

November 7, 2021 | Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

VETERANS DAY

Thank you for your service

We are honoring our veterans this weekend,
Sunday, November 7 at 11:00am Mass.



1154 Seminole Avenue | West St. Paul, Minnesota 55118

Parish Center Phone: 651-457-2781

Monday—Thursday: 8:00am to 4:00pm,

Friday: 8:00am to 12:00pm

Pastoral Emergency After Hours: 952-930-4727

Parish Website: churchofstjoseph.org

DAILY & WEEKEND MASSES

Monday-Friday at *7:30am

Tuesday-Thursday at 5:30pm

Saturday at *8:00am and 5:00pm(Vigil)

Sunday at 7:30am, *9:00am and 11:00am

First Fridays at 5:30pm

**Masses live-streamed on our parish website*

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Monday-Friday: 7:00-7:20am,

Tuesday-Thursday: 5:00-5:20pm

Saturday: 8:30-9:30am

From the Director of Parish Formation & Mission

Douglas Bushman



The Power of Jesus' Healing Mercy in the Sacraments

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that "Sacraments are 'powers that come forth' from the Body of Christ (CCC, 1116). The biblical reference here is to the witness of St. Mark and St. Luke to what Jesus said when the woman who had been bleeding for twelve years touched his garment: "Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my garments?'" (Mark 5:30). St. Luke puts it slightly differently: "Jesus said, 'Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me'" (Luke 8:46). Many recognized God's saving power in Him: "All the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all" (Luke 6:19).

On several occasions Jesus says to someone whom He has healed, "Go in peace; your faith has made you well." This is misunderstood if it is taken to mean that faith itself contains the power to heal. The truth is that Jesus alone possesses the power to heal. The role of faith in the miracles of healing is to open people to His healing power. To underscore that it is Christ who heals in the sacraments, and not faith, the *Catechism* teaches that "the sacraments are efficacious because in them Christ himself is at work: it is he who baptizes, he who acts in his sacraments in order to communicate the grace that each sacrament signifies" (CCC, 1127). At the same time, "the fruits of the sacraments also depend on the disposition of the one who receives them" (CCC, 1128). It is like getting medicine from a doctor. Only the doctor can write a prescription, and our trust in him moves us to take the medicine. He cannot heal us without our cooperation, but he alone has the power to prescribe the medicine.

Now we can understand why the *Catechism* insists that "The sacred liturgy must be preceded by evangelization, faith, and conversion. It can then produce its fruits in the lives of the faithful" (CCC, 1072). Again, we have to prepare our hearts with "faith, conversion of heart, and adherence to the Father's will. These dispositions are the precondition both for the reception of other graces conferred in the celebration itself and the fruits of new life which the celebration is intended to produce afterward" (CCC, 1098).

This sheds light on what happens when someone says, "I don't get anything out of Mass." Some, no doubt well intentioned, have thought that to respond to this we have to change the Mass in order to make it more meaningful, more relevant. But what about those people of faith who do get something out of Mass, just as it is, just as it always has been? The *Catechism* states: "For this reason no sacramental rite may be modified or manipulated at the will of the minister or the community. Even the supreme authority in the Church may not change the liturgy arbitrarily, but only in the obedience of faith and with religious respect for the mystery of the liturgy" (CCC, 1125).

God does not change His love to make it correspond to our expectations! Rather, He changes our hearts so that our expectations correspond to His love! This is why the *Catechism* insists that the liturgy, which is the celebration of God's love, presupposes conversion and faith. So, the answer is not to change the Mass, but to change hearts so that people come to Mass well-prepared, looking for what God wants to give them, namely, grace: the Good News of His merciful love for the forgiveness of sins, fully revealed in Jesus Christ, especially in His sacrifice on the Cross.

So, let's go back to Jesus healing the woman with a hemorrhage. On the day that she touched Jesus and was healed, she definitely got a lot out of it! In contrast, there were many people there who did not touch Him with faith. We might describe them as bumping into Him. For, when He asked, "Who touched me?" the disciples answered, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" (Mark 5:31). The point is that many people touched Jesus, but only one touched Him with faith. And she was healed. She got a lot out of it while others did not. What we get *out of* Mass is a function of the faith that we bring *into* Mass.

How can the only sacrifice by which sins are forgiven be meaningful for people who have no sense of sin, who have no idea of their need for God's merciful love? In reality, the problem of getting something out of Mass is the problem of proper catechesis on sin. Yet, so many are uncomfortable with and try to avoid talking about sin. That is like avoiding the subject of leprosy in a leper colony.

It is no accident that at the beginning of Mass the celebrant invites us to prepare ourselves by calling to mind our sins: "Brethren, let us acknowledge our sins and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries." It is unwise to try to make Mass meaningful by changing it, by pretending it is something other than what it is, by entertaining people who do not bring the proper disposition of faith. The only way to make Mass meaningful is evangelization that proclaims God's mercy, and a solid catechesis on sin and examination of conscience outside of Mass. Only awareness of sin will motivate people to seek the only One Who can forgive sins, and to be at home in the assembly of those who celebrate God's mercy, fully revealed in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. So long as these things are lacking, there is no good reason to expect people to get anything out of Mass, or, for that matter, even to come to Mass. For, sooner or later, they will tire even of just bumping into Jesus. The best thing we can do to promote a revival of Eucharistic faith and devotion, and a full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgy, is to affirm for people whose hearts bear witness to the reality of sin that they are not deluding themselves, that in fact there is sin, and that it is the secular culture that is deluding them by telling them that there really is no sin. For only sinners are in need of a Savior Who forgives sins; only sinners seek to hear the good news of His mercy proclaimed at Mass; only sinners seek to touch Him, in faith, in the Eucharist.



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

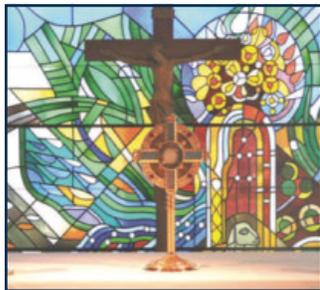
VISIT OUR LORD

Perpetual Adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament is in the main church during the hours of 6:00am-10:00pm and in the Chapel from 10:00pm-6:00am.

When there is a funeral, wedding or other event, Eucharistic Adoration is in the chapel.

Guests adorers are welcome to visit from 6:00am-9:00pm.

If you would like to be an adorer with a dedicated hour each week, please see the hours where there is need.



ADORERS ARE NEEDED

The following hours need an assigned, dedicated adorer as soon as possible. Jesus is never outdone in generosity!

Mondays	5:00pm — 6:00pm
Tuesdays	3:00am — 4:00am
Wednesdays	10:00am — 11:00am
Thursdays	12:00pm — 1:00pm
	5:00pm — *6:00pm (*Mass begins at 5:30pm)

When you arrive for your Holy Hour, please sign in at the Adoration Desk. If you need coverage for your scheduled hour, please use the "Substitutes Needed Binder" to enter your hour and date(s).

Contact Teresa Boland at 651-552-0168 or 651-307-9177.

LECTIO DIVINA

*Reading, Praying, Studying, Sharing the Word of God
With Douglas Bushman*

TUESDAYS, NOVEMBER 9 - 23 AND DECEMBER 7

MSGR. FORAN GREAT ROOM

TWO SESSIONS AVAILABLE: 8:30-10:30AM AND 6:30-8:30PM

No pre-registration required.

Join us as you are able to encounter Jesus in Holy Scripture.
Douglas Bushman will lead us through this beautiful series.



St. Joseph's Book of Remembrance is located near the baptismal font.

You are invited to write the name(s) of your loved ones who have entered eternal life.

We will be praying for all our faithful departed throughout the month of November.

The Vatican announced the renewal of the month-long Holy Souls Indulgence for November, allowing the faithful the opportunity to offer a plenary indulgence for the souls in purgatory.

Steps to Obtain a Plenary Indulgence for Souls in Purgatory this November:

- 1) **Pray at a Cemetery:** The 2020 decree asks the faithful to "visit a cemetery and pray for the deceased, even if only mentally."

Some suggested prayers include:

Eternal Rest prayer: *"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."*

St. Gertrude Prayer: *"Eternal Father, I offer thee the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family."*

- 2) **Go to Confession & Receive Holy Communion:** For one to obtain a plenary indulgence, the person must detach oneself from all sin. If the soul is not detached, a partial indulgence will be applied.

The sick, elderly, or homebound, can "unite themselves spiritually to other members of the faithful."

The decree encourages prayer before an image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary. One may offer prayers for the deceased, for example, the Holy Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, reading a Gospel passage, or perform a work of mercy by offering to God the sorrows and hardships of their own lives." One must also have "the intention of complying as soon as possible," to the three conditions (sacramental confession, holy communion, and praying for the Holy Father).

- 3) **Pray for the Pope:** Offer one 'Our Father' and one 'Hail Mary' for the Holy Father.

UPCOMING EVENTS & UPDATES

VETERANS' MASS

Sunday, November 7 | 11:00am

Reception following in the Msgr. Foran Great Room

All military personnel, currently serving and veterans, and your families, are invited. You will be honored for the service you have provided, or are providing, for our country. Wear your uniform, if possible. All parishioners should consider coming to this Mass to thank those who have worked for our freedom and to prayerfully remember those who sacrificed their lives.

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH or COMPLETING YOUR SACRAMENTS?

Monday, November 8 | 7:00pm

Msgr. Foran-Rosary Room (Enter through the Great Room)

The Holy Spirit continues to call men and women to seek the truth of Christ that leads to full communion with the Catholic Church. The same Spirit calls us, members of Christ's Church, to exercise spiritual hospitality by accompanying them along the journey of faith into the Church. That accompaniment is called The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Those who are interested should call the Parish Center at 651.457.2781 or send an email to rcia@churchofstjoseph.org.

YOUNG ADULTS ~ CL STUDY & PRAYER

Monday, November 8 | 7:00-8:00pm

Msgr. Foran Great Room

Communion and Liberation is an ecclesial movement of the Catholic Church founded by an Italian priest, Fr. Luigi Giussani, and School of Community is its most important gesture, a weekly catechetical gathering in which members and anyone curious or seeking gather to read the texts of Fr. Giussani and discuss our lives in light of them. Fr. Giussani would have explained this by quoting of the Father of the Church, St. Irenaeus: *The glory of God is man fully alive but the life of man is the vision of God.* We gather in order to become more fully alive, as human beings and as Christians, but becoming more fully alive means *seeing how Christ is present and at work in our lives.* We aim to help each other to pursue these desires and we welcome anyone from the parish of St. Joseph's and beyond who would like to join us!

LECTIO DIVINA

Tuesday, November 9 | 8:30am and 6:30pm

Msgr. Foran Great Room

All are invited.

SERVE AT SHARING & CARING HANDS

Monday, November 15

Details and Sign up in the Gathering Space after Masses this weekend, or contact Jennifer: 651-789-8359 or jennifer.mak@churchofstjoseph.org.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY GAME DAY

Tuesday, November 16

Jameson's on Smith Avenue (Formerly Cherokee Tavern)

Rosary: 11:30am

Lunch: 12noon

Pre Vatican II Trivia to follow.

Lunch special: 1/2 chicken salad sandwich, choice of soup or salad, coffee. \$15, including gratuity.

No pre-registration is required. Contact Jennifer with any questions: 651-789-8359 or jennifer.mak@churchofstjoseph.org.

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS:

Monday — Thursday: 8:00am to 4:00pm

Friday: 8:00am to 12:00pm.

STAY CONNECTED

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Text "STJOESWSP" to 84576 to sign up!

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INSTAGRAM: instagram.com/churchofstjosephwspmn/

VIMEO: vimeo.com/churchstjosephwstpaul

MY PARISH APP: Text APP to 88202; Select "St. Joseph" for updates and notifications.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Center at least six months in advance to prepare for your marriage. You will meet with a priest and a mentor couple and participate in a Pre-Cana retreat as part of your preparation.

BAPTISM

The sacrament of Baptism is normally celebrated for our parishioners on the first and third Sunday of each month at 12:15pm. Parents must attend a one-session preparation class.

At that time, the Baptism will be scheduled.

Please contact the Parish Center for more information and to schedule your preparation class.

R.C.I.A.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process by which someone discerns a relationship with Jesus in the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know would like to know more, please contact us at rcia@churchofstjoseph.org.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

We ask you to remember all our faithful departed and their Families, especially †*Ardell Haas* and †*Anthony Paladie*, Diane Hall's grandson.

May they rest eternally in the peace of Christ.

MARRIAGE BANNS

Let us pray for all entering the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

SERVE WITH US!

CASPER'S THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL

November 25

Volunteers needed for Wednesday, November 24 & Thursday, November 25.

Visit parish website for the link to the volunteer signup!

Contact: Jennifer at jennifer.mak@churchofstjoseph.org.

WE ARE A COMMUNITY CARING FOR LIFE

Our parish community pledges immediate and practical help to any woman in need and faced with pregnancy so that she can carry her baby to full term. Contact Jennifer at 651-789-8359.

CRIBS & CAR SEATS

Gently used infant car seats and cribs (less than 6 yrs. old) are needed. Contact: Margee at 651-227-2076.

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

The mission of St. Joseph's School is to educate students through faith formation, academic excellence and the development of virtue to be disciples of Christ.

GIVE TO THE MAX 2021

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Give to the Max is a virtual, state wide giving event which St. Joseph's School has participated in for many years. Stay tuned for more information about matching gift information!

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL GALA - IN PERSON!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

The St. Joseph's School Gala is our largest annual fundraising event of the school year. It's an opportunity for our community (parents, staff, parishioners, alumni, friends and supporters) to come together and celebrate the legacy of our school and raise the funds necessary for its continued success in educating our children. Mark your calendars, and join us in December! For more details, and for donation and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Katie, Katherine.Walcher@gmail.com.



MRS. CATHI BUDGE

Mrs. Cathi Budge, St. Joseph's School Assistant Principal, recently submitted her resignation from employment at the Church of St. Joseph and St. Joseph's School effective November 5, 2021. Cathi expressed to us the following: *"St. Joseph's School has been my life's focus for nearly 30 years and after much prayer and discernment I have decided it is time for me to shift my focus to my family and to myself."*

Cathi has generously served at St. Joseph since 1992. On behalf of the parish and school communities, we thank Cathi for her beautiful service at our school as a classroom teacher and administrator. We wish her well and all the best to her family. The parish will be presenting Cathi with a special gift to honor her for her years of service.

NEW SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

In response to this staff announcement, a new *School Leadership Team* has been established to manage the transition. The new team will include: Greg Wesely, Principal; Patrick Menke, Parish Administrator; and Tom Gagliardi, Advisor. For those not familiar with Tom Gagliardi, we are very fortunate for his willingness to assist, as he brings an affection and passion for our parish and school, a wealth of experience as both principal and administrator, and background in helping organizations in transition.

In addition to evaluating the administrative model of the school, this is also an opportunity for the School Leadership Team to make a broader assessment of the school's overall health, staffing and direction to further our mission. There will be opportunities forthcoming for members of the parish and school communities to provide direct input to this process. Please look for more details in the weeks ahead.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Patrick Menke, Parish Administrator, at 651.789.8349 or patrick.menke@churchofstjoseph.org.

STEWARDSHIP

Contributions (Offertory) – including mailed gifts, EFT's, stocks, and IRA's

October 25-31, 2021 - \$35,280.04

2021-22: Actual through October 31, 2021 - \$533,875.44

2021-22: Budget through October 31, 2021 - \$514,414.14

Stewardship Sunday is the weekend of November 13-14th. It is a special weekend each year that as a parish we reflect on the place of stewardship in our lives. Annual Reports for 2020-21 will be forthcoming in the mail.

As we manage the most recent Delta variant, we will continue to refrain from our previous stewardship collection practices during the offertory time, instead relying on the continued generosity of our parishioners and visitors through electronic giving and the use of our Stewardship box near the west entry. Please note the additional QR option for accessing electronic giving below. Thank you for your continued generous support.

GIVING AT ST. JOSEPH

The Church of St. Joseph is dependent upon the financial support of her faithful parishioners and guests.

Donations can be made electronically through the parish website or using the QR code below with your smartphone. You may also use

the stewardship drop box for your offering near the west exit.



- 1) SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR PHONE.
- 2) OPEN THE SECURE LINK.
- 3) FOLLOW THE PROMPTS.

We thank you for your generosity.

VETERAN'S DAY CONCERT

St. Joseph School is hosting a Veterans Day Concert on Thursday, November 11th at 7:00p.m. in the gymnasium. We would like to invite all family and friends to attend the concert as we honor and thank our veterans. All service men and women are encouraged to wear their uniform. We hope you are able to attend.

JAGUAR ATHLETICS

Congratulations to our Volleyball teams who won the CAA Championships. Congratulations to our student athletes, their coaches, and families. Any grade 5-8 students interested in playing winter sports, please register by calling the School Office; 651-457-8550.

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL POSITIONS LUNCHROOM ASSISTANT

Our school is currently seeking an individual to assist teachers supervising our K-8 grade students during their lunch periods. This part time position is approximately 2.5 hours per day (10:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.) on the days school is in session. Qualified individuals should be able to assist students and compete "light cleanup" between the lunch periods.

RECESS ASSISTANT

Our school is currently seeking an individual to assist teachers supervising our K-8 grade students during recess. This part time position is approximately 2.5 hours per day (11:00am-1:30pm) on the days school is in session. Qualified candidates should be able to monitor and support students during their creative and organized play.

Individuals interested in learning more about these positions may contact Principal Greg Wesely; grwesely@stjosephwsp.org or at 651-457-8550.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 7

7:30am Vocations
 9:00am †Jerome Yentz
 11:00am Veterans (living & deceased)

Monday, November 8

7:30am Joe Thadathil

Tuesday, November 9

7:30am †Geraldine Nasseff
 5:30pm St. Joseph's Middle School Youth

Wednesday, November 10

7:30am †Mark Sunday
 5:30pm †Jimmy Diedrich

Thursday, November 11

7:30am †Peter Newbauer
 5:30pm Veterans (living & deceased)

Friday, November 12

7:30am †Marge & †Leo Tibesar
 9:00am School

Saturday, November 13

8:00am †Thomas Tallarini, Sr.
 5:00pm †Edward Mansur

Sunday, November 14

7:30am All members of the parish
 9:00am †John Miller
 11:00am †Georgianna Brings

MASS READINGS & OBSERVANCE

Readings for the week of November 7, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/
 Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44 — 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time Ends

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: 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—The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19—St. Leo the
 Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/
 Lk 17:20-25 —St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37—St. Josaphat,
 Bishop and Martyr

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/
 Lk 18:1-8 —St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/
 Mk 13:24-32—33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Joseph Prayer Line: 651-882-2340 or 651-303-4763.

PASTORAL EMERGENCY

For after hour emergencies: 952-930-4727



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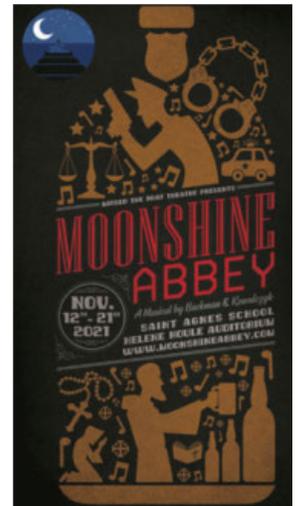
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School Office Manager ▪ Lisa Wrobel.....651-457-8550

MISSED THE BOAT THEATRE PRESENTS

MOONSHINE ABBEY

Missed the Boat Theatre is a local Catholic Community Theatre that strives to be known for its art, beauty, and contribution to the culture. **They want to do that through theater and they want to make something beautiful for God!**

Previously they have produced the hit *Catholic Young Adults, The Musical*. Don't miss their upcoming production, *Moonshine Abbey*. Parishioners **Elie Laville, Angela Cahill, Gaby Quillan, and Ana Teresa Deliz** are in the cast! The show runs November 12-24, with 6 showtimes. Visit their website: missedtheboattheatre.com



KNOWN BY GOD:

A retreat for mothers grieving the loss of a miscarried or stillborn child.

Saturday, November 20
 9:00am-4:00pm
 St. John the Baptist Catholic Church,
 New Brighton



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