287.69
Average weekly automated offering	\$2,451.35
Weekly difference	\$3,895.04
Youth offering received	\$53.97
Budget through January 1	\$307,944.00
Actual through January 1	\$298,716.87
Difference	\$-9,227.13
Solemnity of Mary Offering	\$1,914.00

*He who confers benefits will be amply enriched,
 and he who refreshes others will himself be
 refreshed.*
 —Proverbs 11:224

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,

The United States Catholic Bishops have designated today, the Solemnity of the Epiphany, as Immigration Sunday and the start of National Migration Week, January 8-14.

This year's theme is *Welcoming Christ in the Migrant*. "Just as on the road to Emmaus, Christ's disciples met him in the guise of a stranger, this year's theme helps remind us that Christ makes himself present to each of us in the lonesome traveler, the newcomer, and the migrant," said Archbishop José Gomez of Los Angeles. "We are called to open our hearts and provide hospitality to those in need, especially for migrants who find themselves far away from home and in vulnerable situations."

—Archbishop Gomez is the chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Migration.

The observance of National Migration Week was begun over a quarter century ago by the U.S. bishops to provide Catholics an opportunity to take stock of the wide diversity of peoples in the Church and the ministries serving them. Resources for National Migration Week can be found at the USCCB website: www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/national-migration-week.

There will be no morning Mass in the parish on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 10 and 11. However, everyone is invited to join the Sisters of Saint Benedict's Monastery for Mass at 5:00 pm on those days.

Blessings on your week!

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

Epiphany Home Blessing

Notice how the magi found Jesus "upon entering the house."

The door to your home is the door to where God lives! You can bless your house, and all who enter it this new year, by inscribing a prayer above your front door. With a piece of chalk, inscribe the following above the doors of your home:

20 + C + M + B + 12

Then pray the following prayer:

**Lord God of heaven and earth,
may our home be filled with the light of Christ,
with kindness to one another,
with hospitality to guests,
and with abundant care for every stranger.**

**May our family know peace, prosperity,
and the keeping of your law
throughout the year.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The number of the new year is split at the beginning and end. The initials C, M and B represent the names of the three kings—Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The crosses stand for "saint." Interestingly enough, the three letters also abbreviate the prayer, "Christus Mansionem Benedicat," which means,



"May Christ bless this house." Blessing your doorways in January is appropriate. The Latin word "janua" means "portal" or "doorway." January is the "doorway" to the coming year of faith. In this year, we can join the countless others in places all around the world who are "opening the doors" to Christ.

Making Room at Our Table Matching Gift

We extend our heartfelt thank you to the generous donor for the \$150,000 matching gift that will help us reach our goal for the *Making Room at Our Table* capital campaign. And also a heartfelt thank you to all who responded. So far we have received an additional \$28,000 in pledges/contributions designated for the matching gift. The matching gift had a deadline of December 31; however, the donor has agreed to keep it open. Perhaps as you prepare your end-of-the-year taxes, you may be in a position to make an additional contribution or make a pledge commitment if you previously have not been able to do so.

The committee will begin working with the architect in the coming weeks to finalize plans for the needed improvements and addition. The budget for the project will be determined by the campaign commitments and contributions we receive. We would like to hear from 100% of our parish households so please respond if you haven't yet. This will give the committee an accurate budget to work with and allow them to plan the best possible project for the parish. As plans develop, parishioners will have opportunity for input – please watch the bulletin for details.

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 to you as we begin a New Year and move forward with *Making Room at Our Table*!

Sandy Scholz, Business Manager