

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. 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.

*Congratulations to our children
who received the
Sacrament of Reconciliation
for the first time!*



PEACE AND
RECONCILIATION

Grace Allen
Conor Bahl
Naveah Bonacci
Payten Bussmann
Jakob Corrow
Justus Dibb
Abigail Dierkes
Elijah Ebel
Blake Ehlert
Riley Elliott
Will Ethen
Enrique Gideon
Kyle Gill
Aubrey Gill
Gage Hansen
Micah Jorgenson
Evan Kalthoff
Stephanie Kroska

Maria Lahr
Caleb Leintz
Joseph Loso
Hannah Mattkins
Bryce McKenzie
Lillie Merkling
Josephine Meyer
Connor Pennings
Mya Rassier
Nicholas Reber
Carter Rothstein
Eliana Schleper
Jack Skahen
A. J. Stang
Makenna Theisen
Jimmy Young
Lilian Zack

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

The sixth grade students will spend three days attending outdoor classes at Deep Portage, an accredited residential environmental learning center near Hackensack, Minnesota. They will learn about Minnesota's natural environment, enjoy outdoor recreation, and will work together as teams to become more environmentally literate. Ask some of the sixth graders about their favorite experiences at Deep Portage this year!

The second through sixth graders will soon be spending some time taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. The grades on average have been scoring at the 75th percentile in math and reading on the national comparison charts. Fifty percent is considered average so our students do very well. I will report the this year's results once they are tabulated.

Karl Terhaar, Principal

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Families We have regularly scheduled classes this week on Wednesday, February 23, with grades 1-6 meeting from 6:00-7:00 pm and grades 7-8 from 7:15-8:15 pm. 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 27 during the 10:00 am Mass as scheduled.

*Dawn Carrillo
Director of Faith Formation*

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Please continue to keep our candidate and catechumens in your prayers as they journey toward full initiation. Meetings continue on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm in the Parish Meeting Room and at the 10:00 am Mass for scripture reflection. Please contact Dawn Carrillo at x152 or faithformation@churchstjoseph.org with any questions about the process.

Youth Ministry

If the winter blues are catching up to you, consider stepping out of your comfort zone a bit and trying a Youth Ministry activity. We've got several activities on the calendar that should be quite fun. Call a friend or come on your own. With whom, (besides your family!), are you sharing a pew on Sundays?

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, March 9.

*Be blessed!
Molly Weyrens*

Family Table Talk... Questions for your family discussion this week (Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48): *What should you do when someone says or does something mean to you? What does Jesus say we have to do with our enemies? What's hard about loving enemies? When was the last time you showed kindness toward someone who wasn't a friend or member of your family? What did you do? Who are the neighbors at risk in your community? What value have you experienced in loving an enemy?*

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.

Loss and Grief Support Group Meeting on Sunday, March 13 from 1:30-3:30 pm for anyone grieving the loss of a significant loved one in your life. You can bring a guest with you if wish to. No registration or calling ahead is required.

S. Joyce Iten, Pastoral Minister

Jesus said: 'You have heard it said, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say offer no resistance to one who is evil.'

Someone once pointed out that it was a good thing Jesus helped us get past taking revenge and trying to "get even," or we would all be running around blind and toothless. Jesus is encouraging us to act in such a way that we no longer "love our neighbor and hate our enemies." Jesus is calling us to more than just following the line of least resistance. Jesus gave us not only a perfect example of what he meant when he said: *love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you,* he gave us an extreme example —forgiving his enemies as he hung dying on the cross. Loving our neighbor as we love ourselves is a life-long project and may sometimes require a good deal of effort on our part. For some of us, it may be a very difficult thing to love certain people, and it might be helpful to understand that we can express this love by not wishing or doing any harm to another and by praying for that person in the silence of our hearts. "Hear no evil, speak no evil, do no evil" pretty much sums it up.

S. Joyce Iten, Pastoral Minister

Prayer Corner

Please pray for... Marian Brisk, Judy Bruemmer, Laken Court, Margaret Danzl, Leona Davis, Gracie Jo Dullinger, Doris Ethen, Justin Funk, Delvin Gillitzer, Cliff Hilsgen, Blake Hogenson, Glenn Hommerding, Bob Kempen, Rebecca Klaphake, Cara Krippner, Stan Kron, Arnie Lauer, Mary Kay Lemmer, Bruce Meyer, 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, Diane VanBeck, 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 SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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

Five Loaves and Two Fish reflection: As a spiritual preparation for Lent, all parishioners have been invited to read the book, *Five Loaves and Two Fish*. (Please contact Dawn Carrillo in the Faith Formation Office for information on getting a copy of the book if you would like to participate in this preparation.) A weekly proposed schedule of reading, as well as reflection questions, will be posted on our parish website www.churchstjoseph.org and in the bulletin as we near Lent. For our first week—February 20-February 26—we will be reflecting on the first two chapters. Please also read the Foreword and the Introduction for a helpful background on the book.

Chapter One—The First Loaf: Living the Present Moment

Cardinal Van Thuan states, “I simply recall that I must live each day, each moment as if it were the last one of my life.”

- How does this statement challenge me? How is my culture challenged by this statement?
- What is one, small change that I could begin this Lent to better live my life as if each moment was the last one?

Chapter Two—The Second Loaf: Discerning Between God and God’s Works

On page 20, Cardinal Van Thuan speaks of a voice that calls out to him, “Choose God and not the works of God.”

- Where are the places in my own life that I may be choosing the works of God over God?
- How does it make me feel to think of letting these works go, handing them over to someone else, if I am asked to?

Looking ahead to Lent...

“As I Have Done for You ... So You Also Should Do”: We are encouraging *all parishioners* at the Church of Saint Joseph to read and reflect on the newly revised pastoral letter of Bishop Kinney’s as part of their Lenten observance. To enter into reflection on this letter, we invite you to choose from the following options:

1. Small faith sharing groups: choices for meeting times are Tuesdays of Lent at 2:00 pm or Fridays of Lent at 8:30 am,
2. You may elect to read and reflect on the letter yourself, or
3. You may choose to discuss the letter informally with a few friends or family.

If you will be participating, please email faithformation@churchstjoseph.org, call the Faith Formation Office (363-7505 x152) or sign up on the form in the East Entrance of the church so that a copy of the letter can be ordered for you. (Pre-ordered copies will be available the first week of March.) Please call Dawn Carrillo in the Faith Formation Office if you have any questions.

Parish-based Lenten Retreat

On Friday, March 18 (6:00-9:30 pm) and Saturday, March 19 (9:00 am-1:00 pm), we will be offering a retreat entitled, *“Where is God in Your Life?”* If you are seeking a deeper connection with God on your faith journey, contact the Faith Formation Office *by Friday, March 11* to participate in this retreat that will enable participants to explore how to recognize God in their lives and to feel God’s never-ending love. The retreat will include the scheduled Stations of the Cross on March 18 and a 9:00 am Mass on March 19, the Feast of Saint Joseph. Please call Dawn Carrillo (363-7505 x152) for more information or to register. (Space for this retreat is limited, and we are asking a \$10.00 fee to help defray costs.)

Righteousness... Today’s readings show us that God’s righteousness requires us to love and serve others regardless of their character, motives, or relationship with him. Righteousness is rooted in grace and love. The truly righteous one knows that his/her identity and life are found in God. This allows him/her to act independently of others’ actions towards them. Jesus personifies this righteousness. He does not treat us according to how we deal with him. He comes to us with a lavish love and grace which we do not deserve. Have you ever encountered someone who received a second chance even though he/she didn’t deserve it? How did you feel about that? Which vulnerable population would you find most difficult to serve—people struggling with addiction, convicted criminals, undocumented immigrants, or people recovering from the trauma of abortion? Consider volunteering with an organization that serves the group that you least want to serve. Then try keeping a journal to see how God transforms you using these encounters.

—Adapted from *Justice Corner* by Rachel Ramjattan

Today’s Tip for Reducing Your Environmental Impact...

Buy energy efficient appliances: Discounts are available to individuals and faith communities for a wide range of appliances at this Interfaith Power & Light webpage www.interfaithpowerandlight.org.

Visit www.catholicclimatecovenant.org for more tips!

Partnership with the Diocese of Vijayapuram

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

COMMISSION OF WORSHIP

Readings for the Week of February 20

You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father.
—Mt 5:43-45a

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| Sunday: | Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48 |
| Monday: | Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19 |
| Wednesday: | Sir 4:11-19/Mk 9:38-40 |
| Thursday: | Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50 |
| Friday: | Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12 |
| Saturday: | Sir 17:1-15/Mk 10:13-16 |
| Next Sunday: | Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34 |

We are collecting old palm branches from now until the beginning of Lent. They will be burned on Mardi Gras, Tuesday, March 8, in time for use in our liturgies on Ash Wednesday. You can place your palm branches in the bin which is located in the main entrance of the church.

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.

Postures at Mass

You may be familiar with the old adage *lex orandi, lex credenda, lex vivendi*, which can be roughly translated to “as we pray, so we believe, so we live.” In other words, the Mass itself, in all its various dimensions, both expresses and forms our life of faith.

With this in mind, a glance at the index of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* is instructive. There are literally dozens of references to posture: bowing, genuflecting, kneeling, sitting, standing. Posture really matters in our Catholic worship, for we do not pray only with our heads, our hearts, and our voices. We pray with our bodies as well, with gestures that express reverence, attentiveness, and wonder. And by the unity of our prayer, expressed in our shared responses and songs, as well as in our corporate actions—standing, kneeling, and bowing together—we express, and foster, our deeper unity in Christ.

Because of their visible leadership in the midst of the assembly, people will look to liturgical ministers as models for what to do. It is good for liturgical ministers to be reminded that while their ministry as lector, chorister, server, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, or usher gives them a special function in the celebration of Eucharist, their most important role is still to be members of the assembly, participating fully, consciously, and actively in the unfolding of the Mass.

- **STANDING** is an ancient posture of prayer, as well as of respect and attention. We stand when the cross enters the church at the beginning of Mass, and we stand for the proclamation of the Gospel. We also stand during the collects, the Profession of Faith (Creed), and the Prayer of the Faithful.
- **SITTING** is a posture of listening. We are seated for the first two readings of Mass and for the homily, as well as for the Preparation of the Gifts.
- **BOWING** is a sign of honor and respect. The ministers bow before the altar and the cross. We bow before receiving Holy Communion.
- **KISSING** is a sign of love and of honor. Thus the priest kisses the altar at the beginning and the end of Mass, a reminder of his love for and commitment to Christ. The sign of peace we exchange during the Mass, which Saint Paul called “a holy kiss” (1 Corinthians 16:20), is a mark of our respect for each other, our recognition of Christ present in those gathered with us around the altar.
- **KNEELING** is a posture of humility, penitence, and adoration. We kneel during the Eucharist Prayer, and we kneel in prayer following Holy Communion.
- **GENUFLECTING**, or kneeling on one knee, is a special sign of reverence for the Blessed Sacrament. As we pass before the tabernacle, we genuflect. The priest also genuflects three times at the altar, after the consecration of the bread and the wine, and again after the *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God).
- **STRIKING THE BREAST** is a gesture of humility and of awareness of our sins. When the Pharisee and the tax collector prayed in the temple in the parable of Jesus, the tax collector expressed his contrition of words and gestures: “stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner’” (Luke 18:13).
- **WALKING** is still another way we pray with our bodies during Mass. The Communion procession is the principal example of this. Holy Communion is not brought to us where we are. Instead, we must get up and move toward the altar to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. That movement expresses that faith is dynamic—it requires ongoing conversion, ongoing change from us.

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| LITURGICAL MINISTERS | Saturday, February 26 5 pm | Sunday, February 27 8 am | Sunday, February 27 10 am |
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| Sacristans | Mary Jo Lemke | Bill Elfering | Nate & Savana Paquin |
| Greeters | Joe & Mary Ann Fitzgerald, Mike Nierengarten | Ray & Patty Loehlein, Mary Plafcan | Norm & Judy Hansen, Ashley Theisen |
| Gift Bearers | Jerry & Rose Reischl | The Steve Reber Family | Austin Allen & Family |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Sandy Scholz, Mike Tangredi, Darlene Bechtold, Lori Stock, Michael Brixius, Peg Walsh, Jane Bierschbach | Sue Meers, Jennifer Oswald, Virginia Meier, Elaine Newton, Ellen Murray, Ann Reischl, Othmar Schmitz | Anita Harris, Joe Heinen, Linda Heinen, John Herdan, Bernie Imholte, Shirley Miller, Patty Paquin |
| Ushers | Ron & Mary Ritter, Ken & Mary Stommes | Richard Gallus, Leo Glatzel, Mark Gohmann, John Heinen | Cletus Bechtold, Jerry Ethen, Tom Ethen, Daniel Goebel |
| Servers | Taylor Notsch & Taylor Nydeen | Charlie Reber & Luke Reber | Ben Meyer & Stephen Froehle |
| Lectors | Julie Notsch | Trish Gannon | Wayne Paquin |
| Music Ministry | Adult Choir | Contemporary Choir | Youth Choir |

The Week Ahead

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

Monday, February 21

- 5:00 pm Mass at Saint Benedict's Monastery

No School

Tuesday, February 22

- 8:00 am Mass†George Molus
 10:30 am Catholic Worker Meeting
 7:15 pm Contemporary Choir

Wednesday, February 23

- 8:00 am Mass††William & Victoria Krystosek
 9:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 9:45 am Staff Meeting
 4:30 pm Children's Choir
 6:00 pm Gr. 1-6 Faith Formation
 6:30 pm RCIA
 6:30 pm Youth Choir
 7:15 pm Gr. 7-8 Faith Formation

Thursday, February 24

- 7:45 am Confession
 8:00 am Mass††Martin & Helen Blommer
 10:00 am Autumn Thursday
 6:30 pm Cantor Rehearsal
 7:00 pm Adult Choir

Friday, February 25

- 8:00 am Mass†Florian Eich

Saturday, February 26

- 4:00 pm Confession
 5:00 pm Mass††Capser Court Family

Sunday, February 27

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Mass††Deceased & Living Members
 of the St. Joseph Senior Citizens
 10:00 am Mass for our Parish
 10:00 am RCIA
 6:30 pm Sr. High Youth Group

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 13, 2011

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| Average weekly budget | \$11,495.00 |
| Adult & loose offering | \$8,377.57 |
| Average weekly automated offering | \$2,970.70 |
| Weekly difference | \$-146.73 |
| Youth offering received | \$69.11 |

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| Budget through February 13 | \$379,335.00 |
| Actual through February 13 | \$365,469.89 |
| Difference | \$-13,865.11 |

Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

—Matthew 5:42

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,

During the month of January, a feasibility study was conducted to assess the support available for a capital campaign which will enable us to grow and enhance our facilities. The study was conducted by a fundraising consulting firm, Mark Davy & Associates, based out of Minneapolis. They have over 20 years of experience doing studies and working with churches on capital campaigns. The study was focused on determining the following:

- Awareness of Church of Saint Joseph members regarding the proposed expansion and renovation
- Importance of the projects to the future well-being of the parish
- Strengths of our faith community
- Areas of concern regarding a campaign
- Leadership and volunteers for a campaign
- Financial capability of the Church of Saint Joseph to conduct a campaign

The results of the feasibility study were positive and a summary of the study is on our web site at www.churchstjoseph.org under the Communications tab. Just click on "Planning" and then go to *Making Room at Our Table*. If you wish to have a paper copy of the summary, please call the parish office.

Based on the comments from parishioners in the surveys and interviews (which are confidential), we want to proceed cautiously. Parish leadership will develop a timeline and a comprehensive education program so everyone is better informed on the projects presented in the case study. The Planning and Design team will work with the architect so that schematic drawings and computer models can be shown to the community in the coming months. There will be plenty of opportunities for parishioner input. The diocese needs to be involved in this planning process, as well. Be assured that you will be kept informed and updated on our progress.

In other news, Bernadette Ethen, parish administrative assistant, has decided to ease into retirement. Since February 1, Bernadette is working 12-16 hours a week rather than her former 32-hour-week schedule. She will officially retire from the parish staff on June 30. We will be reviewing our staffing needs later this spring and will provide updates at that time.

Please pray that the Lord will continue to bless our faith community and all its efforts.

Blessings on your week!

*In Christ's peace,
Fr. Joseph*

Stewardship of Ministry

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

—1 Corinthians 7:17

Our "Yes!" responds to God's "Yes!" In the sacraments of initiation, we respond with our own "Yes!" to God's creation, gifts, and summons to ministry. In confirmation we celebrate anew the ways in which God's Spirit empowers us to risk being ourselves and to serve as partners with others in the work of the realm of God.

In the Eucharist we remember that all of life is an abundant banquet. Again and again in community, our lives will be broken open to reveal new realities and possibilities. We will be called out of our fears and scarcity mentality into new depths of trust, hope, and gratitude for the abundance of creation, of which we are integral members. Eucharist "nourishes us... for the Great Work of which we are a part."

In baptism, confirmation, Eucharist and in other ritual celebrations we remember that we are the beloved of the Creator, showered with gifts, and entrusted with the great work of ongoing creation and healing in the world. Our response is a grateful "Yes!" for we are an incarnational people whose lives and vocations will pulsate with both service and thanksgiving.

—*Created and Called*

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!

—*Sarah Merkling*
bobcatkitten727@yahoo.com

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.