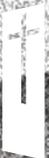


SJTW  Alleluia!

"This is my commandment
love one another
as I love you.

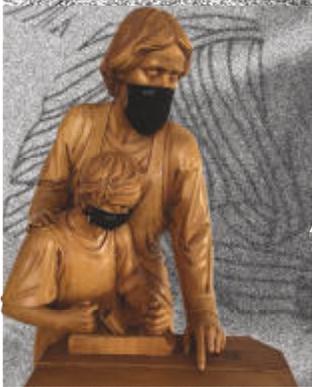
John 15:12

You are the Church. Be the Change. Be Christ.

MISSION STATEMENT

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F R . M I K E ' S R E F L E C T I O N



FR. MIKE

When people receive the sacraments of initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, we do it at our weekend liturgies because they are meant to remind each of us how special it is that we get to participate in the eternal banquet prepared for us in heaven. I love to see the looks of joy on the children's faces and hear the response of the parish as we welcome them into the community in new ways. But I am also struck by how many Catholics tend to put this weekly community participation on the "if I have time" list. In speaking to those Confirmed I addressed how much time they put into their extracurricular activities with practice. Frequently it is at least an hour a day. Yet in almost all of these situations those activities will not continue into college and certainly not into the pros. What do we do after the rush of these fun activities? A relationship with God begins with a relationship with a family, either at home or in a church gathering. Why is it that we have not attracted folks to participate on a regular basis with the faith community? Some of us get to spend the last years of our life drawing closer to God. Many don't get that long. And some don't get any time at all. What can I do to change so that others may see the long lasting results of knowing I am loved by my God and that I love God in return? On a daily basis what do I do differently? Fr. Mike

Weekday Mass

Monday – Thursday at 11:00 am (In person and on Facebook Live)
Friday Morning at 6:30 am (In person only)

Weekend Mass

Saturday Evenings at 5:00 pm (In person, parking lot and live-streamed)
Recorded Mass will be available following Live Stream.

Sunday Mornings at 8:30 and 10:30 am

Online at www.sjtw.net

Those planning to attend Weekend Masses NO LONGER need to sign up.

Masks must be worn inside our building at all times. Please maintain social distancing (6') as you enter and exit SJTW, as well as when you come forward to receive communion in the hand.

We will broadcast weekend Masses via FM transmitter for those that don't feel comfortable coming indoors but would like to participate from the parking lot and receive Holy Communion.

Communion ministers will be located outside Door 2 (faith Formation doors).

Tune in your FM radio to 106.7. A worship aid can be downloaded at <https://www.sjtw.net/mass-schedule>



FR. MIKE

Our faith community is a family of believers. We come from many different backgrounds and live in many different areas of the cities. This was very evident these past few weekends when we have celebrated First Communion and Confirmation for a good number of our youth. At each Mass where this happened there was a very loud burst of applause from the rest of the congregation. What a great reception for our young people and their families to let them know we value them as part of our faith family. In order to do this we have been dependent upon your continuing generosity during this pandemic. As we look at the budget for the coming year we find ourselves in a dilemma.



COMMITMENT TO PARISH LIFE

Since Fr. Don retired 6 years ago we have continually decreased the size of our staff. We are now down 4 full time employees in the last six years. We pay salaries, insurance, social security and office needs to all of these folks. To replace all four this year would require that our budget increase by \$250,000 just to return to where we were at six years ago. Without a sizable increase it will mean that some or all of those positions will go unfulfilled. The choice is really up to you. I would ask you to look at your pattern of giving. If it is the same as it was six years ago, it is time to re-set our priorities again and support your faith family.

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021 CONTRIBUTIONS

		# of Donors
Sunday CPL	\$11,352.00	94
Electronic	\$24,056.55	242
Child Envelopes	\$ 2.00	1
Plate	\$232.00	
Total	\$35,642.55	337

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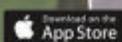
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Spring/Summer Children's Sale

Both seller and donator registration have filled for our May sale. We are not able to accept any more for this sale.

We are still in need of volunteers to assist with making the sale happen. EVERYONE is invited to volunteer and/or shop this sale. Sign up at:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_TP2ditzzv7LWpFy1HP-08fyYAmbl1EzOBaUqno4aj8/edit

Everyone who volunteers is eligible to shop the volunteers only presale the evening of Friday, May 14th at 8:30pm (ahead of the public sale).

If you have further questions, please contact Jennifer and Kim at childrenssale@sjtw.net. childrenssale@sjtw.net.



Search Process Update for Director of Justice, Mission, and Outreach

First and second interviews took place for the position of Director of Justice, Mission, and Outreach the last few weeks. We made an offer to an exceptional candidate last week but our offer was not accepted. This candidate has decided to pursue other professional interests outside of parish life. At this stage we do not have another candidate that we feel would be a fit for us at SJTW. Given that, our Search Committee will regroup and initiate a new search process in the coming weeks. Your continued prayer support is appreciated during this process.

In the meantime, the great work of the parish in areas of justice, mission, and outreach continues. Please know of our ongoing commitment to this core value of SJTW. Contact Mike Lentz at mike@sjtw.net if you have questions.



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Stephen Ministry

For parishioners wanting a confidential, caring listener, St. Joseph the Worker Stephen Ministry is offering comfort to those experiencing grief, loss, anxiety, loneliness, or family issues. All shared feelings and information are held in sacred confidence.

If you would like a trained Stephen Minister who would call

on a scheduled basis, please contact the parish office at 763-425-6505. After business hours, please leave a message at 763-425-6505 Extension 114. Someone will contact you as soon as possible. All information is confidential.



May is Mental Health Awareness Month
 Free Zoom Classes For The General Public
 Visit www.namimn.org



Can you make time to be a worker bee?

Worker Bees are parish members that have a desire to serve, have a particular skill to share, and have a little time to offer a helping hand to a parish member in need. This is an on-call ministry of sorts where your interest in serving will be matched as we receive requests for assistance. Whether lending a helping hand to another member looking to move something heavy at their home, rake some leaves, fix a broken screen, or provide a little guidance, Worker Bees provide one-time assistance as their schedule permits. We are currently recruiting members to join our Worker Bee group. Sign up online at www.sjtw.net/sjtw-worker-bees or contact Mike (mike@sjtw.net) in the parish office with questions.



Faith Formation Registration 2021-22

Join us for Faith Formation classes at SJTW! We serve children ages Preschool through High School. Register by June 1 to receive our early discount rate of \$100.00 per student. Use the code EARLY at check out. After June 1, the Faith Formation rate is \$125.00 per student. SJTW offers discount rates for families registering more than 3 students.

Sunday School children must be 3 years old by September 1 and fully toilet trained to register for classes. Sunday School classes meet on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

Our Elementary program serves children in grades 1-6 and meets on Tuesdays from 5:15-6:30 p.m. or Wednesdays from 5:15-6:30 p.m. or 6:45-8:00 p.m.

Our Junior High program serves students in grades 7-8 and meets Wednesdays from 6:45-8:00 p.m.

Our High School program, OneWith, serves students in grades 9-11 on Sunday evenings from 5:45-7:30 p.m. OneWith is a liturgy-based formation program that meets approximately 2 times per month. Most sessions include Mass.

Volunteers are needed! Visit our website to register today. Catechists, Catechist Aides, Hall Monitors and Office Assistants are needed for all of our Faith Formation programs.

If you have any questions regarding Sunday School, Grades 1-8 or First Reconciliation and First Eucharist please contact Monica Liebl, monical@sjtw.net.

If you have any questions regarding Grades 9-11 or Confirmation, please contact Barry Shay, bshay@sjtw.net.

May 9, 2021 – Sixth Sunday of Easter



Vacation Bible School is back!

June 14-18 • 9-11:45 am

We would welcome any more teens who would like to volunteer at VBS this summer. We have openings in sing and play, games, nursery, snacks and Bible skits, as well as needing more crew assistants. 6th-8th graders require a parent on site all week. Older teens can count VBS volunteering for confirmation hours. Donations for VBS week help us offset our costs. Here is a link to what we need: <https://sjtw.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/122/responses/new>

Donations can be placed in the VBS box in St. Joe's Hall, or on the cart outside the Faith Formation doors before May 21. Register online at www.sjtw.net/2021-vacation-bible-school If you have any questions, please contact Nichola at nichola@sjtw.net or 651-278-9673.



COMING FALL 2021

SJTW parishioners will be able to gather together in small groups to talk about the future of our church! More to come in weeks ahead. See the details at our parish website <https://www.sjtw.net/synod>

We Need Your Voice, Your Input, Your Ideas!

Construction Update in Bouzy

Progress in the rebuilding of St. Catherine's is a sign of God's love and also hope for the people of Bouzy and surrounding townships. It brought joy to our hearts when we see such a visual change in landscape, and we wanted to share our happiness with you. Thanks again for the continuation of support for our Haitian family.

Father Claude's message; St. Joseph the Worker Day, May 1st: I would like in the name of all the faithful of the parish of Saint Catherine of Bouzy and in my personal name, I would like to wish the clergy of Saint Joseph and the deacons, the



fervent faithful happy feast of Saint Joseph. To celebrate a saint is to celebrate the wonders of God. We cannot pass in silence on this great day. Your feast is our feast. On this great day blessed by God, may God bless you abundantly.



Sa je pa wè, kè pa tounen.

What the eye doesn't see doesn't move the heart.
(Haitian Proverb)



Caring for Creation

Why Garden with Native Plants

Native plants are adapted to the local climate and soil conditions where they naturally occur. These important plant species provide nectar, pollen and seeds that serve as food for native butterflies, insects, birds and other animals. Unlike natives, common horticultural plants do not provide energetic rewards for their visitors and often require insect pest control to survive.

Native plants are also advantageous, because:

1. Native plants do not require fertilizers and require fewer pesticides than lawns.
2. Native plants require less water than lawns and help prevent erosion. The deep root systems of many native Midwestern plants increase the soils capacity to store water. Native plants can significantly reduce water runoff and, consequently, flooding.
3. Native plants help reduce air pollution. Native plants do not require mowing. Excessive carbon from the burning of fossil fuels contributes to global warming. Native plants sequester, or remove, carbon from the air.
4. Native plants provide shelter and food for wildlife.
5. Native plants promote biodiversity and stewardship of our natural heritage.
6. Native plants are beautiful!

Here are a few suggestions for adding native plants to your yard.

Yarrow, Dill, Angelica, Joe Pye Weed, Cosmos, Milkweed, Cone Flowers, Sunflowers, Shasta Daisies, Black Eyed Susans, and Goldenrod.

Here are a few places to find these and other native plants:

Lynde's Greenhouse and Nursery in Maple Grove
Heidi's Growhaus and Lifestyle Gardens in Corcoran
Kelly and Kelly Nursery in Long Lake
Enjoy your adventures with native plants!

Join Caring for Creation in our caring for our beautiful Earth. Contact Steve Kriz at s.kriz@comcast.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



You are invited to join the SJTW Knights of Columbus on Monday May 10 for the annual Silver Rose ceremony. The Knights will lead the Rosary in tribute to Our Lady of Guadalupe and to express the unity of Knights of Columbus across the continent. The purpose of the Silver Rose is to reaffirm our dedication to the sanctity of human life.

The Rosary will be lead from the SJTW chapel for those unable to join remotely via Zoom.

Time: May 10, 2021
7:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86377906709>
Meeting ID: 863 7790 6709
Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kb1Baj-17Fu>



The Garden Ministry is keeping up with our garden maintenance every Monday evening at 5:30 thru the season and will be planting before you know it.

Mark you calendars! Annual planting is Friday, May 28th at 6pm and Saturday, May 29 at 9:00 am.

Come join the fun and help plant our beautiful gardens! Thanks for helping out.

Garden Ministry
PS If you would like to join our ministry contact the parish office or text Anna Mau 763-438-2642

May 9, 2021 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Readings for the week of May 9, 2021

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

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