

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.

The Incredible Gift of Education: A Reflection

The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life. One man, a CEO, decided to explain the problem with education. He argued: "What's a kid going to learn from someone who decided his best option in life was to become a teacher?"...He said to another guest: "You're a teacher, Susan," he said. "Be honest. What do you make?"

Susan, who had a reputation of honesty and frankness, replied, "You want to know what I make?"

I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could. I can make a C+ feel like the Congressional Medal of Honor.

You want to know what I make?

I make kids WONDER.

I make kids QUESTION.

I make kids CRITICIZE.

I make them APOLOGIZE and MEAN IT.

I make them WRITE.

I make them READ, READ, READ.

I make them show all their work in MATH and hide it all on their final drafts in ENGLISH.

I elevate them to experience MUSIC and ART and the JOY in performance, so their lives are RICH, full of KINDNESS and CULTURE, and they take pride in themselves and their accomplishments.

I make them understand that if you have the brains, then follow your heart...and if someone ever tries to judge you by what you make, you pay them no attention.

You want to know what I make? I make a difference. What do you make?"

~ Anonymous

May God's richest blessings pour down upon our students, teachers, school staff and parents as they start a new school year.

That in all things God may be glorified! Amen



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New Parishioners Please stop by the parish office to register or mail your completed registration form found on the New Parishioners page of the parish website.

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.

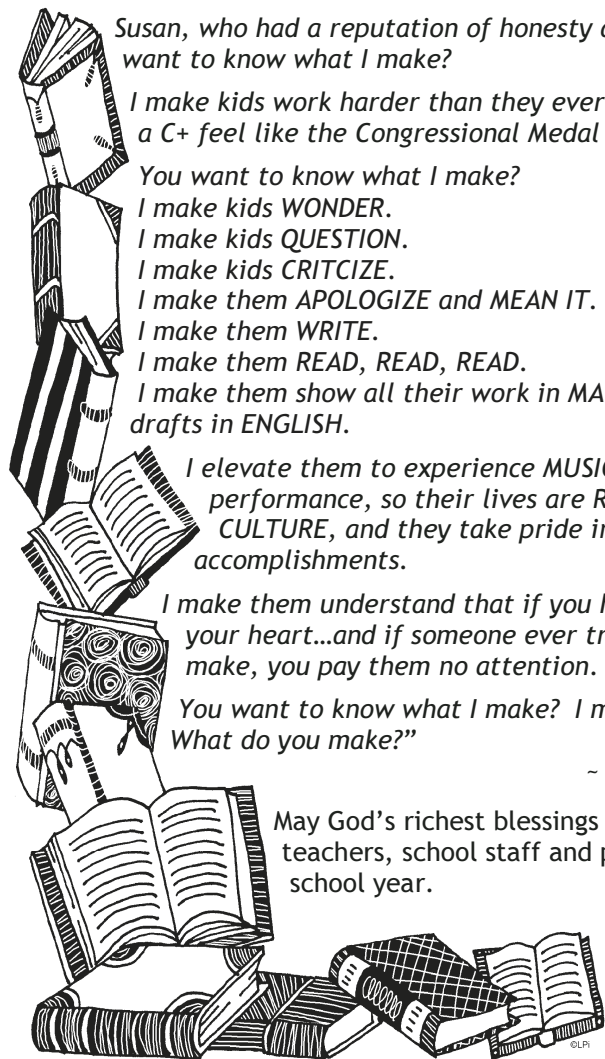
Infant Baptism Attendance at a baptism class is required for all baptisms, even for parents who have had other children baptized. Please call the parish office at 363-7505, ext. 100, to register for the baptism class (held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm). The date of baptism will be scheduled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

Marriage 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.



AUGUST 28, 2011 • TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

For many teachers and students in the area, school begins again tomorrow, August 29. What about those of us who no longer attend classes in a school setting? Are we still learning new things and ideas, or is there nothing left for us to learn? The longer I live the more inclined I am to answer by saying it seems we can learn something new every day even though we are no longer attending school or classes. First, there is technology which seems to change about every 3 to 6 months when one considers all the gadgets and means of communication open to us and our pocket books. Then there is the huge number of books, magazines, and other information available to us “on-line” or in printed form—stacks of it. We might wonder what is it all for? How much of this do I really need to know or even want to know? Is there a way to simplify all that comes at us so that one can be focused, centered, and balanced enough to enjoy life, learn something new each day, and not feel overwhelmed or buried in stuff? Depends upon which direction we intend to go and whom or what to follow. Jesus offers us one solution in the Gospel today by saying: “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny him/herself (it’s up to each of us to decide what we will deny ourselves) take up his/her cross (again we have to face whatever cross that might be in our lives) and follow me.” We are left to make the decision of whether or not we will follow Jesus and see what we can learn each day by following him at least as seriously as we follow what our culture has to offer.

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Support and Pray for Military Families Remember these service men and women and their families in your prayers: Robert Bechtold & Chad Phillipp, Marines serving in Afghanistan; David Lahr, a soldier serving in Afghanistan; Joseph Cheney, National Guardsman, serving in Kuwait, Christal (Joseph) Cheney, a soldier serving at Camp Ripley, MN; Jesse Meyer, Navy, brother of Christal Cheney, soon to be deployed. Thank you.

Prayer Corner

Please pray for... Kevin Bloch, Marian Brisk, Judy Bruemmer, Laken Court, Gracie Jo Dullinger, Audrey Elfering, Jim Elfering, Nancy Evans, Annie Funk, Justin Funk, Cliff Hilsgen, Blake Hogenson, Glenn Hommerding, Ethan Johnson, Kathleen Johnson, Bob Kempen, Rebecca Klaphake, Darlene Kroll, Larry & Linda Leither, Alice Lenhardt, Tamara Maslonkowski, military men and women and their families, Tom Nahan, Delores Newcomb, Mike Nierengarten, Jam Nipitkul, people of the Diocese of Vijayapuram, India, Audrey Pflueger, Sam Rueckert, Cindy Schmitz, Al & Kathy Seifert, Lori Sprenger, Ann Pfannenstien Stuckart, Eileen Whitley, Zak Whitman, Joan Wiener, 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 SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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

Be Not Afraid... When Jeremiah tried to be faithful to God’s message he was mocked. Despite the difficulty, he continued to speak God’s word even at great cost to himself. Jesus anticipated the opposition that he would face in Jerusalem. However, he was not afraid of speaking truth to power. Doesn’t the Word of God and the social teaching of the Church call us to do the same? We are called to open our eyes to the concerns of the poor and speak up for what is just and right! The power of our culture and institutions may resist the message that we try to share. We may become afraid or confused. We may experience opposition and persecution. However, Jesus was not afraid of speaking truth to power. Jesus says: “What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” You can speak up using your computer or telephone. Join www.networklobby.org, a Catholic organization lobbying on behalf of the poor and vulnerable. You’ll receive advocacy alerts and talking points to help you talk with legislators. —Adapted from **Justice Corner** by Rachel Ramjattan

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

Today’s Tip for Reducing Your Environmental Impact Address Early Consumption Habits: New American Dream addresses consumption and a variety of other topics that affect the earth on which we live, as well as the quality of life that we create for ourselves and our families. Go to <http://www.newdream.org/kids/> for information on protecting your children from intrusive and harmful advertising that promotes mindless consumption. For even more tips, visit www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/

Used Clothing and Food Shelf Drive:
Saturday, September 17, 8:00 am-12:00 noon
Bring clothes in bags/boxes to the parking lots at either the Church of Saint Joseph or Resurrection Lutheran Church to be deposited on trucks going to local donation sites. Non-perishable food shelf items will be collected and delivered to the local food shelf. Refreshments available at both parking lots. **Flu shots** will also be offered at the Lab School from 9:00-11:00 am.
Volunteers needed! Contact Tom Klecker at 253-2866, Pastoral Ministries Commission Member.

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

Blessings to all those heading back to school. I know it's a bittersweet time as it's great to be with friends, but the hectic schedule can certainly make us wish for summer afternoons of rest and play—and perhaps work! For all those transitioning into a new school know that you do not walk alone and that Christ offers us courage and grace to get through what we need to get through. Saint Paul calls on us to 'pray unceasingly.' Perhaps that would be a good practice for us all as we enter the new year.

For those leaving for college, big blessings to you and your parents as you all make a really big transition. We look forward to seeing you around on your weekends back from school. Remember to check out Campus Ministry or the Newman Center at your college or university, or walk down the street to the nearest Catholic church. Keeping the faith can help you feel grounded and connected once you leave home.

Some Upcoming Service Opportunities: Grades 7-12

The Gospel calls us to serve whenever we get the opportunity. Because of this Gospel mandate, we include service as part of our Confirmation program. If you are in the Confirmation program, consider some of these activities as part of your preparation.

Saturday, September 10—Ride for the Kids A nice bike ride along the Wobegon Trail to raise money for the Children's Home. A generous donor will sponsor five youth. Talk to Molly about doing this! Save \$30, have a great day and support a great cause with your legs and heart!

Saturday, September 17—Used Clothing & Food Shelf Drive Youth are needed to help unload items at church from cars.

Sunday, September 25—Millstream Arts Festival Youth are needed to volunteer to help with the kids' games and activities.

Blessings and Peace,

Molly Weyrens, Coordinator of Youth Ministry
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Family Table Talk... Questions for your family discussion this week (Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27): *In what concrete ways do you take up your cross and follow Jesus? When has it been difficult to be a follower of Jesus? **Discussion starters:** Once I remember trying to help (like Peter) but said the wrong thing. Now that I look back, it would have been better to say... A cross I bear in following Jesus is... I think one of the hardest situations to suffer through and one that requires the most courage is...*

Christian MOMS

Please join us for a morning of faith, fellowship and fun! This is a new group designed to be an opportunity for Christian MOMS and their children to be together in a play date atmosphere. We will be meeting the second Wednesday of every month at Saint Joseph's School library in Waite Park. Our first meeting is Wednesday, September 14 at 9:00 am. Children are welcome. For information please contact Camie Prom at 240-8108. We hope to see you there! Spread the word to friends.

Faith Formation Update!

Households with children in grades 1-8 have received a mailing with more details on our Faith Formation year that begins on **Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 6:30 in the church.** We will begin with Mass followed by an Open House at the Lab School. Classes are being put together in preparation for this evening together, so please call the Faith Formation Office with any registration questions.

Teach Faith Formation

We still have opportunities in our 2011-2012 Faith Formation program for teaching and assisting. This is a wonderful way for you to deepen your own faith as you share your beliefs with others! Please call Dawn Carrillo in the Faith Formation Office to discuss this opportunity further.

Dawn Carrillo, Director of Faith Formation
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Are you interested in exploring the Catholic faith and way of life? The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** (often abbreviated **RCIA**) may be just what you are looking for! It is a process through which interested adults are gradually introduced to the Catholic Church. RCIA is a communal process and involves a number of stages that move toward the Easter Vigil, at which time participants are welcomed as full and active members of the Roman Catholic Church. If you are interested in or have any questions about the RCIA process this fall, please contact Dawn Carrillo in the Faith Formation Office.

Saint Joseph Lab School

With school beginning this week, I wanted to remind you that the Lab School is a **nut safe** facility. There are children who attend the school who have very severe peanut/nut allergies. We also have just been made aware that we have a student who is severely allergic to sun flower products. These children can have a life threatening reaction to just the mere touch of nut/seed oil residue left on something. I am asking that peanuts, peanut products, tree nuts, and sunflower products not be brought into the school. This simple thing will keep peanut/seed oils from getting on surfaces, released into the air, or left in trashcans that are not emptied until the next afternoon. Parishioners who make and bring baked goods or other food are asked not to put peanuts on or in recipes so that the school children and others with peanut/nut/seed allergies can be safe. Faith Formation volunteers are also asked to ensure that no peanuts, peanut products or sunflower products are brought into the school.

For those of you who attend weekday morning Mass, I want to remind you that the children will be on the playground until 7:30 am on school days. Because children tend not to watch carefully for moving vehicles, I ask you to please wait until the children leave the playground/parking lot before driving into the parking lot.

School Masses will be held on Thursdays. Our first mass is Thursday, September 1. Please join us as we celebrate the Mass.

Blessings,
Karl Terhaar, Principal

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 Liturgy and Music*

New Mass Texts: An Opportunity for Catechesis

The implementation of the new Mass texts which will begin this coming Advent is an opportunity for us to catechize on the meaning and importance of the Mass in general. Pastors, liturgists, educators and other parish leaders are being encouraged to take a broad approach. It would be a mistake to merely teach new words and responses to our faith communities without seizing this golden opportunity to enrich our understanding of liturgy and the Mass on a broader, deeper, more thorough level.

One of the criticisms of the liturgical reforms that occurred at Vatican II was that too many changes were made too quickly. The reasons for changes were not always properly explained nor were people always given opportunities to ask questions so as to learn. Catechesis on the Mass, its meaning and importance for our lives was sometimes inadequate or altogether lacking. Sometimes well-meaning leaders were quick to do the rather easy task of moving sanctuary furniture around and implementing text changes. Yet, they failed in the more difficult, ongoing and less easy to negotiate task of fanning into flame the spirit of the Council. It was hoped that the liturgical reforms would result in a more widespread, deeper, liturgical/Eucharist-based spirituality among the People of God. Some felt that the Church merely “threw the baby out with the bath water.”

We have a chance to help heal and reverse some of this. Will we seize the opportunity? Will we invite the Holy Spirit to accompany us on this journey? Let us pray for just such an endeavor!

“The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.”

A change in posture during Mass In recent years our parish has adopted the custom of remaining standing after the “Lamb of God” as we continue with the prayer, “Lord, I am not worthy to receive you.” This is not the case in most other parishes. The current rubrics (the directions for celebrating Mass) call for the assembly to kneel at this point, and this will not be changing with the implementation of the new Mass texts.

In an effort to be in better conformity with the liturgical rubrics and parishes in other localities, we too will begin kneeling at this place in the Mass. **This change will occur in September.** To help us get used to the change, Father Joseph will simply invite all to “please kneel” after the “Lamb of God.”

With the heightened awareness and sharing of information regarding liturgical matters, this time of preparing for the new Mass texts provides a logical “moment” in which to make the change.

Readings for the Week of August 28

“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct.”
—Mt 16:26-27

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/
Mt 16:21-27
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/
Mt 18:15-20

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR!

All children grades 2-6 are invited to participate in our parish children's choir on Wednesday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Practice begins on September 21 in the Lab School music room (2nd floor). Please consider this activity for your child(ren)—we have a lot of fun learning new music, learning more about liturgy, playing games, serving the parish as music ministers, and of course, singing praise to Jesus! Please email Anita Fischer at amfischer5@gmail.com if you are interested in signing up your son or daughter. Questions? Call 363-4844.

Volunteer Needed to schedule Gift Bearers for our weekend and Holy Day liturgies. This ministry involves contacting people to bring up the gifts at Mass several weeks in advance. The names are then sent to the parish office for inclusion in the bulletin, etc. If interested, please contact David Orzechowski, 363-7505, ext. 123 or at liturgy@churchstjoseph.org.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	Saturday, September 3 5:00 pm	Sunday, September 4 8:00 am	Sunday, September 4 10:00 am
Sacristans	Mary Jo Lemke	Virginia Meier	Matt & Emily Boettcher
Greeters	Delroy & Dianne Bechtold, Mike Nierengarten	Dale & Barb Wick, Elizabeth Lansing	Bernie & Bea Imholte, Nettie Pfannenstien
Gift Bearers	The Eisenschenk Family	Open to volunteers	The Froehle Family
Eucharistic Ministers	Jane Bierschbach, Marilyn Court, Michael Brixius, Marilyn Brinkman, Harold Brinkman, Bernadette Ethen, Beg Klecker	Virginia Meier, Joan Skroch, Joyce Stock, Kristin Zimmer, Carol Braun, Delores Giroux, Leo Glatzel	Bernie Imholte, Shirley Miller, Alex Schleper, Kenneth Schreiber, Becky Schreifels, Susan Sink, Karen Backes
Ushers	Bob & Bernadette Ethen, Raymond Rueckert, Thomas Schindler	Richard Stock, Jack Blommer, Lloyd Bruemmer, Richard Gallus	Brian Klein, Tom Klein, Marvin Schmitz, Gerald Schreifels
Servers	Abby Medelberg & Katie Schleper	Charlie Reber & Luke Reber	Miranda Bayerl & Blaise Ebel
Lectors	Diane Duckworth	Gary Renick	Susan Meyer

The Week Ahead

Sunday, August 28

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am** Mass for our Parish
10:00 am Mass† Alvin Hennen

Monday, August 29

SJLS Begins

- 5:00 pm** Mass at Saint Benedict's Monastery
6:00 pm Confirmation Kick-off
6:30 pm BeFrienders
7:00 pm Baptism Preparation

Tuesday, August 30

- 8:00 am** Mass† Duke Hewitt

Wednesday, August 31

- 8:00 am** Mass† Mary Lou Raden
6:00 pm July 4th Festival Planning Meeting

Thursday, September 1

- 7:45 am** Confession
8:00 am Mass† Lee Roering
10:00 am Autumn Thursday

Friday, September 2

SJLS No School

- 8:00 am** Mass† Stanley Kittock

Saturday, September 3

- 4:00 pm** Confession
5:00 pm Mass†† Clarence & Irene Schulte

Sunday, September 4

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

- 8:00 am** Mass for our Parish
10:00 am Mass† Stanley Kron

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

- 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 August 14, 2011

Average weekly budget	\$11,844.00
Adult offering	\$6,477.73
Average weekly automated offering	\$2,956.95
Weekly difference	\$-2,409.32
Youth offering received	\$61.22
Budget through August 14	\$94,752.00
Actual through August 14	\$82,707.61
Difference	\$-12,044.39
Feast of the Assumption	\$516.37

Have you considered the convenience of Electronic Offering? Call today to sign up! 320-363-7505, ext. 120

COMMISSION OF COMMUNITY

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

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

Monday, August 29 is the first day of school for our Lab School students. May God's blessings be with them, their parents, their teachers, and all the school staff for a fruitful year!

This coming school year will be special since this is the last year that we will operate under the name Saint Joseph Lab School. Beginning in September 2012, we will be a part of the new All Saints Academy with campuses here in St. Joseph, as well as in Waite Park and St. Cloud. (All Saints Academy, a separate corporation, will be jointly sponsored by the parishes of Saint Peter, Paul and Michael in St. Cloud, Saint Joseph in Waite Park, and Saint Joseph in St. Joseph.)

New school board members have been doing all they can to ensure that All Saints Academy will continue our long-standing tradition of providing academic excellence in a faith-filled environment. As a parish, we, too, are committed to Catholic education as is evidenced by our investment in the Lab School. This week's bulletin insert shows that the parish investment in the Lab School during the 2010-2011 fiscal year was \$240,182.

Included in the school's financial summary is \$15,000 for new laptop computers to be purchased for the teachers this fall. This amount was set aside because of the exceptional fundraising efforts last school year that far exceeded budget. Thanks to all that helped with the Workathon, Fish Fry and Spring Spectacular, and especially the volunteers who served on the committees.

Some more thoughts on *Making Room at Our Table...*

When parents send their children to our Lab School, they are making a considerable sacrifice to do so. In some cases, something is given up (a new vehicle, a home remodeling job or a vacation) so that their children can benefit from a faith-filled education.

As we move closer to the Capital Campaign weekend of October 1-2, I would like to remind everyone that our *Making Room at Our Table* process also calls for a sacrifice. Giving to a capital campaign goes above and beyond the regular Sunday offering normally for a three year period. In practical terms, it may mean giving up a \$4 coffee once a week (\$4 x 52 x 3 = \$624) or a monthly family meal at a restaurant for \$50 (\$50 x 12 x 3 = \$1,800). But in the end, our collective sacrifice will be worth it!

Please continue to pray the *Making Room at Our Table* Campaign Prayer daily!

Blessings on your week!

*In Christ's peace,
Fr. Joseph, O. S. B.*

Church of Saint Joseph PAA Fall Sports All 5th and 6th graders in Saint Joseph Parish: Football and Volleyball will begin very soon. If you are interested in playing either sport there are registration forms outside the Lab School Office and in the East Entrance of the church. Return your completed form to Linda Heinen (Lab School) along with your payment by August 30. Practices will begin soon! Questions? Call Ann Weisser at 271-2004.

Are you being called to the Diaconate? If you are male, 31–55 years of age and are interested in serving the Church in a deeper capacity, the Diocese of Saint Cloud and the Deacon Community is sponsoring a Deacon Information Night to be held at Saint Louis Parish, Paynesville. The gathering will take place on Thursday, September 8 beginning at 6:30 PM.

Deborah Irwin Called to Convent On August 28 Deborah, a past parishioner will be joining the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist in Ann Arbor, MI. In a recent email, Deborah said, "I am excited! God is so amazingly great!" Deborah was a member of our parish while attending the School of Theology at SJU. After receiving her Masters in Divinity, Deborah took a job in Rockford, IL as the Natural Family Planning coordinator for the Diocese of Rockford. Upon entering the convent she will have little access to email but she will be writing letters to her friend Meeghan, who will send those emails to members of Deborah's fan email list. If you would like to be added to the list, send an email to Meeghan at mkarle@alumni.nd.edu. Deborah will be honored to receive any letters in the mail. Please contact Alayna Christensen at 363-7505, ext. 121 for her mailing address. Please keep Deborah in your prayers.

Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast Sunday, September 4 from 8:30 am-Noon Saint Joseph Lab School

*Pancakes and Waffles with fruit toppings and whipped cream
*Smoked and Fresh Sausage *Scrambled Eggs with toppings
*Ham *Hash Browns *Rolls/Muffins *Fresh Fruit *Juice
*Coffee *Milk

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

Enjoy the best breakfast in town on the first Sunday of every month!

Volunteer with Cooking Experience Needed If you enjoy cooking, you may want to consider preparing meals for the Monday gatherings of the Quilters. This group of 12-14 people meets at the St. Joseph Fire Hall until November 28 and February 6-March 26 to create the beautiful quilts auctioned off at our annual parish festival. Contact Delrose Fischer at 363-7306 for more information or to volunteer.

Upcoming Wedding

Please keep Rick Cameron & Rebecca Schreifels in your prayers as they prepare for their September 17 wedding.

40 Days for Life This Fall, September 28-November 6, 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 prolife effort that consists of: 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach. While all aspects of these 40 days 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 the 40 days on Monday-Saturday, 7:00 am-7:00 pm. All are welcome to participate in the vigil at 451 E. St. Germain Street, Suite 100, St. Cloud, MN. To learn more, please contact Mary Jo Ruhland at rhlgjr@aol.com.