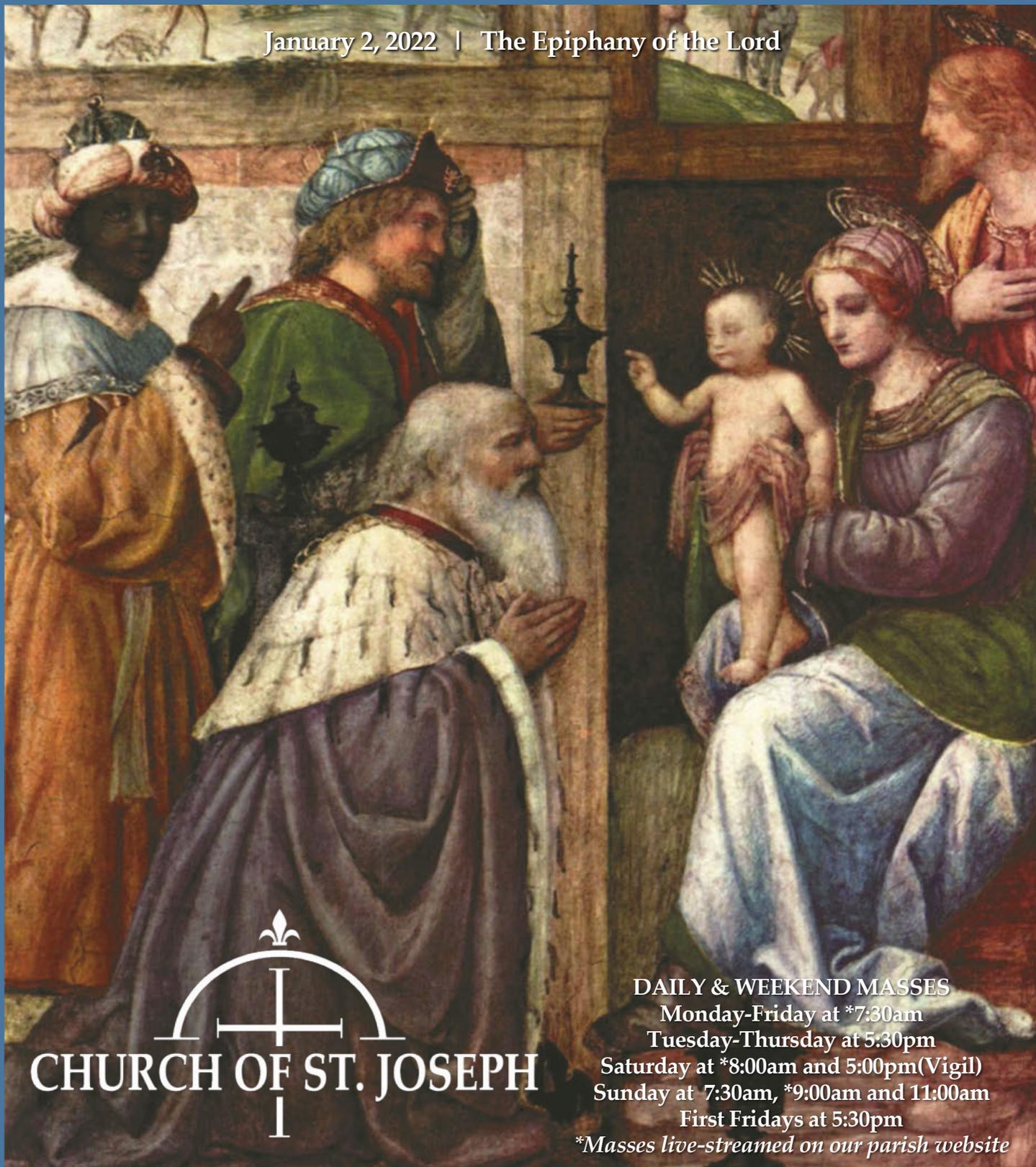


January 2, 2022 | The Epiphany of the Lord



  
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Monday-Friday: 7:00-7:20am,  
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## JESUS IS “THE TRUE LIGHT, WHICH ENLIGHTENS EVERYONE.” *John 1:9*



Douglas Bushman, Director of Parish Formation & Mission

“And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life” (Matthew 19:29). Certainly, the “wise men from the east” (Matthew 2:1), who followed a star in their search for the truth, are worthy of this blessing. They did not know Jesus’ name when they set out on their journey. But their search led them to Him.

The wisdom of the Magi is proven by the fact that they acted on what they knew. They were wise because they were humble and realized that to discover the definitive truth about the meaning of life requires great effort. In contrast, Herod and those around him, who had all the advantages of the sacred scriptures and the tradition of faith of the descendants of Abraham, are taken by surprise. When Herod consults the chief priests and scribes, they rightly point out that the Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem. None of them sets off in haste to witness the birth of the Messiah. They are content to inform the Magi, to point the way to the newborn King, and to send them on their way.

The Magi are rewarded for their quest. They, from a distant land and different religion, are among the very first to behold the newborn King, the Messiah, Jesus. Blessed are those who similarly seek the truth with all their strength, with all their souls, with all their minds, with all their hearts! Blessed are the humble, who seek the truth and who are ready to act on whatever that seeking requires of them!

The Feast of the Epiphany invites us to be more fully aware of and thankful for the great blessing of faith in Jesus Christ. “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe” (John 20:29). “Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory” (1 Peter 1:8).

Our joy over believing, our common worship in the Eucharist, our unity and mutual love and service, our readiness to forgive and to be reconciled with one another, our solicitude for the poor, our Christ-like obedience, and our faithfulness and hope in suffering during the pilgrimage of faith—all of these together make the Church of Christ a star for all to see and to follow. Like Christ Himself, the Church’s vocation is to be the “light for the nations”: “I am the Lord.... I formed you, and set you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations” (Isaiah 42:6); “I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth” (Isaiah 49:6); “Nations shall walk by your light” (Isaiah 60:3).

Unlike the chief priests and scribes, who knew the Scriptures and gave the right answer to the question about where the Messiah was to be born, we who profess our faith in Christ are called to do much more than simply to point the way to others or to give the correct answers to their questions. We are called to do what Jesus did when He responded to Andrew and James, who were seeking the Messiah. He said to them: “Come and see” (John 1:39). In the Gospel of John, this becomes the pattern of leading people to Jesus. A short time later, Philip says to Nathanael, “Come and see” (John 1:46). Immediately following her conversion, the Samaritan woman, whom Jesus had met at a well, runs into town to invite her neighbors, “Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did. Can this be the Christ (the Messiah)?” (John 4:29).

In one way or another, everyone is seeking the definitive meaning of life, that is, the ultimate truth. No one can completely silence that interior voice of conscience, which unceasingly exhorts us to seek the truth. Everyone, whether conscious of it or not, is crying out: “Make known to me your ways, Lord; teach me your paths” (Psalm 25:4); “Show me your way” (Psalm 27:11); “Show me the path I should walk” (Psalm 143:8).

The Feast of the Epiphany is the celebration of Jesus being the way and the light! He is the only way to the Father! He is the only way to the fullness of life that all people seek! He, the eternal Word of God, “is a lamp for our feet, a light for our path” (Psalm 119:105). He is the light of the world: “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life” (John 8:12). And, He shares His light with us to that through Him, with Him, and in Him, we are also the light of the world: “You are the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14).

This Epiphany, let us not only be thankful for the gift of faith that allows us to discover the ultimate meaning of our lives in Christ and to walk confidently along the path that He illumines. Let us also embrace with renewed vigor our vocation to be light to the world, to be a star that people can follow in order to find Him. And, when they should ask, “Where is He?” let us be ready to accompany those who are seeking the light of Christ on the final stage of their searching. Let us be ready to invite them into our communities, our families, and our churches. Let us be ready to say, “Come, and you will see!”

***Mark your calendar and plan on joining us!***

### **MINI-SERIES ON PRAYER**

*With Fr. Creagan and Douglas Bushman, Director of Mission & Parish Formation*

January 13 and 20, 2022

8:30-10:00am & 7:00-8:30pm

Msgr. Foran Great Room



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*"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you." John 15*



## GIFTED AND BELONGING (GAB)

### A new Catholic opportunity for friendship and mentorship

GAB was recently established to provide Catholics of all abilities a safe place in the Church to experience acceptance and freedom to be all God has created us to be.

Because all are gifted and all belong, anyone 18 and older with special needs, both seen and unseen, or those willing to mentor or give themselves in friendship, are invited to join us for fellowship events once a month. Is God calling you to be part of this Culture of Life—to serve and be served? You belong here! Contact: Megan Dunsmore at [giftedandbelonging@gmail.com](mailto:giftedandbelonging@gmail.com) Find them on Facebook: GAB Catholic Club

## 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](http://www.demontrevilleretreat.com). Other retreat days are also available.



**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

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Confidential voicemail: 763-250-9313

Confidential email: [rachels@rvineyardmn.org](mailto:rachels@rvineyardmn.org)

**2022 Guiding Star Wakota**  
*Grow with Us Gala*  
Empowering Families

**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/](http://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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, January 2—Epiphany

7:30am Osendorf Family  
9:00am †Rosalie Seidel  
11:00am †Carrie (Beaudette) Mathews

### Monday, January 3

7:30am †Daniel Breister

### Tuesday, January 4

7:30am Volk Family  
5:30pm †Mary Lycowski

### Wednesday, January 5

7:30am †Joan Schram  
5:30pm †William & †Marie Kelliher

### Thursday, January 6

7:30am †James Bettenburg  
5:30pm Stella & †Charles Lundquist

### Friday, January 7

7:30am †Jerome Boland  
5:30pm †Mary Reudy

### Saturday, January 8

8:00am †Theresa M. Walsh  
5:00pm Georgiana & †Bill Nelson

### Sunday, January 9

7:30am †William J. Jarosch  
9:00am All members of the parish  
11:00am †John & †Sadie Wallner

## MASS READINGS & OBSERVANCE

### Readings for the week of January 2, 2022

**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

**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25—*The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44—*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52—*St. John Neumann, Bishop*

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a—*St. André Bessette, Religious*

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16—*St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest*

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

**Next Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/  
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti  
2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22—*The Baptism of the Lord*

## PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

*“Come to me, all who are weary, and I will give you rest”*

Guest adorers are welcome to visit & pray 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.

## CLERGY & STAFF

### PARISH CENTER

**Pastor** ▪ Rev. Michael Creagan.....651-457-2781  
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**Deacon** ▪ Mr. Thomas Michaud..... 651-457-2781  
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**Priest in Residence** ▪ Rev. Steven Hoffman.....651-457-2781  
**Teaching Seminarian** ▪ Rev. Mr. Scott Padrnos...651-457-2781  
**Parish Administrator** ▪ Patrick Menke.....651-789-8349  
**Director of Parish Formation & Mission** ▪ Douglas Bushman  
651-789-8357  
**Pastoral Care** ▪ Jennifer Mak.....651-789-8359  
**Pastoral Care Associate** ▪ Cindy Schlichting..... 651-789-8358  
**Parish Secretary** ▪ Jeri Nulty.....651-789-8350  
**Communications** ▪ Ann Osendorf.....651-789-8376  
**Liturgical Music** ▪ .....651-789-8355

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**Accounts Payable & Receivable** ▪ Megan Hire...651-789-8351  
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### FAITH FORMATION

**Catechesis & Formation** ▪ Christina Stokman.....651-457-8841  
**Faith Formation Secretary** ▪ Emma Dingbaum...651-457-8841  
**Senior High Youth Ministry** ▪ .....651-789-8356  
**Middle School Ministry** ▪ .....651-789-8352

### ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

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

## STEWARDSHIP

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

December 6-12, 2021 – \$36,930.00  
December 13-19, 2021 - \$51,071.50

**2021-22: Actual through December 5, 2021 - \$814,363.46**  
**2021-22: Budget through December 31, 2021 - \$928,919.55**

Please know of our deepest appreciation for your generosity to the Church of St. Joseph throughout 2021 and our ongoing commitment of good stewardship to that which has been entrusted to us.

## 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.



## 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:  
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

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:

Monday – Thursday: 8:00am to 4:00pm  
Friday: 8:00am to 12:00pm

## 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](mailto:rcia@churchofstjoseph.org).

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

We ask you to remember all our faithful departed and their families, especially *†Marcella Hoerner*, *†Mary LeTourneau*, and *†Uriel Marquez Montoya*, father of Maria Marques (staff).  
*May they rest eternally in the peace of Christ.*

## MARRIAGE BANNS

II – 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:Katherine.walcher@gmail.com).



## ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to welcoming our students back this week, renewed and refreshed, and pray everyone had a restful, joyful Christmas Break. We look forward to celebrating the fullness of the Christmas liturgical season with our students!

## 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](http://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



## WIN A NEW 2021 FORD ESCAPE AWD! OUR ANNUAL SCHOOL RAFFLE IS UNDERWAY!



We are blessed to have received the donation of a new 2021 Ford Escape for this student-focused fundraiser. 100% of all proceeds support St. Joseph's Catholic School. Raffle tickets and information has been sent home with our students this week. Tickets will be available after the Masses over the next few weeks. The winning ticket will be selected at the School Gala on February 25, 2022.



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