

# The SAINT JOSEPH BUILDER

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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.*

## Church of Saint Joseph Ministry Fair & Mardi Gras

Food, Fun & Festivity!

Saturday, February 13  
6:00–7:00 pm

&

Sunday, February 14  
9:00 am–12:00 noon

*Each one, as a good  
manager of God's different  
gifts, must use for the good  
of others the special gifts  
he/she has received from  
God.*

—1 Peter 4:10

## Lab School Dining Room

Please bring the entire family and learn about the ministries of the parish, meet your fellow parishioners and enjoy the fun!

Special activities for children on Sunday morning

## What is a Ministry Fair?

The purpose of a ministry fair is to celebrate the life of the parish—its mission, ministries, diversity and character. It is a way to inform parishioners of the different ministries/programs available and to help parishioners select an area in which to use their gifts in service. It is also an opportunity to educate parishioners of how our service through ministry fulfills the mission of the Church of Saint Joseph.

*What good is it if someone says they have faith but does not have works?... Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.* —James 2:4

We are a parish rich in works of service. Please join fellow parishioners at our Ministry Fair to learn more. The Fair is being held in the Lab School Dining Room the weekend of February 13 and 14 after all three Masses. Each program and ministry of the parish will have a booth at the Fair with information and someone will be available to explain and answer questions about the ministry. There will be food and fun and on Sunday morning there will be special activities for the youth.



*Christmas Gift Distribution—Social Ministry  
Ruth Dolven, Sharon Steil, Sr. Dorothy Manual, Virginia Meier,  
Sr. Stefanie Weisgram, Marlene Schell*

## Sharing the Ministry Sign-up

Sharing the Ministry booklets describing all the ministries of the parish and sign-up forms will be distributed after all Masses the weekend of February 13-14. They will also be available in the hanging rack in the East Entrance of the church and on the parish website at [www.churchstjoseph.org](http://www.churchstjoseph.org).



*Funeral Lunch Ministry  
Jane Reber & Esther Reischl*

## Notes from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

In his letter to the Romans, Saint Paul tells us that “we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us” (12:6). In his first letter to the Corinthians, he adds, “Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God” (10:31). Discovering and acknowledging our gifts and sharing them for God’s glory are fundamental aspects of our lives as Christians.

As you make your own commitment to service, know that you are in my prayers. May God’s blessings be with you always!

*In Christ’s peace,  
Fr. Joseph, OSB*

## Our Gifts

Each of us is like a gift package from God. Our combination of gifts is unique. Not one of us has ever been replicated on this earth! Our giftedness includes our talents and abilities, styles, interests, experiences, preferences, and passions for serving in the world. Our gifts are part of an abundant web of giftedness in our faith community. These gifts were given to us so that we might minister together as partners in God’s work in the world. And our gifts are meant for us to enjoy too! When we use our gifts, we discover the joys of an abundant life.

What are our gifts? One way to identify our gifts is to use the gift inventory on page 3.

# Gift Inventory

*“Each one, as a good manager of God’s different gifts, must use for the good of others the special gifts he/she has received from God.”*

—1 Peter 4:10

To assist in matching the gifts of our parishioners to areas of service and ministry, please complete the following gift inventory; one for each member of your family. Additional forms (separate forms for children) are available in the East Entrance of the church and online at [www.churchstjoseph.org](http://www.churchstjoseph.org). Completed forms should be brought to the Ministry Fair or returned to the parish office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**My gifts are...**(Check the skills you know you have and circle the ones you are interested in learning about or have an opportunity to try.)

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting/finances      | <input type="checkbox"/> Facilitating                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acting/drama             | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith-sharing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Praying                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Analyzing                | <input type="checkbox"/> Following up on tasks         | <input type="checkbox"/> Problem-solving                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Artwork                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Fund-raising                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Promoting programs/ideas         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletics                | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Public speaking                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budgeting                | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic design                | <input type="checkbox"/> Quilting                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Calligraphy              | <input type="checkbox"/> Helping                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Recording/sound systems          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caring and compassion    | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Recruiting others                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry/building       | <input type="checkbox"/> Housekeeping                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Researching                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child care               | <input type="checkbox"/> Interviewing                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clerical work            | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal services                | <input type="checkbox"/> Sharing ideas/new visions        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communicating            | <input type="checkbox"/> Leading                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Social justice work              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer usage           | <input type="checkbox"/> Learning                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Speaking publicly                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Database applications    | <input type="checkbox"/> Library work                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Summarizing/synthesizing         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Data entry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Listening                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Desktop publishing       | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintaining buildings/grounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching; training               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical work               | <input type="checkbox"/> Team-building                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spreadsheet              | <input type="checkbox"/> Mediating                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephoning                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website development      | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical/nursing care          | <input type="checkbox"/> Video-taping                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking and serving food | <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Visioning                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinating             | <input type="checkbox"/> Music: instrumental           | <input type="checkbox"/> Visiting others                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music: vocal                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorating               | <input type="checkbox"/> Negotiating                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Working hard at what needs doing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Designing                | <input type="checkbox"/> Nurturing                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driving                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizing                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth ministry                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluating               | <input type="checkbox"/> Photographing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                      |

***Thank you for sharing your special gifts for the good of others!***

**My experience is...**(Check the first column (E) for the areas you have experience in and the second column (I) for the areas of greatest interest.)

<b>E</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>Ministry Area</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>Ministry Area</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>Ministry Area</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Facility management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sacramental preparation
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Addiction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Finance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Singles ministry
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Aging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Global missions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Small faith communities
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Child development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grief and loss; life transitions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social justice ministry
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Communications/media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Homelessness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/community life
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community outreach/service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hunger	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spiritual growth and development
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mental health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stewardship
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disaster relief	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Volunteer coordination
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education/formation: children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	New member welcoming/integration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Worship/liturgy
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education/formation: teens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pastoral care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Young adult ministry
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education/formation: adults	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Personnel/human resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth ministry
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prisons and rehabilitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Evangelism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Property management			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Families and parenting						

**My preference is to work with...** (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> a large group	<input type="checkbox"/> teens	<input type="checkbox"/> the ill
<input type="checkbox"/> a small group	<input type="checkbox"/> young adults	<input type="checkbox"/> the dying
<input type="checkbox"/> one or two others	<input type="checkbox"/> adults	<input type="checkbox"/> the grieving
<input type="checkbox"/> alone	<input type="checkbox"/> senior adults	<input type="checkbox"/> the lonely
<input type="checkbox"/> ideas and data	<input type="checkbox"/> singles	<input type="checkbox"/> the poor
<input type="checkbox"/> people	<input type="checkbox"/> engaged couples	<input type="checkbox"/> the hungry
<input type="checkbox"/> our faith community	<input type="checkbox"/> married couples	<input type="checkbox"/> those in crisis
<input type="checkbox"/> the larger community	<input type="checkbox"/> the widowed	<input type="checkbox"/> other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> children	<input type="checkbox"/> parents	

**My Commitment...** (check all that apply)

- I am interested in becoming more involved. Notify me of opportunities that fit my gifts.
- I am interested in changing some of my current commitments.
- I prefer a one-time commitment (1 hour to 1 day).
- I prefer a short-term commitment (up to 6 months).
- I prefer a specific, longer term of service (1, 2, 3 years).
- I am satisfied with my current involvements.
- I am unable to take on additional commitments at this time.
- I would like to talk with a staff member about matching my gifts with ministry.

**Comments** \_\_\_\_\_

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