

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.

Happy Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi

On October 4, the Church celebrates the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi. Saint Francis inspires us by his love of peace and his kinship with all creatures. Some eight centuries after Francis lived in Italy, hundreds of thousands of Franciscans around the world strive to follow the Gospel with the joy he expressed. Francis' words are often in the form of direct "conversation" with God, a conversation that includes all creation... *"All praise to you, Oh Lord, for Brother Sun, Sister Moon..."*



To celebrate the life and example of this great saint, you might want to use the following **Franciscan Blessing of Pets** for your family pet, a popular custom in remembrance of Saint Francis' love for all creatures...

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures.

You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land.

You inspired Saint Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters.

We ask you to bless this pet.

By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan.

May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.



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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.

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

Faith Formation Families We have regularly scheduled classes on Wednesday, September 29 with grades 1-6 from 6:00-7:00 pm and grades 7-8 from 7:15-8:15 pm. Please contact Dawn Carrillo in the Faith Formation Office at 363-7505, x152 if you have not yet registered your child. *We look forward to seeing you there!*

Sunday School for pre-schoolers and kindergartners meets this Sunday, September 26, during the 10:00 am Mass. It is not too late to sign-up your child for this program. Please call Dawn Carrillo in the Faith Formation Office if you have questions or wish to sign-up your child.

Why Catholic? groups will convene the first part of October for the last session of this four-year program. If you would like to be a part of one of these small discussion groups, please call Dawn Carrillo in the Faith Formation Office at 363-7505, ext. 152. *New members are always welcome!*

*Dawn Carrillo
Director of Faith Formation*

Come and see...Introductory Session to the 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. Please join us today, Sunday, September 26 after the 10:00 am Mass for an introduction to the process and the team. This meeting will take place in the parish office. The session will be no longer than an hour. Inquiry sessions will then begin on Wednesday, October 6 and every subsequent Wednesday from 6:45 pm-8:00 pm. Please contact Dawn Carrillo, ext. 152 or faithformation@churchstjoseph.org for further information.

Family Table Talk... Questions for your family discussion this week (Sunday Gospel: Luke 16:19-31): *Who begs at your gate? What gaps between rich and poor do you see in your school or neighborhood? Why doesn't the rich man notice the poor man? Whom did you notice today who needs help? What choices are you making which help you keep in balance the needs of the poor, unfed, and others who struggle with daily needs? What do you have that you could share with others now?*

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

Thank you to all those who attended last Sunday evening's meeting that focused on the progress of the Catholic Schools Study Group. It was very clear from the questions and comments of school parents and parishioners in attendance that there is great love and respect for our Lab School. People value the education and faith formation that their children and grandchildren receive. The Lab School is a special place and there is a great desire to preserve this longstanding St. Joseph institution. As your pastor, I also share these thoughts and values.

What we also heard at the meeting were the challenges we face that are not unique to Catholic education in St. Joseph and the Diocese of Saint Cloud—changing demographics (fewer children), rising costs (primarily staff salaries and benefits), the financial hardship of tuition costs for many families, and the need to consider other parish funding priorities. An important point that needs to be emphasized is that the environment in which Catholic schools currently operate is significantly different from when they were first established. It is a fact of life that we always need to adapt to changing times and circumstances.

One of the goals of the Catholic Schools Study Group is that our parish-sponsored schools *thrive and not just survive*. We want to offer an excellent education that is grounded in our Roman Catholic faith. We also want to assure that an affordable Catholic education is available for generations to come. Please keep this process in your prayers. And if you have any suggestions or recommendations, contact the study group at cmsg2010@charter.net.

On a different subject, I want to draw your attention to our first re-leaded/restored stained-glass window on the west side of the church near the balcony stairs. The first window took longer than anticipated because replacement glass needed to be specially ordered from a company in Indiana. The remaining seven windows will be completed, one at a time, hopefully every three to four weeks. Special thanks to all those who contributed to the stained-glass window restoration process and for being such good and faithful stewards of this parish.

Blessings on your week!

*In Christ's peace,
Fr. Joseph*

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 Wednesday, September 29 at 7:00 pm in the parish meeting room, we will watch the fifth segment of *The Story of India*, a PBS series written and presented by Michael Wood. Conversation and refreshments will follow. Everyone is welcome! If you would like to view *The Story of India* DVD, please contact Dawn Carrillo, ext. 152.

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

Bridging Chasms...

Today's scriptures highlight the chasms that exist between those who are rich and those who are poor, between those who have power and those who are powerless, between those who are like Lazarus and those who are like the rich man. Catholic Social Teaching invites us to have a special concern for the poor and work to eliminate the chasms which divide our world. The word and spirit of God help us to bridge the chasms that divide us and avoid creating more chasms. Our world is filled with chasms that prevent God's people from enjoying justice and peace:

- between rich nations and poor nations
- between nations that control trade policy and those who are at the mercy of their policies
- between executives earning millions and employees who barely make a living wage
- between the political right and left
- between those who enjoy human rights and those who are denied

Catholic Social Teaching provides a blueprint for bridging these chasms. To learn more visit <http://ccadm.org/educationalresources>.

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

40 Days For Life

Beginning this past Wednesday, September 22, and continuing until Sunday, October 31, the St. Cloud and surrounding communities will join the largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history—the *40 Days for Life* campaign. *40 Days for Life* is 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. While all aspects of *40 Days for Life* are crucial in the effort to end abortion, the most visible component is the peaceful prayer vigil outside the local Planned Parenthood facility. Vigil will be held throughout this 40 days 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: bobjudy@meltel.net or Mary Jo Ruhland: rhlgtr@aol.com.

Free us from our own failures, Gracious God, so that we will be truly pro-life in every area of our lives...

“You, the Christ”

*text by Shirley Erena Murray
music by Ian Callanan*

If you happen to attend one of the liturgies at which the choir sings this weekend and next, you will hear them sing a choral piece with a very poignant social justice-oriented text. The text is one that perhaps cannot be totally appreciated in a single hearing. For this reason, and in the spirit of the readings for this weekend and next, we present the text here for your reflection. The text also fits the theme of “Respect Life” which is part of our focus every October.

1. Stranger, standing at my door,
you disturb me in the night:
you have needs I can't ignore,
you have eyes that speak your plight.
Do I know you, nameless face,
battered woman, detainee,
hungry youth or sickness case,
jobless parent, refugee –
Do I know you, nameless face?
2. You are strange in speech and dress,
you have children at your side,
you are not like one of us –
you have begged away your pride.
If you passed across my screen
I might switch you out of sight,
worlds away you might have been,
yet you stand here in the night.
Do I know you, nameless face?
3. I am fearful of your claim,
yet I cannot turn away.
Stranger with the foreign name,
are you angel come to stay?
You are messenger and guest
you the Christ I can't ignore,
you my own compassion's test,
stranger, standing at my door.
You, the Christ I can't ignore.
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Tip for Reducing Your Environmental

Impact: Skip the commercial window cleaner! Instead, get windows crystal clear with a simple solution of two tablespoons of white vinegar with a gallon of water makes an all natural cleaning solution. 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

One of the seven Spiritual Works of Mercy asks us to “comfort the sorrowing” as we become aware of another’s sorrow and distress. Sometimes this sorrow takes the form of grieving because of a significant loss that someone has experienced. Or there may be great stress because of family situations, illness, and difficult relationships taking place. Loss of one kind or another, as well as physical, spiritual and emotional distress seems to be with us as long as we are alive and capable of experiencing the daily demands of life. Sometimes we are in need of comfort ourselves and sometimes we are able to extend comfort to another. Comfort can be given in many ways. Some people are gifted with being a good listener and support person. Others simply “show up” and offer whatever support is needed. Still others may call upon their own faith in God, or search for some concrete resources and concrete ways to offer another as support. The Church of Saint Joseph Pastoral Ministries Commission is in the process of providing “Care Notes,” small booklets of six pages on various topics that will be available to all parishioners just for the taking. Look for them in the East Entrance of the church in the very near future. There are close to 20 different subjects and topics, and we hope you will find them helpful.

God’s blessings and comfort be with all of you. *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, Audrey Pflueger, 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 September 26

Abraham replied, “My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.”
—Lk 16:25

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
 Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Lk 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
 Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16
 Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Liturgical Ministers Schedules...

for October-January 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 2 5 pm	Sunday, October 3 8 am	Sunday, October 3 10 am
Sacristans	Judy Meemken	Judy Meemken	Matt & Emily Boettcher
Greeters	Dorothy Sadlo, Karin Ziebol, Mike Nierengarten	Ervin & Doris Goebel, Sue Meers	Charlie & Cheri Burg, Nettie Pfannenstein
Gift Bearers	Schloemer Family	Scherer Family	Theisen Family
Eucharistic Ministers	Joann Rueckert, Sandy Scholz, Lori Stock, Esther Reischl, Peg Walsh, Darlene Bechtold, Kathy Lyon	Jennifer Oschwald, Ann Reischl, Othmar Schmitz, Joan Skroch, Kristen Zimmer, Carol Braun, Delores Giroux	Ann Thelen, Karen Backes, Claire Bauer, Merle Bauer, Bruce Bechtold, Jim Boettcher, Peggy Boettcher
Ushers	Bob & Bernadette Ethen, Jerry Reischl, Bob Rice	Leo Glatzel, Gary Kuefler, John Heinen, Maurice Palmersheim	David Thomas, Gerald Schreifels, Matt Schreifels, Mike Thell
Servers	Jamie Deuhs & Clare McCarty	Daniel Wieber & Hannah Wieber	Sam Revermann & Carolyn Wick
Lectors	Tom Murray	Bonnie Gohmann	Bryan Backes
Music Ministry	Cantors	Contemporary Choir	Adult Choir

The Week Ahead

Sunday, September 26

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Mass for our Parish
 10:00 am Mass†Lester Baird
 11:00 am RCIA Introductory Session

St. Joseph Millstream Arts Festival

Monday, September 27

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

Tuesday, September 28

- 8:00 am Mass†Leo Sadlo
 7:15 pm Contemporary Choir

Wednesday, September 29

- 8:00 am Mass†Dan Clement
 9:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 10:00 am Staff Meeting
 1:30 pm BeFriends Meeting
 4:30 pm Children's Choir
 6:00 pm Gr. 1-6 Faith Formation
 7:00 pm Learning About India—Parish Office
 7:15 pm Gr. 7-8 Faith Formation

Thursday, September 30

- 7:45 am Confession
 8:00 am Gr. 3 Mass†Bill Schulte
 6:00 pm Choir Potluck
 7:00 pm Adult Choir

Friday, October 1

- 8:00 am Mass†Mary Walburga Albers
 9:30 am St. Joseph Apts. Mass†Virgie Steil

Saturday, October 2

- 2:00 pm Wedding—*Eiyneck/Klein*
 4:00 pm Confession
 5:00 pm Mass††Al & Vera Schloemer

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

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.

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Stewardship of Treasure

Treasure received week of September 19, 2010

Average weekly budget	\$11,495.00
Adult & loose offering	\$12,063.07
Average weekly automated offering	\$2,733.61
Weekly difference	\$3,301.68
Youth offering received	\$115.30
Budget through September 19	\$137,940.00
Actual through September 19	\$122,508.24
Difference	\$-15,431.76

Tell them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, ready to share, thus accumulating as treasure a good foundation for the future, so as to win the life that is true life.

—Timothy 6:18-19

COMMISSION OF COMMUNITY

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

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.

A supplement in next week’s bulletin will contain *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, x150 to request assistance by Friday, October 15 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*

Preserving Marriage in Minnesota

As you know, the cultural changes around the definition of marriage are accelerating in our country and around the world. The Church’s position is consistent with the virtually unanimous testimony of history across all cultures and places: that marriage, by definition, is a stable, life-long commitment of one man and one woman. While marriage is intensely personal, it is also always a social good that goes beyond the relationship of the spouses and builds the future through openness to the gift of children born as the fruit of the couple’s love.

Recently, you received at your home a letter from Bishop Kinney and an 18-minute DVD on the Catholic Church’s response to the question of “same-sex marriage.” Through the generosity of an anonymous donor in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, this DVD is being sent to every Catholic household in the State of Minnesota.

These materials are meant to provide education, background, and perspective on this sensitive issue. Regardless of your current personal views on this topic, please watch this DVD with an open mind and heart, and share it with your children as you judge appropriate for their ages.

Wedding Banns

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

- I. Eric Theisen & Stacy Trushenski
- II. Corey Copps & Teresa Newton
- III. Riley Eijnck & Catie Klein

Sunday Offering

As you can see in the “Stewardship of Treasure” in this week’s bulletin, our Sunday offering has fallen behind budget. If this trend continues, drastic cuts will need to be made that will affect our programs and the ministries provided for our parishioners. If you have fallen behind in your offering this summer because you have been gone, please try to catch up. If you can increase your offering amount to help make up for those who may be experiencing financial difficulties, please consider doing so. If you would like to speak to someone about your financial situation or that of the parish, please call Fr. Joseph, ext. 122 or Sandy, ext. 120. Or if you would like to consider electronic offering, which is an efficient way to be consistent with your giving, the sign-up form can be found on our website www.churchstjoseph.org or call Sandy at ext. 120.

Thank you for your faithfulness and let us keep all the members of our parish community in our prayers as we pray for financial stability.

Stewardship—A Disciple’s Response

If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.

—Luke 16:19-31

Those words of Jesus at the end of the story about the rich man who had more than he needed and Lazarus the beggar seem rather harsh. There is no gentle way to say that when we are dead it will be too late to do the good we should have done when we were alive. Unfortunately, when it comes to imitating Jesus we all have a little Scarlett O’Hara in us: “I’ll take care of that tomorrow!” We will get around “TO IT.” Try this exercise. Get a pencil or pen and a sheet of paper. Draw a circle. Take a pair of scissors and cut along the lines of the circle. Now write inside the circle the letters TOIT. You now have a Round TOIT. You no longer have any excuse for not imitating Jesus. That is, of course unless you do not know Jesus. And whose fault is that? Here is another exercise: Pick up the Bible! Read it! You will learn what Jesus promised and that he rose from the dead. With that knowledge and your Round TOIT, you should be all set. Get busy imitating Jesus by loving God and your neighbor as yourself.

—from the International Catholic Stewardship Council

Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast Sunday, October 3 from 8:30 am-Noon Saint Joseph Lab School

Menu includes:

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