

December 26, 2021 | Christmas & The Feast of the Holy Family



CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

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*

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Monday – Thursday: 8:00am to 4:00pm,

Friday: 8:00am to 12:00pm

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Parish Website: churchofstjoseph.org

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

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

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

Saturday: 8:30-9:30am

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



Douglas Bushman, Director of Parish Formation & Mission

There is no better time than the Feast of the Holy Family to recall and to take to heart the exhortation of St. John Paul II: “Family, become what you are!”

As if there were not enough threats to families in the surrounding culture, the pandemic has brought its own suffering. We have heard accounts of people—not just the elderly—being isolated from their families and deprived of the support and comfort of loved ones when it was needed most. Many have died in isolation.

Families are foregoing coming together to celebrate major holidays and anniversaries. Some families have experienced division over opposing convictions about vaccinating and masking. St. John Paul II’s exhortation to families to live out their vocation of love, life, and education is as timely today as it was in 1981. If parents and children do not experience “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” (Galatians 5:22–23), as well as forgiveness and reconciliation, in the family, then where will they experience them?

It is vital that husbands and wives renew their awareness that marriage is a vocation from God, and that He entrusts to them a mission of the greatest importance: to bear witness to the bond of love between Christ and the Church by their fidelity to one another, their generosity in fulfilling God’s first mandate, which the Bible calls a blessing—“God blessed them. And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth’” (Gen 1:28)—and by educating their children in the full truth about God and about His plan for all people He has made in His own image and redeemed in Jesus Christ.

Years ago, someone I had met in graduate school, in Europe, was traveling around the United States. When she came to Minnesota, I arranged for several dinners with friends. When we left after one of those evenings, she turned to me and said, with amazement and joy, “There was so much love in that family!” She observed parents and children working together to make their guest feel welcome, to be attentive to her comfort, to prepare the meal, and to take in interest in her by asking questions about life in Columbia. She observed the courteous and respectful conversation between parents and children. She was deeply moved by being invited to pray with them and the way that this prayer as a family made everyone aware of God’s presence.

These days, many often ask, “Where is God?” Or, they challenge, “Prove that God exists.” Well, one place where you can find God and one proof of His existence is in the bond of love in a Christian family. For, as the culture around us becomes more and more anti-family, more and more violent, and as true, generous love seems a rare experience, the unity, mutual respect, mutual service, and love in a Christian family stands out all the more clearly as a genuine miracle. And, Christian families will be the first to tell you, when asked how they have become little communities of peace and joy, fidelity and kindness, patience and generosity, that these are all a gift of grace. It is not that there are smarter than others. It is that they are humbler than others and have turned to God as their inspiration and strength.

Holy families are humble families, who are familiar with the struggle to live up to their vocation. That is why holy families make time to pray together, to deepen their faith together, and to attend Mass together. For them, weekly Mass is like a mini pilgrimage, imitating the Holy Family in their annual pilgrimages to Jerusalem. Putting God first is the best way for families to become what they are, what they are called to be. For, families who see their lives as a vocation know that the only realistic hope to be faithful to their vocation is the power of God’s love and grace. They know that they will need His forgiveness when they fall short of His vision for the family, and when they need to forgive one another as He forgives them. Families where forgiveness and reconciliation are a way of life give hope to others who suffer from broken relationships. Our world is in great need of such hope!

Truly, to experience Christian families of humility and love and forgiveness and reconciliation is to experience the power of the grace of our God. It is to proclaim in action that the birth of Christ has changed the world, that mercy and forgiveness are stronger than the sin that breaks relationships. To experience this is to be convinced that indeed God hears our prayers when we beseech Him: “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” This is the vocation of the Christian family: to bear witness to the beauty and joy of heaven on earth, and in this way to be an answer to those who wonder if God exists and where they can find Him!



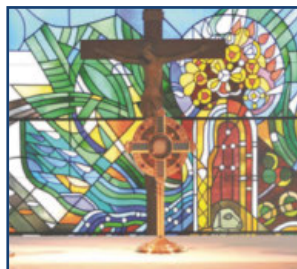
PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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.



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

Thursday	12:00 midnight – 1:00am (Friday)
Friday	1:00am – 2:00am
Friday	11:00am – 12:00noon

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE Parishioners and School Parents, Cathy & Don Wagner!

The Archdiocesan **Saint John Paul II Champions for Life Award** honors those in our local communities who “*Respect, Love and Promote Life*” following the call outlined by Saint John Paul II in the Gospel of Life (Evangelium vitae).



These awards have been distributed each year since 2008 in our local Archdiocese honoring those that are deserving of this recognition and honor.

The awards will be distributed at the annual **Prayer Service for Life Event** on **January 22, 2022, 10:30 am** at the **Cathedral of Saint Paul**. Please join us in honoring our school parents and parishioners, Cathy and Don Wagner, for their dedication and tireless work!

MEN'S SILENT RETREAT

Looking for the perfect getaway? Let God meet you at a beautiful retreat location in Lake Elmo, MN. Join us for a Men's Silent Retreat at the Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House **January 20 – January 23**. The retreat begins Thursday evening and ends Sunday evening. Free will donations are accepted. For more information, call Bob Cardinal at (651) 398-1457 or visit: www.demontrevilleretreat.com. Other retreat days are also available.



OPEN WINDOW THEATRE PRESENTS A CHRISTMAS CAROL, which runs through December 30th. This new adaptation, by Emily C.A. Snyder, brings themes of Christianity and redemption to this classic Christmas tale. Tickets are available at openwindowtheatre.org or over the phone at 612-615-1515. Come support your local, Catholic-inspired professional theatre this holiday season!

St. Joseph Prayer Line: 651-882-2340 or 651-303-4763.
PASTORAL EMERGENCY
 For after hour emergencies: 952-930-4727

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.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD TWIN CITIES

Retreats & Healing after Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Our retreats offer you a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortion emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. Visit: www.rvineyardmn.org
 Confidential voicemail: 763-250-9313
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2022 Guiding Star Wakota
Grow with Us Gala
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Saturday, February 26
Omni Viking Lakes Hotel
 2611 Nordic Way, Eagan, Minnesota

Cocktail Hour - 5:45pm
Dinner & Program - 7:00pm

Grow with us Legacy Award Honorees
John and Paula Kelly

Visit: guidingstarwakota.org/gala/

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

DARTS is looking for volunteers to visit weekly with West St. Paul residents with dementia. Visits would last 3-4 hours, and do not include any hands-on care, only supervision and companionship. There are currently 2 of our neighbors in need of visits. Please contact DARTS at 651-455-1560 if you are interested in volunteering.

Mary, Mother of God

Friday, December 31: 5:30pm Anticipatory

Saturday, January 1: 8:00am*, 11:00am

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 1: 5:00pm

Sunday, January 2: 7:30am*, 9:00am*, 11:00am

*Masses will be livestreamed and additional seating in the Msgr. Foran Great Room.

Parish Center Office Hours Christmas week:

Closed Monday, December 27;

Friday, December 31.

CLERGY & STAFF

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651-789-8357
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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

School Principal ▪ Greg Wesely..... 651-457-8550
Assistant Principal ▪ 651-457-8550
School Office Manager ▪ Lisa Wrobel..... 651-457-8550

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 26—Holy Family

7:30am †Edward & †Leta Holtz

9:00am †Valeria Pezzani

11:00am All members of the parish

Monday, December 27

7:30am †Grace & †Ervin Yentz

Tuesday, December 28

7:30am Richard & †Dorothy Kaufenberg

5:30pm †Marcia & †George Lowe

Wednesday, December 29

7:30am Bill & Mary Price

5:30pm †Nancy Rooney

Thursday, December 30

7:30am †Jacob & †Leona Kasel

5:30pm †James Gowan

Friday, December 31

7:30am †Daniel Schneeman

5:30pm All members of the parish

Saturday, January 1—Mary, Mother of God

8:00am All members of the parish

11:00am All members of the parish

Epiphany of the Lord

5:00pm All members of the parish

Sunday, January 2

7:30am Osendorf Family

9:00am †Rosalie Seidel

11:00am †Carrie (Beaudette) Mathews

MASS READINGS & OBSERVANCE

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52—*The Holy Family*

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8—*St. John, Apostle and Evangelist*

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18—*The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35—*St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr*

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18—*St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve*

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21—*New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace*

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12—*The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church*



STEWARDSHIP

Due to the holiday publishing deadline, the contributions for the previous week will be posted in the January 2 bulletin.

As approximately 30% of all charitable donations are made in the month of December, the Church of St. Joseph is grateful for your prayerful consideration as you plan your end-of-the-year giving.

We appreciate you and your generous gifts to our parish. They help our parish live out the call to make *Jesus known and loved*. Through the ministries of our school, faith formation programs, and the countless opportunities offered to encounter and serve Jesus, your support is making a difference!

We will be open this week, Monday, December 27-Thursday, December 30 to receive your end of year gift.

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.



YOUTH MINISTRY



MIDDLESCHOOL

Upcoming events for all youth in grades 6-8
No Pre-Registration Required. Dinner Provided.
Bring a Friend. Free will offering is graciously accepted.
Thursday, January 27 - Service Night 4:00 to 7:00 PM
Tuesday, February 15 - NET Night 3:30 to 7:30 PM
Msgr. Foran Great Room

HIGH SCHOOL (SJY)

Wednesdays | 7:00-9:00pm
Msgr. Foran Great Room
All teens (grade 9-12) are invited to join the great group of teens that meet each week to meet other Catholic teens, learn about their faith and build friendships with others from many different schools. Please come and bring a friend!
Upcoming events:
December 29: No SJY- Christmas break
January 5: Christmas Party!
January 12: The Power of the Sacraments



YOUNG ADULTS

CL SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY

Monday, January 3 | 7:00-8:00pm
Msgr. Foran Great Room
All young adults, ages 21-35 are invited to join us.
Communion and Liberation (CL) 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.

CHILDREN'S MASS BAGS NOW AVAILABLE

Located near the East entrance and in the Gathering Space, each bag contains liturgically appropriate coloring sheets, crayons, and a few books. We encourage you to have your child use hand sanitizer before using the bags.

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Monday (12/27): closed
Tuesday – Thursday: 8:00am to 4:00pm
Friday (12/31): closed

STAY CONNECTED

FLOCKNOTE: churchofstjosephwsp.flocknote.com.
Text "STJOESWSP" to 84576 to sign up!
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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 *†David Rausch*, father of Laurie Barreto.
May he rest eternally in the peace of Christ.

MARRIAGE BANNES

III—Christopher Smith & Diana Vandenburg
I—Loukas Arvanitis & Alyssa Heinz

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



GIVE YOUR TIME

Many thanks to those who generously give of their time and talent. Please prayerfully consider serving Jesus and our parish family!

WEDDING HOSTESS/HOST

St. Joseph Hospitality Ministry for Weddings needs vibrant and welcoming adults who assist with the many weddings here! Please contact Jeri Nulty in the Parish Office if you are interested at 651-789-8350 / jeri.nulty@churchofstjoseph.org

JUNIPERO SERRA GUILD

St. Joseph's is blessed by those who are dedicated to pray for and encourage our current seminarians, religious in formation, and missionaries, who are or have been connected to our parish. Our Junipero Serra Guild is a ministry of our parish, with 16 currently on their list. Please prayerfully consider joining this growing ministry, to pray for one or more and send an occasional note of encouragement to let them know they are remembered in this time of discernment.
Contact either Mary Egging at 651-552-9497/
[email maegging@usfamily.net](mailto:maegging@usfamily.net) or Kathleen Randolph at
651-451-2852/email.kathleenr03@gmail.com

St. Joseph's School

STJ GALA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2022
Originally scheduled for December 4, 2021



5:30-9:00pm at the InterContinental St. Paul Riverfront

We're thrilled to announce that **Ed and Suzie Kocourek** are our Gala honorees and will be receiving the Spirit of St. Joseph Award at our forthcoming Gala. This award recognizes their lasting impact on our school through their love, and their commitment of time and energy.

We invite parishioners, parents, alumni and friends to join us for this event to honor the Kocoureks, and support the important ministry of education at St. Joseph Catholic School.

Register online at stjosephwsp.org/gala or scan the QR code with your phone to visit the registration page.

Consider hosting a table!
Contact Contact Katie at Katherine.walcher@gmail.com.

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.

Merry Christmas from St. Joseph's School! We are so blessed to have this special day to celebrate and to be able to share the celebration with our parish and school community. Thank you for your support of St. Joseph's School, our staff, our students, and our mission. May the peace of the newborn Christ fill your hearts and homes.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Our students in grades 3-8 received the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of their preparation for Christmas. We thank Fr. Creagan, Fr. Bruno, and the six visiting priests from area parishes who were present to hear confessions.

REGISTER TODAY

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

Come learn more about St. Joseph's school! At our Information Nights, administration and staff will introduce our teachers, share information about our school and programs, and showcase our classrooms. Registration is now open! Visit stjosephwsp.org/info-night-registration. Children are welcome, however childcare is not able to be provided.

- **Kindergarten Information Night:**
Thursday, January 6, 6:00pm
- **Middle School Information Night:**
Thursday, January 13, 6:30pm
- **Preschool Information Night:**
Thursday, January 20, 6:00pm

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OUR ANNUAL SCHOOL RAFFLE IS UNDERWAY!

We are blessed to have received the donation of a new 2021 Ford Escape (\$31,940 MSRP) for this student-focused fundraiser.

100% of all proceeds goes to support St. Joseph's Catholic School. The winning ticket will be selected at the St. Joseph's School Gala on Friday, February 25, 2022.

Raffle tickets will be available in the next few weeks.

Watch for details!

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