

Church of Saint Joseph Bulletin Supplement

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Stewardship of Ministry

Let each of you lead the life... to which God called you.
—1 Corinthians 7:17

Our parish is richly blessed with the diverse giftedness of our many members. Regardless of age or physical and mental ability, we each have something unique and special to share and without it our community is incomplete. We are blessed with the most wonderful planners, organizers, listeners, catechists, teachers, liturgical ministers, servers, cooks, cleaners, carpenters, ministers, prayers, gardeners, callers, readers, helpers, singers, quilters, leaders, and especially those who smile so beautifully at one another.

Thank you for sharing your gifts with your parish and broader community!

Whatever you do may seem insignificant, but it is very important that you do it. —Mahatma Gandhi

What we do is nothing but a drop in the ocean, but if we didn't do it, the ocean would be one drop less.
—Mother Teresa

A description of the ministries of the parish can be found in the *Sharing the Ministry 2011* booklet available in the back of church and on the parish website – select Ministry Commitment under the Stewardship menu. If you are interested in becoming involved in a ministry you are currently not involved in, please fill out the *Sharing the Ministry 2011* form received in last week's mailing and return it to the parish office. You will be contacted by a staff member when training and new opportunities arise throughout the year.

New Parish Directory

Hi Everyone! It's time for a new Parish Directory. I am looking for an interested person to be on a 3-5 person committee to be in charge of actually doing it. If any of you are interested, that would be lovely. If not, I'm asking for recommendations of who I could ask. Thank you for your help!

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Rural Stearns Faith in Action is looking for individuals willing to donate some time towards assisting St. Joseph seniors with getting to medical appointments or to run errands. We are also looking for people willing to help with homemaking, outside chore work, and friendly visiting. Volunteering with our organization is very flexible and will work around what you are interested in helping with, and when you are available to help. Please call Lindsey at 320-685-3693 if you can help.

Living The Promise

This week we received a check for \$1,480.10 from The Catholic Foundation. This distribution is based on the number of students in our school and is made possible by the endowment of the Living the Promise Capital Campaign. The Catholic Foundation is pleased to be a channel of charitable giving that benefits Catholic education in parishes and schools across the diocese.

Parish Photography Ministry

Are you interested in photography? Do you enjoy taking pictures at most events and socials you attend? Are you willing to take pictures during parish events that could be used in publications? These pictures would also be important for our parish archives so future generations will have valuable pictorial resources. If this is something that interests you, please contact the parish office for more information at 320-363-7505, ext. 100.

Lenten Retreat

St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, MN, is hosting a Lenten Retreat on the topic, "*Looking After Lectio: The Art of Practicing Lectio Divina*," on March 18-20. Br. David Paul Lange, OSB, will present the ancient monastic practice of *lectio divina* from the perspective of an artist. The retreat begins with dinner on Friday evening at 6:00 pm and concludes after lunch on Sunday at 1:00 pm. The cost of the retreat is \$180 per person in a single room and \$150 per person in a double room. To register for the retreat, call the Abbey Spiritual Life office at 320-363-3929 or email them at spirlife@osb.org.

Central Minnesota Koinonia will hold a weekend retreat for adults 20 and older interested in experiencing the reality of Christian community, fellowship and sharing at the TEC Center in Belle Prairie. The retreat begins at 5:30 pm on Friday, March 18 and ends about 5:00 pm on Sunday, March 20. The theme of the retreat is "Pascal Mystery" with Fr. David Maciej as the spiritual director for the weekend. The cost is \$60 per person, with full or partial scholarships available if needed. For registration or more information, call LeRoy or Mary Lou Raden at 320-293-2080 or email at cmkoinonia@clearwire.net. Applications can also be downloaded from the website at www.centralmnkoinonia.org.