

# 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.*

## Daily Dozen of Catholic Parenting (Part I)



*Church of Saint Joseph*  
Wednesday, October 13  
6:00-7:30 pm  
(in the church)

### **Got kids? Got any stress with your kids?**

If so, come discover some practical Catholic parenting tips that you can use today to lower that stress with the Daily Dozen of Catholic Parenting by Jim Otremba.

*(He will be doing "1/2 a dozen" on October 13 and the other "1/2 dozen" on November 10.)*

## **ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS PARENT/ALL PARISH NIGHT!**

### **Jim Otremba, M.Div, MS, LICSW**

Jim Otremba is the owner of the Center For Family Counseling, Inc. in St. Cloud ([www.healinginchrist.com](http://www.healinginchrist.com)) where he provides Christian counseling. He also works as a Christian coach ([www.coachinginchrist.com](http://www.coachinginchrist.com)). He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Saint John's University and a Master's degree in Applied Psychology from St. Cloud State University. He is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker in Minnesota. A stay-at-home dad during the morning and a counselor and coach during the day, Jim and his wife Maureen are the parents of three children. Jim is also the author of the Daily Dozen of Christian Parenting workbook. There are plans to use the workbook this fall in about 180 Minnesota churches as a parenting curriculum. His workbook will be for sale at the end of his talk for those interested.



*Please contact Dawn Carrillo in the Faith Formation Office if you have any questions: 363-7505 x152.*



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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.

OCTOBER 10, 2010 • TWENTY-EIGHTH 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.*

### Catholic Schools Study Group

In the past two weeks, the Catholic Schools Study Group has met with parents and parishioners of all of our parish schools. The meetings were held in St. Joseph (SJLS), Waite Park (SJWP) and at Saint Peter's Church in St. Cloud (SPPM). At these meetings, members of the study group presented an overview of our work to date and some of our findings. Our primary purpose was to solicit comments and input from parents and parishioners.

A few themes emerged from these meetings: 1) parents want specific targets and goals in terms of the funding and enrollment necessary to keep their schools viable; 2) they would like a definition of what makes a school sustainable; 3) they want to see plans to market our schools and build enrollment; and 4) they also want to see clear projections that demonstrate how any recommendations, especially consolidation, would make the schools more sustainable into the future.

The level of denial about the financial situation concerns members of the Study Group. Currently, tuition covers roughly 35% of the school's annual budget, and the parish contributes another 35-40%. The actual cost of education continues to rise even as the parishes work to keep the percentages stable, putting a large burden on the parish. Although the school budgets get paid in full each year, it takes every reserve the parish has to make that budget. There is a pressing need to have a just allocation of parish funds to programs and services provided by the parish, including faith formation, youth ministry and services to the elderly. There is also a problem with meeting the significant gap in the school budget through fundraisers.

It is the desire of the Catholic Schools Study Group and our pastors that our schools thrive, not simply survive. This means strong kindergarten classes every year and enough enrollment to cover most of the costs of the education provided. Fundraisers are unpredictable and should be used to build endowments and provide for additional programs and extracurricular activities, not as an essential part of meeting the annual budget. None of our schools has the kind of endowment that provides a steady income that can be used indefinitely for the annual budget.

The Catholic Schools Study Group will meet throughout October to construct recommendations for our network of Catholic schools. We are looking at best practices and the success of other schools systems throughout the country as models. We are closely considering the numbers and the priorities to meet our charge.

We are fully aware of the passion for each of our schools and the desire to keep them going. We are also aware of the strong tradition and commitment of Catholics in our area. Similar to urban areas like Chicago, Boston, New York and Milwaukee, we used to be able to support Catholic schools at every parish. Like those areas, the continually rising cost of education and diminishing number of students mean this is no longer the case. We have seen schools in the St. Cloud area already close and consolidate. However, like the parents, we don't think a continual cycle of consolidation and closure is necessary, and it is not what we want to see for our schools. We believe that by working together, with vision and strong partnerships as well as the continuing passion and commitment of our gifted teachers, administrators, parents and other parishioners, we can move forward to build a network of schools that will join the list of model Catholic schools.

We continue to solicit comments on this process via e-mail at [cssg2010@charter.net](mailto:cssg2010@charter.net) and will continue to share information as it is available.

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

The Period of Inquiry in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process enables participants to ask questions, learn about the Catholic faith, and discern whether they feel called to join the Catholic Church. Our next inquiry session will take place Wednesday, October 13 at 6:45 pm-8:00 pm in the Parish meeting room. Please contact Dawn Carrillo, ext. 152 or [faithformation@churchstjoseph.org](mailto:faithformation@churchstjoseph.org) for further information.

### Faith Formation

**Faith Formation Families** Our first **Parent Night** is on **Wednesday, October 13**, with **all parents and students, grades 1-8**, meeting in the church at **6:00 pm**. Students will be dismissed for a regular class session after prayer, and parents will remain in the church for our featured speaker, Jim Otremba. See the bulletin cover for more information! **PLEASE NOTE:** This evening is open to anyone in the parish, regardless of whether you have children in the Faith Formation program. *All are welcome!*

**Sunday School** for pre-schoolers and kindergartners will meet next Sunday, October 17 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 for more information (363-7505, ext. 152).

### **Welcome to 9<sup>th</sup> graders who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation!**

At our parish liturgies next weekend we will be formally welcoming the 9<sup>th</sup> graders of our parish into their preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation with the Rite of Welcome. Forty-two students have recently begun the program with the intention of receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2012. Currently, they are exploring the life, ministry, and message of Jesus, in whose name we gather for Eucharist. As a community, let us pledge our prayers and support as these young people continue their journey of faith!

### **Confirmation Large Group Session next Sunday, October 17!**

This session is for all 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders and their catechists, beginning at 3:30 pm and concluding at 5:00 pm. (Catechists are reminded to arrive no later than 3:00.) Our topic for the session is *Witness: Remaining Faithful in the Midst of Adversity* with Molly Weyrens, our Coordinator of Youth Ministry, as presenter. Parents and sponsors are always welcome!

*Dawn Carrillo  
Director of Faith Formation*

## COMMISSION OF WORD

**Saint Joseph Lab School**

Grades 5 and 6 are modeling the Lab School's theme of using our hands to serve God by sponsoring a family in the Diocese of Vijayapuram in Kerala, India through the "We Share" Program. This program strives to provide food, clothing, housing, medical assistance, and education for the poorest of families in the region. Members of each class will collectively donate \$100.00 to sponsor a family for the year and will be corresponding with the families. Fifth and sixth grade students will learn about the culture and living conditions or our brothers and sisters in India and hopefully gain an appreciation of all the gifts that they have in our country. Mrs. Koltes and Mrs. Huls plan to continue sponsoring these two families with next year's classes.

I want to thank all the grandparents and special friends of our students for attending Grandparents' Day and making it a memorable day.

*Blessings,  
Karl Terhaar, Principal*

**Family Table Talk...** Questions for your family discussion this week (Sunday Gospel: Luke 17:11-19): *For what do you give thanks to God most often? What makes some people outsiders? What makes some "us" and some "them?" What is Jesus' attitude toward outsiders such as lepers? Who do you take for granted and need to thank? What convinces you to believe in Jesus?*

**Attention Jr & Sr High**

Looking for something to do during MEA? Join us for a day of **Servin'it Up!** The day will involve some reflection, prayer, community building and service in the area. We will meet at the Church of Saint Joseph and then head out to our sites. BYOL (Bring your own lunch! Drinks provided.) Thursday, October 21 for 7-8<sup>th</sup> graders and Friday, October 22 for 9-12 graders. Time is 9:30 am-3:00 pm. Any adults who would like to come with us are most welcome. Space is limited. Later start to sleep in and early end to get to practice and other activities—or back to sleep! This is a great opportunity for Confirmation students to get in some service. Get up and get out! If you have any questions please call Molly at 363-7505 ext. 129. Register by emailing [youthministry@churchstjoseph.org](mailto:youthministry@churchstjoseph.org)

**Attention 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders NOT in Religious Education:**

Join us on Wednesday, October 13 for a youth group activity from 6-7:30 pm. Parents can attend the Parent Night and you can come over to the school and take part in some fun and faith. Contact Molly Weyrens with questions or for more information.

**Wednesday Morning Prayer**

All are invited to join in prayer every **Wednesday morning at 9:00 am in the Aftercare Room in the Lab School.** This ongoing prayer group uses the style of prayer known as *lectio divina*. *Lectio divina* is Latin for "divine reading" or "holy reading," representing a traditional Christian practice of prayer and scriptural reading. *All are welcome!*

## 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**

Just as India has many states, languages, and religions, it also has a great variety of clothing. Clothing in India is usually bright and colorful especially for women. As one travels from the urban areas to the rural ones, styles change. In the past few decades, urban Indian clothing has become more contemporary and on par with global fashion. In rural areas, however, people are more likely to still wear traditional dress according to their culture.

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

**40 Days For Life**

The 40 Days for Life campaign continues! Most visible in the effort is the peaceful prayer vigil outside the local Planned Parenthood facility. Join us for the vigil that will be held throughout these 40 days (until October 31) Monday-Saturday, 7:00 am-7:00 pm. All are welcome to participate in this 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](mailto:bobjudy@meltel.net) or Mary Jo Ruhland at [rhlg@aol.com](mailto:rhlg@aol.com).

*Enable us to see everyone as formed by your loving hand, O Lord...*

**Gratitude...** Genuine gratitude transforms us by changing our behavior and energizing our faith. Naaman's healing from leprosy led him to a religious conversion. Like the Samaritan, he was so overwhelmed with gratitude that he returned to thank Elisha. In the midst of suffering it can be difficult to feel grateful for God's blessings. At times it may seem that we have nothing to be thankful for. Yet, even in the darkest of circumstances, God is present with us. He invites us to look beyond our situation and be open to many things—especially a desire for growth and change. How do you express your gratitude to God? Do you want to become more grateful? Try creating a "Gratitude Journal." Each day, list ten things you are grateful for. Can't think of ten things? Write the same thing ten times! After a few days, think about how this practice impacts your perspective. Do your troubles still weigh you down or does life seem a little less gloomy? How might you use this new perspective to reach out to others?

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

**Tip for Reducing Your Environmental**

**Impact:** Save Paper, Save Trees! Think before you print: "Do I really need to print this or can I store it in my computer?" Go to [catholicclimatecovenant.org](http://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.*

### Being a Good Samaritan

How would you like to be a good Samaritan? Here is one way. Please collect and save your soon-to-be-stamped turkey cards from Coborn's Grocery Store. About a week or two before Thanksgiving and after Thanksgiving, unless you are using your turkey card for your own family, please bring any stamped turkey cards to church with you and put them into the offering basket or drop them off at the parish office, or mail them to the parish office. The number of stamps per card doesn't matter. We will combine the cards and the Commission of Pastoral Ministries will have them redeemed at Coborn's before and after Thanksgiving Day so we can donate frozen turkeys and chickens to our local food shelf, to Catholic Charities, and Salvation Army. Spread the word to your friends as well who may be using the turkey cards which Coborn's offers. This is a great way to help feed the hungry through our local food shelves. And thanks to Coborn's for their generous turkey and chicken donations.

Another way to be a good Samaritan is to pray daily for the needs of the poor and needy and for those who assist them and to be of assistance ourselves whenever such an opportunity presents itself. Blessings and God's peace be yours.

*S. Joyce Iten  
Pastoral Ministry*

### 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, Rebecca Klaphake, Stanley Kron, Arnie Lauer, Florence Loso, Alvina Meier, 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 10

*And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" — Lk 17:15-18*

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19  
 Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Lk 11:29-32  
 Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41  
 Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54  
 Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7  
 Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12  
 Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	Saturday, October 16 5 pm	Sunday, October 17 8 am	Sunday, October 17 10 am
<b>Sacristans</b>	Lori Pfannenstein	Bill Elfering	Susan Meyer
<b>Greeters</b>	Jim & Dana Steve Family, Mike Nierengarten	Richard & Joyce Stock, Mary Plafcan	Kristi & Kelli Spaniol, Dianne Gideon
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	The Schommer Family	Ashley Heinen and Family	Urban & Frances Warnert Family
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Renee Lepinski, Joann Rueckert, Carol Mastey, Jane Bierschbach, Tom Murray, Esther Reischl, Lori Pfannenstein	Connie Loecken, Bill Elfering, Virginia Meier, Ellen Murray, Elaine Newton, Ann Reischl, Jennifer Oschwald	John Herdan, Bernie Imholte, Shirley Miller, Patty Paquin, Ken Schreiber, Becky Schreifels, Alex Schleper
<b>Ushers</b>	Mark & Beth Leither, Ray Rueckert, Thomas Schindler	Lloyd Bruemmer, Ervin Goebel, Peter Giroux, Alan Glatzel	Doug & Carol Danielson, Daniel Goebel, Tom Ethen
<b>Servers</b>	Caitlin Skahen & Brenna Skahen	Riley Glatzel & Daniel Walz	Nicole Fish & Ben Thell
<b>Lectors</b>	Betty Schloemer	Trish Gannon	Merle Bauer
<b>Music Ministry</b>	Adult Choir	Cantors	Contemporary Choir

# The Week Ahead

## 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 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

## Monday, October 11

- 2:15 pm Home & School Meeting
- 5:00 pm Mass at St. Benedict's Monastery
- 7:00 pm Faith Formation Committee Meeting
- 7:15 pm Education Advisory Committee Mtg.

## Tuesday, October 12

- 8:00 am Mass† Marian Menzhuber
- 4:30 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting
- 7:15 pm Contemporary Choir

## Wednesday, October 13

- 8:00 am Mass† Frances Eich
- 9:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 9:30 am Arlington Place Mass† Deceased & Living Members of St. Joseph Senior Citizens
- 4:30 pm Children's Choir
- 6:00 pm Parent/Parish Education Night
- 6:45 pm RCIA

## Thursday, October 14

- 7:45 am Confession
- 8:00 am Gr. 1 Mass† Alphonse Stueve
- 10:00 am Autumn Thursday
- 6:30 pm Cantor Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir
- 7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting

## Friday, October 15

- 8:00 am Mass† Gene Pfannenstien

## Saturday, October 16

- 2:00 pm Wedding—Theisen/Trushenski
- 4:00 pm Confession
- 5:00 pm Mass† Jean Schommer

*Confirmation Rite of Welcome*

## Sunday, October 17

*Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Confirmation Rite of Welcome*

- 8:00 am Mass for our Parish
- 10:00 am Mass† Jerry Warnert

*Blessing of Expectant Parents following 10:00 am Mass*

- 3:30 pm Confirmation Large Group

## 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

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- Jill Hoffmann ..... 230-1032

## Stewardship of Treasure

*Treasure received week of October 3, 2010*

Average weekly budget	\$11,495.00
Adult & loose offering	\$10,450.32
Average weekly automated offering	\$2,190.89
Weekly difference	\$1,146.21
Youth offering received	\$55.88
Budget through October 3	\$160,930.00
Actual through October 3	\$145,504.81
Difference	\$-15,425.19

*How can I repay the Lord for all the good done for me?*  
—Psalm 116:12

## 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!

From *Benedict's Way* the "Rule of Saint Benedict says 'First of all, every time you begin a good work, you must pray to God most earnestly to bring it to perfection...' Let us open our eyes to the light that comes from God, and our ears to the voice from heaven that every day calls out this charge: *If you hear his voice today, do not harden your hearts* (Ps. 95:8)."

We all have good intentions about praying every day, but the practice of praying daily often becomes another item on our list of things to do, an item which becomes easier and easier to postpone.

So start small, commit yourself to morning and evening prayer. Pray for a few minutes right after you get out of bed and for another few minutes before you fall asleep. Stick to it. Write it down. It takes twenty-one days to form a habit. Make daily morning and evening prayer a habit.

#### Sample morning prayer:

Dear Lord, before I hit the ground running, I pause to be claimed again by you, to be reminded of what matters most, to offer myself for your service in whatever opportunities you give me this day. Thank you for another day and for a safe night passed in your care.

#### Sample evening prayer:

Dear God, soon I will sleep. Grateful for this day with all its joys and all its complications, I give myself to your loving care and am happy to rest in your love. Forgive me for my errors, my neglect, my hard-hearted-ness of today. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

—from *Benedict's Way*

### Wedding Banns

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

#### III. Eric Theisen & Stacy Trushenski

### Exploration Day at Cathedral High School/John XXIII Middle School

All current 6<sup>th</sup> graders in area Catholic elementary schools will be visiting Cathedral High School/John XXIII Middle School on Tuesday, October 26. Exploration Day will enable 6<sup>th</sup> graders to experience a day in the life of a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student at John XXIII Middle School. All public school 6<sup>th</sup> graders are also welcome. If interested, please call Kathy Lahr at 320-257-2143.

### From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

Today's gospel story about Jesus healing the ten lepers reminded me of the famous quote of Meister Eckhart, the 14<sup>th</sup> century German theologian, who said, "If the only prayer you say in your life is thank you, that would suffice." As we continue to become better Catholic stewards and focus on prayer during this month of October, may your prayer today be "thank you."

*Start each day with prayer. End each day with prayer. Do it every day!*

Blessings on your week!

*In Christ's peace,  
Fr. Joseph*

### Annual Poor Clare Benefit Tea

The Poor Clare Benefit Tea will be held on Thursday, October 14 from 2:00-5:30 pm at the Bob and Laurie Strack residence at 617 Scenic Drive South in Sartell. Proceeds of this benefit are used to help defray fuel expenses at the Poor Clare Monastery in Sauk Rapids. Everyone is welcome, so please come and bring a friend! If you have questions, call Mary Weitzel at 320-251-1457.

### 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.

### 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](http://www.sjprep.net).