

SJTW  *Welcome Home!*

FOR THIS I WAS BORN  
AND FOR THIS  
I CAME INTO THE WORLD,  
TO TESTIFY TO THE TRUTH.  
EVERYONE WHO BELONGS  
TO THE TRUTH  
LISTENS TO MY VOICE."

JOHN 18:37



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MISSION STATEMENT

"Our faith family is striving to be a welcoming, spiritually vibrant community,  
celebrating the challenge to live the mission of Jesus Christ."

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



A number of months ago a young woman came to one of our daily Masses. At communion time she came forward, knelt down, and put out her tongue. I politely told her we only distribute in the hand. She said "Archbishop Hebda said I could receive on the tongue!" I responded, "And the Pope told me not to give it to you on the tongue!" So she stood up, asked for a blessing, and walked away. I thought how tragic that how I receive is more important than the Body of Christ. The Holy Father has said that people who are over the age of 60, (I know, I am not yet that old) and if they have underlying issues, should not give or receive on the tongue. So I am attempting to protect myself so I can continue to minister at the parish without contracting COVID. It is hard for people on both sides of the vaccination issue. There are valid points but we seem to not be open to listening or even trying to resolve them. Perhaps all of us could benefit from recognizing that we are all part of God's family. We need to listen and respect one another without asking for more than the other can give. Patience and understanding might help us get through this pandemic.

*give thanks*

JOIN US FOR MASS OF THANKSGIVING - THURSDAY, NOV 25 AT 10:00 AM

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM FR. MIKE, FR. RON AND THE STAFF AT SJTW

*Weekday Mass*

Monday - Thursday at 11:00 am - In person. Friday Morning at 6:30 am

*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

Hospitality following Masses.

Masks are not longer required. We encourage continuation of face coverings for those that are at-risk or feel uncomfortable.

*Reconciliation:*

4:00 pm Saturdays or by appointment.

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

Did you know that if you order new furniture it could take you up to 9 months to get it in? The same is true for some appliances. Even new cars and their extras are being affected by the slowdown in production in China. We were able to get our new speaker system installed recently so we are tinkering with it for a couple of weeks. Thank you who gave to this fund and for the new concrete pad as well as the new air conditioner for the church. None of these things were in the budget. All needed to be fixed or replaced. And insurance thought it was "a work of God" that caused the damage so of course they are not covered by insurance. Sounds like a home. Everything needs to be maintained or updated. Some things are not covered by insurance. So thank you to those who have gone above our Commitment to Parish Life and given to these unexpected costs.



COMMITMENT TO PARISH LIFE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021 WERE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PRINTING THIS BULLETIN. THEY WILL APPEAR IN A FUTURE BULLETIN.

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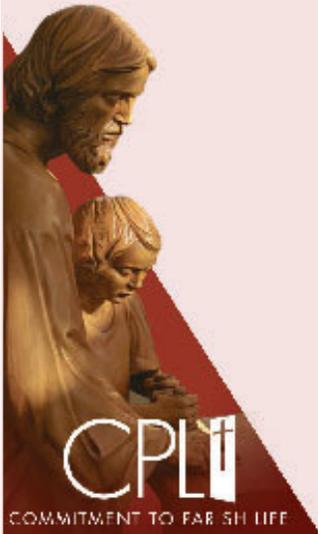
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As you consider your charitable giving, we hope you will consider making a year-end contribution to St. Joseph the Worker by cash, stock, IRA, or through a Donor Advised Fund. If you would like to make a donation by credit card, please do so through the link on our website at <http://www.sjtw.net/online-giving>. If you have appreciated stock this year, you may realize a tax break through a donation to SJTW. Consult

your tax advisor for your situation. Stock donation instructions can be found at the same link on our web site.

If you are 70 1/2 or older and have a Required Minimum Distribution from your retirement plan, you may benefit from a directed gift to SJTW. Talk to your tax advisor or plan administrator and let them know if you are interested in the possible tax benefit.

Thanks for your continued support of St. Joseph the Worker and our many ministries.

Please contact Ann Bergmann, Bookkeeper at 763.360.2339 or by email at [ann@sjtw.net](mailto:ann@sjtw.net) if you have questions.



## Stephen Ministry is Here for You

Stephen Ministers are not just here for the “big” crises. They are also available for the little things that add up. If the little things have you feeling down consider Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministers are members of SJTW who have gone through 50+ hours of training in providing high quality Christian care to individuals experiencing a crisis or challenge such as divorce, grief, loss of a job, hospitalization, or loneliness. Stephen Ministers are assigned a care receiver and typically meet with that person about an hour a week. This relationship will last for as long as the care receiver needs it. If you would like more info on how to become a Stephen Minister or to receive care, call Steve at 763 494-4821.

## Seeking Meals on Wheels Volunteers

CEAP Meals on Wheels delivers hot, nutritious, lunch-time meals for 450 seniors and individuals in 9 cities who are not able to prepare meals or leave their homes. Our Meals on Wheels neighbors are active participants in a collective effort to grow a more equitable, healthy, and joyful community through access to food, while enjoying the comfort and safety of their own homes.

Volunteers help make this program about #MoreThanAMeal. When our drivers deliver meals, you’re also delivering independence, safety checks, and friendship; ultimately, you’re delivering a difference. We need you to help CEAP ensure that we can meet the increased need for our Meals on Wheels program by volunteering as a driver! Shifts are available Monday-Friday with each shift beginning at 10:30 am and ending around 12:30, depending on the length of the route. Visit [www.ceap.org/get-involved/](http://www.ceap.org/get-involved/) to fill out our volunteer interest form, or contact Jason at [Jason.wittak@ceap.com](mailto:Jason.wittak@ceap.com) or 763 450-3679 for more information.

## November is Food Insecurity Month

*share what we can!*



Solidarity

Thanksgiving Baskets

Give US our daily bread

CROSS Food Shelf

The Call to Family, Community and Participation

KidPack

Common Ground

Christmas Baskets

Food insecurity is defined as a lack of consistent access to enough food for every person in a household to live an active, healthy life. This can be a temporary situation for a household or can last a long time. Food insecurity is one of the most accurate ways to measure how many people cannot afford food. Feeding America projects that 42 million Americans (1 in 8), including 13 million children (1 in 6), may experience food insecurity in 2021. In 2020, the Feeding America network distributed 6.1 billion meals (7.5 billion pounds of food), a 44% increase over 2019. And the pandemic is not over yet. Even with improving economic conditions, it is likely that it will take time for food insecurity levels to recover.

After the Great Recession, it took nearly ten years, until 2018, for food insecurity to precession levels, and even then, 37 million people were still at risk of hunger. While it may be likely that economic conditions will improve more quickly for some this time around, it will take continued partnerships across the government, private sector, and charitable food systems to achieve an America where no one is hungry.

Feeding America: <https://www.feedingamerica.org>  
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USDA on Food Insecurity: <https://www.ers.usda.gov/topics/food-nutrition-assistance/food-security-in-the-us/>

## Catholic Engaged Encounter Preparation Marriage Preparation Retreat

Retreat on Lake Buffalo: February 12-13, 2022. Engaged couples are invited to register at <https://stpaulminneapolis.engagedencounter.com/>



The Ladies of the Knights of Columbus craft sale was a tremendous success.

Thanks to the efforts of many in the parish and the Lady Knights, the craft sale made almost \$5000! This year, we officially invited members of

the parish to donate their hand-crafted items to the sale. With those additional items, we were able to offer a wonderful variety from knitted items and greeting cards to woodcraft items and Christmas decorations.

Father Mike outdid himself this year! He made 359 jars of his delicious jams and jellies. Imagine the wonderful smells that were coming out of the rectory kitchen this summer. Most were made from fruits that parishioners brought him. What a wonderful use of God's bounty! Empty jars and rings can be reused; just drop them off in the office.

The money we earned supports our yearly plans. Due to this boost to the budget, we already increased our donations for the parish Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. The Lady Knights have a budget of donations for the year for groups in the parish like the Angel Quilters and Social Justice plus outside groups like CROSS, Women's Care Center, Haiti and many others. Your donations and purchases at the sale will help us do good throughout the year. Thank you.

The bake sale will be the weekend of December 4 and 5 after all of the masses.



Faith Formation Update 2021-22

To inquire about which class times are still available, please contact the Faith Formation department to register for classes.

For our Sunday School program, please contact Jeanne Smith, [jeanne@sjtw.net](mailto:jeanne@sjtw.net)

For our Elementary and Junior High program and the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please contact Monica Liebl, [monical@sjtw.net](mailto:monical@sjtw.net).

For our High School, OneWith program and Confirmation, please contact Brady Tynen, [btynen@sjtw.net](mailto:btynen@sjtw.net)



The Need Is NOW!

After starting the fleece blanket drive about a month ago, the Lady Knights are at 20% of our goal of 300 blankets! Thank you! The number of beautiful blanket donations from the parish is amazing. SIXTY blankets have already been distributed. Allan Law, the Sandwich Guy

was able to give the majority of these blankets directly to those in need.

The Lady Knights are collecting blankets through the end of January. The biggest need is for twin size blankets (65 x 90 inches). Other sizes: standard kit size (72 x 60 inches) and stroller blankets (30 x 35 inches) are also welcome. Fleece tie blankets are easy to make—no sewing experience required. This would be a great option for Confirmation hours or a family project.

If you don't have time to tie a blanket, buy two lengths of fleece or a kit and drop it off when coming to Mass. New, store-bought blankets are also appreciated. Join us in spreading some love and giving a little warmth to those in need. Think we can get over 300 blankets this year? With your help, absolutely!



Congratulations Terri Kavanaugh – 2020 State Auxilian of the Year

Please join the SJTW Ladies Auxiliary in congratulating Terri Kavanaugh on receiving the State Auxilian of the Year award for 2020. We are very grateful to have Terri as part of our group and wanted to say thank you and keep up the good work.



### Little by little they start to rebuild in Bouzy.

It is hard to believe it has been 12 weeks since the tragic earthquake.

We recently had two calls with Fr. Claude to continue discussing his plans for the relief and rebuilding. When we asked how it was going in Bouzy; he said piti piti (step by step, little by little) we start to rebuild.

We have had in-depth conversations about additional community support, repairing the damage to the church and rebuilding part of the rectory. We shared our concerns about not having enough funds to complete the rectory, the Church and meet the needs of the community. He replied, the community has received food, assistance for the teachers, sheet metal to repair roofs, \$3,000 safety funds for urgent community needs and now cement to repair walls and floors. Fr. feels their initial needs have been addressed and they appreciate the support. It is time to start the repairs for the Church and the Rectory.

We have received cost information from the engineer of \$52,000 to repair and reinforce the church, which is more extensive than we thought and more than we have available. We are working with Fr. Claude and the engineer as they develop a plan to repair the damage and build the roof. We know we cannot help with all their needs and there are challenges ahead, but as Fr. Claude said, "we pray, God hears us, and we trust him". St. Catherine's parish thanks you for all the prayers and support.



### We need you!

Do you want to share your gifts with others? We have several volunteer opportunities that we would love to fill with our wonderful Parish Family members!

~Volunteers needed for Kid Pack. Kid Pack is for children facing food insecurity. Volunteers needed for about 1 hour during the day on Fridays at a local school. Volunteers would place meals in children's backpacks for them to access over the weekends, summers, and school breaks.

~Volunteers needed for Mobile Hope in two areas. Mobile Hope's mission is to build relationships, hope, and culture of achievement within mobile communities through education, healthy activities, resource connections and faith development. We are in need of those who could assemble and deliver "bags of joy" to this wonderful community for Christmas. This commitment will be on any or all of these three separate dates.

Monday, Dec 13th from 6:30-8:30 in SJ Hall

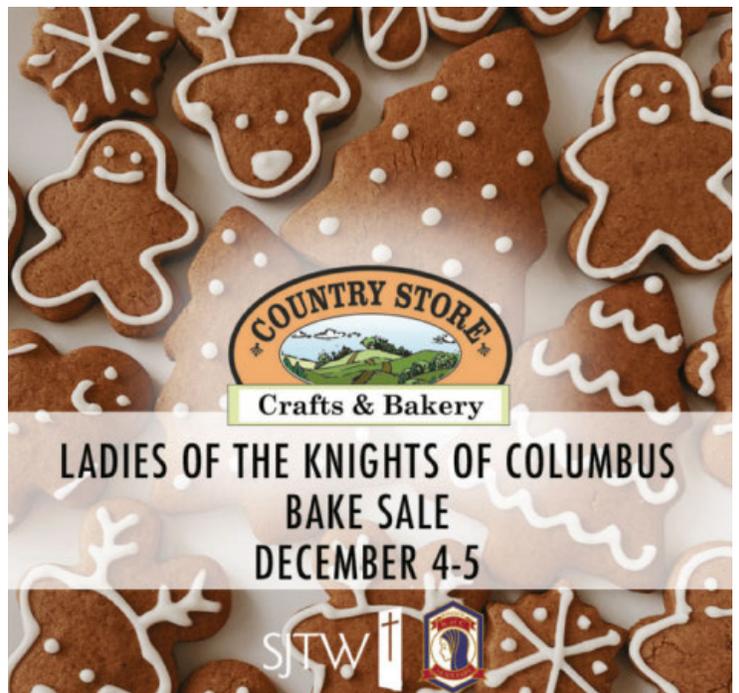
Wednesday Dec 15th from 6:00-8:30 in Dayton

Sunday Dec 19th from 3:30-6:00pm in Dayton

Mobile Hope is also in need of those who could offer "homework help". We would like to build a team of volunteers for this commitment on Mondays from 3:30-5:30pm in the Dayton Mobile Hope community. Adults and teens are welcome to help and come together. This would be great experience for those with teaching interest!

If you are interested in any of these wonderful opportunities or have questions before you want to commit, please call Theresa in the parish office at 763 425-6505 or email at [theresa@sjtw.net](mailto:theresa@sjtw.net)

Thank you for blessing our community!





### Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

The SJTW council is again holding our annual Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest this year. Three age groups (5-7;8-10; & 11-14) will be judged with the first-place winner for each age range receiving a cash prize. The contest will start Nov 14th and all entries must be turned in by Sunday December 18th. Entry forms and drawing paper (as well as the box to drop off finished posters) are available by the Faith Formation doors. Winners will be contacted in early January and announced in the bulletin.



### Socks For Vets

Knights of Columbus are once again collecting white or black, mens or ladies crew socks to be donated to Veterans in need. Donations may be placed in the basket outside of Saint Joe's Hall until December 31. No tube socks, please. Socks are donated to the local veteran's administration and other local agencies directly serving veterans. Your continuing generosity is greatly appreciated! Last year Knights in our Assembly were able to collect and donate over 2,000 pair of socks and we are hoping to meet or beat that number by December 31.

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### Readings for the week of November 21, 2021

- Sunday:** Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
- Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28
- Friday:** Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36
- Next Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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