

# Church of SAINT JOSEPH

12 WEST MINNESOTA STREET • ST. JOSEPH, MN 56374

## *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.*

## Advent Family Fun Night

**Wednesday, December 1**

**6:00-7:30 pm**

**Saint Joseph Lab School**



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

*We welcome donations for the St. Joseph Community Food Shelf*

**For more information please call Dawn Carrillo 363-7505 x 152.**



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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.

**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.

NOVEMBER 28, 2010 • FIRST 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.*

### Youth Ministry

#### Happy First Sunday of Advent!

As we get ready for the birth of Jesus, what are we doing to “make room” for him in our lives? Perhaps this excerpt from an email might get us started in thinking of ways we can do this.

#### **WARNING.....WARNING: ADVENT VIRUS**

Be on the alert for symptoms of inner **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love**. The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to this virus and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world. Some signs and symptoms of **The Advent Virus**:

- A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.
- An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
- A loss of interest in judging other people. A loss of interest in conflict.
- A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom.)
- Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
- Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.
- An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
- An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.

Please send this warning out to all your friends. This virus can and has affected many systems. Some systems have been completely cleaned out because of it. —*Anonymous*

Here's hoping we all get a taste of the **Advent Virus!** Take advantage of this season of preparation to still your hearts and share the spirit.

**Any Carolers out there?????** What's Up Downtown, an event highlighting artists and businesses in Saint Joseph, would love to have some carolers on the corner of MN St. and College Avenue on Friday night, December 3 from 6:00-8:00 pm. It would be great to see some youth as well as families and/or adults of all ages taking part! Please call Molly (363-7505, x129) if you are able and interested in this fun activity to enhance the celebration for the city!

*Blessings to you,  
Molly Weyrens*

#### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Our inquirers have decided to take the next step in the RCIA process: the Rite of Acceptance /the Rite of Welcome into the Catechumenate period. During this period, the inquirers enter into deeper study of the Catholic faith, and take on new identities within the community as candidates (those seeking Eucharist and Confirmation) and catechumens (those seeking Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation). This Rite is the candidate and catechumens first public declaration to be fully received into the Catholic faith and the Church's response of acceptance and welcome in support of their endeavors. From this time forward, the community of the Church embraces the candidates and catechumens with Christian hospitality, prayer and support. From this point forward, our candidate and catechumens will be dismissed for additional scripture reflection after the Liturgy of the Word at each Mass, until they are fully received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please keep our candidate and catechumens in your prayers as they continue their journey.

### From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

The season of Advent is here once again. Unfortunately, what ought to be a time of contemplation in preparation for Christmas usually becomes a big blur of hectic activity. And rather than enjoying what we're doing, too often we rush through things in anticipation of what comes next. My hope is that during this Advent season we can slow down and learn how to wait patiently and enjoy the current moment.

Pulitzer-prize American author Annie Dillard shares this story about patient waiting: She had been watching a butterfly emerge from its cocoon and was fascinated by the process until she grew impatient with how long it was taking and, to speed things up, took a candle and heated the cocoon, albeit very gently.

The experiment worked, but it was a mistake in the long run. The butterfly emerged more quickly; however, because adding heat violated something within the natural process, the butterfly was born with wings too weak to fly. Haste had stunted and deformed a natural process. Some things can't be rushed.

Blessings on your week!

*In Christ's peace,  
Fr. Joseph*

### Saint Joseph Lab School

Thanks to a grant from The Catholic Foundation *Living the Promise*, the Lab School was able to purchase a Smart Board. With help from Jeff Kremer, we got the Smart Board up and running. This interactive white board serves as a great tool for classroom teachers. It is like having a large touch-sensitive computer screen. Teachers can easily show visuals of concepts, illustrate procedures, and quickly show lessons saved on their computer. Students can manipulate virtual objects, do multimedia presentations, and actively collaborate on projects. The third graders are enjoying using this in their class. My hope is to add at least one additional interactive board each year.

A Saint Benedict's student who is a Girl Scout Outreach Troop Leader at the Eastside Boys and Girls Club in St. Cloud has for their service project a teddy bear drive for Gillette Children's Hospital in the Twin Cities. The teddy bears need to be new given the medical conditions of the children. There is a collection box at the school dining room for those who would like to donate. Thank you for your generosity.

*Blessings,  
Karl Terhaar, Principal*

## COMMISSION OF WORD

**Family Table Talk...** Questions for your family discussion this week (Sunday Gospel: Matthew 24: 37-44): *What does Advent mean to you? How does Jesus' birth change the world? What are some ways you get ready for a celebration? How can we ready ourselves for Christmas during Advent? How do you stay attentive to God's presence with us on a daily basis?*

Our **Parish Book Club** is beginning a new book! Please join us in reading *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. We invite you to pick up a copy and join us in discussion on Monday, December 20 at 3:00 pm at the Local Blend in St. Joseph. Please call Dawn Carrillo in the Faith Formation Office if you would like more information or if you have trouble locating a copy of this book. *Enjoy!*

**Faith Formation**

**Faith Formation Families** There are no regular Faith Formation classes next week, December 1. Instead, please join us for our **Advent Family Fun Night! ALL ARE WELCOME!!** (See bulletin cover for details.)

**Sunday School** class for pre-schoolers and kindergartners will not meet Sunday, December 5. Please enjoy the Knights of Columbus breakfast after Mass.

Dawn Carrillo  
Director of Faith Formation

## 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 the Diocese of Vijayapuram**

On November 18, Fr. Joseph received an email from Fr. Thomas Tharayil, the Director of the Vijayapuram Social Service Society. Fr. Thomas writes...

As usual, let me begin with an apology for being late in responding to your emails... we had some unexpected turns of events. This year we are having unusual rains. In fact the rain has not stopped for about seven months. Three weeks ago there was a heavy rain in one of our villages and by evening of the day there happened a severe landslide and soil erosion. It caused two lives in one of our parishes—a mother and a daughter. They were in the house and the mud, rocks, water and trees came heavy upon the house and they were buried in the landslide. Almost 22 houses on the path of that slide were affected severely. Three houses were totally damaged.

Another 42 houses in the lower valley were filled with mud and water, causing the loss of entire belongings like clothing, books, certificates, utensils, furniture, provisions, etc. Providentially, lives were not lost there. We were involved in the rehabilitation process. First we had to make arrangements for the funerals, and then to support the people with necessary things like food, clothing, temporary shelter etc. We are trying to coordinate with government agencies and other good people.

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

**Tip for Reducing Your Environmental Impact:** Avoid the Bags! Consider reusable containers for leftovers (even from restaurants!) and for packing your lunch instead of disposable plastic bags. Containers that you can use over again will reduce emissions from producing plastic bags and be cheaper, too! Visit [www.catholicclimatecovenant.org](http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org) for more tips!

**Be Prepared!** Advent is a time of preparation. Today's readings encourage us to prepare for and contemplate Jesus' second coming. In the secular world, the time leading up to Christmas is a time for parties, shopping and gift giving. Yet, Jesus cautions us, "Be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come..." He seems to call us to a different kind of celebration. No doubt Jesus will celebrate Christmas amidst the poor and vulnerable, as he was that first Christmas. Then and now, Jesus is the true Gift. How will you prepare for Christmas? Consider visiting people who are sick or lonely. Invite others to join you in simplifying Christmas celebrations so you have more to share with people in need. Ask your friends and family to make donations to your favorite charities instead of giving you material gifts. Purchase beautiful fair trade products as Christmas gifts to help families around the world earn just wages. Visit <http://www.crsfairtrade.org/crafts/buy-handcrafts/> to purchase fair trade gifts.

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

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**

Today is the CCHD offering to help fight poverty at its roots. For 40 years, CCHD has provided funding for groups that make lasting change and lift up the poor in the United States. The money is used to secure funding for low-income daycare centers, to provide legal advocacy to enforce fair wages and programs that emphasize education and affordable housing in low income communities. If you did not bring your donation today, please bring it next weekend and place it in the offering basket.

## 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 official date for implementation of the new Mass texts is:  
November 27, 2011 - The First Sunday of Advent next year.**

Last week, we discussed how the work of translating texts for the liturgy deserves to be respected and taken seriously. This week, I would like to remind all of us of another important fact concerning our worship: namely, that liturgy and daily life are not separate.

In his 2004 letter on the Year of the Eucharist, Pope John Paul II wrote, "We cannot delude ourselves: by our mutual love and, in particular, by our concern for those in need we will be recognized as true followers of Christ. This will be the criterion by which the authenticity of our Eucharistic celebrations is judged."

If our worship does not transform us more and more into the image of Christ, if it does not lead us to a more faithful living of the Gospel, then we are all wasting our time and energy. This includes using new Mass texts, no matter how wonderful they might be.

The radical truth is that everything we have comes from God. Worship should help us remember this fact. Our central act of worship is an act of thanksgiving because our whole relationship to God must be based on gratitude. Whether new Mass texts are promulgated or not, whether the new language makes our worship better or worse, the challenge remains to make sure that our worship is authentic and leads us to a more authentic living of the Christian way of life. This is something that will be all too easily forgotten in this time of transition if all we do is debate words and focus on the "right response to say" as we make changes to the liturgy and renew our understanding of it. We must also seize the promulgation of the new Mass texts as an opportunity to be renewed inside our hearts. It's a golden opportunity to do checks and balances on the authenticity of the interior disposition we are bringing to our celebrations of the liturgy.

*—based on an article in "Celebration" by Fr. Lawrence Mick*

*Next week, we will begin a series of frequently-asked questions and answers regarding the upcoming changes to the Mass texts.*

### Readings for the Week of November 28

*Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.*  
—Mt 24:40-42

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44  
Monday: Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22  
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37  
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 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

### Incense Notice!

We will be using a small amount of incense at the beginning of our weekend liturgies during the season of Advent. Persons with sensitivity to incense may wish to avoid sitting in the front-most pews, especially on the piano side of the church.

### Youth Choir

It's time to get the Youth Choir going again for a Mass on December 5, 10:00 am, the Second Sunday of Advent. We have one remaining practice on Wednesday evening, December 1 at 6:30 pm in the church. If interested, contact the director, David Orzechowski at 363-7505, ext. 123 or email [liturgy@churchstjoseph.org](mailto:liturgy@churchstjoseph.org).

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	Saturday, December 4 5 pm	Sunday, December 5 8 am	Sunday, December 5 10 am
<b>Sacristans</b>	Mary Jo Lemke	Virginia Meier	Ann & Allison Thelen Mentor: Judy Meemken
<b>Greeters</b>	Darren & Jody Kappes, Mike Nierengarten	Ervin & Doris Goebel, Mary Ann Theisen	Thomas & Ellen Woods, Dianne Gideon
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Kelly Clement & Family	Delrose Fischer	Zachary Whitley & Family
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Mark Leither, Renee Lepinski, Carol Mastey, Judy Meyer, Kathy Lyon, Kay Lemke, Tom Murray	Carol Braun, Delores Giroux, Leo Glatzel, Barb Heltemes, Peter Jansky, Tammy Johnson, Othmar Schmitz	Anita Harris, Bernie Imholte, Shirley Miller, Patty Paquin, Alex Schleper, Ken Schreiber, John Herdan
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob & Bernadette Ethen, Bob Rice, Jerry Reischl	Alan Glatzel, John Heinen, Mark Gohmann, Gary Kuefler	Doug & Carol Danielson, Cletus Bechtold, Sean Thomas,
<b>Servers</b>	Reid Nydeen & Clare Pfannenstien	Luke Reber & Charlie Reber	Johathan Maleska & Mike Maleska
<b>Lectors</b>	Laura Kutzera	Peggy Jansky	Kevin Knodl
<b>Music Ministry</b>	Adult Choir	Contemporary Choir	Youth Choir

# The Week Ahead

## Sunday, November 28

### First Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 am Mass for our Parish
- 10:00 am Mass†George Brink
- 10:00 am RCIA

## Monday, November 29

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

## Tuesday, November 30

- 8:00 am Mass††Harold & Bridget Hartung
- 1:30 pm SJLS Advent Prayer
- 7:15 pm Contemporary Choir

## Wednesday, December 1

- 8:00 am Mass†Mary Walburga Albers
- 9:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 4:30 pm Children's Choir
- 6:00 pm Advent Family Fun Night
- 6:30 pm Youth Choir
- 6:45 pm RCIA

## Thursday, December 2

- 7:45 am Confession
- 8:00 am Gr. 2 Mass†Vicki Schindler
- 10:00 am Autumn Thursday
- 6:30 pm Finance Council Meeting
- 6:30 pm Cantor Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir

## Friday, December 3

- 8:00 am Mass†Loretta Albers
- 9:30 am St. Joseph Apts. Mass†Deceased and Living Members of St. Joseph Senior Citizens

SJLS No School

## Saturday, December 4

- 11:00 am Lunch with Santa at SJLS
- 4:00 pm Confession
- 5:00 pm Mass†Dan Clement

## Sunday, December 5

### Second Sunday of Advent

#### Knights of Columbus Breakfast

- 8:00 am Mass†Delbert Giltitzer
- 10:00 am Mass for our Parish
- 10:00 am RCIA

Work of Human Hands Sale

## 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

- Thursday 7:45 am
- Saturday 4:00 pm
- And by appointment - Please call Fr. Joseph at ext. 122.

## Parish/School 363-7505

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## Stewardship of Treasure

### Treasure received week of November 21, 2010

Average weekly budget	\$11,495.00
Adult & loose offering	\$7,191.18
Average weekly automated offering	\$2,703.62
Weekly difference	\$-1,600.20
Youth offering received	\$59.82
Budget through November 21	\$241,395.00
Actual through November 21	\$223,493.41
Difference	\$-17,901.59

As generous distributors of God's manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure he has received.

—1 Peter 4:8-10

**COMMISSION OF COMMUNITY**

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

**Stewardship - Offering  
Living Abundantly!**

Ask and you will receive, that your joy may be full.  
*John 16:24*

Fear and distrust sometimes lie beneath our reluctance to share what we have. We fear that if we let go, there won't be enough left for us. And we distrust that God really will provide for our needs.

But God never says, "Sorry, I can't help you. I've already given away my quota of wisdom, or good health or financial resources to others. Try again next week." God's abundance is always there for each and every one of us for the asking.

Trusting in God and his ability to provide for us out of his abundance makes it easy to give back to God a portion of the gifts we receive from him.

Read Saint Paul's words in Philippians 4:6-7. Read it often and allow yourself to believe God's promise. "Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." *Philippians 4:6-7*

Thank you for returning your commitment of offering form to the Church of Saint Joseph. If you have not yet returned your commitment form, you may drop it into the Parish Communication Center, bring it to the parish office, or bring it to Mass with you next weekend. Thank you for your financial commitment to your parish.

**Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast  
Sunday, December 5 from  
8:30 am-Noon  
Saint Joseph Lab School**

*Menu includes:*

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| Pancakes & Waffles             | Scrambled Eggs with Toppings |
| Fruit Toppings & Whipped Cream | Rolls/Muffins                |
| Smoked & Fresh Sausage         | Fresh Fruit                  |
| Ham                            | Juice                        |
| Hash Browns                    | Coffee/Milk                  |

Adults (13 and older)-\$7.00    Ages 6-12-\$3.00  
5 and under-free

**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 clothing gift for someone in need this Christmas. Tags indicate gender, age, sizes and any special needs.

**Please return the wrapped gift—ATTACH THE ORIGINAL TAG TO THE GIFT— before Wednesday, December 8.** You may return 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 Bernadette Ethen at 363-7505, ext. 121. Thank you for generously sharing with those in need this Christmas season.

**THANK YOU to the parish quilters and quilt workers...** who recently donated funds for new banner poles to be used in the church.

The new poles will be useful for Palm Sunday and for hanging banners or liturgically-colored flags at other times of the year, as needed. Fashioned and styled after the candle sticks already in the sanctuary, they will be able to be carried in procession or set in place using stands. Eight poles of various heights with their stands are being made. We're very grateful for the quilters' and quilt workers' support and assistance with this project! Over the years, their hard work and financial assistance have helped fund many needs and projects in the area of liturgy and worship here at Saint Joseph's!

**In Appreciation...** My family and I would like to thank everyone for the well wishes and many prayers during and after my almost tragic ordeal on October 17 at the 8:00 am Mass. We in St. Joseph often take for granted what an awesome Church community and small town we live in.

For people that don't know, I had (Sudden Cardiac Arrest) in church, and thanks to some quick people with medical skills, they saved my life. I am doing great and will return to work soon. Thank you so much.

*Mark Hilsgen, Lisa, Amber & Allie*

**A huge "thank you"** to everyone for your turkey cards and receipts for the St. Joseph Community Food Shelf. As of Monday, November 22, we have enough stamped turkey cards to donate 20 turkeys as we continue counting.

Thank you for your generous assistance in supplying needs for the Thanksgiving food baskets. Because of your generosity, the St. Joseph Community Food Shelf was able to provide food baskets for 53 families. The food shelf volunteers and the Church of Saint Joseph are very grateful for all your efforts.

After the December 2 turkey stamp deadline, we will announce the total number of donated turkeys .

Happy Thanksgiving!