

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.

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Wait for the Lord

• "Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping." *Mk 13:35-36*

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Church of Saint Joseph Parish Mission

Our Parish will celebrate the Advent Parish Mission from Sunday-Thursday, December 4-8 with Fr. Robert Morin, OMI.

*Give yourself a spiritual gift this Advent...
come to the Parish Mission...*



NOVEMBER 27, 2011 • FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

COMMISSION OF WORD

Youth Ministry

A note of thanks to all of our youth who have been generous with GIVING of themselves through learning and serving over the last several months. For those who have not taken advantage of what has been offered, please know you are most welcome and invited to join in whenever you are able to do so. I hope we can create a culture of service here at the Church of Saint Joseph so that it becomes second nature instead of just getting through whatever is required for Confirmation. Service is lifelong and a way of life. Thanks also to all the adults who walk the journey in mentoring and praying for them!

Special thanks to Sue Meyer, Carmen Eble, Nick Lemke, Tammy Heinen, Anna Meyer and Ashley Heinen for serving a meal at Place of Hope on November 13. Remember we are going again on Sunday, December 11, 3:30-6:30 pm. Please go to our church website to sign up!

Junior High Activity Night for 6-8th Graders

Wednesday, November 30, 7-8:30 pm. See backside of Barnes and Noble insert in bulletin.

30 Hour Fast for 9-12th Graders

Are you up for a spiritual and physical challenge? As a way to deepen our awareness of global and local hunger we will be hosting a 30 hour famine along with the youth from Resurrection Lutheran Church in January. Details are still being worked out, but start thinking about participating! There will be activities and service and lots of fun included. We will also be staying overnight together at one of our churches. Contact Molly if you want to help plan this or have questions. Challenge yourself! Fasting is an amazing way to pray. Adults - we also invite you to fast along with us. Monies raised will help alleviate the food crisis and famine in Africa. Over 60,000 children have died. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity.

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

Family Table Talk... Questions for your family discussion this week (Gospel: Mark 13:33-37): *What are three things your family does to make Advent special? What experiences in family, in friendships, in nature have awakened you to what is important in life? What stirs fear and hope in your heart this Advent? What helps you stay awake to all we are becoming in God?*

Faith Formation

No Faith Formation classes this week for grades 1-8. come to Advent Family Fun Night!

Sunday School classes WILL NOT meet next Sunday, December 4. **Come to the KC breakfast and enjoy great food and wonderful fellowship!** Please call or email the Faith Formation Office if you have any questions or concerns.

Faith Formation Office
363-7505, ext. 152
faithformation@churchstjoseph.org

Saint Joseph Lab School

With the commercialization of Christmas, it seems we forget the season of Advent. It is meant to be a time to prepare ourselves for the miraculous event of Christ's birth. Saint Joseph Lab School will be doing many things this Advent season in preparation of the birth of our Savior. We will gather each week as a school for Advent prayer. Each classroom will have an Advent wreath for classroom prayer. Students will also be praying daily for another student as their Advent Angel. There will be a Jesse Tree in the lunchroom where a student will place a symbol of Christ's family tree each day at lunch and students will learn what the symbol represents.

Saint Nicholas will also be making a visit to the school. On the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Thursday, December 8 each grade will be exploring a title given to Mary. Kindergarten: "The Blessed Virgin Mary," 1st: "Our Lady of Lourdes," 2nd: "Our Lady of Fatima," 3rd: "Mary and the Holy Rosary," 4th: "Mary, Queen of Peace," 5th: "Our Lady of Guadeloupe," 6th: "The Immaculate Conception." Towards the end of Advent, the students will be assembling and wrapping boxes with the donated Advent Box items. *Place of Hope*, a ministry in St. Cloud serving the homeless in the Tri-County area, will distribute these gifts. Through these activities, students will develop an awareness of the real reason we celebrate the Christmas season.

Blessings,
Karl Terhaar, principal

Advent Family Fun Night

6:00-7:00 pm

Saint Joseph Lab School

Wednesday, November 30



Join Saint Nicholas and your friends for a night of crafts and FUN!

We welcome donations to the St. Joseph Area Food Shelf.

For more information please call 363-7505, ext. 204.

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.

I must have been at least 17 years old before I learned what an Advent Wreath was and I remember how excited I was to help make my very first Advent Wreath. I thought the whole parish, maybe even the whole world would want to know about Advent and the Advent wreath. To my dismay and disappointment, I soon discovered that a lot of folks had other things on their minds during Advent other than the Advent Wreath or preparing their hearts for Christmas. In the commercial world, Christmas decorations, sales, gifts and music are all about Christmas as a commercial endeavor. From a religious point of view, some folks wait until Christmas to show up in church for their annual visit to a church. In the final analysis, it seems that the observance of Advent and the celebration of Christmas becomes a personal responsibility. As a parish, there are observances and practices which enhance our experience of Advent and support our collective desire to celebrate Christmas for the right reasons. May this Advent time be a time of observance and preparation for the Holy season of Christmas which changes our hearts and attitudes in very meaningful ways, if we're paying attention.

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

Support and Pray for Military Families Remember these service men and women and their families in your prayers: Chad Phillipp, Marine serving in Afghanistan; David Lahr, a soldier serving in Afghanistan; Joseph Cheney, National Guardsman, serving in Kuwait, Christal (Joseph) Cheney, a soldier serving at Camp Ripley, MN; Jesse Meyer, brother of Christal Cheney, soon to be deployed in the Navy. Thank you.

Turkey Cards Please begin handing in your stamped turkey cards or receipts from Coborn's for the Thanksgiving baskets at the food shelf. **We will collect any donated cards and receipts through November 29.** Thank you so very much.

Prayer Corner

Please pray for... Marian Brisk, Judy Bruemmer, Laken Court, Richard Dalen, Nancy Evans, Annie Funk, Justin Funk, Doris Goebel, William Hall, Cliff Hilsgen, Blake Hogenson, Glenn Hommerding, Kathleen Johnson, Bob Kempen, Martha Kierzek, Amy Klaphake, Rebecca Klaphake, Cassie Klein, Darlene Kroll, Larry & Linda Leither, Renee Lepinski, Alice Lenhardt, military men and women and their families, Alan Monsebroten, Tom Nahan, Delores Newcomb, Mike Nierengarten, people of the Diocese of Vijayapuram, India, Sam Rueckert, Cindy Schmitz, Ed Seifert, Lori Sprenger, Jeanette Steichen, Dennis Stueve, Eileen Whitley, 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.)*

Christmas Giving Tree

The "Giving Tree" for our annual Christmas Giving Tree and Basket Program will be displayed in church this weekend. Parishioners are invited to take a gift tag from the tree and buy a gift for someone in need this Christmas. Tags indicate gender, age, sizes, and any special needs. Please return the wrapped gift —**ATTACHING THE ORIGINAL TAG TO THE GIFT**— before Wednesday, December 7. You may place them under the tree when coming to Mass or at any other time. There will be a basket available to collect new mittens that will be donated to Catholic Charities for their holiday programs. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Alayna Christensen at 363-7505, ext. 121. Thanks you for generously sharing with those in need this Christmas Season.

Parish Loss and Grief Support Group: Sunday, December 11, 1:30 pm in the Parish House Meeting Room.

COMMISSION OF SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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

Work of Human Hands Sale Our parish will once again be sponsoring the Work of Human Hands Sale. This Christmas we invite you to think about buying gifts with purpose by influencing the lives of others in a positive way. We will hold the sale during the KC breakfast on Sunday, December 4 and after the Mission on Monday evening, December 5. We will be set up in the Preschool room at the Lab School. Please come over and check out all of the high quality Fair Trade items. They will make great gifts!

Get to know more about Dorothy Day

Attend a screening of a new documentary called, "Don't Call me a Saint" followed by a discussion. There will be TWO showings on Tuesday, November 29 at 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm in the Teresa Reception Center in the Main Building at the College of Saint Benedict. All are welcome. The film is about 50 minutes long.

Partnership with the Diocese of Vijayapuram, India For Christmas this year, consider giving a gift that keeps giving. For a tax-deductible donation of just 27 cents a day, you can help respond to the needs of the poorest of the poor in the diocese of Vijayapuram through the *We Share* program. If you want to learn more, *We Share* brochures are available in the rack at the back of the church. Kathy and Dave Rennie, who coordinate *We Share*, will be traveling to India on Wednesday, December 14 and they will gladly bring with them your sponsorship donation.

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

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.

Where Can I Find the New Responses at Mass?

We begin using the new Mass texts this weekend, November 26/27, the First Sunday of Advent. For your convenience, the new responses will be available in four different places:

- The front of the new Sacred Song books will have the complete “Order of Mass” – a new feature in that publication.
- The missalettes found at the entrances will continue to provide the complete “Order of Mass,” as they always have.
- A card with the new responses can be found in the front of the Black Binder.
- Large-print cards with the new responses will be available on the bulletin tables at the entrances. (You can help us keep things tidy by returning them to the same bulletin tables after Mass – not the basket with the worship aids.)

THANKS TO ALL OF THE WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS

who have helped us get ready for the implementation of the new Mass texts the past several weeks. Your help with getting the new “Sacred Song” books covered and in the pews ,the response cards prepared and put into the Black Binders, picking up and transporting many boxes of materials from the publisher, and stuffing bulletins with pertinent information...**ALL** is greatly appreciated!

Liturgical ministers are needed for the Thursday, December 8, 7:00 pm Holy Day Mass, the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

A sign-up sheet is on the counter in the East Entrance. This liturgy coincides with the final night of our Parish Mission. (There will also be an 8:00 am Mass on that day, the ministers for which will be supplied by the school community.)

Readings for the Week of November 27

Jesus said to his disciples: “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’” —Mk 13:33, 37

- Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/ Mk 13:33-37
- Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/ Mt 4:18-22
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6/ Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/ Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/ 2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

**“The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.”**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	Saturday, December 3 5:00 pm	Sunday, December 4 8:00 am	Sunday, December 4 10:00 am
Sacristans	Bob & Bernadette Ethen	Judy Meemken	Judy Meemken
Greeters	Ken & Mary Stommes, Jan Zimmerman	Gerry & Jackie Klaphake, Elizabeth Lansing	Charlie & Cheri Burg, Paige Cordie
Gift Bearers	Kay and Eric Medelberg Family	Open to Volunteers	Judy Thelen Kron
Eucharistic Ministers	Bernadette Ethen, Michael Brixius, Darlene Bechtold, Marilyn Court, Harold Brinkman, Marilyn Brinkman, Jane Bierschbach	Jennifer Oswald, Sue Meers, Ann Reischl, Othmar Schmitz, Joan Skroch, Carol Braun, Ellen Murray	John Herdan, Bernie Imholte, Shirley Miller, Susan Sink, Karl Terhaar, Jody Terhaar, Kenneth Schreiber
Ushers	Marv & Carol Mastey, LeRoy Warnert, Diane Thelen	Jack Blommer, Richard Gallus, Lloyd Bruemmer, Peter Giroux	Brian Klein, Tom Klein, Marvin Schmitz, Gerald Schreifels
Servers (*New Server)	Katie Schleper & Claire Kissela*	Kateri Fischer & Jake Ethen*	Mackenzie Wick & Jake Kregelberg*
Lectors	Diane Duckworth	Peggy Jansky	Merle Bauer
Music Ministry	Adult Choir	Contemporary Choir	Youth Choir

The Week Ahead

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 am** Mass for our Parish
10:00 am Mass†Claudette Klein

Monday, November 28

- 5:00 pm** Mass at Saint Benedict's Monastery
7:00 pm *An Altar in the World* Book Discussion at Local Blend

Tuesday, November 29

- 8:00 am** Mass††Mathias & Rosina Roeder
5:00 pm SJLS Book Fair at Barnes & Noble
7:15 pm Contemporary Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 30

- 8:00 am** Mass†Raymond Krebsbach
9:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:45 am Parish Staff Meeting
4:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Advent Family Fun Night
7:00 pm Activity Night (Gr. 6-8)

Thursday, December 1

- 7:45 am** Confession
8:00 am Mass††Ed & Marie Schneider—Gr. 3
10:00 am Autumn Thursday
6:30 pm Cantor Rehearsal
7:00 pm Adult Choir

Friday, December 2

SJLS No School

- 8:00 am** Mass††Henry & Mary Walburga Albers

Saturday, December 3

- 4:00 pm** Confession
5:00 pm Mass†John Meers

Sunday, December 4

Second Sunday of Advent

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

- 8:00 am** Mass for our Parish
10:00 am Mass†Stanley Kron
7:00 pm Parish Mission

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

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Stewardship of Treasure

Treasure received week of November 20, 2011

Average weekly budget	\$11,844.00
Adult offering	\$5,961.23
Average weekly automated offering	\$2,971.95
Weekly difference	\$-2,910.82
Youth offering received	\$51.08
Budget through November 20	\$248,724.00
Actual through November 20	\$226,041.83
Difference	\$-22,682.17

Do not neglect good deeds and generosity. God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.

Hebrews 13:16

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,

For those of you who missed my October 30 column, Dawn Carrillo, our Director of Faith Formation for the past four years, accepted a position in liturgy and Hispanic ministry at Saint Mary's Church in Melrose.

I am pleased to announce the hiring of two persons who will assume the duties of the Director of Faith Formation in part-time positions for the remainder of the school year.

Kathy Janku has been named Interim Director of Sacramental Preparation. Kathy will be responsible for coordinating the programs leading to the reception of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation for the youth of our parish. She is a 2010 graduate of Saint John's University School of Theology-Seminary with a Master of Arts in Theology with a Scripture concentration.

Laura Morgan has been named Interim Director of Youth and Adult Faith Formation. Laura's primary responsibilities will be to coordinate the Faith Formation Community Nights, the Grades 1-8 program and oversee other offerings such as Baptism preparation and Bible Study. She graduated from Saint John's University School of Theology-Seminary in 2011 with the same degree and concentration as Kathy.

After January 1, the Human Resources Committee will begin the search for a permanent director. Thank you for your patience and continued prayers. Please join me in welcoming Kathy and Laura.

Some more thoughts on *Making Room at Our Table*...

Hopefully, you received an update on the campaign in the mail this past week. If not, call the parish office at 363-7505, ext. 100.

If you haven't done so already, please return your pledge cards for the *Making Room at Our Table* Capital Campaign and the 2012 Sunday Offering to the parish office as soon as possible. Continue to pray the *Making Room at Our Table* Campaign Prayer daily!

To learn more about *Making Room at Our Table*, check under the Communications tab at www.churchstjoseph.org.

Blessings on your week!

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

A BIG THANK YOU to the following community members who donated produce and other food items to the Saint Joseph Lab School Lunch Program: Betty Roering and her sons, Jai Meyer, Andy Loso, Susan Meyer and Knights of Columbus members.

—Mary Kay Pelkey, Head Cook and SJLS Community

Thank you We would like to express our gratitude to Fr. Joseph, David Orzechowski, the choir and to those who prepared and served the meal for Roger's funeral. We appreciate the thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

—Roger Raden Family

Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast Sunday, December 4 from 8:30 am-Noon Saint Joseph Lab School

*Pancakes and Waffles with fruit toppings and whipped cream *Smoked and Fresh Sausage *Scrambled Eggs with toppings *Ham *Hash Browns *Rolls/Muffins *Fresh Fruit *Juice *Coffee *Milk

*Adults (13 and older)-\$7.00 *Ages 6-12-\$3.00 *5 and under-free
Enjoy the best breakfast in town on the first Sunday of every month!

*Work of Human Hands sale during breakfast.

SHARE THE SPIRIT On Thursday, December 1 at 7:00 pm, Saint John's Prep. School and Cathedral High School will join together to offer a free concert performed at Saint Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud. This is a promotional concert to support the "Share the Spirit" program at Catholic Charities which provides Christmas gifts and food for local families in need.

Catholic Charities

A number of you have already chosen to give a gift to Catholic Charities. Thank you. Your gifts will GIVE a hand to our neighbors, will HELP those in need and will CHANGE lives. Together, we will make a difference in Central Minnesota.

Defend Human Dignity

Thank you for your contributions to the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Your generosity has laid the foundation for important changes in low-income communities all over the United States. Through CCHD, we manifest Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus' mission "to bring good news to the poor...release to captives...sight to the blind and let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).

Time to get the Youth Choir together again

for the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, December 4. This will be the second Sunday of Advent, and therefore a lovely time of the year to sing for a Mass! There will be one mandatory practice: Wednesday, November 30, 6:00-7:00 pm in church (1/2 hour earlier than usual.) If interested in singing for this liturgy, please contact the director, David Orzechowski, at 363-7505, ext. 123 or liturgy@churchstjoseph.org. Returning...and new singers...welcomed and encouraged to participate. Let's hear from you!

Church of Saint Joseph Parish Mission:

Need a ride to the Parish Mission? Call the parish office at 363-7505, ext. 100.

WE NEED DRIVERS to transport the elderly and handicapped to our Parish Mission. If you would be so kind as to help with this ministry, please call the parish office.