

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 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.

Sacrament Of Anointing
Please call Fr. Joseph at ext. 122.

Mother's Day Blessings

God our Creator, we pray:

for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility;
for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;
for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;
for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;
for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;
for those who have children they do not want;
for those who raise their children on their own;
for those who have lost a child;
for those who care for the children of others;
and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and others.

Loving God,

we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end.

May we see your loving hand guide them.
We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience.

We ask you to bless them with your own special love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother.

Amen.

—Mothers-day-prayer

MAY 9, 2010 • SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

COMMISSION OF WORD

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

Faith Formation

The Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Offices extend a hearty *THANK YOU* to everyone who helped with the closing Faith Formation liturgy on Wednesday evening. Our community is blessed to have wonderful, generous people to share their time and talent with the young people of our parish! A special thanks to all our catechists, assistants, office assistants and safety patrol volunteers for sharing your faith and dedication to the Gospel of Jesus Christ with our children! We wish to also thank all of our parents and students who bring their energy and joy to the program. Peace and a safe summer to you all!

Dawn Carrillo & Laura Gorder

Youth Ministry

No youth group this Wednesday, May 12.

Catholic Education Planning Group

The Catholic Education Planning Group met on April 29 at St. Michael's Church. Committee members reviewed demographic and financial data collected from each of the schools. Members had a few clarifying questions which will be submitted to the schools in advance of the next meeting. The group is also working on a parent survey to be distributed before the end of the school year. Additional plans are being made to receive feedback from other constituencies. A subcommittee will be formed to gather information on the schools' physical plants.

Another Catholic Education Planning Group meeting was held this past Thursday, May 6, and the group will meet again Thursday, May 20 at 7:00 pm.

Family Table Talk... Questions for your family discussion this week (Sunday Gospel: John 14.23-29): *What worries Jesus' friends about his leaving them? What worries do you have about your friends? Who helped you when you felt sad about someone? How does Jesus want us to keep living when he is gone? What best describes your relationship with Jesus – friend, disciple, follower, servant? How have you experienced the Spirit reminding you of all Jesus teaches? With what favorite memories and activities do you associate Mother's Day?*

Saint Joseph Lab School

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.
~Elizabeth Andrew

The Lab School is blessed with many volunteers who help better our parish school. Our volunteers are made up of college students, Lab School parents, alumni, and senior citizens. They do numerous tasks such as tutoring students, assisting in the classroom, assisting in the lunchroom, helping with fundraising, organizing events, helping maintain the facilities, and the list goes on. Prior to the Spring Band Concert on May 12, we will recognize the efforts of our volunteers starting at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria. You are welcome to join us.

Blessings,
Karl Terhaar, Principal

The Saints: Living Witnesses of God's Love

On Friday-Sunday, May 28-30, Fr. Michael Kwatera, OSB, is leading a retreat on "The Saints: Living Witnesses of God's Love" at Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse in Collegeville, MN. This retreat celebrates our communion with the saints in heaven and with our fellow saints-in-training on earth. It will focus on how the saints "inspire us by their heroic lives and help us by their constant prayers." The retreat starts with dinner Friday night at 6:00 pm and concludes after lunch on Sunday at 1:00 pm. The cost is \$180 for a single room and \$290 for a double room (\$145 per person). To register, call the Spiritual Life Office at 320-363-3929 or go to:

<http://www.saintjohnsabbey.org/retreats/reserve.html>

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Jesus is giving a farewell talk to his followers. The message and gift he is offering is peace. It is not just wishing them well when he's gone but it a peace that will give the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit. This presence will carry out the promises and continue the actions Jesus began when he was physically present on earth. He is not abandoning them as it would seem but offering them a new presence in the Holy Spirit.

To learn more about the RCIA process, call 363-7505, ext 130, or e-mail Sr. Laureen at lvirnig@csbsju.edu.

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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.

Learning about India

On Thursday, May 13 at 1:30 pm, Fr. Joseph will share his slideshow and travel experiences of his January trip to the Diocese of Vijayapuram in Kerala, India at the monthly Senior Citizens gathering at the St. Joseph Fire Station.

On Tuesday, May 18 at 7:00 pm, we will watch the fourth segment of *The Story of India*, a PBS series written and presented by Michael Wood. This event will be held at the Lab School. Conversation and refreshments will follow. Everyone is welcome! If you would like to view *The Story of India* DVD, please contact Dawn Carillo, ext. 152.

Volunteer opportunity at Anna Marie's Alliance

Survivors of domestic abuse need support in their transition to healthy, violence-free lives in our community. *Anna Marie's Alliance* is seeking volunteers to visit with former residents of the shelter for one hour a week, for up to six months. If you have a background in working with domestic abuse, social services, counseling, or a related field and are interested in sharing your skills with a family in need, please call Volunteer Services at 320-253-6900 for more information or visit www.annamaries.org/howyoucanhelp.html.

Peace... Today's scriptures talk about peace. Jesus offers us peace. The early disciples go to Jerusalem to promote peace within the church. The Jerusalem described in Revelations seems to be a magnificent city of tranquility and peace. As we contemplate the theme of peace we think about our contemporary world and the actions we must take to bring about peace. How do we work toward an end to the war in Iraq? How do we address the genocide in the Darfur region of Africa? How do we get nations to spend more on people and less on weapons? How do we stay "at peace" in a world with so many problems? How do we maintain peace in our families? As we celebrate Mother's Day, we give God thanks for our mothers. We pray for mothers in crisis. We pray for mothers of the unborn. We pray for those who have lost their mothers. We pray that like our Blessed Mother, all mothers will be instruments of peace.

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.

Weavings

The former television producer, Eugenia Price, became a Christian at the age of thirty-three. She wrote: "Real peace does not mean we suddenly are transported to a problem-free realm where nothing bad ever happens. Real peace means we can survive the chaos and confusion around us without becoming chaotic and confused. There is no such thing as 'easy peace.' If you recite the 23rd Psalm every night before you go to sleep and really think about it, you will be soothed temporarily. But you will only be strengthened inwardly, you will only be given the real, tough, durable, inner peace if you come to realize and recognize the firm grip of the hand of the one who is already your Shepherd!"

Sr. Lauren Virnig, OSB

BeFriender Ministry

The next meeting of BeFriender ministers will be TOMORROW, Monday, May 10, at 6:30 pm in the parish meeting room. The topic will be "Pastoral Visits."

Prayer Corner

Please pray for... Jack Blommer, Judy Bruemmer, Carol Brummel, Dorothy Court, Margaret Danzl, Betty Eich, Doris Ethen, Adeline Gillitzer, Delbert Gillitzer, Delvin Gillitzer, Donald Hieserich, Phyllis Hillemeier, Cliff Hilsgen, Doris Johnson, Ben Kasella, Joel Kissela, Rebecca Klaphake, Mary Mathies, Karen McCarl, Lois Meidinger, Andy Meyer, Bruce Meyer, military men and women and their families, Delores Newcomb, Pat Norton, John Notch, Yvonne Notsch, Larry & Jan Ostendorf, Tammy Pfannenstien, Audrey Pflueger, Aurelia Ruegemer, Cindy Schmitz, Ed Schneider, Ron Scholz, Marilyn Simon, Ann Pfannenstien Stuckart, Joyce Ulm, Ryan Walberg, Lavina Wandersee, 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. The names remain on the list 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.

Readings for the Week of May 9

Jesus said to his disciples: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." —Jn 14:26-27a

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29
 Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26---16:4a
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22---18:1/Jn 16:12-15
 Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
 Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
 Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ep 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	Saturday, May 15	5 pm	Sunday, May 16	8 am	Sunday, May 16	10 am
Sacristans	Lori Pfannenstein		Judy Meemken		Matt & Emily Boettcher	
Greeters	Delroy & Dianne Bechtold, Mike Nierengarten		Dale & Barb Wick, Mary Ann Theisen		Bernie & Bea Imholte, Nettie Pfannenstein	
Gift Bearers	Meyer Family Members		Marcel & Pat Kosel		Herb Bechtold Family	
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Tangredi, Marilyn Court, Darlene Bechtold, Peg Walsh, Harold Brinkman, Marilyn Brinkman, Jane Bierschbach		Virginia Meier, Ann Reischl, Othmar Schmitz, Joan Skroch, Nancy Walz, Kristin Zimmer, Carol Braun		Darlene Bechtold, Susan Sink, Ann Thelen, Jane Bechtold, Merle Bauer, Claire Bauer, Bruce Bechtold	
Ushers	Ron & Mary Ritter, Jerry Reischl, Bob Rice		Leo Glatzel, Ervin Goebel, Mark Gohmann, John Heinen		Cletus Bechtold, Sean Thomas, David Thomas, Roger Drontle	
Servers	Madison Honor & Lauren Kissela		Grant Dullinger & Colleen Dullinger		Kate Bechtold & Taylor Nydeen	
Lectors	Stephanie Kellner		Bonnie Gohmann		Mary Kay Hoeschen	
Music Ministry	Cantors		Cantors		Cantors	

COMMISSION OF WORD

Koinonia is a community experience in Christian living designed especially for adults 20 and older. It is a Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese. Retreats are held in Belle Prairie at the TEC Center, 3 miles north of Little Falls. The next retreat will be held May 14-16. Fr. Tony Kroll will be the spiritual director for this retreat. The weekend retreat starts at 5:30 pm Friday and ends Sunday evening. Applications may be found on the website; centralmnkoinonia.org or by calling LeRoy and Mary Lou Raden at 320-293-2080. You may also email for information at cmkoinonia@clearwire.net. Cost of the weekend is \$60.00 (partial or full scholarships available).

Centering Prayer and *Lectio Divina*

The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls invite the public to an hour of prayer which includes Centering Prayer and *Lectio Divina* (Sacred Reading), on Thursday, May 20, 6:00 pm, in the Gathering Space at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Centering Prayer is an ancient and contemporary way of prayer. It is a simple method of alert receptivity and consent to God's presence. Gather with the sisters and members of all faiths and ponder God's presence in your life. Following will be a time for *Lectio Divina*...an opportunity to reflect on the Gospel for the coming Sunday. Open yourself to receive the gift of a closer union with God. For more information, contact 320-632-0668 or email: franciscanlife@fslf.org.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, May 9

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Eucharist Sunday

Mother's Day

8:00 am Mass††George, Louise & Helen Falke
10:00 am Mass for our Parish

Monday, May 10

5:00 pm Mass at St. Benedict's Monastery
6:30 pm BeFriends Meeting
7:15 pm Knights of Columbus Rosary/Meeting

Tuesday, May 11

4:30 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting
5:00 pm Mass at St. Benedict's Monastery
7:15 pm Contemporary Choir

Wednesday, May 12

8:00 am Mass†Leo Sadlo
9:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30 am Arlington Place Mass†Adam Jaskowiak
5:00 pm Planning & Design Team Meeting
6:30 pm SJLS Band Concert & Appreciation
7:30 pm Youth Choir

Thursday, May 13

7:45 am Confession
8:00 am Gr. 5 Mass††Deceased parents of Al & Kathy Seifert
1:30 pm Sr. Citizens at St. Joseph Fire Hall
6:30 pm Cantor Rehearsal
7:00 pm Adult Choir
7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting

Friday, May 14

8:00 am Mass†Lorraine Taufen

Saturday, May 15

Baptism Weekend

Pastoral Council & Commission Advisory Board drawing

4:00 pm Confession
5:00 pm Mass††Roman & Theresa Meyer

Sunday, May 16

Ascension of the Lord

Baptism Sunday

Pastoral Council & Commission Advisory Board drawing

8:00 am Mass for our Parish
10:00 am Mass for Herb & Darlene Bechtold
 50th Wedding Anniversary

Masses

Monday — Tuesday Sacred Heart Chapel 5:00 pm
Wednesday — 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.

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Stewardship of Treasure

Treasure received week of May 2, 2010

Average weekly budget	\$11,100.00
Adult & loose offering	\$11,573.84
Average weekly automated offering	\$2,167.00
Weekly difference	\$2,640.84
Youth offering received	\$83.19
Budget through May 2	\$495,400.00
Actual through May 2	\$493,242.48
Difference	\$-2,157.52

<i>Saint Cloud Visitor</i> received YTD	\$5,878.00
<i>Saint Cloud Visitor</i> parish assessment	\$15,400.00

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,

Happy Easter! Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Happy Mother's Day to all moms—may this day and all your days be filled with many blessings!

April 5 was the 5th anniversary of my mom's death. I remember her daily and what I remember most are the kind things she would do—preparing a special meal, listening when I needed to talk, smiling when I was down, and sharing an encouraging word to lift my spirits. Her example reminds me that all acts of kindness reveal the light and hope of Christ's resurrection in the world.

Next weekend, we will complete our leadership discernment process by drawing names of parishioners at all Masses to fill open positions on our Pastoral Council and five Commission Advisory Boards (CABs).

5:00 pm Mass – PASTORAL COUNCIL (two members and one youth representative) and WORD CAB (one member)

8:00 am Mass – WORSHIP and COMMUNITY CABs (one each)

10:00 am Mass – PASTORAL MINISTRIES (one) and SOCIAL MINISTRIES (two) CABs

As described in the first chapter of the *Acts of the Apostles*, our discernment process is modeled after the selection of Matthias who replaced Judas as one of the twelve apostles. During the coming week, please pray as the first disciples did, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which...of these you have chosen to take the place in this ministry" (Acts 1:24-25). Thank you to those parishioners who nominated individuals and to those people who came for prayer and discernment on May 2.

There will be no morning Mass in the parish on Tuesday, May 11. Please join the Sisters of Saint Benedict's Monastery for Mass at 5:00 pm that day.

Blessings on your week! Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia!

*In Christ's peace,
Fr. Joseph*

In appreciation...The Cliff and Cori Hilsgen family extend a huge thank you to everyone who in any way helped to support their recent benefit fundraiser. Thank you to everyone for your continuous prayers and support. It is very much appreciated!

Annual Diocesan Appeal

The Annual Diocesan Appeal is critical to the success of the Diocesan ministries supporting our parish. Our Catholic school and Faith Formation programs receive support from the Catholic Education Ministries Office. The Office of Marriage and Family is responsible for the Annual Men's Conference, Honoring Marriage Day, Mother and Daughter breakfast, marriage courses for engaged couples and much more. The Communications Office produces the TV Mass; a welcome link to our Church for shut-ins and those unable to attend weekly Mass. The Office of Worship supports our liturgy and music. All these ministries and many others support Catholic life in our parish and throughout the Diocese. If you have not had the opportunity to share in these ministries, please prayerfully consider a gift today for the Annual Diocesan Appeal at PO Box 1538, Saint Cloud, MN 56302. Your contribution is important to our parish and for our Catholic way of life. Thank you.

Building and Maintenance Update...

The repairs to the sewer line identified last Christmas were successfully completed this past week. In December and on one of the coldest days of the year, we had to dig and replace a part of the sewer line that had collapsed. Now this past Tuesday we finished the work and inserted a sleeve into the remaining sewer line to prevent other parts from collapsing and again causing major problems.

The cost of this repair is approximately \$5,000. The cost of the emergency work in December was \$8,000. This unexpected expense for our parish is not included in our operating budget.

Having the financial resources available to make repairs when identified rather than when they become emergencies is so important. Thank you for your faithful, ongoing financial support with your Sunday giving.

Wedding Banns

The following couple is preparing for marriage. Please keep them in your prayers.

II. Nicholas Gaetz & Marcia Leddy