

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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STEWARDSHIP: START *with* PRAYER

“How do we know
what God expects of us
if we are not in close communication
with Him through prayer?”

—Archbishop Robert J. Carlson,
January 19, 2010



See page 6 for more details.

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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.

Prayer • Offering • Ministry

OCTOBER 3, 2010 • TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Hello!

It's good to be at the Church of Saint Joseph! As the Coordinator of Youth Ministry I look forward to getting to know many of you and connecting around ways we can all share in building bridges, supporting one another and feeding the fire that fuels and ignites our faith. In his *Rule*, Saint Benedict challenges us to "Listen with the ear of our heart" and to "Seek God in all things." As I look to the year ahead, I hope that as we plan, create, lead and participate in youth ministry that we can listen to what it is that our youth/families need and can all seek God in ways that are rich and full.

Luckily for this parish you have a pastor who has a strong desire to build up the youth and reach out to them on their journey of faith. That said, we will be moving a bit slowly in our process of organizing so that we can be really intentional about what we are offering. A thriving ministry to our youth takes some time so I ask for your patience as we move forward. I am also aware that the best in youth ministry is shared by the entire parish. I am the "Coordinator" of Youth Ministry, not *THE* Youth Minister. This is intentional so that there is a sharing of responsibility, but more importantly a sharing in the faith transformation of our younger parishioners. This is important and exciting work! That said, I invite you to keep reading!

Parents: You are the first coaches of your kids in their faith. This is not an easy task but I hope you can feel that it is a shared coaching along with the people of this parish. I invite you to please offer ideas, insights and even challenges that you face in raising your sons and your daughters. I want to be relevant and helpful as best I can. Please send me the names of students in grades 10-12 whom you think would be good leaders as I form a Peer Ministry team. (Note: You must ask your son or daughter's permission before you send me their name!!)

Other Adults: If you have very small children or no kids at all, or all your kids are grown and you want to be connected again, I invite your participation too! I'd like to set up some ways that our youth have adults in the community who care about them. This doesn't mean you need to know how to play the guitar and act crazy! Being present and listening are what youth need. Let me know if that's something that you'd like to do. Please send me the names of students in grades 10-12 whom you think would be good leaders as I form a Peer Ministry team. It is good to get recommendations.

Youth 7-8: I know you have enjoyed Youth Group and that is great news! We will again be doing this, but our start date will just be a little later. Keep watching and listening for what that looks like! You can email too with ideas! Also check out "Servin' it UP!" listed at the top of the next column.

Youth 9-12: I would like to get a Peer Ministry team together of 10th-12th graders who are interested in shaping what we do. If this is of interest to you, please email me for more information. Also, mark your calendars for the Diocesan Youth Rally at SJU on Sunday, November 21 and the "Servin' it UP!" event listed at the top of the next column.

EVERYONE: Please keep the youth of our parish in your prayers! Also please keep in your prayers those who accompany them.

Keep looking in the bulletin and on the website for details. My email: youthministry@churchstjoseph.org.

It's gonna be a great year!

*Blessings to you,
Molly Weyrens*

Servin' it UP...

Dates to remember—Thursday, October 21 for 7-8th graders & Friday, October 22 for 9-12th graders "Servin' it UP!": A Day of Service and Awareness Building in our Community. The day will include service, reflection, prayer and getting to know each other and our neighbors. We will meet at the Church of Saint Joseph and then head out to our service site(s). BYOL (Bring your own lunch! Drinks provided.) Any adults who would like to come with us are most welcome. Space is limited. Time is 9:30 am-3:00 pm. If you have questions, please call Molly at 363-7505, ext. 129.

Saint Joseph Lab School

This week the students of Saint Joseph Lab School will have a special "kick-off" skit to officially begin solicitation for our major school fundraiser, *Workathon*. As many of you remember, Saint Joseph Lab School students, parents, and teachers solicit donations from friends, neighbors, relatives, parishioners and community members to support this fundraiser. Our Lab School community then completes various jobs within the St. Joseph community in an attempt to give back through service. Senior citizens and people with ailments or disabilities, in particular, are asked to start thinking of outdoor tasks such as raking, lawn mowing, or cleaning out gardens to be accomplished on the date of our *Workathon*, Saturday, October 30. Note that the date has been set later to ensure more leaves will be down for Lab School members to rake.

An insert in this week's bulletin contains *Workathon* information, as well as a form to request a job done for you or someone you know who needs the assistance with fall chores. You are encouraged to complete the request form and return it to the Lab School or contact the school at 363-7769, ext. 150 by Friday, October 15 to request assistance and to insure that ample helpers will be able to fulfill your request.

Know that your continued support of this fundraiser is truly appreciated.

*Blessings,
Karl Terhaar, Principal*

COMMISSION OF WORD

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Families We have regularly scheduled classes this week on Wednesday, October 6 with grades 1-6 from 6:00-7:00 pm and grades 7-8 from 7:15 to 8:15 pm. Please contact Dawn Carrillo in the Faith Formation Office at 363-7505, ext. 152 if you have any questions or concerns. *Have a great week!!*

Sunday School for pre-schoolers and kindergartners will meet next Sunday, October 10 during the 10:00 am Mass. You may still register your child for this session if you have not already done so. Call Dawn Carrillo in the Faith Formation Office at 363-7505, ext. 152 for more information.

*Dawn Carrillo
Director of Faith Formation*

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Are you considering being fully initiated into membership within the Catholic faith, or do you know someone who might be? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process is designed to journey with individuals as they learn and discern about the Catholic faith. Inquiry sessions will begin on Wednesday, October 6 and every subsequent Wednesday from 6:45-8:00 pm. Please contact Dawn Carrillo, ext. 152 or faithformation@churchstjoseph.org for further information.

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

In last Sunday's gospel, we heard the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. If you are looking for an opportunity to directly help the Lazarus' of today's world, please consider the *We Share* program. The *We Share* program was started in 1994 to respond to the needs of the poorest of the poor in the diocese of Vijayapuram. *We Share* is administered under the Vijayapuram Social Services Society. For a tax-deductible donation of just a 27 cents day, a needy family can receive much needed support. If you are interested in this program, brochures are available in the rack at the back of the church.

40 Days For Life

The 40 Days for Life campaign continues in the St. Cloud and surrounding communities, a focused pro-life effort that consists of: 40 days of prayer and fasting, 40 days of peaceful vigil and 40 days of community outreach. Most visible in the effort is the peaceful prayer vigil outside the local Planned Parenthood facility. Vigil will be held throughout these 40 days (until October 31) on Monday-Saturday, 7:00 am-7:00 pm. All are welcome to participate in the vigil at 451 East St. Germain Street, Suite 100, St. Cloud, Minnesota. To learn more, please contact the local *40 Days for Life* leadership team: Judy Haag at bobjudy@meltel.net or Mary Jo Ruhland at hlgr@aol.com.

May all come to know fully and personally your endless love, O God...

God's Vision... Today's readings highlight the power of faith in the midst of serious problems. Jesus says that if you have faith "the size of a mustard seed," you can move a mountain. Like many of us, Habakkuk struggled to deal with God's seeming reluctance to end suffering. Our Lord reminded him that His vision will come in time. He seems to suggest that our salvation is more important than our comfort! God's vision is one of peace and justice for all people. To become a reality, we are called to suffer in the often frustrating work of building a more just society. At times, our suffering may be the result of having to abandon entrenched positions in favor of a solution that benefits the most vulnerable people in our society. We may suffer because God asks us to share our possessions with people who are poor—even if their choices seem to have created their poverty. How might God be calling you to suffer for the benefit of others?

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

Tip for Reducing Your Environmental Impact: Take five! Use a timer to take less than five-minute showers. It will save water and energy. Go to catholicclimatecovenant.org for more tips!

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.

Pastoral Ministry

Counsel the doubtful: What would you say to someone who asks you for help in strengthening their faith in God because they feel their faith is lukewarm or almost non-existent? Or they might be among those who are hovering between continuing to practice their faith or to “hang it up” and have stopped attending Mass and other religious services regularly because they “don’t get anything out of it.” Would you spend time trying to convince someone to have faith using lots of words, or would you turn their request over to God and ask God to increase their faith? Even the apostles asked the Lord to increase their faith rather than asking each other. Faith in God is a gift and once we receive this gift and experience its power and comfort, we no longer keep searching for reasons to pray, to worship, and to believe. We just do it and nothing can drive us off track. How do we get there? How do we help others to get there, especially our close family members and friends who have abandoned the practice of their faith for one reason or another. We can increase our faith by prayer. We get there by asking God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to “increase our faith,” and to increase the faith of those we love who may have strayed away from the Christian faith. And we get there by the power of example and encouragement: the example of those we know who continue to be faithful to the practice of their faith and together, with the help of God, our faith is increased and strengthened.

S. Joyce Iten, Pastoral Minister

Prayer Corner

Please pray for... Jack Blommer, Judy Bruemmer, Carol Brummel, Laken Court, Leona Davis, Margaret Danzl, Dan Eich, Doris Ethen, Delvin Gillitzer, Harold Goebel, Cliff Hilsgen, Blake Hoganson, Ben Kasella, Joel Kissela, Rebecca Klaphake, Stanley Kron, Arnie Lauer, Florence Loso, Alvina Meier, Andy Meyer, military men and women and their families, Marge Moog, Delores Newcomb, Larry & Jan Ostendorf, people of the Diocese of Vijayapuram, India, Bernie Schloemer, Cindy Schmitz, Ed Schneider, Kathy Seifert, Marilyn Simon, Ann Pfannenstein Stuckart, Mary Wensmann, 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.

Readings for the Week of October 3

When you have done all you have been commanded, say, “We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.” —Lk 17:10

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
 Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13
 Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28
 Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

Liturgical Ministers Schedules...

through January 2011 are now available. Ministers should be sure to obtain their copy. Hard copies are available in the East Entrance of the church. The schedule is also available online at the “Liturgy” page of our parish website at www.churchstjoseph.org. Updated directories of participants for securing substitutes are also available at these two locations.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	Saturday, October 9 5 pm	Sunday, October 10 8 am	Sunday, October 10 10 am
Sacristans	Lori Pfannenstein	Virginia Meier	Ann & Allison Thelen
Greeters	Jeff & Mary Botz, Mike Nierengarten	Dale & Barb Wick, Elizabeth Lansing	Chuck & Pat Kutzera, Paige Cordie
Gift Bearers	Richard & Rose Taufen	Al & Kathy Seifert Family	John & Jeanette Steichen Family
Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Meyer, Harold Brinkman, Marilyn Brinkman, Mark Leither, Laura Kutzera, Marilyn Court, Dianne Bechtold	Nancy Walz, Barb Heltemes, Othmar Schmitz, Bill Elfering, Leo Glatzel, Peter Jansky, Tammy Johnson	Joel Cassady, Katie Cassady, Rosanne Eiyneck, Anita Harris, Caroline Glatzel, Joe Heinen, Linda Heinen
Ushers	Marvin & Carol Mastey, Ron & Mary Ritter	Melvin Ruegemer, Hank Sunder, Jack Blommer, Richard Stock	Jerry Ethen, Sean Thomas, Cletus Bechtold, Roger Drontle
Servers	Taylor Notsch, Katie Schleper, Sam Clausen	Owen Berg-Arnold & Simon Berg-Arnold	Meghan Wick, Mackenzie Wick, Lucas Waletzko
Lectors	Julie Notsch	Peggy Jansky	Karl Terhaar
Music Ministry	Cantors	Cantors	Children’s Choir

The Week Ahead

Sunday, October 3

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

- 8:00 am** Mass†Gene Scherer
10:00 am Mass for our Parish

Monday, October 4

Saint Francis of Assisi

- 5:00 pm** Mass at St. Benedict's Monastery
7:00 pm Baptism Prep

Tuesday, October 5

- 5:00 pm** Mass at St. Benedict's Monastery
7:15 pm Contemporary Choir

Wednesday, October 6

- 4:30 pm** Children's Choir
5:00 pm Mass at St. Benedict's Monastery
6:00 pm Gr. 1-6 Faith Formation
6:45 pm RCIA
7:15 pm Gr. 7-8 Faith Formation

Thursday, October 7

SJLS Grandparents' Day

- 7:45 am** Confession
8:00 am Gr. 2 Mass†Agnes Lodermeier
10:00 am Autumn Thursday
6:30 pm Cantor Rehearsal
7:00 pm Adult Choir

Friday, October 8

- 8:00 am** Mass†Florenz Walz

Saturday, October 9

Baptism Weekend

- 8:00 am** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10:00 am Marriage Prep
4:00 pm Confession
5:00 pm Mass†Ceil Witte

Sunday, October 10

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Baptism Sunday

- 8:00 am** Mass††Alfred & Gertrude Seifert
10:00 am Mass for our Parish

Congratulations and blessings to John & Jeanette Steichen on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Masses

- Monday — Wednesday** Sacred Heart Chapel 5:00 pm
Thursday — 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.

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Stewardship of Treasure

Treasure received week of September 26, 2010

Average weekly budget	\$11,495.00
Adult & loose offering	\$7,621.75
Average weekly automated offering	\$2,733.61
Weekly difference	\$-1,139.64
Youth offering received	\$86.03
Budget through September 26	\$149,435.00
Actual through September 26	\$132,863.60
Difference	\$-16,571.40

His master said to him, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy."

—Matthew 25:21

COMMISSION OF COMMUNITY

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

Stewardship...Pray! Do it every day!

Becoming better Catholic stewards is a life-long process. It is modeling the life of Jesus and requires continuing conversion. At the Church of Saint Joseph we renew our efforts each year by addressing three elements of stewardship; prayer in October, offering in November, and ministry in February.

A spirituality without a prayer life is no spirituality at all, and it will not last beyond the first defeats. Prayer is an opening of the self so that the Word of God can break in and make us new. Prayer un.masks. Prayer converts. Prayer impels. Prayer sustains us on the way. Pray for the grace it will take to continue what you would like to quit.

—Joan Chittister, OSB
In a High Spiritual Season

Start each day with prayer.

End each day with prayer.

Do it every day!

Autumn Thursday

Are you looking forward to the Autumn Thursday gathering? If so, please come on Thursday, October 7 at 10:00 am. We will meet in the parish meeting room for prayer, reflection, conversation, and evaluation of the ministry. As this ministry evolved, many different projects were completed—some more popular than others—from collating crafts and packets to mailings for the parish and school. All areas of parish ministry need ongoing evaluation to determine whether they continue to meet the needs of the parish and the people involved. Now is your opportunity to share ideas about keeping this day effective and meaningful for you and for the parish. What do you think about meeting on days other than Thursdays? Would you like to meet only when there are more time-consuming projects involved? Bring ideas and suggestions you may have to improve this ministry. We look forward to the gathering on Thursday, October 7.

Discovery Day at Saint John's Prep

Saint John's Prep, a Catholic/Benedictine private college-preparatory school for students in grades 6-12, is hosting a Discovery Day on Friday, October 15. Interested students are matched with a host student for the day and have the opportunity to experience what it's like to be a student at Saint John's Prep. Parent information sessions are also available. For more information or to register, call 320-363-3321 or go to www.sjprep.net

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

October is Respect Life month. Begun in 1972, the Respect Life Program stresses the value and dignity of human life. It is observed in the 195 Catholic dioceses in the United States.

Please take some time to read and reflect on this week's bulletin insert, THE MEASURE OF LOVE IS TO LOVE WITHOUT MEASURE. Please also make it a part of your daily prayer that all people will have a greater respect of human life from conception to natural death. Finally, as we prepare for the upcoming elections, I encourage everyone to become informed on all issues that relate to the dignity of human life. In his statement for Respect Life month, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston and the chair of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops said, "If we allow the dignity of every human life to guide the decisions we make as voters and public policy advocates, we can surely succeed in creating a more just and humane society."

Deacon Tom Murray and I will attend the Annual Diocesan Clergy Conference beginning this afternoon and continuing through Wednesday. There will be no morning Masses this coming Tuesday and Wednesday. Parishioners are invited to celebrate Mass with the Sisters of Saint Benedict's Monastery at 5:00 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Blessings on your week!

*In Christ's peace,
Fr. Joseph*

Church of Saint Joseph Book Club...

Our **Parish Book Club** is now reading *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver. Pick up a copy, read it and join us for informal discussion at the Local Blend on **Wednesday, October 27 at 6:30 pm!** Please call Dawn Carrillo in the Faith Formation Office at 363-7505, ext. 121 for more information.

Wedding Banns

The following couples are preparing for marriage. Please keep them in your prayers.

II. Eric Theisen & Stacy Trushenski
III. Corey Copps & Teresa Newton