

Saint Joseph's

Catholic Church

1154 Seminole Avenue · West St. Paul, MN 55118

“Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.”
 He said to them, “When you pray, say:
 Father, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come.
 Give us each day our daily bread.”

— Lk 11:1b-3

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JULY 25, 2010
 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Rev. Michael Creagan..... Pastor
 Rev. Joseph Fink Parochial Vicar
 Rev. Mr. Jerry Scherkenbach Deacon
 Tim Lawrence..... Teaching Parish Seminarian

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend:

Saturday 5:00 pm
 Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am

Weekday:

Mon.—Fri 7:30 am
 Tues.—Thurs 5:30 pm
 Saturday 8:00 am

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Monday—Friday 7:00-7:20 am
 Tuesday—Thursday 5:00-5:20 pm
 Saturday 8:30-9:30 am, or by appt.

Baptism

The sacrament of Baptism is *normally* celebrated for our parishioners on the first and third Sundays of each month at 12:15 pm. Parents must attend a one-session preparation class where the baptism itself will be scheduled.

The next class will be held today, **Sunday, July 25**, at 12:15 pm, in the Conference Room (off of the Great Room). This is for *registered parishioners* who are recent new parents or are expecting a child in the near future. Please join us!

Marriage

By appointment, six months *minimum* advance notice. Preparation includes meeting with an assigned mentor couple and contacting the Music Director, Denis Allaire. Contact the Parish Center for information.

OTHER

Prayer Line..... 882-2340 or 552-9805

Pastoral Care (651) 457-2781
 For the sick, homebound, dying and bereaved; contact the Parish Center.

PARISH CENTER SUMMER HOURS:

Mon. through Thurs: 8:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.
 Friday: 8:00 a.m.— 12 noon

Parish Center: (651) 457-2781
Parish Fax: (651) 451-1272
Parish Website: www.churchofstjoseph.org
School: (651) 457-8550
Preschool: (651) 789-8300
School Fax: (651) 457-0780
School Website: www.stjosephwsp.org
Faith Formation: (651) 457-8841



FROM THE PASTOR

MAKING A PLACE FOR GOD'S WORD

A week ago, my classmates and I gathered for lunch to celebrate the 13th anniversary of our ordination to the priesthood. While the actual anniversary was on May 31, it took us a while to coordinate our schedules for lunch. There are 7 members in the class serving in parishes, seminary work and also archdiocesan administration. We gathered at the parish of St. Bartholomew in Wayzata for mid-day prayer and a tour. My classmate (Fr. Michael Reding) has been the pastor of that parish for almost 10 years. During a tour of the newly constructed church, I was struck by an impressive niche toward the back of the church. It was set into the wall and lined with beautiful Jerusalem stone. It had 2 bronze gates with open grill work revealing a Gospel book inside. The niche was constructed so that the viewer can easily read the Gospel of the day. In some ways it reminded me of the design of the ark found in Jewish synagogues. Each synagogue has an impressive receptacle to hold God's word written on scrolls. Seeing the Gospel book prominently displayed in St. Bartholomew's Church helped me to reflect on the role of the Gospel in our daily lives. Do we hold a special place in our hearts and even in our homes for the Gospel? Archbishop Harry Flynn once noted the importance of keeping an open Bible in one's home. This open Bible can be in a place of reverence, but also in a place of accessibility to foster frequent meditation. When you return home today take a look around your house or apartment. Where is the Bible? Is it on a shelf somewhere, or is it kept in a place of prominence in our home? Perhaps we could even fix a little place of mediation and repose in the living room with the open Bible, some candles and even an icon or statue. Accessibility is the first step. The next step is to make that sacred scripture a part of our daily lives. Each of us should make time daily to reflect upon God's word. It might be in reviewing the Gospel for the upcoming weekend, or in meditating upon one of the psalms. Pope Benedict XVI suggests that we might want to consider slowly reading the entire Gospel. It might take a long time, but the benefits will be enormous. Families might want to make time each night to read one Bible story or pray one decade of the Rosary after meditating on the corresponding mystery. If you are looking for a good Bible for meditation, I can recommend the recently released Catholic Study Bible (RSV version) from Ignatius Press. It contains helpful notes from Scott Hahn. The New American Bible is also helpful as it reflects the translation used in the liturgy. Some also prefer the Jerusalem Bible.

St. Joseph, pray for us!
~Fr. Michael Creagan

WELCOME VISITORS AND GUESTS

We are happy that you have come to share in this celebration with us. If you have come as a stranger, we hope that you will leave as a friend. Come back often and know that you are always welcome.

If you have just moved into our community, we encourage you to register as members of our parish. To do so, please stop by the Parish Center during normal office hours or contact Jeri in the Parish Center at (651) 789-8350.

MASS INTENTIONS

M Jul 26	7:30 am	†Rev. Frederick Mertz
Tu Jul 27	7:30 am	Summer Stretch Youth and Leaders
	5:30 pm	Leona & †John Vitelli
W Jul 28	7:30 am	†Rusty Gerlich
	5:30 pm	†William J. Rascher
Th Jul 29	7:30 am	Nancy Barrett
	5:30 pm	Bob & Terry McMahan
F Jul 30	7:30 am	Ellie & Bill Sunday (50th Wedd. Anniv.)
	6:00 pm	Wedding
Sa Jul 31	8:00 am	†Mary Petranton
	2:00 pm	Wedding
	5:00 pm	Tim & Erin Lamkin (1st Wedd. Anniv.)
Su Aug 1	7:30 am	Don & Bernice Messerich (65th Wedd. Anniv.)
	9:00 am	Parish
	11:00 am	†Barbara Bonniwell

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



†**Felix "Phil" Mrozinski** and †**Edward Licha**, parishioners who passed away recently. We extend our sincere sympathy to their families and friends, and we pray for their eternal peace. *Grant them a place of light and peace, O Lord.*

DURING THESE BUSY MONTHS OF SUMMER, IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF MASS TIMES IN OTHER AREAS, log onto: www.parishesonline.com.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 25, 2010

Sunday:	Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
Monday:	Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Jer 18:1-6/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday:	Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday:	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Present your needs to God in every form of prayer and in petitions full of gratitude. (Philippians 4:6)

Eucharistic**Adoration**

Wednesdays: 2—3 a.m.
Thursdays: 10—11 a.m.
Fridays: 2—3 a.m.

If you are interested in scheduling an above Holy Hour of Adoration, please contact either Mary Trader (651) 457-6286, or Teresa Boland (651) 552-0168.

WEDDING BANNS

Please pray for the following couples who will be entering the Sacrament of Matrimony soon:

3rd time: Karl Hendrickson & Renee Vyhanek
 3rd time: Arthur Montpetit & Megan Yanez

Congratulations...

...to **Ellie & Bill Sunday** who are celebrating their **50th Wedding Anniversary** on July 30.

...to **Don & Bernice Messerich** who are celebrating their **65th Wedding Anniversary** on Aug. 1.

May God bless you!

Archdiocesan Planning News

PROMOTE AND PROCLAIM A COMMUNION OF
 FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE

There are several types of changes which are possible in parishes and schools as a result of the archdiocesan planning process decisions announced by the Archbishop this upcoming fall. Changes will be announced at weekend Masses on October 16 and 17, 2010. As we move forward, all parishes and schools will be expected to increase collaboration with other parishes and/or schools as well as regularly evaluate resources and adjust accordingly.

Definition of types of changes:

Collaboration: intentional sharing of personnel, programs or resources between two or more parishes or schools; some parishes and schools identified as "mission critical" will be supported by all parishes in the Archdiocese.

Cluster: two or more parishes that share a pastor; separate parishes retain their parish status and basic organizational structure.

Merger: two or more parishes or Catholic school communities combine into one; church and/or school buildings may be closed as a result of mergers

You may find out more about the archdiocesan planning process by visiting: www.planning.archspm.org.

Pastoral Ministry

Just a reminder that if you are admitted to the hospital, please call the Parish Center Office at (651) 457-2781, so that the Priest can offer you the sacrament of the sick, and we can visit you if you would like. The hospitals do not call us, so we depend on you or your family and friends to call us.

Health Ministry News

WE WILL NOT BE HAVING BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS for the months of July and August; we will start again in September. If you have the need to have your BP taken during this time, please contact Parish Nurse, Darlene Alleva, at (651) 789-8345.

FAITHFULLY FIT FOREVER Exercise Program will be held here at St. Joseph's on Tuesdays, at 4 p.m., in the School Cafeteria, and/or at St. Peter's, Thursdays, at 2 p.m. Come, and sign up at the door. You may attend both sessions and get in two days per week of exercise!

Senior Adult Ministry**MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN US!**

LECTIO DIVINA: **Every Thursday**, 4:30 p.m., in the Parish Library (by Daily Chapel).

BOOK CLUB: **August 6, 20** 1:00 p.m., in the Parish Library. "Fully Human & Fully Divine" by Michael Casey. Participate any time.

PLANNING MTG: **August 9**, 10:00 a.m., Bring your ideas!
CARDS: BRIDGE AND 500: No cards in July and August!

Come to the Great Room on the 4th Tuesday of September—28th, at 1:00 p.m. *Bridge* and *500* are played. All are welcome; MEN and WOMEN, single or a couple. Have a great afternoon. If you need more information, call Audrey at (651) 454-2681.

FUNDRAISER: At Applebee's, **Sat., Sept. 11**, 8-10 a.m. Call Hugh Guscelli at 457-3350 or Donna Shea at 457-4118 to volunteer.

LUNCH SERIES: **Tuesday, October 5**. 11 a.m. Mass with Fr. Creagan
 Lunch catered by Tinucci's

Jr. High Youth Group (SJY²)



SUMMER STRETCH

"Lord, Give us hearts to love and hands to serve!"

**Summer Stretch, Tuesday, July 27,
7:15 a.m.—4:30 p.m.**

All youth should arrive in the Great Room no later than 7:15 a.m. for morning Mass. Please be on time. You may arrive as early as 7 a.m., but not after 7:20 a.m. in order to participate in the morning activities. Due to the number of youth involved, if you need to come later than 7:15 a.m., or you need to leave earlier than 4:30 p.m., it is necessary that you arrive/leave at 12 noon. No one will be allowed to be dropped off/picked up at service sites or afternoon recreation. Please notify Ann Osendorf or your teen leader if you need to leave at noon — and check-in with one of them if arriving late.

A *light* breakfast will be served following Mass; beverages will be provided. If you have dietary restrictions, please bring your own. Please see e-mail dated June 26 for complete information. Wear tennis shoes and your Summer Stretch t-shirt for service. Bring your lunch!

Afternoon Recreation: *Grand Slam*, Burnsville, MN. Bring a little money for snack if you'd like (a hotdog and pop are included). **See You on Tuesday!**



Mini-STRETCH

"Lord, Give us hearts to love and hands to serve!"

**Final Day for Mini-Stretch, Thursday, July 29,
7:15 a.m.—**3 p.m.**

All youth should arrive in the Great Room no later than 7:15 a.m. for morning Mass. Wear your mini-stretch t-shirt and tennis shoes for morning service! A *light* breakfast will be served following Mass; beverages will be provided. If you have dietary restrictions, please bring your own. After breakfast, we will get on a bus for a morning of service at Feed My Starving Children! Lunch will be provided between service and afternoon recreation.

****Final Day Recreation at *Grand Slam*, Burnsville, MN, following morning service. We will return to St. Joseph's at 3 p.m.** See You on Thursday!**

Sr. High Youth Group (SJY)

SJY SUMMER FOR ALL 9TH—12TH GRADERS!
7 to 9 p.m., in the Great Room

Jul 28: SJY Summer Blast! 7 p.m.

Aug 4: Potluck; Reunion slides

Aug 11: NO SJY

OTHER SJY EVENTS

Aug 5: Loaves & Fishes, 4:15 to 7 p.m.
490 Hall Ave, St. Paul

Aug 10: Senior Dinner

Aug 12: Bunker Hills & XLT, Wave Pool; Horseback

Faith Formation

REGULAR JOES WHO PRAY!

The group meets every Tuesday morning, from **6 a.m. to 7 a.m.**, now in the Nursery/Brides' Room. All men are invited for fellowship, prayer, formation in the teachings of the Church and food! No registration necessary.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR "REGULAR JOES WHO PRAY" GROUP

In order to keep this group of Men going, we need your prayers and help. We must find another guy to open doors and do as small amount of set up before our Tuesday, 6:00 a.m. meetings. Needed is a man who could commit to being a *key man* twice a month. As the faith formation coordinator, I am unable to keep being the person responsible for opening up the room for all of our gatherings, I need help. Please contact Duane Bauer at (651) 789-8352/duane.bauer@churchofstjoseph.org for more information.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

WOODWORKERS NEEDED

The Good Shepherd program is in need of a few wooden items to be made before the start of the school year. If you have some time and interest, please contact Chris Stokman at christina.stokman@churchofstjoseph.org or call (651) 457-8841.

GOOD SHEPHERD CLASS LIST letters were mailed out last week. If you registered for Good Shepherd this year, you should have received a letter with your class placement. If you did not receive your letter, please contact the Faith Formation Office at (651) 457-8841, as soon as possible.

St. Joseph's School

OPENINGS IN ALL GRADES

St. Joseph's School, grades Preschool—8, has openings in all grades for the 2010-11 school year. For more information, contact the school office at (651) 457-8550, or preschool office at (651) 789-8300.

SCHOOL USED UNIFORM SALE

Friday, August 6, from 12 noon to 6 p.m., in the Parish's Monsignor Foran Great Room. Used uniforms may be dropped off at the School Office before sale date. All proceeds go to the Home & School Association.



Our Gifts to the Lord

Year-to-Date Actual (includes July 18)

YTD Actual \$78,876.29

On July 18, contributions were: \$16,664.10

Children/Youth—July 18: \$6.00

Stocks, EFTs, etc.: \$12,285.30

If you are going to be away, you may mail your envelope to:

Church of Saint Joseph
1154 Seminole Avenue
West St. Paul, MN 55118

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

The Church of St. Joseph is pleased to offer congregation members the convenient option of making regular offerings and one-time gifts right on the church website at www.churchofstjoseph.org. Families are making an increasing number of payments and donations online. You can also print out a detailed confirmation form for recordkeeping purposes. If this donation method appeals to you, we encourage you to visit the church website, locate the link to our donation page and follow the simple process for setting up both.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Jesus is describing God's immeasurable generosity when He says in today's Gospel, "Whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knock, is admitted." But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards—those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service to others. (see Luke 11:10)

A Community Caring for Life

SAVE THE DATE! Wednesday, July 28, 2010, Minnesota State Capitol, 75 Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155, 12 noon—1:00 p.m.

The National Organization for Marriage (NOM) is planning a series of rallies in Minnesota to raise awareness and educate others on the protection of Marriage and the faith communities that sustain them. More information about NOM can be found at their website: nationformarriage.org.

NFP WEEK

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated the last week of July as NFP Awareness Week. NFP stands for Natural Family Planning and offers a scientific and marriage-building opportunity by learning about one's fertility. NFP Awareness Week supports couples by bringing awareness of spousal love. This year, NFP Week runs from July 25-31. These dates include the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25); the Feast of St. Joachim and St Anne (July 26). Human life is a beautiful gift and is to be cherished. If you would like to know more about Natural Family Planning, contact the Office for Family, Laity, Youth and Young Adults at (651) 291-4489 or e-mail schulten@archspm.org.

A series of classes taught by a qualified instructor will begin on:

**Thursday, August 5, 2010, here at
St. Joseph Church, West St. Paul**

To register or for more information, please call the **Family of the Americas** at (651) 224-1465.

CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE NOMINATIONS

We are starting to receive nominations. Please consider nominating someone, a couple/family, a group or organization to the *Champions for Life Awards*.

We have slightly changed the categories for this year and they include:

- Individuals
- Couples or Families
- Youth (either individuals or Families)
- Churches, Catholic Schools or Catholic affiliated Organizations

Nomination forms are available to download from the Archdiocese website at: www.archspm.org/departments/respect-life/news-events.php

Welcome!



INITIATED INTO CHRIST'S LIFE BY THE WATERS OF BAPTISM THIS MONTH WERE:

Gabriel Anthony Canaan,

child of Emmanuel & Kelly Canaan

Welcome to St. Joseph's Parish Family!

Military Ministry

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR PHOTOGRAPHS of parishioners, relatives and friends currently serving in the U.S. military. We will post the photos on the board in the Gathering Space and pray for them. Photos may be dropped off at the Parish Center or in the Sacristy.

Also, would the person who posted the photograph of Lt. John Miller, III, please submit another photo to the office. The previous photograph was damaged due to sun exposure. Thank you.

Activities/Notices

AED (DEFIBRILLATOR) IS NOW ON SITE for emergencies. **If you know CPR, please let the ushers know when you arrive for Mass.**

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?—AUG. 14



Do you like getting together with people from our parish? If so, you're going to love our new program, *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?* Registration is ongoing—forms are on the kiosk and in the Parish Center. **Join us**

for our next dinner on August 14!

EARLY CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM

Would you like to learn more about passing your faith onto your children? Here is an opportunity for you to discuss faith education with other Catholic parents and have fun learning more about God together. *Early Catholic Family Life* is a wonderful program for parents with children 0-5 years old. Modeled after the popular ECFE (Early Childhood Family Education), ECFL emphasizes the importance of putting faith at the center of family life.

If you are interested in the August 14, 2010, training class sponsored by the Office for Marriage, Family and Life, contact Nancy Schulte at 651-291-4489 or download a registration form at www.archspm.org/family listed under Early Catholic Family Life.

3RD ANNUAL MIDDLE EASTERN FESTIVAL

St. George Orthodox Church, 1250 Oakdale Ave, West St Paul

- **Friday, July 23: noon to 10 p.m.**
- **Saturday, July 24: noon to 10 p.m.**
- **Sunday, July 25: noon to 6 p.m.**

Authentic Middle Eastern Food, Homemade bread and pastries, marketplace, live music and dancing, children's games & prizes, camel rides, church tours and more! Free admission! www.mideastfest.com.



NET MINISTRIES

HOUSING FOR FALL TRAINING

The National Evangelization Teams, a St. Paul based Catholic young adult retreat ministry, is beginning its 2010-2011 season this August.

This year, approximately 120 young adults, aged 18-28, will volunteer a year of their lives to be trained in conducting high school retreats in 60 dioceses throughout the U.S. We are looking for people willing to host two to six men or women during the last two weeks of the team members' training—Saturday, September 11 through Friday, September 24, 2010.

Host homes would provide breakfast, a few evening meals and a few bag lunches. A meal schedule and a copy of the two-week training schedule will be sent to you upon your response to the office. The team members will provide their own transportation, and they will be equipped with sleeping bags, so beds are not necessary—couches, floors, and fold-outs work well.

If you are willing to host any NET team members or have questions about hosting, please call Richard Carrillo at the NET Center at (651) 450-6833, ext. 73, or by e-mail: richardc@netusa.org, by Friday, August 6, 2010. At this time, you may specify how many team members you can host and whether you would prefer men or women.

Please keep the NET team members in your prayers as they prepare for their time of ministry. I look forward to hearing from you! Thanks!

FATHER RANIERO CANTALAMESSA TO SPEAK

Father Raniero Cantalamessa, Preacher to the Papal Household, will speak at the 2010 **National Leaders' and Ministries' Conference, October 29-31**, at the **Crowne Plaza St. Paul-Riverfront**. Other speakers include Bishop Sam Jacobs, Peter Herbeck, Caroline Gambale-Dirkes and Fr. Dave Pivonka. Archbishop John Nienstedt will celebrate Mass on Saturday. If you are serving in the Church in any way or seeking personal growth in the Spirit, you are invited. There will be a special Young Adult Track for 18-35 year olds on Saturday. For more information or to register call 1-800-338-2445 or visit: www.nsc-chariscenter.org.