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Welcome to St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church

By Fr. Mark Underdahl

This summer, we completed the required steps to use the name, "St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church." Archbishop Nienstedt gave his approval last spring and spoke of his support during the 5:00 Festival Tent Mass. He noted that our process of a unified identity is similar to that of the strategic planning of the Archdiocese and brings about a greater clarity of the mission of the Church.

Archbishop Nienstedt's main goals of the Archdiocesan planning process are to foster a revitalized and sustainable local Church, one that is responsive to the pastoral needs of all our brothers and sisters, and to promote and proclaim a Communion of Faith, Hope, and Love. Decisions regarding the Archdiocese of Saint Paul & Minneapolis strategic plan will be announced at all weekend Masses on October 16 and 17.

For most parishes there will be no structural change, although all parishes and schools will be called into greater collaboration with others. Informational materials regarding the structural changes involving certain parishes as well as strategic initiatives affecting all parishes and schools will be available after Masses that weekend.

As you may know, the strategic planning process was launched in February 2009. In the months that followed, thousands of people participated in the process. Pastors, parish and Catholic school leaders and staff, parishioners and Catholic school families shared their input at meetings and through a voicemail hotline, an online comment form, and letters. Upcoming changes under the strategic plan are necessary to ensure the health of our Archdiocese now and for generations to come.

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While the changes are triggered by economic and demographic factors, they are firmly guided by the mission of the Church. When we give up the cost of maintaining too many buildings, we can refocus those resources on reaching out to make the name of Jesus Christ known and loved. These changes are truly about promoting and proclaiming a communion of faith, hope, and love in this local Church.

Please continue to pray that the Archdiocesan planning process will continue to unite us as a community and lead us to a holier and faith-filled local Church. Certainly, anything I might say about the conclusions of this process would be speculation on my part. But I would be more than happy to try to explain anything that is not clear to you about the planning process without guessing too much about the outcome. You can find out more about the Archdiocesan planning process by visiting <http://planning.archspm.org/>

REVISED ROMAN MISSAL

Last spring, I attended an Archdiocesan Workshop on the revised Missale Romanum or Roman Missal. The Roman Missal is the ritual text containing prayers and instructions for the celebration of the Mass. Pope John Paul II announced a revised version of the Missale Romanum during the Jubilee Year 2000. Among other things, the revised edition of the Missale Romanum contains prayers for the observances of recently canonized saints, additional prefaces for the Eucharistic Prayers, additional Votive Masses, Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Intentions, and some updated and revised rubrics (instructions) for the celebration of the Mass. The English translation of the Roman Missal will also include updated translations of existing prayers, including some of the well-known responses and acclamations of the people. For example, we currently say, "And also with you" in response to the priest's prompt, "The Lord be

with you." Instead of, "And also with you," we will say, "And with your spirit."

When the Mass first changed from Latin to English in the mid 1960s, for a while "And with your spirit" was the wording of our response. When the final version of the Sacramentary came out in 1974, the official English version became "And also with you," which we now use. All of the words we say or sing, the prayers the priest says, come from the Sacramentary. The book is the English version of the Roman Missal, the book used for Catholics throughout the world. After the Second Vatican Council, when the Mass was reformed and took the familiar shape we know today, the Vatican issued the official Latin book for the new Mass, the Missale Romanum. This Latin book is the original text that the bishops of each country have translated into their local language(s). The Sacramentary we use today is a translation from 1985 of the second edition of the Latin Missal that came out in 1975. These revisions will be implemented with the First Sunday of Advent 2011, so we will have well over a year to prepare ourselves.

Within the coming months, I would like to establish a separate committee from the Liturgy Commission to help the staff and I educate the parish and implement the revisions of the Mass. If you are interested in helping with this, please let me know.

PASTORAL VISITS

I am in the process of scheduling my fall pastoral visits. The pastoral care of individuals and families is very important to me and my ministry. If you or a family member is hospitalized, homebound, anticipating or recovering from surgery or receiving hospice care and would like to receive the Sacraments (Reconciliation, Anointing and Communion) or would like a visit by your pastor for any reason, please give me a call in the parish office.

Music Ministry Gears Up for an Exciting New Season

By Andrea Grasse

Are you looking for fun? Are you looking for good music? Are you looking to meet some new people? The Music Ministry has you covered. We are always looking for new members to join our music groups. You may join us by coming and singing with our Liturgical Choir, Children's Choir, Resurrection Choir, or Spirit Alive Choir. But if you feel your singing skills are only good enough for the bathtub, we also have you covered.



In addition to all of the great music we provide for the parish weekly, the music ministry will host three major events this year. Your way to be involved is by coming to these events and being our audience. Without you, we don't have a show.

HALLOWEEN DANCE

On Friday, October 29 at 7 p.m., we will host our 1st annual Halloween Dance. This will be no ordinary Halloween event. Come listen and dance to "Java Soul," who entertained you at the August Festival. We will have the Great Hall decked out with spooky visions of Halloween. Snacks and beverages will be available. Bring the whole family. Proceeds from this event will help defray the costs of lighting and sound at our upcoming Variety Show in March.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Sunday, December 5 at 3 p.m., come hear the sounds of the season. The music ministry will give a Christmas Concert in the Worship Space. Included will be music from the Children's Choir, Liturgical Choir, and some crowd favorite Christmas carol sing-a-longs. This performance is perfect for Christmas music-lovers of all ages!

JAVA JIVE VARIETY SHOW

And back by popular demand is the Java Jive Variety Show. It will be held Friday-Sunday, March 4-6, 2011. This year, we have added a Sunday matinee show on March 6. The theme for this year's show will be "Don't Touch That Dial – The Golden Age of Radio." We will be looking for acts of all kinds from anyone high school age and older. More information will come after Christmas.

2010-11 Music Events

Halloween Dance ~ Friday, October 29, 7 p.m.

Christmas Concert ~ Sunday, December 5, 3 p.m.

Java Jive Variety Show ~ Friday-Sunday, March 4-6

Upcoming CCW Events

By Sheila Bianconi

The St. Joseph's Council of Catholic Women (CCW) is hosting some fun and interesting events in the upcoming year. As a woman and a parish member, you are a member of St. Joseph's CCW. The CCW provides many services as well as social events. We meet along school year timing; no meetings in the summer. All events are held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

2010-11 PLANNED EVENTS

October 12, 2010: Social Wine and Cheese Event

November 9, 2010: Meeting to discuss Christmas Bazaar. Bazaar dates are November 13-14. Volunteers are always welcome.

December 14, 2010: Social White Elephant and Ornament Exchange

January 11, 2011: Presentation by Ann Zemke, author of "They Named Me Marjorie, the Brave Journey of an Orphan Train Rider." Appetizers served. Family members are invited as this is an interesting story for everyone.

February 8, 2011: Presentation on self-defense by local law enforcement

March 8, 2011: Evening of renewal. Archbishop Flynn will celebrate Mass and speak. Bring your family members. Mass and Archbishop Flynn's talk are open to everyone; dinner following for CCW members only.

April 12, 2011: Business meeting and planning for 2011-12 meeting topics. We are looking for your ideas/suggestions for social events and meetings for 2011-12.

May 11, 2011: Garden Project. Bring an outdoor pot from home and create a pot for your patio or deck. End of year potluck supper. Bring two pots – one to fill for outdoors and one to share your favorite dish!

Mark these dates on your calendar now, and join us for fun and camaraderie! More details will appear in the weekly bulletin prior to events.

2010 Christmas Bazaar is November 13-14

By Donna Schleeter

If you are walking down the main hall from the church and your nose smells the aroma of chicken soup, chocolate, cinnamon rolls, and pumpkin pie, then you know it must be time for St. Joseph's Annual Christmas Bazaar.

The bazaar this year is on Saturday, November 13 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and Sunday, November 14 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. Over 35 crafters will be selling such items as jewelry,



Christmas decorations, clothing, organic food items, and household products. Also featured is a bake sale of delicious pumpkin and apple pies, chocolate chip and peanut butter cookies, and a variety of bars made by our own parishioners. In addition, CCW volunteers make homemade candies to sell such as coconut bon bons, chocolate covered cherries, heath bars, mint patties, caramels, peanut brittle, and fudge.

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Again, the quilting group will donate a quilt for the raffle. The queen-size quilt features a Christmas theme of white and gold snowflake squares mixed with strips of material in a holiday motif surrounded with a deep red patterned border. This will be displayed in the foyer of the church before the bazaar weekend.



A great lunch will be served on Saturday, consisting of a turkey dinner, chicken wild rice soup, hot dogs, bratwurst, Sister Vu's egg rolls, along with buns and rolls. On Sunday, patrons can enjoy hot cinnamon rolls and coffee while they visit and shop. All proceeds from this event are used to support the funeral lunches, A Community Caring for Life (our Pro-Life group), and the special needs of the parish.

The essence of this bazaar is not just about the items that are offered for parishioners to eat and buy, but of the many faces of its volunteers who plan and work it. The bazaar volunteers are a microcosm of the different generations of our female membership, including the Senior population (ages 65+); the Empty Nesters (ages 50+); the Mother's Group (ages 30+); and our Young Adult members (ages 18+). The CCW strives to bring all of these volunteers together through this event, not just as a time to work but to socialize, so the women of our parish can meet each other and make new friends.

Jeanne Hafner is the chairperson for the Christmas Bazaar after working as a volunteer for 20 years. She continues to volunteer for this event because she believes the way to support the CCW programs is to

work for its main fundraiser. This year, Pat Chilson will help organize the layout of the craft tables, candy and bake sale area, and the dining room.

The quilting group (Peg Smith, Laverne Rehbein, Mary Stanton, Karen Thompson, Peggy Benson, Val Calvert, Barb Wiemann, Shirley Knutson, Nancy Paulsen, Dorothy Guanella, and Julie Johansen) was organized by Mary Kollmann, Kathy Johnson, and Deloris Redfield 14 years ago. Because of the friendships cultivated among these women, they socialize outside of their Tuesday quilting night for shopping trips to obtain quilting supplies and attend weekend quilting camps to meet other quilters and learn new techniques. They feel more like sisters than friends because of the shared bond they have with one another.

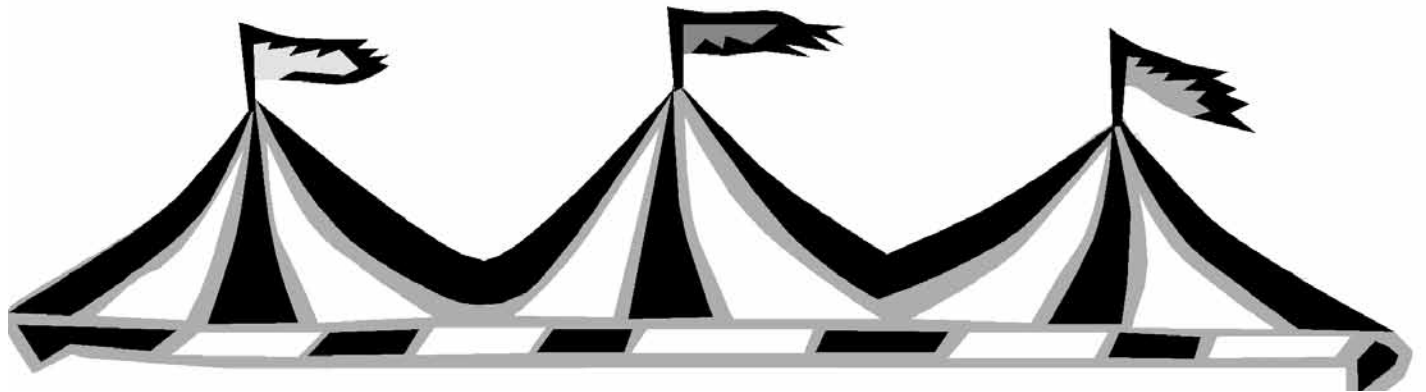


Catherine Elliot has organized the candy-making event for the past three years by preparing the kitchen for the volunteers, so when they come everything is set up to start making

candy. Catherine wanted to do something for the church, and since she liked to make candy, decided to volunteer for this event. However, Catherine feels that experience is not needed; you can just come to make candy and have fun. Lunch is provided by the CCW on the candy-making days, and everyone can take a break to meet each other. Jan Meyer, Delores Ramsden, Dawn George, Delores Redfield, Laverne Rehbein, and Betty Livingston work with the daytime and evening volunteers to complete the daily candy-making project.

Al Robinson makes peanut brittle at his home for the bazaar from a recipe in the church's old cookbook. Candy-making started as a family activity 20 years ago, and Al still gets help from family when making it.

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2010 Parish Festival Measures Up To Success!

By John Carney

I have a confession to make . . . Since taking over as Festival Chair three years ago, I have not spent much time visiting other church festivals – until now. This September I attended three church festivals in the north metro area. Here are a few of my observations. They all had very few kids’ games – we have more games by far than any of the festivals I attended. Our Grand Raffle with \$20,000 plus in prizes is far better than anything I found at the other parishes. After listening to a garage band at one location, I have to say that the quality of our music is excellent! In conclusion: WE HAVE A REALLY FUN FESTIVAL!

By just about any measure, the St. Joseph’s 2010 Festival was a great success. We had a couple of firsts this year: the Archbishop joined us for the first time, and we had our first-ever fireworks show. We hosted our 2nd annual pig roast, and we roasted two pigs. We had three bands who played 80 songs. Our choir band, Java Jive 5, was a great addition to our line-up! We served 90 pieces of watermelon, and we reached 92 degrees – it was, by any measure, a hot one!

Festival goes bid on 227 silent auction items. We sold upwards of 1,500 cans of pop and bottled water, and 2,500 pieces of roast chicken were consumed. 2,900 rings were tossed toward wine bottles, 134 hit their mark. 12,686 raffle tickets of various colors were purchased, along with 15,200 kids’ game tickets. And one of our most important measures – our net profits for this year’s Festival were just over \$60,500 – up 10%

from last year. Proceeds from the Festival go directly into St. Joe’s operating budget in direct support of our parish programs and facilities.

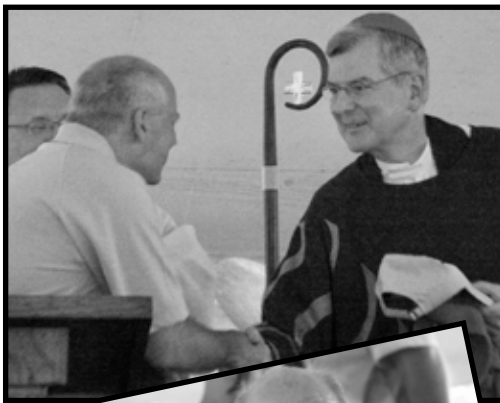
In reviewing the financials, there were several areas of note. Grand Raffle ticket sales were up over \$5,000. Thank you to all parishioners who sold tickets – we asked you to sell more Grand Raffle tickets this year, and you really came through! The new Wine Toss game was a big hit bringing in almost \$900. The Wine Toss will definitely be back again next year. Individual cash donations were up this year by almost \$2,000, primarily due to the fireworks. Thanks to those who took a chance and donated to our first ever fireworks show – they were a great addition to the Festival!

Thank you to all parishioners for your donations of time, talent, and treasure in support of this year’s Festival. The Festival can’t happen without you!

Interested in helping plan next year’s Festival? There are many ways to get involved, and we welcome new committee members and new ideas. If you are interested in helping or have ideas on how we can improve, please send a note to festival@saintjosephsparish.org or contact Festival Chair, John Carney, at 612-719-1516. The Festival Committee meets January-August on the 4th Thursday of each month. All are welcome to attend!

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**Mark your calendars for next year's Festival –
August 13 & 14, 2011**

Welcome New Members to St. Joseph of the Lakes

By Amy Moore

Recent new member gatherings have been beautiful reminders to us of the gifts that the parish has to offer. We cannot help but share these comments, written by our newest members, with you. When asked why they chose St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church to call home, they replied:

"I have attended Mass here and found it to be a nice community church."

"We are excited about the attention and opportunities the children receive."

"We attended other churches as well – we enjoyed Mass at St. Joseph's and with a new baby, we are looking forward to a great place to worship as a family."

"There is a strong presence of family in the congregation."

"I like the location and the comfort level, along with how family-friendly the church is."

"Strong faith-formation program."

"I seek community and meaningful liturgy as well as an opportunity to be Church."

"Beautiful church, family-friendly, the 'Little Angel's Room.'"

"We have checked out other churches and St. Joseph's feels the most welcoming."

Our new member gatherings are wonderful events for us to visit with new families, hear their stories, meet their children, and renew in our own hearts why we are doing what we are doing here at St. Joe's. Their comments often mention these four things: Welcoming Community, Great Liturgy, Family Friendly, and Opportunities for Faith Formation.



Thank you to our new members, not only for choosing to call St. Joseph's your church family, but for giving us this reminder of what we're doing well. Is there room for improvement and change? You bet! Are we perfect here? No way! Will we make some mistakes along the way? No doubt! But in the end, we hold one another up in prayer and celebration at the Eucharistic table and grow together in our faith.

Our upcoming New Member Gatherings will be held after 9:30 Mass (around 10:40 a.m.) on the following Sunday mornings:

November 14, 2010

January 9, 2011

March 13, 2011

May 15, 2011

Please call the parish office at 651-784-3015 to sign up. There is also a sign-up sheet on the Information Desk in the Gathering Space. FREE childcare is offered for ages 1 and up. Families interested in joining our parish but are unable to attend the welcome event can call Amy Moore in the parish office to make arrangements for registration.

Called to Serve

By Amy Moore

Andrew, Matthew, John, Peter, Paul and James have come forth, not to *be* served, but *to* serve. Your immediate thoughts may be that I'm talking about early disciples of Christ. I am not. Along with the men mentioned above, we have photos of Brian, Abigail, Zack, Jason, Kevin, Gabe, Drew, Amanda and Lloyd on the wall outside of our chapel. These are the military men and women that we have been asked to keep in our thoughts and prayers as they actively serve our country.

As we remembered and recognized the anniversary of the September 11 attack on our nation last month, we may have thought back to the very spot that we were on that beautiful fall Tuesday morning, when life as we knew it was changed. I had sent my son to college the week before and feared for his young heart. How would this change his world view? Today, nine years later, my son has graduated from college, been to Iraq and back home again, and is once again overseas, this time in Japan as he continues to serve our country.

I believe we are all called to serve. If you listen closely enough, you too will hear the call. Perhaps it won't be as demanding a call as to serve our nation overseas or to run into a burning building, but Christ has created and called each one of us to serve within the means of the gifts given to us.

In spite of the reality of all we see in the news, I still believe that there is more joy to be had in the world than sadness, more hope than despair, more goodness than evil, and more love than hatred. As we focus our energy on the positive, we can create that reality. Thank you for sharing your gifts with fellow parishioners at St. Joseph's this school year; and if you have a relative serving in the military, we would be honored to add them to our wall. Please contact Amy Moore in the parish office.

**I did not
come to be
served but
to serve.**



**Matthew
20:28**

Through My Eyes... The Staff at St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church

By John Johnson



After receiving some good feedback on the article I wrote for the summer newsletter, I thought I would give writing another try. This time I am going to write about something near and dear to me and probably to most of you, too: the parish staff.

Being part of the staff, the Maintenance Supervisor (Custodian), I get to see and hear what most parishioners are unable to. It's a joy to work with, eat lunch with, and observe my fellow staff members. They work well together. The first thing I want you to know is that this is not just a job to all of them. They really care about all of you and what they're doing. They are very dedicated people, and I feel lucky to be a part of this group.

Father Mark Underdahl came to St. Joseph's in July 2007, 11 years after being ordained a priest. Following the well-loved Fr. Tim Morin couldn't have been easy, especially when the parish was experiencing some adversity at the time. Fr. Mark worked through all this with guidance from the good Lord and a couple of parish advisors. These experiences, I believe, helped him grow in many ways to become the man of God who he is today. He is a joy to watch, and he cares very much about this parish. You can see this in what he says and does. He has a wonderful sense of humor. I enjoy hearing him laugh!

Amy Moore is the third Parish Administrator since I've been here. All three have their special strengths and have brought much good to St. Joseph's. In the short time Amy has been here, not only has she quickly fit right in, but she has done a very good job taking the reins given to her and guiding us around and through our daily journeys, with an occasional

reining in, as needed. She not only earns our respect, but shows us respect and can be trusted with the parish.

Steve Robach, the Director of Faith Formation and Social Justice, joined the staff in August 2004. He is very talented and, believe me, does a wide variety of things here at St. Joseph's. He is very dedicated. I saw him spend many hours painting in the classrooms on some of the hottest, most humid days this past summer. I very much appreciate that it was Steve and not me doing the painting this year! Steve seems to be well-loved by his fellow staff members, as witnessed by the way they pick on him.

Andrea Grasse, the Director of Music, is a talented musician who sang in the choir for far longer than I have known her. She is also home-grown, the daughter of longtime members Bob and Mary DeBlicke. She was brought up in this parish. She is a joy to be around and was given the chance almost a year ago to become Music Director. Andrea is doing a wonderful job from what I hear. No wonder the choir has been growing in size!

Director of Pastoral Care and Sacramental Coordinator, **Kathy Indihar** is well-educated and caring. Having lost a spouse, she understands what it is like for the sick, the deceased, and their families. She is a wonderful help to those in need. I, for one, am so glad that she joined our staff in August 2004.

Denise Walsh, the Confirmation Coordinator, Middle School Faith Formation Coordinator and Youth Minister, is multi-talented. She sings and plays the guitar. She has drawn, designed, or been involved with most of the artwork incorporated in the parish. The kids all seem to respect and love her. You should listen and see her face when she tells stories about the work she does with the kids – pure angelic, even after 11 years. You can tell how much she loves what she is doing.

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Communication Coordinator, Early Childhood Coordinator, and Middle School Youth Minister...the very able **Chris Sauter** manages to do an excellent job at each of these three job titles without having a meltdown and still being able to work with a smile and a pleasant "good morning" greeting. Chris joined the staff in November 2004. She also engages her three daughters to help with a variety of programs here at church. We hope she's here for a very long time.



St. Joseph of the Lakes staff with our 2010 Parish Mission speaker, Jesse Manibusan. **Back Row (L-R):** Kathy Indihar, Jean Longendyke, Steve Robach, Fr. Mark Underdahl, Andrea Grasse, Chris Sauter, Denise Walsh, Amy Moore. **Front Row (L-R):** Mary Pehoski, Darlene Newman, Jesse Manibusan

Jean Longendyke is the Elementary Faith Formation Coordinator. In the year she has been here, she has fit right in. She's very energetic in what she says and in the job she does. We are very lucky to have her here. She's willing to give the shirt off her back – she gives her all.

Darlene Newman, our very able Assistant Business Administrator, has been at St. Joseph's since April 1976 (34 years). If you need to find an answer to just about anything, she is the one to ask. She also is like a mother hen, watching over all of us. I, for one, feel lucky to have her here. She helps me keep my math right on my time sheets in a nice, gentle way!

Mary Pehoski is our Administrative Support for staff. She joined the staff in December 2004. She is absolutely amazing, and we are lucky to have her here! She not only has to deal with all the different personalities of staff and their wants and needs, but being in one of the front offices, she gets to greet, help, and deal with whatever comes in the front doors. She is very informed on the daily goings-on with the parish. She's my go-to person when I need some information.



Terry Meyer

Terry Meyer is our staff's newest addition, though with all his past and present volunteering and being such

a longtime parishioner, he's been an important part of St. Joe's for a very long time. Not only is he a hard worker, but he does his best at everything he does. Terry took over the outside grounds maintenance when the beloved Phil Koch retired. Terry is also involved in many parish programs.

Like I said, the staff really cares about what they are doing here for the church and for you, the parish. They each bring many talents and experiences. They can be trusted to help you and the rest of the parish to the best of their abilities. You can depend on them to help direct and grow your faith and family. I have faith in all of them, trust them, and feel very lucky to be a part of this staff and this parish!

P.S. The staff would like to share our gratitude for John as well. John has certainly been an inspiration to us as he has faced his cancer treatments with a positive attitude. John is not one to look for the easy way out of work. Missing work while his body was resting and healing was very difficult for John, and it bothered him almost as much as the cancer itself. We're so pleased that his treatments are over and he has been able to be here working full weeks throughout the summer and early fall. St. Joseph's is in good hands with John tending to maintenance, and we all benefit from his warmth and caring attitude as well.

My Faith Journey

By Chris Carter

When I attended the New Parishioner Registration on Sunday, August 15, and was asked why I chose St. Joe's, I answered something along the lines of, "We live really close." While it is true, it was not the answer I wanted to give. I really wanted to explain that God placed me and my family here.

About a year ago, my husband and I began to seriously think about moving. We lived in Eagan and raised our four kids there, but had outgrown the rambler and wanted more space both inside and out. We belonged to St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Eagan and loved it. I was a member of the choir there as well. Circumstances caused me to switch which choir group I sang with, and at the time I really struggled with the change. However, God began to speak to me about the move. After a while, I understood that God moving me from one group to another was all part of the process of moving us away from St. John Neumann to another parish.

Moving and selling a house are stressful as it is, but in today's market, it is even more so. There were many questions about money and whether we could sell our house. In our search for a house that met our criteria, we found a house in Lino Lakes. We put in a contingent offer on the house and put our house up for sale. And although the 75 days our house was on the market seemed like an eternity, and at times we had our doubts, deep down I knew God was working and I had faith that He was in control of this situation and it would all work out.

Amidst my doubts, God showed me how faithful He is and gave me many glimpses that it was all in His plan. One was a new staff member at St. John Neumann who used to work at St. Joseph's (Judy Doonan-Twohy). Through her, I learned about St. Joseph's Parish and was excited about what I heard.

Another sign was when we got locked out of the house after a showing. After a realtor and couple looked at our house, the realtor locked the door connecting the garage to the house. We never locked that door so I didn't carry a key. When I told a Christian friend about this she said to me, very matter-of-fact "You know why you got locked out, don't you? Because the house doesn't belong to you anymore!" When she said that, I immediately knew she was right. The couple that looked at the house that night purchased it. That same night, it also happened to be rainy and God blessed me with a beautiful rainbow -- another sign to me that He is ever-present in our lives.

Another reason I know God planned for us to be at St. Joe's is because my two boys have often talked about wanting to take guitar lessons. My answer has always been, "I don't know if we can afford it," or "I don't even know where to go to find someone who gives lessons." Well, God answered that one, too . . . the next Sunday in the bulletin was an article offering lessons for \$1/lesson! That I can definitely afford, and since we live so close, the boys can walk there. They started last month!

So, despite all the doubts and worries, God came through and blessed us with our beautiful home in Lino Lakes. Our first weekend here, we attended Mass at St. Joe's and never even questioned checking out other churches. We felt at home here right away. I truly believe that it was God's plan that we are just a 35-second drive (yes, I know, close enough to walk!) from St. Joseph's Parish. I am excited for all that God has in store for me and my family at St. Joe's, through Faith Formation, music ministry, and anywhere else He leads us!

Come to the Feast

By Steve Robach

Our 2010-11 Faith Formation sessions are up and running, and we are excited about another great year! Our goal is to train our young people in what it means to be disciples of Christ by living a Catholic lifestyle in a post-Christian world.

Some highlights:

- Our parish center has been painted and rooms decorated with large prints of various saints from our Catholic tradition.
- Joe's Diner is open on Mondays AND Wednesdays this year during Faith Formation sessions. All parishioners are welcome to come by and join us for fellowship and a meal.
- We are incorporating more music and other arts into our sessions with our young people. We are always looking for more help in these areas.
- We have established a set of basic beliefs for each grade level that our young people will be encouraged to know by the end of each year.
- In an effort to provide some feedback and to work more closely with parents in this most important work of forming a Catholic faith identity in our children, an affirmation form will be given to parents on their child's/teen's level of participation in our programs.
- On the weekend of April 9-10, 2011, our young people will receive a blessed medal as a recognition of their completing another year of Faith Formation and moving on to the next level of their training as disciples of Jesus Christ.



We are asking the parish to recommit to bringing non-perishable food items to Mass every weekend. It's a simple but powerful way to bring the spirit of our celebration of Eucharist into our community.

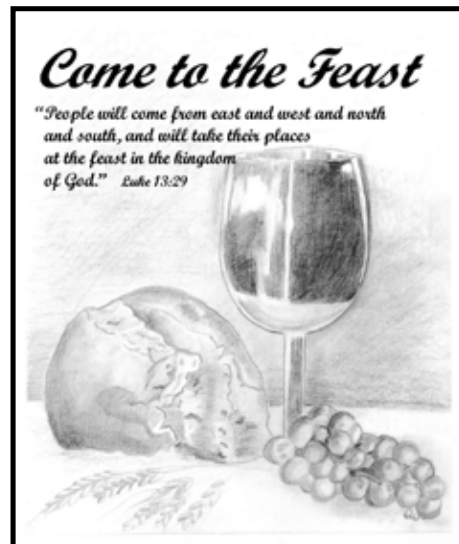
We are encouraging parish families and individuals to consider sponsoring a child or family through one of the following organizations:

- Forever Changed — www.foreverchangedinternational.org
- Feed My Starving Children — www.fmssc.org
- Children's Hunger Fund — www.chfus.org

FALL SEASON FAITH ALIVE EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Please consider the following opportunities to deepen faith and enrich your spirituality. Call 651-784-3015 for more information.

- **Small Faith Sharing Groups** — These groups consist of 8-10 adults who gather for 5 weeks for faith sharing, fellowship, and prayer. A wide variety of materials are available to these groups. Topics range from reflections on the Scripture readings for upcoming Sundays, to CDs, videos, and books on Catholic spirituality, morality, sacramental life, parenting, sexuality, social justice, marriage, scripture studies, etc. The fall season begins the weekend of Oct. 24.
 - **Centering Prayer** — Led by Steve Robach, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m.



2012 YOUTH MISSION TRIP Middle School — Our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade middle school youth will

go to Crossways Waypost Camp near Wausau, July 31-Aug. 5. More information is available in the parish office.

There are many ways we are also encouraging families and individuals to participate in our parish theme of "Come To The Feast."

2010 Summer Fun with St. Joe's Youth

CENTENNIAL AREA SUMMER STRETCH (CASS)

- 200 middle schoolers (88 from St. Joe's)
- Led by 122 high schoolers (45 from St. Joe's)
- 5 Centennial area churches
- 28 small groups were sent off to service sites around the Twin Cities every Wednesday morning, driven and chaperoned by dedicated parents
- Clipped \$9,000 worth of coupons, which were sent to military families overseas
- Packed enough meals at Feed My Starving Children to feed about 350 children for a year
- Collected and sorted over 1,500 lbs. of food for the Centennial Food Shelf
- Spent the afternoons relaxing and having fun after serving the community all morning. Bunker Beach, Como Park, Brunswick Bowl, and more!



MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP TO DULUTH

- 19 middle school youth and 4 adults made their way to Duluth in late July for a week of mission work
- Visited nursing homes, cleaned and raked yards, and met lots of wonderful new friends from the other churches that were on mission with them
- Each day, they were challenged to look for 'God sightings' in the midst of their work and play
- Besides serving many different people in the Duluth area, they finished up the week with a tour of Split Rock Lighthouse and a visit to Spirit Mountain



GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

- 19 youth and adults
- Served 190 families who live in the garbage dump
- Prayed with 75 women who lived in a pretty grim prison (while there, one of our nurses treated rat bites)
- Purchased and brought beds to families who struggle day to day in the ghetto and listened to their testimonies of faith (it changed our lives and touched our hearts)
- Played games and provided care for the orphans at Dorie's Promise, sang to them, and tucked them into bed at night. Held a prayer service for the special moms there. They all live forever in our hearts now.
- Went to a church service in the ghetto one night
- Brought much-appreciated baseball and school equipment to the village in Santiago, where mud slides took away their families and their homes. They have amazing heart. They'd never seen baseball equipment. What a kick!



Vacation Bible School 2010

By Jean Longendyke

High Seas Expedition has floated away along with summer, but the lessons, memories, and friends the kids made will last forever.

This past June, 130 children participated in lively Bible lessons, games, music, crafts, stories, and snacks. The crews dove into God's Word and discovered that they could watch for God in their life. This week would not have happened without many volunteers...80 actually. Thank you!



Next June, watch for an invasion of fun-loving pandas as they invade St. Joe's and cause "PandaMonium!"



St. Joseph of the Lakes Together In Spirit ... "Team Spirit"

By Amy Moore

If you look in your closet you probably have a Minnesota Twins t-shirt or ball cap, as well as a Vikings jersey that you put on while watching the games. If you have school-age children, chances are that you own a sweatshirt, t-shirt, cap, and maybe even a stadium blanket sporting the name of their school. It's great fun to wear these items to show support for our teams!

Why not get just as excited, or even more so, about showing support for another remarkable "team"... St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church.

We have available to you, awesome t-shirts and baseball caps with our new name, logo, and tagline: **Together In Spirit**.



Caps are \$12, adult size t-shirts are only \$10, and youth t-shirts are a steal at \$5.

Youth sizes XS to L are available in green, red, or yellow.

Adult sizes S to XXL are available in green, yellow, white, or grey.

How can you purchase the items? Either stop by the parish office Monday-Friday, or call us at 651-784-3015 and we'll have your order ready for you at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space after Mass.

Why would you want to wear a St. Joseph of the Lakes t-shirt? Perhaps it's one of those questions that is best answered by a question – Why wouldn't you?

**St. Joseph's Financial Statement for the Year,
beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010**

	ACTUAL 7/1/08 to 6/30/2009	ACTUAL 7/1/09 to 6/30/2010	BUDGET 7/1/09 to 6/30/2010	BUDGET 7/1/10 to 6/30/2011
Regular Collections	1,087,625	1,074,360	1,061,810	1,066,310
Building Fund Collections	131,117	125,790	136,862	130,000
Capital Campaign	1,545	1,920		1,800
Net August Festival Income	59,002	54,099	61,000	50,000
Religious/Adult Education	83,940	76,908	78,800	87,950
Misc Receipts	28,390	54,692	61,090	57,750
Total Income	1,391,620	1,387,769	1,399,562	1,393,810
Wages	555,744	505,750	478,858	511,097
Employee Benefits	142,974	111,084	119,892	131,100
Parish Programs (excluding Staff costs):				
Liturgy	6,885	5,552	4,250	5,000
Religious/Adult Education	40,906	47,673	46,670	55,633
Parish Council	1,625	287	2,500	500
Social Ministry	7,054	5,895	8,000	6,800
Youth Ministry	1,607	10,733	11,550	390
Music Ministry	3,562	4,113	5,500	3,280
Parish Projects	8,646	307	6,000	3,650
Pastoral Ministry	(1,130)	(308)	2,000	2,775
Operating Costs:				
Repair & Maintenance	38,624	51,402	41,000	43,348
Utilities	70,279	68,479	86,700	73,400
General Office Expenses	18,963	20,402	17,581	20,600
Misc. Expense	56,491	62,763	43,800	62,795
Insurance	41,506	41,596	32,500	42,000
County Assessments	4,142	3,625	4,200	4,142
Archdiocesan Assessment	110,282	98,558	98,861	93,100
Major Maint./Enhancement	13,430	6,520	20,000	13,000
Principal/Interest	302,913	302,913	303,000	303,000
Water & Sewer Assessment	6,532	6,277	6,700	6,200
Payback of Borrowed Funds	0	60,000	60,000	12,000
Total Expenses	1,431,036	1,413,622	1,399,562	1,393,810
Excess Income (Expenses)	(39,416)	(25,853)	0	0

Fair Trade, Loaves & Fishes, Meals on Wheels

By Steve Robach

FAIR TRADE MARKET

Our first Fair Trade Market will be the weekend of Oct. 30-31, 2010. We will have many crafts and products available from fair trade markets around the world. Besides fair trade coffee and chocolate and Keys Restaurant cinnamon rolls, Sr. Rose will also be here with her famous egg rolls!



LOAVES AND FISHES

Did you know that members of St. Joe's serve a Loaves and Fishes meal on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at St. Matthew's parish in St. Paul? It takes close to 50 people to keep this system running. We are in need of a number of new volunteers to make sure this tradition can continue. Please call 651-784-3015, x104, if you are interested.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Did you know that volunteers from St. Joe's deliver an average of 100 meals from our parish site each week? These meals provide a safety net to the homebound and elderly in our community. If you would like more information or would like to help with deliveries, please call 651-784-3015, x104.

2010 Christmas Bazaar, continued from p. 5

Katie Laman and her 10-year-old daughter also make peanut brittle using the church's kitchen the weekend before the bazaar. Katie started with no candy-making experience, but after making it for one year, she was hooked!

LEARN HOW TO MAKE PEANUT BRITTLE

...or even if you are an old-hand at it, we could use your help! In preparation for the Christmas Bazaar, we will have our annual peanut brittle making day on November 5 starting at 9:30 a.m. in the church kitchen. If you are able to help out, please call Katie Laman at 651-483-1803.

One new volunteer who came to make candy for just one day last year, enjoyed herself so much she decided to come back for all three days. She is now helping another volunteer with the planning of this year's event. Ladies, why pay \$29 for a community education class to learn how to make candy when you can come to candy-making for this event and learn the same skills for FREE?

It is this feeling of fellowship that makes this bazaar so successful every year. Please consider volunteering for this event so when you come to St. Joseph's for church every week or to drop off your children for their religious education classes, you can be acquainted with your fellow female parishioners that you see here. You will come out with more than what you came into it because of the new friends you will acquire.

Every Drop Counts!

By Denise Walsh

There is a line in a poem by Imtiaz Dharker that goes like this, *"The skin cracks like a pod, there never is enough water. Imagine the drip of it, the small splash, echo in a tin mug, the voice of a kindly god."* I thought of that poem as I reflected on an experience we had in Guatemala this summer.

It is hard to imagine, when you live in "The Land of 10,000 Lakes," a shortage of water... not having cool, clean water to drink. But on that hot, hot, day as we walked through the garbage dump where 190 families live, we were confronted by the fact that, though we were parched and thirsty, if we drank from the bright blue water containers where the people drew pails of

water from, we would get very sick. They trucked in dirty, polluted water for the dump residents. Daily, the children and elderly get seriously ill or die from the bacteria in the water.



When we asked what could be done, the answer was simple: get them some water filters. Each filter costs \$50 and lasts 5-8 years. We would like to echo the 'kindly voice of God' and respond by giving a drink to those who are thirsty. You can help by either purchasing one of our 'Every drop counts!' water bottles available from the parish office or by making a donation to the water filter project. And/or the next time you fill your water bottle, say a little prayer for those who are thirsting.



St. Joseph's is going to see "Joseph"

**Sunday, December 12
7:30 p.m. at the Ordway**

- **Great seating**
- **Motor Coach to and from**
- **Beverages and snacks on board**
- **Tour of Christmas Lights**

**Tickets can be reserved now
(651) 482-8771**

Price: \$80

Payment due by November 7

Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus

St. Joseph's welcomes our newest baptized members, congratulates our newly married couples, and remembers those who have gone on before us. Our prayers are with all of them, their families, and our community.

BAPTISMS

<p><i>May 22</i> Jordan Alexander Pogue Child of Loren & Lindsey</p> <p><i>May 26</i> Richard Blake Busby Child of Richard & Julie</p> <p><i>June 6</i> Luke Yungo Pagel Child of Gene & Ivy</p> <p>Isabella Sofia Planting & Samuel Alexander Planting Children of Todd & Margaret</p> <p>Miles Daniel Prochazka Child of Daniel & Susannah</p> <p>Reece Maree Thomas Child of Joseph & Amanda</p> <p><i>June 19</i> Jack Henry Montgomery Child of Gerald & Lisa</p>	<p><i>June 20</i> Wyatt Anthony Juettner Child of Anthony & Jennifer</p> <p>Kellan Edward Sauber Child of Jerald & Amanda</p> <p>Oliver Erik Widmark Child of Erik & Rebecca</p> <p><i>July 18</i> Audrey Sandra Gilbertson Child of Garrett & Anna</p> <p>Benjamin Steven Leis Child of David & Sharon</p> <p>Sophia Marie Scharber Child of Matthew & Sarah</p> <p><i>July 31</i> Evan Alexander Growe Child of Shawn & Kristen</p>	<p>Bryce Thomas Sonnek Child of Jason & Christina</p> <p><i>August 14</i> Graham Patrick Davis Child of Anson & Heather</p> <p>Ava June Ganske Child of Garrett & Kristina</p> <p>Elliana Maria Nason Child of James & Elya</p> <p>Gabriella Lee Papineau Child of Stephen & Jennita</p> <p>Stella Lynnette Sauter Child of Ryan & Sara</p> <p>Holden Edward Then Child of Kurt & Corinne</p> <p>Madalyn Eva Waldoch Child of Daniel & Kelly</p>	<p><i>August 21</i> Samuel Clifton Dexter Child of David & Crystal</p> <p>Cullen Adam Kiedrowski Child of Adam & Jessica</p> <p><i>August 22</i> Ayla Marie Zahn Child of Dennis & Amy</p> <p>Landen Clayton Asp Child of Clayton & Kerry</p> <p><i>September 5</i> Anthony Louis Favilla, Jr. Child of Anthony & Carla</p> <p><i>September 12</i> Kaitlyn Andrea Chmielewski Child of Kurt & Jody</p> <p>Norah Rose Kelly Child of Adam & Heather</p>
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WEDDINGS

May 15
L.R. Bill Aurandt & Cina McNeil

June 12
Nicholas Knaeble & Amanda Kranz

June 18
Ryan Anderson & Jill Danielson

June 26
Matthew Lillyblad & Anne Karkela

August 13
Corey Hedgers & Karla Salwasser

August 28
Troy Thompson & Sara Chilson

DEATHS

Robert Adams
Mary Bergren
Adrienne Callin
Carol Comstock
Robert Goergen
Albert Keis
Warren Lakso
Richard Mewhorter
Thomas Nelson
Alice Slater
Anthony Swanson
Marie Ward

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Ask St. Joseph

Q Where is the labyrinth at St. Joe's?

A The labyrinth is located in the grassy area on the west end of the parking lot. It's just south of the bonfire area. The labyrinth is available for your use anytime you'd like to use it for your personal prayerful reflection time.



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