

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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The Excellent Parish: Becoming What We Claim to Be

You & your spouse are invited to a
Church of Saint Joseph Leadership Retreat

Date: Saturday, January 8
Where: Gorecki Conference Center
College Of Saint Benedict
Check-in time: 12:30 pm
Retreat/Speaker: 1:00 pm
Mass: 5:00 pm
Church of Saint Joseph
Social/Dinner: 6:30 pm
Gorecki Conference Center

Please RSVP by December 31 to the parish office:
parish@churchstjoseph.org or 363-7505 x 100

Our retreat time will be spent on prayer, reflection and getting to know one another. Thank you for the gifts you share with our parish, and we look forward to a wonderful day together!

New Parishioners Welcome! Please stop by the parish office to register or call 363-7505, ext. 121.

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 Congratulations! 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 Congratulations on your engagement! 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.

DECEMBER 19, 2010 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

COMMISSION OF WORD

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

Catholic School Update

To Parishioners of Saint Joseph, St. Joseph, Saint Joseph, Waite Park, and Saint Peter, Saint Paul and Saint Michael:

We are writing this to report on the progress of our new Catholic school system involving Saint Joseph, Waite Park, Saint Joseph Lab School, and Saints Peter, Paul and Michael. The pastors and principals have met twice, and will continue to be in dialogue throughout the implementation process. We are committed to moving forward together on this.

A major concern we have heard and are addressing is the role of the principal/on-site person in the new arrangement. Some of the current duties of the school principals will be assumed by the lead administrator, marketing person, and development person. We believe there will still need to be an effective principal presence to some degree in each school. These individuals at a minimum will oversee the essential operations of the school, be responsible for the health, safety and discipline of students and will supervise staff.

We are in the process of forming a transition team with representatives from each school. The team will be comprised of visionary individuals who are committed to creating a new, viable Catholic school model. The team will include parents, principals, pastors and staff members. Consultants may be included in the process. The team will meet regularly starting in January and address transition issues such as philosophy and mission, job descriptions, staffing, tuition, salaries and benefits, facilities, budgets, and more. The team may eventually be involved in forming the new Board for this Catholic School Community still to be named. The current Boards of Education (or equivalent committee) will continue to operate at least through the remainder of this school year.

We intend to be in regular and open communication with our respective parishes, school staffs, parents, Boards of Education, Finance Councils, and Parish Councils. We want to work together to build a new Catholic school system that will be strong and viable for years to come. We ask for your prayers and support as we move forward in this positive direction.

*Kathy Cziok, Sharon Bichler, Karl Terhaar,
Fr. Joseph Feders, OSB, Fr. Vince Lieser, Fr. Alan Wielinski*

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Our catechumens and candidate are now in the Period of the Catechumenate, where they will spend the next several months gaining deeper knowledge about the Catholic faith. This part of the process includes dismissal after the homily at Mass for scripture reflection. Our candidate and catechumens will be called to the altar after the homily and sent forth by the community for further reflection on the Liturgy of the Word at the 10:00 am Mass until they are ready to be received into full communion at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue forth on their journey. Meetings will continue in the parish meeting room at 6:30 pm every Wednesday. There will be no RCIA dismissals or sessions from December 23-January 7.

Saint Joseph Lab School

The children did an outstanding job at our Christmas program with the 6th graders performing the play and the rest of the students doing the singing and choreography. Every year I am just amazed at how well behaved they remain sitting on stage under the hot lights for over an hour. Our music teacher, Mary Schumann, does a marvelous job preparing the students for this program. The Lab School band also did an incredible job. Our band director, Kathleen Johnson, has developed an outstanding band program with over 90% of our 4th through 6th grade students participating in band. Our Christmas program really gets me in the Christmas spirit. If you would like to see the Lab School Christmas program, it will be aired on the local public access channel during the Christmas season..

*Blessings,
Karl Terhaar, Principal*

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Families There will be NO Faith Formation classes this Wednesday, December 22 because of our Catechist Formation Session. There are also no classes the following Wednesday, December 29 due to the Christmas break.

Sunday School class for pre-schoolers and kindergartners will NOT meet next Sunday, December 26 or on Sunday, January 2. *Come, O Holy One, Emmanuel, God-with-Us...*

*Dawn Carrillo
Director of Faith Formation*

Youth Ministry

Junior High WINTER SPECTACULAR!
**Sunday, January 9—10:00 am-4:00 pm at
Saint John's Prep School**

- Enjoy a day full of activities, Mass, music and FUN
 - Registration is due Thursday, December 23. Cost: \$16.00
 - Experience a great day with other youth from our diocese
 - This is open to all 6th-7th- and 8th graders
 - Contact Molly for more information: 363-7505, x 129
- ** Scholarships are available

The Warmth of Advent: Prayer & Cocoa for TODAY is cancelled. Watch for future opportunities for youth!

*Keep the faith!
Molly Weyrens*

Family Table Talk... Questions for your family discussion this week (Sunday Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-24): *What did you do this week to prepare for Christmas? How are Joseph's dreams different from what he thinks awake? When have you seen Jesus in another person? How do good friends influence you? What can you learn from how Joseph makes choices about making choices in your life? What life choices are you glad that you slept on and weighed prayerfully?*

COMMISSION OF SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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

Holy Submission... Saint Paul reminds us that we are called to be holy. At times the journey towards holiness seems difficult. Temptations surround us and too often we succumb to our weaknesses. The Gospel reminds us that God is with us... so who can be against us? Holiness requires submission to God's will, which is God's love, and trust in his plan for salvation and for our lives. Rather than divorcing Mary quietly, Joseph obeyed the angel's directive to remain with her. His submission to a plan he could not fully understand prepared the way for the Savior's arrival. As we continue our spiritual preparations for Christmas, we might follow the example of Saint Joseph. What are your biggest struggles? Could God be calling you to let go of your own plans and choose His loving plan for you even if you don't understand it fully? Step out in faith by answering the call to care for the lonely, forgotten, and poor—even if it means sacrificing something you want this Christmas!

—Adapted from **Justice Corner** by Rachel Ramjattan

Today's Tip for Reducing Your Environmental Impact... Avoid buying bottled water! Instead of buying bottled water, use a glass or ceramic cup whenever you can, or carry a refillable bottle. Bottled water produces 1.5 million tons of plastic waste per year (enough oil to fuel a million cars each year). And it will save you some money, too! Visit www.catholicclimatecovenant.org for more tips!

Partnership with the Diocese of Vijayapuram

This Christmas, 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.

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

Action for justice alert!! The **DREAM Act** would give people who came as children to the United States and are undocumented and have graduated high school in the United States the opportunity to earn a path to citizenship through completion of higher education or military service. The USCCB supports the DREAM Act because it reflects Church teaching that calls us to protect the dignity of every human being, especially that of our children. Act now for the Dream Act! What you can do to help pass this legislation: Go to www.justiceforimmigrants.org to send an electronic letter in support of the DREAM Act to your Members of Congress and to learn more about the USCCB Justice for Immigrants Campaign.

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 this Sunday's Gospel story we hear about: **"...the angel of the Lord appearing to Joseph in a dream"** with a message about taking Mary to be his wife. Few of us may have ever experienced having an angel of the Lord appear to us in a dream with a message from God, but we may have had angels coming to us in other ways, with or without a message. Many of us may have been told as children that we have a guardian angel who stays with us through thick and thin. We may also have been told that angels are never far away and that their main occupation is to look after each of us and to help us along our journey to heaven. In many Scripture stories we hear about God sending angels to earth as protectors, guides, companions, and divine messengers.

This Advent and Christmas season we may want to pay closer attention to the references to angels in the liturgies as well as in our own lives. There remains little doubt in many believers' minds about the existence of angels and their extraordinary ability to help us through difficult circumstances and trials. Like Joseph, give the angels a chance to make themselves known in your life and you may end up being pleasantly surprised.

May God's blessings, promises, and angels remain ever with us and with those we love.

S. Joyce Iten, Pastoral Minister

Prayer Corner

Please pray for... Jack Blommer, Marian Brisk, Judy Bruemmer, Laken Court, Margaret Danzl, Leona Davis, Doris Ethen, Justin Funk, Delvin Gillitzer, Cliff Hilsgen, Blake Hoganson, Glen Hommerding, Ben Kasella, Bob Kempen, Rebecca Klaphake, Arnie Lauer, Alice Lenhardt, Florence Loso, military men and women and their families, Tina Nelson, Delores Newcomb, Dr. Tom Newton, Yvonne Notsch, Larry & Jan Ostendorf, people of the Diocese of Vijayapuram, India, Joe Petrich, Sam Rueckert, Bernie Schloemer, Cindy Schmitz, Ed Schneider, Al & Kathy Seifert, Ann Pfannenstien Stuckart, Zak Whitman, Donald Wieber, Yvonne Wieber, 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 WORSHIP

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

Liturgy Spotlight

*from the desk of David Orzechowski,
Director of Music and Liturgy*



The New Mass Texts Frequently Asked Question #3

Do other countries have to change their translations too?

This new translation is primarily the work of ICEL, the International Commission on English in the Liturgy. The bishops' conferences of eleven English-speaking countries are full members of ICEL, and all eleven of these countries—including the United States—will adopt the new translation. Countries that speak other languages, including French, Spanish, Italian, and German, will need to translate this new edition of the Roman Missal too. There are some debates surrounding those translations as well.

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

Readings for the Week of December 19

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. —Mt 1:23-24

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
 Monday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
 Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
 Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
 Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
 Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
 Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Incense-free Mass on Christmas Day

The last Mass for Christmas...
10:30 am on Christmas Day
...will be the “incense-free”
liturgy.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	Saturday, December 26 8 am	Sunday, December 26 10 am
Sacristans	Bill Elfering	Judy Meemken
Greeters	Jean Stock, Mary Plafcan, Virginia Meier	Mark & Kathryn Evenson, Sydney Knudsen
Gift Bearers	Dennis & Betty Weisbrich	Emily Thiessen & Family
Eucharistic Ministers	Delores Giroux, Leo Glatzel, Barb Heltemes, Peggy Jansky, Peter Jansky, Tammy Johnson, Connie Loecken	Joel Cassady, Katie Cassady, Rosanne Eiyneck, Judy Hansen, Norm Hansen, Caroline Glatzel, Anita Harris
Ushers	Alan Glatzel, Gary Kuefler, Mark Gohmann, John Heinen	David Thomas, Matt Schreifels, Gerald Schreifels, Mike Thell
Servers	Colleen Dullinger & Amanda Walz	Amber Klein & Jared Klein
Lectors	Nettie Pfannenstein	Mary Kay Hoeschen
Music Ministry	Adult Choir	Contemporary Choir

From the Pastor’s Desk

Dear Friends,

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: *Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel*, which means “God is with us.”

In these last days of Advent, let us pause, watch and listen for Emmanuel, “God is with us.” May we see Emmanuel in our family members, relatives and neighbors, our coworkers and classmates, the store clerk and the food server, the immigrant and the stranger.

Masses will be celebrated on Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24 at 4:00 and 7:30 pm (with carols beginning one half-hour before each Mass) and Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25 at 8:30 and 10:30 am. Note that the Christmas Day Masses are a half-hour later than our normal Sunday Mass times. There will be no morning Mass on Friday, December 24. The parish offices will be closed that day as well.

Blessings on your week!

*In Christ’s peace,
Fr. Joseph*

The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 19

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Mass†Deceased Members of the Butkowski Family

10:00 am Mass for our Parish

Blessing of Expectant Parents after 10:00 am Mass

10:00 am RCIA

Monday, December 20

5:00 pm Mass at St. Benedict's Monastery

7:00 pm Faith Formation Committee Mtg.

Tuesday, December 21

8:00 am Mass†Miranda Hemmesch

1:00 pm St. Ann's Mission Group

7:15 pm Contemporary Choir

Wednesday, December 22

8:00 am Mass†Edward Raden

9:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

4:30 pm Children's Choir

6:00 pm Catechist Formation

6:30 pm RCIA

Thursday, December 23

7:45 am Confession

8:00 am Mass†Keith Harren

6:30 pm Cantor Rehearsal

7:00 pm Adult Choir

SJLS Workathon Reward Day

Friday, December 24

Vigil of Christmas

3:30 pm Christmas Carols

4:00 pm Mass for our Parish

7:00 pm Christmas Carols

7:30 pm Mass††Deceased Members of the Schulte & Reischl Families

Saturday, December 25

Nativity of the Lord/Christmas Day

8:30 am Mass†Mary Lou Raden

10:30 am Mass†Lester Baird

NO Evening Mass

Sunday, December 26

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 am Mass††Francis & Lucille Salzer

10:00 am Mass for our Parish

Masses

Monday Sacred Heart Chapel 5:00 pm
 Tuesday — Thursday 8:00 am & 6:30 pm
 Friday 4:00 & 7:30 pm
 Saturday 8:30 & 10:30 am
 Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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Stewardship of Treasure

Treasure received week of December 12, 2010

Average weekly budget	\$11,495.00
Adult & loose offering	\$7,540.17
Average weekly automated offering	\$2,698.62
Weekly difference	\$-1,256.21
Youth offering received	\$78.41
Budget through December 12	\$275,880.00
Actual through December 12	\$261,977.62
Difference	\$-13,902.38
Immaculate Conception	\$1,105.07
Religious Retirement	\$1,205.00

COMMISSION OF COMMUNITY

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

Parish Leadership Retreat

Our annual parish leadership retreat will be held on Saturday, January 8. The leadership retreat is an opportunity for members of our parish who currently serve on councils, committees or as ministry leaders to pray and get to know one another. It is also an opportunity to reaffirm the essential role lay leaders have in carrying out the mission of the church and support one another in our efforts.

Presenting this year's retreat *The Excellent Parish: Becoming What We Claim To Be* are Victor J. Klimoski, Director of Lifelong Learning and Barbara Sutton, Director of Conversatio, both at Saint John's School of Theology. It promises to be a meaningful and worthwhile day and we hope members of our parish will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

See the cover of the bulletin for details. Invitations were sent to parishioners currently serving on the various councils and committees but anyone is welcome to attend. If you would like to attend, please call the parish office ext. 100 by December 31. The RSVP is very important!

Men's Retreat

A silent retreat for men will be held at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, Minnesota on January 14-16 or January 21-23. The retreats begin on Friday, at 7:00 pm and conclude on Sunday, at 12:45 pm. The retreat will be conducted by the staff of Christ the King Retreat Center. The theme of the retreat is: **Jesus Heals Our Darkness.** The men of this parish are cordially invited to a beautiful, inexpensive, lakeside weekend of wonderful relaxation and spiritual rejuvenation. Please call 763-683-1394 for a registration form and more information or visit www.kinghouse.com.

**Please remember the
Church of Saint Joseph
in your end of the year
donations!**

The Rite of Marriage

Within the Context of a Sunday Liturgy

On Sunday, December 26, Terry and Jodi Koopmeiners will have their marriage validated at the 10:00 am Mass. Terry and Jodi were married in a civil ceremony on December 22, 2005, and now after completing the necessary preparations they will have their marriage blessed in the Church.

In September 2009, Bishop John Kinney gave permission for the *Rite of Marriage* between two Catholics to be celebrated in the context of the Sunday Eucharist. The guideline issued with his permission says: "It is appropriate that the *Rite of Marriage* be celebrated in the midst of the faithful gathered on the Lord's Day. This also means that the liturgy belongs to the *entire* assembly and is not the private realm of the bride and groom and their families."

The validation ceremony will take place after the homily (similar to when we do baptisms). The rite itself is fairly simple and includes the Statement of Intentions, Exchange of Vows, Blessing of Rings, and the Nuptial Blessing.

Terri and Jodi are parishioners and their son Tyler is a 4th grader in our Lab School. It will be special to celebrate with them on the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

The annual **KidsCan Christmas Blood Drive** will be held on December 30 at Resurrection Lutheran Church in St. Joseph. The drive will take place between 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm. What an easy and joyful way of giving back this Christmas season! Sixteen-year-olds are now able to donate, with parent permission. It is easy, painless, and is truly the gift of life. Please call Mary Botz with questions or to set up an appointment: 363-8622.

Thank you for your generosity to the Thanksgiving and Christmas programs

The parishioners of the Church of Saint Joseph assisted 53 families with food baskets for Thanksgiving, and 61 families will look forward to Christ's birth with hope and peace knowing that others care. Thank you for the cash donations, turkey cards for 48 turkeys, and gifts that helped provide Christmas food baskets for these families and gifts for 153 family members. Special thanks to the following who assisted in the preparation and distribution of the food baskets and gifts: Ann Scherer, Cathy Salzer, Cindy Tamble, Sr. Dorothy Manuel, Sr. Stefanie Weisgram, Tom & Sharon Steil, Virginia Meier, Randy & Karen Marchand, Marlin Eich, Bob Ethen, Becky Terwey, Jane Shaw and Saint Ann's Mission Group. God bless you all!