

Church of SAINT JOSEPH

12 WEST MINNESOTA STREET • ST. JOSEPH, MN 56374

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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Parish Fax: 320-363-0710
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Faith Formation Open House

Wednesday
September 7
6:30 pm
(in the church)



All students and parents in grades 1-8 begin this evening by celebrating Mass as a faith community, and then meeting teachers and seeing their classrooms in the Lab School.

Classes are being formed in preparation for this evening together, so please call the Faith Formation Office (363-7505, ext. 152) with any registration questions.

****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.*

Parish Website:
www.churchstjoseph.org
Diocesan Website:
www.stclouddiocese.org
Email Address:
parish@churchstjoseph.org

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.

SEPTEMBER 4, 2011 • TWENTY-THIRD 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.*

“If today you hear God’s voice, harden not your hearts.” (Psalm 95, responsorial psalm for this Sunday.)

What does it mean to harden your heart when God speaks to you? Could it mean what happens between two family members or best friends who have a serious “falling out” about something important and one of them says to the other: “I will never forgive you for what you have done. I don’t ever want to speak to you again,” or something similar? Then God comes along, usually very quietly in the privacy of our hearts, urging us to forgive, to be willing to “let go” of the hurt and to restore the relationship. We are free to respond to God’s urgings by developing a forgiving heart and mending broken relationships, or we can do what God is asking us not to do: “hardening our hearts” and growing stubborn, hurt, and unforgiving. Thus, developing a hardened heart. Who among us would enjoy being around someone who has a “hardened” heart or “hardened” spirit? Often almost all traces of gratitude and joy have gone out of their lives. So, let us listen up! If we are paying attention to God’s voice, as Christians, our mission is one of reconciliation rather than a mission of alienation. May our hearts thaw, and let us be grateful, forgiving, and joyful.

*Joyce Iten, O. S. B., Pastoral Minister
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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.

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. **Volunteers needed!** Contact Tom Klecker at 253-2866, Pastoral Ministries Commission Member.

Flu shots will also be offered during the drive in the lower level of the Lab School from 9:00-11:00 am.

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.*

“Listen with the ear of your heart.” Prologue, Rule of St. Benedict. How are we doing at listening to the needs of others and how are their needs affecting our hearts? If we are not moved by their stories, we need to pray to be moved.

In the movie *Rango* that the youth watched in August, the focus was on a town’s lack of water. Researchers say our next war will be over water. It is so easy to take it for granted. We will include various facts over the next month related to water and invite each of us to ponder what we might do to reduce our own consumption.

In developing countries one person uses an average of 2.6 gal. of water per day. In the US one person uses 75-80 gal in the same time period. Visit www.dropinthebucket.org to find out more about water consumption.

Partnership with the Diocese of Vijayapuram, India

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

Justice for Immigrants: The Theology of Migration and Framing the Message.

Friday, September 30, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Gather at Saint John’s University with others to more fully understand the issues surrounding immigration and explore more deeply our Gospel call as Christians to respond. Keynote Speaker, Reverend Daniel Groody, C.S.C. is an associate professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame and has written on migration, globalization and theology. This conference is \$20, lunch included. Go to www.ccstcloud.org/SocialConcerns and click on upcoming events on the right-hand of the page.

Today’s Tip for Reducing Your Environmental Impact

Recycled Content: Ask your local retailers to stock more products made from recycled materials and buy products made from the highest recycled content whenever possible. Visit www.catholicclimatecovenant.org for even more tips!

COMMISSION OF WORD

Saint Joseph Parishioners will know, understand and daily witness to Christ-centered living inspired by God's Word and Catholic Tradition.

RCIA Inquiry Session

Interested in exploring the Catholic faith and way of life? Have you thought of becoming Catholic? Are you an adult desiring the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation? You are invited to see if the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for you!

What is the RCIA? The RCIA is the adult process of becoming fully initiated in the Catholic Church, receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation: **It is about sharing stories, asking questions and gathering information. It is about conversion, a life-changing process. It is part of a life-long journey of faith. It is about belonging to a faith community.**

The Christian community of the Church of Saint Joseph invites you to consider becoming a full member of the Catholic Church through the RCIA! This process is done within the context of the parish community of faith through a smaller group composed of the RCIA team and others, like you, who are also seeking to receive these sacraments.

We are holding an **initial inquiry session** for you to explore this opportunity and to ask questions about the process. Please join us in the **Parish House Meeting Room from 11:00 am-12:15 pm on Sunday, September 18**, immediately following the 10:00 Sunday Mass. Please call Dawn Carrillo in the Faith Formation Office.

****If you are a fully initiated Catholic who would like to be a part of the RCIA team as a sponsor or minister of hospitality, we would love to have you assist in this important journey of faith for our "newest members"! (Please call the Faith Formation Office to find out more about these roles.)*

Youth Ministry

We had a great night for Movie on the Lawn with those in grades 6-8. Thanks to Yvonne Wieber, Mitch Muske and Carly Chouinard who helped to set up and Geri and Bill Thomas who supplied popcorn. We'll do another outdoor movie in February! ☺

Ride for the Kids

Saturday, September 10, 9:00 am, St. Joseph to Sauk Centre (36 mi)—shorter distances available too! We have five free passes for any student who wants to ride. Contact Molly about obtaining a free pass. Families can ride together! Take advantage of a great season of the year, exercise your body and raise funds for a great cause—The Children's Home in St. Cloud.

Central Minnesota Child & Youth Mental Health Conference:

Saturday, September 17 at Calvary Community Church from 8:00 am-3:30 pm. Join Molly at this event and be part of some great presentations on youth and mental health. Learn about mental health issues and be with other parents in similar situations to glean some support. This will be a very helpful and hopeful event. If you'd like to join Molly, let her know.

Blessings and Peace,

Molly Weyrens, Coordinator of Youth Ministry
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Faith Formation Update!

The Church of Saint Joseph staff and our Confirmation students and their parents give a tremendous THANK YOU to our **Knights of Columbus** for the delicious meal they prepared to kick off our program this past Monday evening! What a beautiful way to start off our year together, sharing a meal and becoming more of a community! *Many heartfelt thanks to the KCs...*

Teach Faith Formation

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Family Table Talk... Questions for your family discussion this week (Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20): *How have you been able to follow Christ more closely because others patiently loved you? How can you help another person do the right thing? **Discussion starters:** There was a time when I had to correct someone who did something wrong. This gospel would have helped me... There is a situation I know of where this formula will help me. I plan to use it by... I know it was hard for someone to correct me once when...*

Lectio Divina begins on Tuesday, September 13, 9:00 a.m. in the After Care Room at the Lab School (top floor). Lectio Divina involves reading of Sacred Scripture accompanied by prayer. Everyone is welcome to join in this ancient practice.

Saint Joseph Lab School

Thanks to the efforts of parish staff, school staff, and parent volunteers, the first week of school went smoothly. The sound of children once again rings in the school. It is good to see their smiling faces and hear their laughter. With the Lab School receiving a grant from the Catholic Foundation along with money generated through fundraising, we were able to buy 2 new SMART Boards. These interactive whiteboards help serve as a useful tool in the classroom allowing teachers to use better visuals and internet resources for class instruction. Teachers will also be developing more hands-on science and math. Two staff members have completed training to help address students with dyslexia or reading disorders and several more will be trained this fall. All this work is to ensure that our parish school continues its mission of providing an excellent Catholic education.

Lab School parents are reminded that Parent Orientation Night will be held Thursday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

I ask for your continued spiritual support of our efforts in Catholic education. Your prayers are much appreciated. I also want to remind you that you are invited to the school Masses on Thursdays at 8:00 am.

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 Evangelization The implementation of the new Mass texts will be an opportunity for evangelization. There will likely be plenty of media coverage around the time of the First Sunday of Advent, when the changes are scheduled to take place. True to form, the coverage will probably lean toward the side of polarization. Interviewers will ask questions like, “So...are you **for** the changes or **against** them?” The media might delight in finding places where the Church seems to be splitting at the seams: “Is this the last straw? Will people actually **leave** the Church because of the new Mass texts? Tune in tonight at six for more on this developing story!”

A good question to ask ourselves before anything happens is, “What will we have to say for ourselves as a local faith community?” Yes, what attitude will we bring to this process as individuals? What message will we, “The Church,” have for the world? For a few brief moments the world will have its gaze fixed on us. Will we settle into negativity and widen the chasms of polarization that already exist? Rather, will we seize the opportunity to impart a life-giving message of hope and joy? We need to rise up over any of our own misgivings or feelings of being unsettled. Change is difficult and it’s very human to mourn the loss of something familiar. We are allowed to have our feelings. We need to acknowledge them and deal with them appropriately. Yet, we also need to seize this opportunity for evangelization...while everyone is watching us... and whether we feel like it or not. We need once again to proclaim “Christ yesterday, today and forever” even if the new words in our Roman Missals and missalettes were implemented only yesterday.

On a lighter note, I am reminded of a quotation by the late Reverend Eugene Walsh, who was an author, lecturer and dedicated promoter of good liturgy in the spirit of Vatican II. He once said, “Jesus Christ promises you two things: your life has meaning...and you’re going to live forever. If you get a **better** deal...**take it!**” Of course, the implication and inherent humor in his comment lies in the fact that there is no way anyone will ever find a better deal than what is offered in Christ! Similarly, a man was once asked why amidst so much controversy, scandal and change he bothered to remain a Catholic? He responded by saying it was because when push comes to shove, the Church was still, in his opinion, the “best, most sure deal out there!” Our Church will have the opportunity to share the same sort of joy-filled, hopeful, reassuring messages in just a few months when the spotlight will be on us once again. May we have the grace, faith and charisma to invite people once again to “come with us”...“get to know Christ along with us”... Christ—the **real** deal—the **best** and only **true** deal.

“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 September 4

“Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” —Mt 18:19-20

Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9/ Rom 13:8-10/ Mt 18:15-20
Monday:	Col 1:24-2:3/ Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Col 2:6-15/ Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Col 3:1-11/ Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Friday:	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/ Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Tm 1:15-17/ Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday:	Sir 27:30-28:9/ Rom 14:7-9/ Mt 18:21-35

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	Saturday, September 10 5:00 pm	Sunday, September 11 8:00 am	Sunday, September 11 10:00 am
Sacristans	Bob & Bernadette Ethen	Judy Meemken	Judy Meemken
Greeters	Marie Przybilla, Sandy Chew, Mike Nierengarten	Gerry & Jackie Klaphake, Sue Meers	Chuck & Pat Kutzera, Ashley Theisen
Gift Bearers	The Family of Heidi Dodge	Leo & Theresa Glatzel	Lee and Joanne Zipp
Eucharistic Ministers	Bernadette Ethen, Laura Kutzera, Kay Lemke, Renee Lepinski, Kathy Lyon, Carol Mastey, Joann Rueckert	Nancy Walz, Barb Heltemes, Peggy Jansky, Peter Jansky, Ellen Murray, Elaine Newton, Jennifer Oschwald	Jody Terhaar, Karl Terhaar, Merle Bauer, Claire Bauer, Bruce Bechtold, Peggy Boettcher, Jim Boettcher
Ushers	Ken & Mary Stommes, Diane Thelen, LeRoy Warnert	Bill Elfering, Peter Giroux, Alan Glatzel, Mark Gohmann	Mike Thell, David Thomas, Sean Thomas, Matt Schreifels
Servers	Reid Nydeen & Taylor Nydeen	Amelia Walz & Amanda Walz	Mackenzie Wick & Joel Ebel
Lectors	Charles Kern	Tammy Johnson	Wayne Paquin
Music Ministry	Cantors	Cantors	Cantors

The Week Ahead

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

Monday, September 5

Labor Day

Parish Office Closed and No School

- 11:30 am Mass at Saint Benedict's Monastery

Tuesday, September 6

- 8:00 am Mass†Lester Baird
- 7:15 pm Contemporary Choir

Wednesday, September 7

- 6:30 pm Mass††Edward & Mary Albers
Faith Formation Open House

Thursday, September 8

- 7:45 am Confession
- 8:00 am Mass†Claudette Klein—Gr. 6
- 10:00 am Autumn Thursday
- 1:30 pm Sr. Citizens at St. Joseph Fire Hall
- 6:30 pm SJLS Parent Orientation
- 6:30 pm Cantor Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir
- 7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting

Friday, September 9

- 8:00 am Mass at Saint Benedict's Monastery

Saturday, September 10

- 8:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 9:00 am Ride for the Kids
- 10:00 am Marriage Preparation

Baptism Weekend

- 4:00 pm Confession
- 5:00 pm Mass††Heidi Dodge

Sunday, September 11

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Baptism Sunday

8:00 am Mass††Living and deceased members of the Leo & Theresa Glatzel families

- 10:00 am Mass for our Parish

Congratulations and blessings to Lee and Joanne Zipp on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

- 1:30 pm Grief Support Group
- 3:30 pm Place of Hope Meal—Youth

Masses

Monday	Sacred Heart Chapel	11:30 am
Tuesday		8:00 am
Wednesday		6:30 pm
Thursday		8:00 am
Friday	Sacred Heart Chapel	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 28, 2011

Average weekly budget	\$11,844.00
Adult offering	\$8,151.08
Average weekly automated offering	\$2,956.95
Weekly difference	\$-735.97
Youth offering received	\$39.27
Budget through August 28	\$106,596.00
Actual through August 28	\$93,815.64
Difference	\$-12,780.36
Somalia Relief	\$2,088.10

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,

One of the major themes of the Church's social teaching is the "Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers."

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected—the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to organize and join unions, to private property, and to economic initiative. (From the *United States Catechism for Adults*, pp.423-4.)

On this Labor Day weekend, let us thank God for our work and the ability to work, and pray for those who are unable to hold a job or are seeking employment. May God's Spirit also guide our government officials as they deal with budget issues that affect the right of all people to engage in productive work.

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

Since 1856, our parishioners have demonstrated faithful stewardship of their time, talent and treasure through hard work and frugality. These same qualities are needed now as we move forward with *Making Room at Our Table*. To learn more about the process, check under the Communications tab at www.churchstjoseph.org. Please continue to pray the *Making Room at Our Table* Campaign Prayer daily.

Note that Mass on Wednesday, September 7, is at 6:30 pm (see bulletin cover) and there will be no Mass in the parish Friday morning, September 9. Parishioners may join the Sisters of Saint Benedict's Monastery for Mass at 8:00 am Friday.

Blessings on your week!

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

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 pro-life 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 rhlgr@aol.com.

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.

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.

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 about liturgy, playing games, serving the parish as music ministers, and of course, singing praise to Jesus! If you are interested in signing up your son or daughter Please email Anita Fischer at amfischer5@gmail.com. Questions? Call 363-4844.

Do you have cooking experience and need a job?

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 about this position.

Important Pictorial Directory News If you did not get your photo taken through Olan Mills, the deadline for submitting a photo for the directory is Friday, September 9. Call Nettie Pfannenstien at 363-7974, ASAP, and she will assist you.

The Bully, the Bullied, and the Bystander:

Breaking the Cycle of Violence on Friday, September 26, from 6:30-8:30 pm at the St. Cloud Civic Center. National author and speaker Barbara Coloroso will speak regarding breaking the cycle of violence and why it involves more than identifying and stopping the bully. Come to this event to learn why and how a child becomes a bully and/or a target, Discover the role bystanders play. Realize the deadly combination of a bully, a bullied child and the bystanders and adults who see bullying as teasing, not tormenting. Learn tools needed to handle conflicts without violence. \$5.00/person pre-registered online at www.resourcetraining.com or \$10 at the door. For further info., please call Catholic Education Ministries at 251-0111.

Reflections of God in Scripture and Science Theology Day at SJU. **Tuesday, September 16, 8:30 am-1:00 pm, Emmaus Hall.** How do we relate to God in a world dominated by science? Join Professor Vincent Smiles as he examines how science and revelation help us understand God more when looked at together. Smiles, a professor in the undergraduate Department of Theology at CSB and SJU, has researched the relationship between theology and science. Free event. Lunch provided. Registration is required: 320-363-3570 or sot-sem@csbsju.edu.

Upcoming Weddings

Please keep the following couples in your prayers as they prepare for marriage.

*Rick Cameron & Rebecca Schreifels—September 17 wedding
Nicholas Schultz & Katie Scholla—September 23 wedding*