

July 3, 2011
Outdoor Mass

Church of Saint Joseph Commission of Community

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

A BIT OF JULY 4TH PARISH HISTORY (as I remember it) **Jim Kuebelbeck**

Over the years, many churches throughout Minnesota held annual celebrations and fundraising events. Many of these events were held around the 4th of July, with the Church of Saint Joseph being one of them. By the early 1940's, thanks to the dedication and hard work of countless parishioners, the July 4th celebration had become an annual event.

By the early 1950's the Church of Saint Joseph Catholic community had already established a reputation "as the place to go" to celebrate the 4th of July celebration.

The traditional homemade chicken dinner, with all the trimmings and desserts, was prepared and served by many parish volunteers, and had become well known throughout the Stearns County area. Some of the tasty recipes of these parish volunteers were passed down in families for generations, and were often jealously "guarded" and not shared with anyone outside of their immediate families.

My mother, Cecelia, was one of the many workers who worked in the parish school kitchen for days prior to the annual celebration. One year, my mother approached the July 4th Planning Committee with the suggestion that perhaps another additional food item might be introduced. Human nature being what it is, her suggestion was met with immediate resistance from many older parishioners who felt that any additional food choice would "take sales away" from the parish's famous chicken dinner attraction! (Continued on page 2).

Eye Spy

This image is a piece of an original photo taken during the July 4th Festival. Can you tell us what it is? Send an email with your answer to

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by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, August 17. All correct answers will be entered in a drawing for a gift card from one of your bulletin sponsors. The answer and winner of the drawing will be in the August 21 bulletin.



What it means to be "a Catholic faith community"

Sandy Scholz, Business Manager

Looking back over the years we can easily see how the life of our parish has changed. Some ministries have expanded while others have declined. Mass times, use of buildings, parish and school staffs, parish events and our annual festival have all experienced change at one time or another. We know that some changes can be disturbing and we may want to resist them and some changes are exciting and are welcomed. But we also know that all things must change in order to grow. Once we stop changing we also stop living.

The parishioners of Saint Joseph clearly demonstrate time and time again what it means to be a Catholic faith community by the way they carefully evaluate and work through the many opportunities and challenges presented in our parish.

Let us continue to be a vibrant parish alive with God's abundant gifts that we generously and gratefully share with one another and the wider St. Joseph community.

July 4, 2011 Parish Festival Income and Expense

Financial Overview

As you can see by the Income and Expense Report for our July 4th festival, we had another great year with a net profit of \$123,142.80. The festival budget is \$101,500 and amounts above that will be used for building improvements. Any still outstanding items may change the net profit slightly.

Thank you for all the hard work that went into this year's festival and a special thank you to the Festival General Chairs and the Concert Committee members. They did a fantastic job of planning and coordinating a wonderful event. If you would like to be a part of this festival leadership team or have questions about the financial report, please call Sandy at 363-7505, ext. 120.



Stand	Receipts	Expenses	Net
July 3 Concert	34,530.00	38,563.78	-4,033.78
General Fund	7,847.34	16,135.45	-8,288.11
Beer	56,121.92	13,989.80	42,132.12
Bingo	3,130.76	133.00	2,997.76
Cake Walk	3,481.24	156.40	3,324.84
Candy	2,140.00	0.00	2,140.00
Chance Books	19,614.40	1,779.20	17,835.20
Country Store	3,384.58	0.00	3,384.58
Dinner	1,815.00	696.47	1,118.53
Face Painting	1,096.40	0.00	1,096.40
Joe Burger	28,430.81	11,239.84	17,190.97
Youth Games	6,086.47	3,563.25	2,523.22
Handiwork & Crafts	3,259.05	287.37	2,971.68
Merry Go Round	361.57	0.00	361.57
Mexican	8,646.95	2,640.38	6,006.57
Nevada	4,460.50	475.39	3,985.11
Pie Walk	2,352.75	0.00	2,352.75
Quilt Auction	10,425.01	242.55	10,182.46
Refreshment & Joetown Brat	19,326.88	7,027.73	12,299.15
Ring Toss	3,117.87	1,198.60	1,919.27
Straw Stand	1,487.15	0.00	1,487.15
Train Rides	155.36	0.00	155.36
Total	221,272.01	98,129.21	123,142.80



4th of July General Chairs: (from left) Mark Leither (Logistics), Dave & Ann Thelen, Sue & Gary Kuefler, Judy & Marty Meyer (Mentors), Julie & Gary Dietman, Tammy & Jeff Johnson, Peggy & Jim Boettcher. **Concert Liaison:** Rich Schwegel (not pictured).

A BIT OF HISTORY (cont.)

My mother, being from the same “stubborn” lineage as the rest of our family, was not about to give up easily on what she felt was a good idea. Deciding to take a different approach, she presented her suggestion of an additional food choice to the members of the parish “Mission Group” to which she belonged (Saint Ann’s).



The women asked what food choice she might have in mind. My mother told them she had experimented with different recipes and concoctions over the years, and had a hamburger recipe that everyone really liked. In our family she

simply called it “burger mix,” and we all looked forward to the times she made it for a meal.

She then offered to bring a kettle of her “burger mix” to the next mission meeting for everyone to sample. Everyone in the group thought it was great. One of the members suggested they go as a group and again, present the idea to the July 4th Planning Committee. “Strength in numbers,” proved to be the key and the planning committee reluctantly agreed—with the stipulation that it would only be tried for “one” year and it could not be called “burger mix”! Her recipe was probably modified by others since that time, but calling it “barbecue” does sound a bit better. Resistance to change happens to be an innate human trait in all of us, but my mother’s idea back in the early 1950’s seemed to have led to other changes as well, as evidenced by the continuing success of the annual July 4th celebration.

Preparing the bar-b-que for the Parish Appreciation Picnic on August 13, 2011. Hub Klein and Mary Helen Notch (background Shirley and Joe Miller)