

BENEDICTINE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF

SAINT JOSEPH & SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH | 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Tuesday-Friday: 9 am

Saturday: 5 pm

Sunday: 10:30 am



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Mass Schedule

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Saint Joseph: We, the Church of Saint Joseph, are a Catholic, Benedictine faith community. Through our liturgy and faith formation, we build on a solid foundation as active witnesses of Christ, and we eagerly respond to the needs of the Parish and the global community.

Saint John the Baptist: We are a progressive Catholic Benedictine Community encountering Christ through the celebration of Word and Sacrament, one another, nature, and our thirst to create a just world.

Where the
Community
Comes
Together

Weekly Schedules

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MASS INTENTIONS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8:30 am Mass for Our Parishes
Saint John the Baptist

10:30 am Mass †Peter Taufen
Church of Saint Joseph

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

No Mass Today

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

9:00 am Mass †Delores Giroux
Church of Saint Joseph

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:00 am Mass †Parish Veterans
Church of Saint Joseph

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:00 am Mass †Roger Eberle
Church of Saint Joseph

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

9:00 am Mass †Tom Herzog
Church of Saint Joseph

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

5:00 pm Mass †Deceased Members of the
American Legion
Church of Saint Joseph

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:30 am Mass for Our Parishes
Saint John the Baptist

10:30 am Mass †Marcel Kosel
Church of Saint Joseph

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY NOVEMBER 9

8:00 am | Saint Joseph Parish Quilters, Heritage Hall

6:30 pm | Saint Joseph Building & Maintenance,
Heritage Hall

6:30 pm | Knights of Columbus Rosary & Meeting,
Heritage Hall

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10

8:00 am | Saint Joseph Parish Quilters, Heritage Hall

10:00 am | Enrichment Group, Heritage Hall

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11

10:00 am | Willing Hands, Heritage Hall

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14

10:00 am | Marriage Prep Class, St. Joseph Parish
Meeting Room

MONDAY NOVEMBER 16

8:00 am | Saint Joseph Parish Quilters, Heritage Hall

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17

8:00 am | Saint Joseph Parish Quilters, Heritage Hall

10:00 am | Enrichment Group, Heritage Hall

5:00 9m | Saint Joseph RCIA Meeting, Zoom

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18

10:00 am | Willing Hands, Heritage Hall

VETERANS DAY—NOV 11

Join us in acknowledging, honoring and thanking those who are currently serving or have served in the armed forces.

Blessing:

God of Mercy, You sent Jesus Your Son among us as our Prince of Peace.

His love overcomes the barriers of fear and violence, and conquers the power of death. As our world continues to struggle with conflict and war, we thank you for all veterans of military service. Bless these men and women for the sacrifices they have made to protect the lives and freedoms of others. Bring those who have died to the peace of Your Kingdom, and provide for the needs of body and spirit for those still among us in this life. Watch over those in military service today, and all those affected by war and unrest. May Your Spirit bring unity and harmony to all Your children, made one through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in our Lord Jesus: I have been asked by a parishioner to explain what the Pope said about civil unions. During our chat, he mentioned that people are perhaps confused about what was said. From what I have researched, a quote from the Holy Father was taken out of context and used as a way that made it appear the Pope was favoring gay unions and gay marriages. That was not the case. In his time as Pope, Pope Francis has never approved of homosexual behavior, just as the Church has taught for centuries. The Pope, however, shared that, as members of the Church, all need to be compassionate towards all people—sinners all. Within that context he said that the compassionate response to gay couples who have children, is to welcome them in our parishes and encourage bringing their children up in the faith. Pope Francis also suggested that every family needs protection under the law. This is not showing approval of homosexual behavior. Rather it is saying that the family is important—any family. There are always people who want to misconstrue the words of the Holy Father. Often reporters or film makers edit comments from a variety of sources to sow controversy. If there is no controversy, their story will not make headlines. This is common in all sorts of settings: politicians, film personalities, and religious leaders., for example. I hope this explanation helps you understand the circumstances under which these stories are published as headline news. For those family and friends of Pat Dwyer I want to express my deepest sympathy. I wish you all peace and blessings. You are all in my prayers during this difficult time.

Fr. Jerome Tupa, OSB, Pastor



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GOSPEL REFLECTION—NOVEMBER 8

"O God, you are my God whom I seek!" These words from Psalm 63 set a focus for the liturgy for this Sunday. In the Gospel we hear the parable of the ten virgins; five were wise and prepared for the bridegrooms' coming and five were foolish and not prepared.

As we read this parable, we may ask the question; why didn't the wise virgins offer to help the others?

All of the readings remind us that we will die and that we need to be prepared. No one else can do it for us. Paul reminds us that the Lord will descend from heaven and welcome both the dead and the living. However, in the Gospel Jesus rejects those who are not prepared and says to us "...stay awake for you do not know the day nor the hour." Therefore, we must be prepared. That is our personal responsibility. Jesus provides many opportunities for us to prepare, to deepen our relationship with God. We have the Eucharist, the sacraments and times for personal prayer. How we use these gifts is up to us!

This week take time to pray Psalm 63. Also reflect on the many opportunities for spiritual growth that you have. How are you using them?

S. Betty Larson, OSB, Pastoral Minister

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOV 8

SUNDAY: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

MONDAY: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

TUESDAY: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10

WEDNESDAY: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/Lk 17:11-19

THURSDAY: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/Lk 17:20-25

FRIDAY: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/Lk 17:26-37

SATURDAY: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

NEXT SUNDAY: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

All who are lonely, grieving or estranged, military men and women and their families, all the ill or suffering, people of the Diocese of Vijayapuram, India, all farmers, all frontline healthcare workers and workers & volunteers in foreign lands.

CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH

Duffy Barton, Terry Bowar, Laurie Christen, Dorothy Court, Laken Court, Brenda (Anderson) Dahlheimer, Nelda Dehn, Audrey Elfering, Jill (Hoffman) Fussy, Gabby, Caroline Glatzel, Theresa Glatzel, Larry & Anita Hering, Cliff Hilsen, Peter Hoffmann, Blake Hogenson, Ashley Holmes, Jack Johnson, Amy Klaphake, Becky Klaphake, Sandy Knudson, Anna Kostreba, Laura Kutzera-Gaarder, Ann Leedah, Phil Maus, Becky Maus-Nelson, Judy Meemken, Sue Meers, Josie Meyer, Alban Mohs, Jane Nierengarten, Nate Osbourn, Jennifer Oswald, Marjorie Pfannenstien, Cindy Schmitz, a Special Intention, Anthony Scholz, John Steichen, Dennis Stueve, Darlene Thielman, Emmy Torborg, Bob Valek, Eileen Walz, Bill Wasner and Sue Zimmer.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Julia Beckmann, Paul Dukowitz, Gloria Ebacher, Marlin Faber, Alvina Klocker, Sandy Knudson, Gen Ludowese, Leo Heck, Mark McKeon, Larry Notch, Mildred Notsch, Anthony Scholz, and Charlie & Nancy Wenner

To add or remove a name for the Prayer Corner, call the parish office.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in your prayers those who have recently died:

Katrina "Tina" Beste, Vera Theisen, Cheri Horsch, and Virginia Pfannenstien.

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Please hold the families of the following parishioners whose death anniversaries take place during the coming week in your prayers:

November 11, 2013: Joleen Lauer Krueger

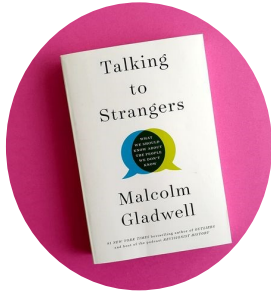
November 13, 1979: Donald Hohage

November 13, 2017: William Cofell

November 15, 1929: Norbert Weidinger

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."

Upcoming Events



VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

The Social Justice and Ministry Committee at Saint John the Baptist Parish is reading Malcolm Gladwell's book "Talking to Strangers". Anyone interested in reading this book and joining in a discussion via zoom after the holidays should contact Julie in the Saint John the Baptist parish office for more details.



FAMILY FUN: DIY ADVENT WREATH

Come together as to create a beautiful Advent wreath with live greenery! All supplies for the wreath are provided--including the greenery, wreath form, candles and more. Each table will have hot cocoa and a kit to decorate your own cookies! This is hosted at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Heritage Hall on Sunday, November 22nd from 1:00 to 2:30 pm and the cost for participation is \$10 per family. For more details and to register, please visit www.churchstjoseph.org and click on 'Event Registration.'



ADVENT PRAYER GROUP FOR WOMEN

Join other women from our parishes as we navigate through "Rejoice! Advent Meditations with the Holy Family" during the Season of Advent. Each session will feature a reflection video, discussion, and an opportunity to connect with other women. Sessions will take place virtually via Zoom from 8:30 -9:30 am on Saturday mornings during Advent (November 28 & December 5, 12, 19). An advent devotional will be provided. Registration is required, but there is no cost to participate. For further details, and to register, please visit www.churchstjoseph.org and click on 'Event Registration.'

Stewardship Updates

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November 1 Adult Envelope	\$1,595.00
November 1 Children's Envelope	\$3.00
November 1 Plate	\$50.00
Donations Fiscal Year to Date	\$40,709.00
Budgeted Donations Fiscal YTD	\$45,882.00

There are two ways that you can support our parish financially while observing social distancing:

- Mail In Contributions
- Electronic Contribution Giving
 - Complete a form found on the parish website or contact the parish office.

SAINT JOSEPH

November 1 Adult	\$7,248.00
November 1 Youth	\$13.00
October Online Donations	\$22,176.31
Donations Fiscal Year To Date	\$192,646.35
Budgeted Donations Fiscal YTD	\$224,863.56

There are three ways to continue giving while observing social distancing practices:

- Mail contributions to the parish office
- Set up electronic giving (one-time or recurring)
 - To sign-up, visit the parish website
- Drop contributions in the parish office drop box

Parish Updates

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PARISH FALL/WINTER MASS SCHEDULE

Masses will continue to take place on Sundays at 8:30am—weather permitting the Masses will be outside on days below freezing or with precipitation Mass will move inside. Inside or Outside, Mass will be transmitted via your car radio from the parking lot. When we are inside for Mass, chairs will be spaced to keep family groups distanced, there is room for about 80 people inside, Communion will be brought outside to those listening from their vehicles (please social distance). Many thanks to the volunteers who make these liturgies possible; and to those attending inside and outside we welcome you!

ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY WINTER NOTICE

It's that time of year to remove all flowers and other items from the cemetery for the winter months. Please have everything removed by November 10th.

Christmas wreaths and greenery are welcome for the holiday season. If you have questions, please call Josie Stang, cemetery manager at 320-363-3434

FOOD DRIVE

On behalf of the Social Justice & Ministry Committee and the local Food Shelves, thank you for your generous donations last weekend at Mass.

UPCOMING DATES

Sunday, November 29th: Advent begins

Wednesday, December 16th: Reconciliation at the Parish Center

KID'S CORNER

If you need more yellow children's envelopes they are on the cart as you enter the parking lot at Mass.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE:

- Families should have been contacted by your child's Faith Formation teacher.
- Fleece Blankets: As a family, please consider tying a blanket to donate to the St. Joseph Food Shelf Blankets should be bagged and dropped off on November 22, November 29, or December 6.
- Food Collection: Food donations will be accepted on November 22, November 29, and December 6. All donations will be given to the St. Joe Food Shelf. Monetary donations are also accepted.
- First Reconciliation will be December 16, 6:30 PM at the Parish Center



Date:	Ushers:	Lectors:	Euch. Ministers:	Sacristan:	Sound:	Video:
Nov 15, 2020	Evan Acheson	Scott Wallner	Joyce Abeln	Arnie Sauerer	Brian Posch	Julie Ortloff
8:30 AM			Tess Koltes			
Nov 15, 2020	Mike Peternell	David Lyndgaard	Dan Ortloff	Dan Ortloff	Brian Posch	Julie Ortloff
8:30 AM			David Lyndgaard			

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FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

PARISH COOKBOOKS

Many cookbooks have already been sold. So far, the response has been awesome and those who have them are very pleased with the book. They are on sale for \$15.00 each. They make great gifts as well! To order yours, please call 363-7505 ext. 152 or email ffdirector@churchstjoseph.org.

CONFIRMATION PARENTS AND CANDIDATES

The meeting that was scheduled for the candidates on Sunday, November 1st has been cancelled. Please pick up your information and preparation folder in the parish office entry. They are available now until Sunday, November 22nd.

On Sunday, November 22nd, we will have the first Confirmation session via Zoom beginning at 6:30 pm. Please have your folders close by, as we will be going through the information provided.

Please refer to the email recently sent to all Confirmation families.

Marian Bach, Director of Faith Formation

JOETOWN CHRISTMAS TREASURES SALE

We will not be hosting the Christmas Treasures sale this year. We are continuing to collect items for a huge sale in 2021! If you have items to donate please bring them to Heritage Hall or call 363-4588 for pick up service.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

November is the month of the church year dedicated to "All Souls" who have gone before us in death. Therefore, the "Book of Remembrance" will be on the west wall of the church during the entire month of November. You are invited to write the names of any deceased friends and loved ones in the book. They will be included in the prayers of our parish community as we journey through the month.

2021 LECTOR WORKBOOKS AVAILABLE

Lectors, your Workbooks for 2021 are now available for you to pick up in the East Entrance.

The new workbooks begin with the start of the new Liturgical Year on the First Sunday of Advent: weekend of November 28/29.

WE REMEMBER

Please keep in your prayers Rita (Kierzek) Nowicki who died recently. Rita is a former parishioner of the Church of Saint Joseph.

HOMELESS OUTREACH

A number of people who are homeless are finding themselves living in tents and in their cars. If you could donate any of these supplies to help with their survival, please bring them into the church. If you would like to donate financially to the outreach work that is assisting them you may send checks to Homeless Helping Homeless, P.O. Box 475, St. Cloud, MN 56302 or contact Harry Fleegel - hfleegel@aol.com or 612-868-0465.

Items Needed - winter coats of all sizes, mittens, hats, warm socks, long underwear, snowpants, sleeping bags, tents, space heaters, propane tanks, \$10-\$20 gas cards (this is for people living in their cars to stay warm). New or slightly used bath towels.

Thank you for your generosity! For more information contact Molly Weyrens with the Central MN Catholic Worker - centralmncw@gmail.com or 320-316-3290

FOOD SHELF COLLECTION

Our annual drive for the Food Shelf will be held on November 14th and 15th. Please pick up a bag and the list of needs in the back of the Church on the weekend of the 7th and 8th. Return the bag with your donation on the weekend of the 14th and 15th. The Collection Box will be at the entrance of the church. If you do not come to Mass and would like to donate, food may be dropped off at the parish office. Cash donations are also welcome. Put it in an envelope marked Food Shelf and drop it in the collection or at the parish office.

WORKATHON UPDATE

God blessed us with some nice weather, which enabled our crews to complete the job sites. These volunteers completed 23 job sites. Numerous truckloads of sticks and leaves were hauled away to St. Joseph's compost site increasing the size of the compost pile immensely! This community service project is a great way for our parish school to serve as Christ's hand in St. Joseph. The fundraising also was very successful with close to \$40,000 being raised. As a result, we celebrated with an All Hallows Eve Party. The students had a wonderful time playing Zoom bingo and doing other fun activities. The students also get to throw paint filled eggs at me. I'm sure I will look very colorful. Thank you once again for your prayers and support of the school.

Blessings,
Karl Terhaar