

Church of SAINT JOSEPH

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Mission Statement

We, the Church of Saint Joseph, are a Catholic, Benedictine faith community. Our liturgy invites and inspires active participation and faith-filled living. Through our ministry of formation in Christ, we continue to build a solid foundation as witnesses who eagerly respond to the needs of the parish and wider community.



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New Parishioners Welcome! Please stop by the parish office to register or call 363-7505, ext. 121.

Prayer Corner If you know someone in need of prayers, please call the parish office. You may also call one of the chairpersons of the Prayer Network: Mary at 363-4244 or Joan at 363-4358.

Infant Baptism Congratulations! Attendance at a baptism class is required for all baptisms, even for parents who have had other children baptized. Please call the parish office at 363-7505, ext. 100, to register for the baptism class (held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm). The date of baptism will be scheduled upon completion of the class.

Marriage Congratulations on your engagement! Call Fr. Joseph, ext. 122, to set a wedding date and to register for a parish preliminary marriage session. A minimum of six months is needed for preparation.

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.

Let us give thanks



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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

All parents of second graders Our second graders have to prepare for the **Sacrament of First Reconciliation!** Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they take this step in their faith journey. (Parents who were not in attendance at the Parent Meeting this last Monday evening may arrange to pick up their child's preparation materials by calling Dawn Carrillo in the Faith Formation Office at 363-7505 x152.)

Faith Formation Families There are NO Faith Formation classes on Wednesday, November 24 because of the Thanksgiving break. *Blessings on your holiday time!*

Sunday School class for pre-schoolers and kindergartners will NOT meet next Sunday, November 28.

*Dawn Carrillo
Director of Faith Formation*

Saint Joseph Lab School

With Thanksgiving days away, there are many things as principal of our parish school to which I am grateful. I have been blessed with a supportive pastor and parish who believe in our mission of providing a quality, faith-filled Catholic education. I have a superb staff of dedicated teachers and hard-working support staff. Our parents volunteer countless hours helping in all facets of the school. Kennedy's education specialists have been most helpful in serving our students who need additional support. Our college volunteers serve as young, positive role models while our RSVP volunteers provide that vital generational connection. All these people have not only enriched the lives of the children, but mine as well.

I also want to thank all the community organizations who graciously support the school through giving and being an example for our children. The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Aid continuously support the school's effort to teach our children Catholic values. The Legion, Auxiliary, Jaycees, Lions, and Y2K have been most generous with contributions. All these organizations play an important role in helping our school.

Lastly, I am thankful for the children of Saint Joseph Lab School, who with their smiles, respectfulness, and funny little stories that they tell me, bring a smile to my face and lift my spirits. I have been blessed with the opportunity to work with these wonderful children.

*Thank you and God bless,
Karl Terhaar, Principal*

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!*

Family Table Talk... Questions for your family discussion this week (Sunday Gospel: Luke 23:35-43): *What is forgiveness like? When has someone picked on you and how did you feel about it? Why doesn't Jesus fight? How does Jesus show he is the Messiah? What do you think moves the "good thief" to ask Jesus' forgiveness? How would you characterize Jesus if you were to create a film or piece of art about him?*

Youth Group

If all goes well there will be a group of youth from our parish at the Youth Rally at St. John's University on Sunday. Please include us, and all the youth and leaders of the diocese, in your prayers in the hopes that this event might ignite the Spirit in the hearts of all who are able to participate.

The season of Advent is quickly coming! If you would like to be involved in any of the following activities, please call or email me.

Advent Prayer Around The Cradle We will do this 1-2 Sundays during Advent at a time that the group decides would work. I'm thinking 5:00 or 7:00 pm. I'm thinking candles, music, reflection, darkness.... could be very nice! Very simple to plan. It's a great way to mark the season before the rush of Christmas engulfs us!

Heiffer Project Heiffer is an organization that raises money to send animals overseas to benefit those in need. We could raise money here during Advent and Christmas to buy a cow or goat or water buffalo! How can you not get excited about that?!!

Advent Family Fun Night Wednesday, December 1 from 6:00-7:30 pm we will gather to do several projects that could include baking, tying fleece blankets for students at the Children's Home and putting together boxes of goodies for those in need. A nice way to spend an evening!

Ski Trip in December-January Enjoy a day at Spirit Mountain! Let me know if you'd be interested in helping lead or just participate. Other adults welcome!

Take advantage of all that surrounds you! We are reminded of our blessings daily. Let us remember others as we celebrate and give thanks this week.

Have a great Turkey-Day!

Peace, 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. We will be celebrating this ancient rite at the 10:00 am Mass Sunday, November 28. 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.

COMMISSION OF WORD

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am on November 25, Thanksgiving Day. As a faith community and as individuals, we have many reasons to give thanks. Most of all, on this last day of the liturgical year, we give thanks for Christ our King. As Saint Paul says in today's second reading from his letter to the Colossians:

Brothers and sisters:
Let us give thanks to the Father,
who has made you fit to share
in the inheritance of the holy ones in light.
He delivered us from the power of darkness
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Please note that there will be no morning Mass on Friday, November 26. The community is invited to join the Sisters of St. Benedict's Monastery for Mass at 11:30 am that day. Finally, the parish offices will be closed both Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26.

Blessings on your week!

*In Christ's peace,
Fr. Joseph*

The Mountain of God's Love

Next weekend, we begin a new Church year with the beginning of Advent. When you go to Mass that weekend (November 27-28), you will hear readings from the Bible, stories of our faith ancestors. To prepare yourself and your family to truly hear God's Word, read and discuss this short article as a family before you go:

Isaiah 2.1-4 The Mountain of God's Love

Mountains have a way of drawing our attention when they come into view. In this prophecy, Isaiah saw the people going to God's holy mountain. Here we see a special way to live within the love of God: people are instructed by God's Word; they let God's holiness guide their lives; and they seek peace instead of violence. The expressions of the Church in our dioceses, parishes, and family homes should guide us to live in holiness. Take time to remember this call as a family. Choose a place in nature that is special to your family, and make a pilgrimage together. Bring the Bible and share this passage. Talk and pray together about what it means to live in God's love. (This article appears on p. 877 of the *Catholic Faith & Family Bible*, produced by the Center for Ministry Development, published by HarperCollins, © 2010.)

COMMISSION OF SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Saint Joseph Parishioners will know, understand and work to realize the Gospel vision of justice and Catholic Social Teaching.

Thanksgiving Reflection...

Saint Paul reminds us to give God thanks for His abundant blessings. An attitude of gratitude gives us a new perspective. In the midst of trials it may be tempting to assess our circumstances by what we lack, rather than the blessings God has bestowed. Our vision can become distorted by pain. Yet, God draws even closer in times of trouble. If we allow ourselves to experience His intimacy, we emerge with a clearer vision of blessings we have overlooked.

*As we gather with our families, let us give thanks to our God for all the blessings he has given us:
Salvation through Jesus, our Savior,
Eucharistic strength to help us stay faithful,
A spirit of compassion to reach out to people in need,
The gift of companionship and friendship in family life,
The privilege of living in a country where we can live our faith without being persecuted,
Access to education, healthcare, and all we need to live our lives with dignity,
Nutritious food to nourish our bodies.
We give you thanks, Oh God!
Amen.*

—Adapted from "Justice Corner" by Rachel Ramjattan

Tip for Reducing Your Environmental Impact: Turn Off Computers! Save energy by turning off individual computers at night and setting network systems to low-power sleep modes. Shutting down just one computer and monitor system can save up to \$100 annually. Go to catholicclimatecovenant.org for more tips!

Learning about the Diocese of Vijayapuram

The sixth and final segment of *The Story of India*, a PBS series written and presented by Michael Wood, was viewed in the parish on November 17. If you would like to borrow a copy of *The Story of India* DVD to watch at home, please contact Dawn Carrillo, ext. 152.

In the coming weeks, we will explore new ways to learn about and deepen our connection with the people of the Diocese of Vijayapuram in Kerala, India. Updates will be posted in the bulletin.

Please keep Bishop Sebastian Thekkethecheril and the people of his diocese in your daily prayers.

Make God's Love Visible

Did you know that in cultures where people live the longest, there is no concept of retirement? People don't stop being contributing members of society, they simply transfer their wisdom from one type of meaningful work to another. That's the idea behind Catholic Charities Foster Grandparent Program. Seniors share their hard-earned wisdom with young people, in schools, day care centers and other places where kids congregate. Catholic Charities Foster Grandparent Program benefits from Catholic Charities Make God's Love Visible Annual Appeal.

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

By now, you might be wondering when we are going to start dealing in these columns with the actual changes to the texts of the Mass? Isn't that what concerns us most? "All in good time." It's important that we lay solid ground work first. We need to understand and be reminded of why the Church would be choosing to make changes to the liturgy in the first place. We need to realize that all of this goes much deeper to the heart of our faith than merely being able to say the "right words" next November. We need to realize that the upcoming changes in the liturgy are part of a long tradition and discipline of dealing with texts in the liturgy. This is not some capricious project taken on by a committee or bureaucracy that found itself without enough work to justify its existence. Rather than dismiss this project as coming from people who need to "get a life," we want to respectfully welcome this fruit of the hard work and effort of many scholars and language experts who literally "offer their life" in service to the Church. They offer their expertise as their life's work and their gift to the Church. Their work ensures that our liturgy will always and ever have at its disposal the means of expressing exactly who we are as Church, what we truly believe, exactly what it is we hope for and who God is calling us to be.

Remember the Latin phrase from last week's article: "Lex orandi, lex credendi." "That which we pray is what we believe." The church has always been vigilant that the words it is praying express what it truly believes. It is very tempting to label the promulgation of new Mass texts in terms of "relevant vs. irrelevant," "conservative vs. liberal," a "smoke screen to avert attention away from other more pressing issues in the Church." All of these labels or arguments are ones actually being used these days in debating the new Mass texts. All of them are less than accurate. They are inappropriate and inadequate lenses through which to view this project, at least as a whole. The fact is, the Church has always and will always continue to deal with and make changes to the texts that are used in its worship.

Readings for the Week of November 21

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." —Lk 23:42-43

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/
Lk 23:35-43
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/
Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/
Mt 24:37-44

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	Saturday, November 27 5 pm	Sunday, November 28 8 am	Sunday, November 28 10 am
Sacristans	Judy Meemken	Bill Elfering	Matt & Emily Boettcher
Greeters	Marty & Judy Meyer, Mike Nierengarten	Dale & Barb Wick, Jan Stock	Deedre & Jamie Deuhs, Sydney Knudsen
Gift Bearers	Marlene Maleska & Alice Stanger	Matt Boettcher & Family	The Martone Family
Eucharistic Ministers	Jane Bierschbach, Meg Klecker, Harold Brinkman, Marilyn Brinkman, Laura Kutzera, Marilyn Court, Bernadette Ethen	Elaine Newton, Othmar Schmitz, Jennifer Oswald, Ann Reischl, Joan Skroch, Kristin Zimmer, Nancy Walz	Peggy Boettcher, Katie Cassidy, Jim Boettcher, Joel Cassidy, Caroline Glatzel, Judy Hansen, Norm Hansen
Ushers	Ken & Mary Stommes, Diane Thelen, LeRoy Warnert	Ervin Goebel, Lloyd Bruemmer, Peter Giroux, Leo Glatzel	David Thomas, Gerald Schreifels, Matt Schreifels, Mike Thell
Servers	Sara Gideon & Madison Honer	Simon Berg-Arnold & Owen Berg-Arnold	Elizabeth Meyer & Molly Paquin
Lectors	Connie Lacher	Bonnie Gohmann	Susan Meyer
Music Ministry	Cantors	Adult Choir	Contemporary Choir

The Week Ahead

Sunday, November 21

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

8:00 am Mass for our Parish

10:00 am Mass† Marcy Pfannenstern

Blessing of Expectant Parents after Mass

2:00 pm Holiday Loss and Grief Event

Monday, November 22

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

Tuesday, November 23

8:00 am Mass†† Deceased Members of the Bill & Evelyn Laudenbach Family

7:15 pm Contemporary Choir

Wednesday, November 24

8:00 am Mass†† Mathias & Rosina Roeder

9:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

1:30 pm SJLS All School Prayer

NO Faith Formation

Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am Mass†† Bob & Connie Borresch

Parish Office closed

Friday, November 26

11:30 am Mass at St. Benedict's Monastery

Parish Office closed

Saturday, November 27

4:00 pm Confession

5:00 pm Mass†† Tony, Irene & Joey Eisenschenk

Sunday, November 28

First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Mass for our Parish

10:00 am Mass† George Brink

10:00 am RCIA

Masses

Monday	Sacred Heart Chapel	5:00 pm
Tuesday — Wednesday		8:00 am
Thursday		9:00 am
Friday	Sacred Heart Chapel	11:30 am
Saturday		5:00 pm
Sunday		8:00 and 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursdays 7:45 am
Saturdays 4:00-4:40 pm

And by appointment - Please call Fr. Joseph at ext. 122.

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Stewardship of Treasure

Treasure received week of November 14, 2010

Average weekly budget	\$11,495.00
Adult & loose offering	\$7,676.20
Average weekly automated offering	\$2,703.62
Weekly difference	\$-1,115.18
Youth offering received	\$61.30
Budget through November 14	\$229,900.00
Actual through November 14	\$213,598.61
Difference	\$-16,301.39

No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he or she can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, our God, has bestowed on you.

—Deuteronomy 16:16-17

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.

Pray for the living and the dead

One of the criminals hanging on a cross next to Jesus said: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied: "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." We give thanks to Jesus for speaking those most comforting words especially to someone who is facing death. Think about someone whom you love who has died and that person may have what we would call: "a peaceful death." It could well be that your loved one believed these words of Jesus with all her/his heart and could go home to Jesus in peace. While we still have life and breath, it is never too late to pray for a "happy death." I must have been about 8 years old when I first heard about praying for a happy death and I couldn't imagine how death could be happy.

But after having been privileged to be at the bedside of many dying people during my years of ministry as a hospital chaplain, I came to realize that persons who were prayed for or prayed with as they prepared for death came to an acceptance of death as a way to go home to Jesus. "This day you will be with me in Paradise." May we keep that beautiful promise before our eyes of faith when we pray for those preparing for death or praying for our own "happy death." May God's blessings and promises of a peaceful death remain ever with us and with those we love.

S. Joyce Iten, Pastoral Minister

Prayer Corner

Please pray for... Jack Blommer, Marian Brisk, Judy Bruemmer, Laken Court, Margaret Danzl, Leona Davis, Dan Eich, Doris Ethen, Delvin Gillitzer, Cliff Hilsgen, Blake Hoganson, Glen Hommerding, Ben Kasella, Bob Kempen, Rebecca Klaphake, Stanley Kron, Arnie Lauer, Alice Lenhardt, Florence Loso, military men and women and their families, Tina Nelson, Delores Newcomb, Yvonne Notsch, Larry & Jan Ostendorf, people of the Diocese of Vijayapuram, India, Joe Petrich, Bernie Schloemer, Cindy Schmitz, Ed Schneider, Al & Kathy Seifert, Marilyn Simon, Ann Pfannenstien Stuckart, Zak Whitman, Donald Wieber, 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 COMMUNITY

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

Making Room at Our Table

Courtney Cooper with Hagemester Mack Architects has completed the meetings with the six focus groups; Ministries/Outreach, Buildings and Maintenance, Parish Staff, Education, Special Events/Community and Worship. The purpose of these meetings was for the architect to gain additional parishioner input regarding space needs for our parish.

Thank you to those who participated; your input is invaluable. The notes from these meetings can be found on the parish website: www.churchstjoseph.org. Under the Communication menu, choose "Planning," and then click on "Making Room at Our Table."

The architects will analyze the data from the meetings, compare it with the PFET report done in 2008 and start to work on schematic drawings, exploring several different options. They will meet regularly with the planning and design committee to get their feedback as this design work progresses.

When a concept or concepts have been developed that address the parish's needs, the work will be presented at a meeting with parishioners to get their feedback. Please watch the bulletin for announcements regarding this important meeting. It will be exciting to see what could happen with our facilities!

If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions regarding this planning and design process, please feel free to email the committee at: makingroom@churchstjoseph.org.

What's Up Downtown to feature artists, holiday events in downtown St. Joseph

What's Up Downtown is a Winter Art Event featuring the works of 24 local artists that will be on Friday, December 3, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm Saturday, December 4 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and Sunday, December 5, from 12 noon to 4:00 pm at local sites in downtown St. Joseph. In addition to the art event, *What's Up Downtown* event will coincide with other weekend events to welcome in the holiday season.

Friday, December 3—6:00 pm a tree lighting and caroling will take place at the Millstream Lofts and Shops patio featuring members of the MN Center Chorale, Kennedy Middle School Singers, and an appearance by live reindeer sponsored by St. Joseph Credit Union.

Saturday, December 4—11:00 am to 2:00 pm there will be lunch with Santa organized by St. Joseph Chamber and other nonprofits at Saint Joseph Lab School.

Church of Saint Joseph PAA Winter Sports

Attention all 5th and 6th graders in the Saint Joseph Parish: Basketball for boys and girls in 5th and 6th grade will begin very soon. If you are interested in playing basketball there are Registration forms outside the Lab School Office and in the East Entrance of the church. Please complete the form as soon as possible and give to Linda Heinen (Lab School) along with your payment. Practices will begin soon. Parents, please consider coaching your sons or daughters basketball team. Call Patty Paquin at 363-7277 or Ann Weisser at 271-2004 with questions.