

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.

Stewardship of Ministry

Let each of you lead the life... to which God called you.

—1 Corinthians 7:17

On being a Eucharistic Minister to the homebound...

I feel compelled to do this, because I can. The people I minister to would much rather be able to go to Mass than not. They also understand the power and need to receive the Eucharist as often as possible. I think taking a little bit of my time is a small price to invest to deliver this wonderful sacrament.

It makes me feel good that I am doing the Lord's work. I feel like one of the apostles going out and spreading the good news and offering the live-saving gift of our Lord and Savior.

I think of all the sacrifices and offerings these parishioners have made over the years. It is my turn to step up and do what I can for the parish. I feel a sense of service and am fulfilling my purpose with the gifts I have been given. We all need to use the gifts God has given us.

*Jeff Botz
Church of Saint Joseph Parishioner*



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New Parishioners Welcome! Please stop by the parish office to register or call 363-7505, ext. 100.

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 his/her 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.

Saint Joseph Lab School

As I observe the school's prayer services and liturgies, watch how the students interact with others and see their generous giving, I notice a definite presence of Christ. We are not just a private school with high academic expectations and small class sizes. Saint Joseph Lab School is a Catholic school founded on the Church's doctrine. We follow the Catholic Bishops fourfold purpose of Christian education:

- To form a community where Christ is experienced.
- To provide an atmosphere where the Gospel message is proclaimed.
- To work towards providing service to others.
- To cultivate thanksgiving and worship of our God.

By following these guidelines, we help students understand and live their faith, and hopefully they will carry that with them throughout their lives.

I encourage parish families who are making that all important decision of where to enroll their child to visit the Lab School where "Faith & Knowledge" meet. Saint Joseph Parish can be very proud of the great reputation its parish school has in this area. A dedicated staff, small class sizes, high academics, and learning to live out the gospel values are what make the school great! Scholarship money is available. Give the school office a call at 363-7769, ext. 150.

Karl Terhaar, Principal

Ministry Formation Program

A Ministry Formation Class will be beginning soon in our area! The Ministry Formation Program is a collaborative effort between Catholic Education Ministries, our diocesan education office, and Saint John's University to bring theology classes to areas around the diocese at an incredible price. Courses are offered at a college level for credit (\$145) OR non-credit (\$85). Text fees are extra. Scholarships are available from CEM. For more information or to register, go to www.stcdio.org/cem/mfp or call Brenda Kresky at 320-251-0111. The following class is offered this spring at Christ Church Newman Center, 396 1st Ave. S., St. Cloud: *Topics in Pastoral Ministry: Women in the Bible*. The class, taught by Ms. Kathy Janku, will run from 6:00-9:00 pm on February 17, 24, March 3, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14 (all Thursdays).

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Please keep our RCIA candidate and catechumens in your prayers as they continue on their journey through the Period of the Catechumenate, a time of deeper learning about the Church. On Wednesday, February 16, our meeting will be held at 6:30 pm in the parish meeting room. Scripture reflection will continue at the 10:00 am Mass.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Families: There are no Faith Formation classes this Wednesday, February 16, due to our Catechist Formation session. See you back the following week! Please contact Dawn Carrillo in the Faith Formation Office (363-7505 x152) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sunday School class for pre-schoolers and kindergartners will meet next Sunday, February 20 during the 10:00 am Mass as scheduled.

*Dawn Carrillo
Director of Faith Formation*

Youth Ministry

Sport & Spirit-Dodgeball tourney for guys in grades 7-12 is Saturday, February 19 from 6:00-8:30 pm. Join with other guys in the parish to play dodgeball. Mix in some Wii, X-box and Guitar Hero and food! Athletes from SJU will be joining us to share their stories of living faith on and off the field. Sign-up via the parish website or email Molly at youthministry@churchstjoseph.org. The deadline is Thursday, February 17.

Ski Trip to Spirit Mountain on Saturday, February 26. Spots are filling up! Check out the parish website for more information and a permission slip. Don't miss out! The Mountain is calling your name!

Lenten Small Groups We will meet four times during Lent on Wednesday nights (time to be determined) to explore faith through the eyes of social justice. This is open to all students in grades 10-12. More information will follow. We will start on Ash Wednesday.

*Be blessed!
Molly Weyrens*

Family Table Talk... Questions for your family discussion this week (Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37): *What rules does your family have? What rules does God's family have? Why do we need laws and rules? Why do laws sometimes change? How does doing the right thing build up one's conscience? How do you follow Jesus' teachings? Which new law of Jesus is hardest to keep today?*

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.

The Annual Diocesan Appeal

If you have not yet had an opportunity to respond to Bishop Kinney's message, please consider doing so today. The Annual Diocesan Appeal strives to be a foothold for the work already being done at the parish level by providing a variety of services to support diocesan priests and parishioners alike. Services such as marriage courses, TV Mass and Media and Technology support for parishes and schools are just some of the reasons your support is vital to our diocesan mission to be Jesus' heart of mercy, voice of hope and hands of justice.

Without your help, this work would not continue. Please pledge your support today.

Prayer Corner

Please pray for... Marian Brisk, Judy Bruemmer, Laken Court, Margaret Danzl, Leona Davis, Gracie Jo Dullinger, Doris Ethen, Justin Funk, Cliff Hilsgen, Blake Hogenson, Glenn Hommerding, Bob Kempen, Rebecca Klaphake, Cara Krippner, Stan Kron, Arnie Lauer, Mary Kay Lemmer, military men and women and their families, Tom Nahan, Delores Newcomb, Yvonne Notsch, people of the Diocese of Vijayapuram, India, Joe Petrich, Sam Rueckert, Bernie Schloemer, Cindy Schmitz, Ed & Marie Schneider, Al & Kathy Seifert, Mary Stangler, 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.)*

I have come not to abolish the law but to fulfill it. —words of Jesus from today's Gospel

As you listened to the words of the Gospel for this Sunday's liturgy, you may have been surprised by its length and by the many references to the 10 Commandments and other teachings of Jesus that Jesus was encouraging his followers to commit to in their daily lives. It could be that this section was put together in order to capture the message or core of Jesus' teachings, and to help us understand that our Christian life calls for more than "do this," but "don't do that." Jesus is asking us to commit to a way of life that reflects our Christian values in every aspect of our lives. We aren't being told that we ought to "pick and choose" what suits us in these teachings. Rather, Jesus is telling us to go way beyond the "thou shalt not" stage in our Christian journey. Jesus is asking us to take our Christian commitment seriously which, in turn, helps us as we make good choices and decisions about our individual lives each day. Generally, we don't fall by the wayside suddenly and without warning. Staying steady in our commitments, or wavering and straying into the ditch usually happens gradually. What and who we keep our eyes and hearts fixed on usually is what makes the difference. Lots to think about!

S. Joyce Iten, Pastoral Minister

COMMISSION OF SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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

Keeping the Commandments...

Our contemporary world is filled with busyness. At times it seems that we are torn in many directions and there is little time to focus on the things that really matter. Today's Scriptures emphasize the importance of keeping the commandments so that we may see, "What God has prepared for those who love him." One way to keep the commandments is to live a prophetic life so that others might see our faith in action. This requires us to reserve time to care for our spiritual lives: prayer, acts of mercy, and acts of justice. Operation Rice Bowl (ORB) begins on Ash Wednesday, March 9. Sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, this project is a beautiful way to fulfill the commandments. By observing 40 days of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and advocacy we stand in solidarity with people in poverty. Check out the ORB website <http://orb.crs.org/resources/individual-and-family/> for coloring pages, recipes, stations of the cross prayers and more.

—Adapted from Justice Corner by Rachel Ramjattan

Partnership with the Diocese of Vijayapuram

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...

New Year's Resolution—ASSESS: Do an Energy Audit! Fulfill the ASSESS part of the Saint Francis Pledge (see www.catholicclimatecovenant.org for an explanation of the Saint Francis Pledge): Save more energy this year by contacting an energy audit supplier to have your home and/or office audited.

Visit www.catholicclimatecovenant.org for more tips!

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 New Mass Texts



MORE about our hymnals and music resources:

The Black Binder will not be affected in any great way by the new Mass texts. A few of the titles it contains will become obsolete, but most of what it contains will still be useable. We will most likely continue to provide the seasonal aids we have been producing locally. As for purchasing a completely new, hardbound, permanent hymnal for our parish, there are no specific plans as of right now, other than to proceed slowly, wisely and with caution! We certainly will make no long-lasting decisions until things have settled down a bit. In the end, we might simply decide we want to continue using Sacred Song and buying these less-expensive books every three years. Then again, if a good hardbound hymnal becomes available and it makes sense for us liturgically and economically to purchase it, we might do so. Rest assured, no decision will be made without weighing all options and choosing a resource with a good, solid reputation and track record.

Keep in mind that any musical resources we already own will not simply be thrown in the garbage just because we might eventually have a new resource in the pews. For example, the new choir editions of Sacred Song that the quilters recently purchased for us will still serve as a valuable choral resource. This will be especially true if we continue using Sacred Song in the pews, but even if we change hymnals completely. Those books contain many descants to hymns that are not available in any other publication. As another example of our stewardship of musical resources: even though we no longer have the old red “Worship” hymnals in the pews, we *do* still have a quantity of them in storage so that we can legally use some of the titles that were unique to that publication. As long as we still own “x number” of a given hymnal, we are legally able to make an equal number of copies of any song they contain for use by the choirs, cantors, or small ensembles. This is considered “fair use”...we simply are putting what we already own and have purchased into a more useable, convenient format, such as a photocopy. Granted, we can’t expect the choir members to carry twenty different books! The same goes for the “old” Black Binders. There are still a number of those in storage too. Just this past Advent, the choirs were able to sing a new song from those hymnals because we still kept those old copies. It was a new song that cost us nothing! Keeping a small number of past hymnals enables us to continue to use the music legally, as long as we are willing to be creative in our planning, always remembering those books are still there, waiting to be culled for ideas!

These are ways we can walk the fine line of keeping current and up-to-date while remaining respectful of the monetary investments made in the past.

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	Saturday, February 19 5 pm	Sunday, February 20 8 am	Sunday, February 20 10 am
Sacristans	Ron & Mary Ritter	Judy Meemken	Matt & Emily Boettcher
Greeters	Jan Zimmerman, Janet Nadeau, Mike Nierengarten	Gerry & Jackie Klaphake, Virginia Meier	Deedre & Jamie Deuhs, Sydney Knudsen
Gift Bearers	The Schmidt Family	Roger & Elaine Frie	The Ebel Family
Eucharistic Ministers	Laura Kutzera, Kathy Lyon, Carol Mastey, Joann Rueckert, Esther Reischl, Judy Meyer, Tom Murray	Delores Giroux, Barb Heltemes, Tammy Johnson, Peter Jansky, Peggy Jansky, Connie Loecken, Leo Glatzel	Joel Cassady, Katie Cassady, Ann Thelen, Allison Thelen, Caroline Glatzel, Norm Hansen, Judy Hansen
Ushers	Bob Rice, Ray Rueckert, Tom Schindler, Diane Thelen	Bill Elfering, Peter Giroux, Alan Glatzel, Ervin Goebel	Mike Thell, David Thomas, Sean Thomas, Matt Schreifels
Servers	Ellie Botz & Kateri Fischer	Amelia Walz & Amanda Walz	Jon Ethen & Joel Ebel
Lectors	Connie Lacher	Joseph Zimmer	Kevin Knodl
Music Ministry	Contemporary Choir	Cantors	Adult Choir

The Week Ahead

Sunday, February 13

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Baptism Sunday

- 8:00 am Mass for our Parish
- 10:00 am Mass† Verena Kuhl
- 10:00 am RCIA
- 11:00 am Altar Server Training
- 4:30 pm Jr. High Youth Group

Monday, February 14

- 2:15 pm Home & School Meeting
- 5:00 pm Mass at Saint Benedict's Monastery
- 5:00 pm Faith Formation Committee Meeting
- 6:30 pm Education Advisory Committee Mtg.
- 7:15 pm Knights of Columbus Rosary/Meeting

Tuesday, February 15

- 8:00 am Mass† Don Schwab
- 4:30 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting
- 7:15 pm Contemporary Choir

Wednesday, February 16

- 8:00 am Mass† Deceased & Living Members of St. Joseph Senior Citizens
- 9:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 4:30 pm Children's Choir
- 6:00 pm Catechist Formation
- 6:30 pm RCIA
- 6:30 pm Youth Choir
- 7:00 pm Cemetery Committee Annual Meeting

Thursday, February 17

- 7:45 am Confession
- 8:00 am Mass† Jerry Warnert
- 10:00 am Autumn Thursday
- 6:30 pm Cantor Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Finance Council Meeting
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir

Friday, February 18

- 8:00 am Mass† Irene Blenker

Saturday, February 19

- 9:00 am First Reconciliation
- 4:00 pm Confession
- 5:00 pm Mass† Leo & Clara Burg
- 6:00 pm Sport & Spirit

Sunday, February 20

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Mass† Eleanor Borth
- 10:00 am Mass for our Parish
- 10:00 am RCIA

Blessing of Expectant Parents after 10:00 am Mass

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.

Parish/School

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Stewardship of Treasure

Treasure received week of February 6, 2011

Average weekly budget	\$11,495.00
Adult & loose offering	\$9,566.58
Average weekly automated offering	\$2,970.70
Weekly difference	\$1,042.28
Youth offering received	\$60.50
Budget through February 6	\$367,840.00
Actual through February 6	\$354,121.62
Difference	\$-13,718.38

We have gifts that differ according to the favor bestowed on each of us.
—Romans 12:6-8

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,

After she woke up, a woman told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's Day. What do you think it means?" "You'll know tonight." he said. That evening, the man came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it—to find a book entitled *The Meaning of Dreams*.

Saint Valentine's Day was removed from the Church's general liturgical calendar in 1969. Instead, on February 14 we commemorate Saints Cyril and Methodius. These two brothers who lived in the 9th century are called "Apostles to the Slavs" because they prepared Slavic liturgical texts and served as the "spiritual bridge between Eastern and Western traditions" (Pope John Paul II).

Even though we don't officially remember Saint Valentine anymore, it is a wonderful opportunity to let the people in your life know how much you love and care about them. So, Happy Valentine's Day! You are all in my daily thoughts and prayers.

If you haven't done so already, please return your commitment form for the 2011 Annual Diocesan Appeal. In addition to supporting the vital ministries of the diocese, your generosity will benefit our Lab School and faith formation program.

Blessings on your week!

*In Christ's peace,
Fr. Joseph*

Tables for Two goes Italian!

Saturday, February 26 at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church, 2875 10th Ave. NE, Sauk Rapids for our seventh annual celebration. The five-course gourmet meal for married couples features an Italian menu, discussion questions for just the two of you, and a renewal of marriage vows at the end of the evening, all in an intimate and elegant atmosphere. For more information, contact Maureen at 251-8115. Tickets are \$45.00 per couple and are available in the Sacred Heart Parish Office.

Winterfest

Sunday, February 27 from 11:00 am-5:00 pm at Saint Boniface Parish Center. The day will be filled with a variety of entertainment, games for kids, Euchre tournament, meat raffle, and cake walk. Food and beverages will be available.

A Healthier Caregiver

Are you caring for aged parents or a disabled spouse? Hear how to be a healthier caregiver, "Caring for Your Loved One and Caring for Yourself" presented by Mary Eisenschenk, BSN, RN. Come and discover the joys of care giving on Monday, February 28 at 7:00 pm at the Saint Boniface Parish Center in Cold Spring.

Stewardship of Ministry

Our gifts are meant to serve the community of God's creation. Ephesians 4:12 tells us that our gifts are for the work of ministry in the world and for building up the body of Christ and in 1 Peter 4:10 we hear, "Each one, as a good manager of God's different gifts, must use for the good of others the special gifts he/she has received from God."

By using our gifts, we express our gratitude for being created as a unique and gifted person. And sharing our gifts for the common good is our thank you to God. You will find more information in the February newsletter.

Please consider sharing your gifts with the parish in our common effort to achieve the mission of the church. Ministry opportunities are many and varied within the parish. A description of each leadership position and ministry 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 that can be found in the booklet or in the mailing you will receive this week. Please return it to the parish office. You will be contacted by a staff member when training and new member opportunities arise throughout the year.

Thank you for sharing your gifts!

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

Today is World Marriage Day! World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as head of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily life. Reminisce about your special day. Share with your children the wonder and beauty of that day. Share your spouse's most endearing quality. There are many things you can do to celebrate your Sacrament of Marriage.
www.wmd.wvme.org