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**We are unworthy
servants; we have
only done what was
our duty.**

Luke 17:10

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.06.19

Welcome New-member registration forms are available in the church entrances and on our website. One Eucharistic family united on our faith journey: Welcome Home!

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SAVE THE DATE!

**Holy Family's Holiday Fair
will be on Saturday,
November 16th.**

**St. Joseph the Worker's
Fall Brunch will be on
Sunday, November 17th.**

It's BOOYA Time!

A thick soup of Belgian origin -
loaded with meats and vegetables

Sunday, October 27th

4-7 pm

Holy Family Parish Hall

211 N. Hunt Street, Lake Crystal

All you can eat! Bread, drink
and dessert included.

Adults: \$6, Children: \$4, Under 5:

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Facets of Francis

Last Friday, October 4th, was the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. You may have noticed the intercession last week inspired by his love (and care) for creation and animals. However, there is so much more to the story of Francis, and by the way, there are many saints named Francis – how many can you name? Four years ago, I wrote briefly about one of the most popular saints, but I'd like to mention a few other incidents or stories that provide more facets to understand his unique personality.

As you may know, Francis grew up in a prosperous family; his father was a merchant dealing in silk fabrics. He was a bit of a "wild child," who enjoyed carousing and went off on military pursuits, one leading to his capture after the battle. Perhaps from that time in imprisonment or other experiences, worldly pursuits lost their charm for him and he had a life-changing experience at the small church of San Damiano (St. Damian). As he prayed before the crucifix in this church that was falling in disrepair, Francis heard Jesus speak to him, "Francis, rebuild my church, which you can see is falling into ruins." Francis took Jesus literally and started to work on the church, but slowly realized that the Lord had something much larger in store for him. Francis became an itinerant preacher, embracing poverty and drawing others to join in his mission of preaching the gospel. Perhaps you have seen replicas of the San Damiano crucifix or even have one in your home. It is a wonderful reminder of the call Francis received and the mission we have all received to help rebuild Christ's Church in our day and age.

Another famous incident involves the city of Gubbio and a wolf that was terrorizing the citizens: when Francis was asked to help, he traveled to Gubbio, listened to the people's story and then went in search of the wolf. Francis spoke gently to the wolf and came to understand that the wolf was hungry. He "negotiated" an agreement with the wolf that if the people provided him with some food, he would never harm them. Peace reigned in Gubbio following his ministry there, a testimony both to his concern for peace and love for animals. Two prayers, which have inspired many songs, are the Prayer of St. Francis ("*Make me an instrument of your peace...*") and the Canticle of the Creatures ("*Brother Sun ... Sister Moon ...*"). These are some of the inspiration for his being a patron saint of creation and the environment.

Lastly, Francis had a great love for Christ and a deep appreciation for the mystery of the cross and suffering. His prayer before the crucifix is well known and he preached Christ crucified, becoming one of the few (and probably the first) saints to have experienced the stigmata – suffering the five wounds of Christ. There are many other stories and traditions that Francis inspired, like the Nativity scene (creche), but I mention these to encourage reflecting on the different facets of Francis that lead us to Christ. St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us!

Sincerely in Christ, *Father Tim Reker*

St. Joseph the Worker Church has something exciting to be proud of: our Fall Festival!

Sometimes, as humans, we take familiar things for granted or don't even realize how important they are to/for people. I want to share a few comments people expressed to me during the Fall Festival. Again this year, SJW invited our neighbors in a several block radius to join in the fun. Many of these neighbors showed up. I heard from them our festival is one of their favorite events in the neighborhood. Everyone had a different area where they spent their time but all enjoyed lunch and a slice of pie.

I had the pleasure of eating lunch with a couple who lives up on Skyline and drives by our church every day. They saw our sign advising the Fall Festival and received invites from their neighbors. After attending their own Sunday church service they decided to stop by. They told me the men out in the parking lot cooking food greeted them and the cashiers greeted them as they entered the gym. They felt welcomed to an unfamiliar environment. They walked around the gym taking in all the happenings. They could not believe all the Silent Auction items. They were blown away by all the sweets on the Sweet Treats Casino. They were in awe of Granny's Corner and the assortment of jars in the other corner of the gym. They kept repeating, "You have **so many** volunteers and they all look like they are having fun." Several other parishioners joined us over coffee and pie, and the couple said how fun it was to meet so many new people. The afternoon was slipping away and our pie gobbled up when they got up to leave and said they planned to be back again next year to join in the fun.

I think, as the world changes around us, we need to think about and look at the ways we can be disciples to those around us. One way remains the same, St. Francis of Assisi said, "Preach the Gospel at all times, and if necessary use words."

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Fall Festival, the committee chairs, volunteers, everyone who came and took part, the clean up people, parish office staff, and Father Reker, our shepherd. People in the neighborhood and community are realizing St. Joseph the Worker Parish is actively living out our mission, "One Eucharistic family united on our faith journey: Welcome Home!" -Terri Michels

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday, Oct 8:

SJW 12:05pm - †Jim Lawrence

Wednesday, Oct 9:

Hillcrest 9:30am - Word and Communion

SJW 8:30am - Reparation of Sins

Thursday, Oct 10:

HF 8:30am - †Norma Webb Baack

Pathstone 10:15am - Word and Communion

Friday, Oct 11:

SJW 12:05pm - †Robert Amberg

Saturday, Oct 12: 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

SJW 5:00pm - †Bob Meurer

Sunday, Oct 13: 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

HF 8:30am - For the Parishioners

SJW 10:30am - †Joseph Phillips

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
 Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
 Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

Congratulations to Mike Kortuem the "301" winner of 100 for Sept 28!



We pray for the family and friends of **Patrick Nolan (SJW)** who passed away September 23rd. *May he rest in peace.*

PICK UP YOUR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY! The new directories are here and available at the front entrances of both HF and SJW. If your family was photographed by Lifetouch OR you submitted a photograph to us, you get a FREE parish directory. Directories are labeled by name, please take ONLY yours. If you do not see yours or you did not participate, but would like to purchase a directory, contact us at office@sjwhf.org or call 388-3766. Cost is \$10.

We welcome to the Catholic community, Lukas Ray Haugum, who was baptized at SJW on Sunday, October 6.



Stewardship of TREASURE

Holy Family

Sept 28, 2019
\$1,325.00

Fiscal Year to Date
\$24,038.89 Actual
\$27,571.76 Budget

St. Joseph the Worker

Sept 28 & 29, 2019
\$5,506.02

Fiscal Year to Date
\$72,692.44 Actual
\$85,321.51 Budget

Children's Weekly Stewardship

Treasure: HF: 0.00 SJW: \$0.00

This Week at a Glance

Mon. 10/7: 1:00pm Mission Quilting - SJW
2:30pm Girls on the Run - Youth Room
Tues. 10/8: 6:30pm Joint Pastoral Mtg. - SJW Mtg. Rm
Wed. 10/9: 5:30pm Simple Supper - SJW Gym
6:00pm Faith Formation Class - SJW
6:00pm Faith Formation Class - HF
Thurs. 10/10: 2:30pm Girls on the Run - SJW Gym
Sat. 10/11: 4:00pm Confession - SJW
Sun. 10/12: 8:00am Confessions - HF
Stewardship Fair Weekend - SJW

Liturgical Ministries

SATURDAY, OCT 12

SJW—5:00 P.M. MASS

Reader: Mark Greenwood

Servers: Noah & Logan Landsteiner, **SUB**,

ECM: Terri Michels, Mary Jo Synder, Jan Mountain,
Gwen Stavenau, Peg Fallenstein, **2 SUBS**

Ushers: David & Ryan Hassing,
Warren Michels, Irene Hammerschmidt

Musicians: Julie & Bob Dickhudt

SUNDAY, OCT 13

HF—8:30 A.M. MASS

Reader: Marty Cassem

Servers: Nettie Parsons, Charlotte Slama

ECM: Judy Karau, Mary Cassem, **1SUB**

Ushers: Darrell Ehlers, John Sickler

Musicians: Jan Osten, Dianne Rothfork, Barb Rock

SJW—10:30 A.M. MASS

Reader: Caroline McGowan

Servers: Melanie & Isabelle Kremer, Grace Moeller

ECM: Carl Fasnacht, Donna & Richard Hansen,
Susan Peller, Wendy Weingartz, Jean Schmidt, **1SUB**

Ushers: Rich Peller, Randy Haley,
Charles Schmidt, Jim Zwaschka

Musicians: Sister Janet, Anne Richardson

SJW: Doorkeeper: Randy Haley

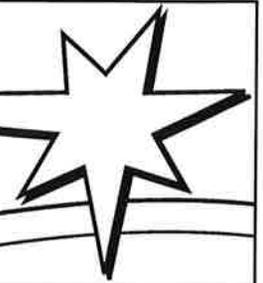
STEWARDSHIP FAIRS

This year instead of one large event, the Stewardship Committee will be hosting four "mini" fair weekends to bring focus to specific ministries by category. The event will be in the gym following Mass. Refreshments will be served, and ministry volunteers will be available to answer questions and gather contact information for those interested in exploring new opportunities.

- October 12 and 13, 2019 – Liturgical Ministries
- November 2 and 3, 2019 – Leadership, Administration and Physical
- January 11 and 12, 2020 – Social Outreach Ministries
- February 8 and 9, 2020 – Faith Formation

Please join us after Mass October 12 and 13 for our first MINI FAIR to learn more about the following Liturgical Ministries; Lectors, Servers, Sacristans, Ushers, Linen Care, Church Environment, Eucharistic Ministers, Music Ministry and Sanctuary cleaning.

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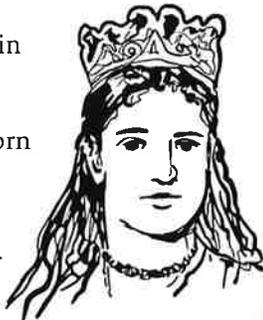
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Holy Family, Lake Crystal, MN



Thoughtful Moments

St. Hedwig of Silesia

A model of steadfast faith in prosperity and hardship, St. Hedwig was born to the Duke of Croatia and married the Duke Henry of Silesia. They had a happy marriage and together founded a convent, monasteries and hospitals. Two of their children, Henry and Conrad, caused their parents considerable hardship with their fighting until Hedwig negotiated a truce. After her husband's death, Hedwig became a Cistercian nun and lived simply, only keeping her wealth for charity.



Too busy?

At the end of our lives, we aren't going to think, "I wish I had worked more." We are going to long for more time with our loved ones. A child needs the undivided attention of his or her parent for a little while each day. Don't be so busy that you miss even one special moment with yours.

"... As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord"
(Joshua 24:15).



Help your child live a good Catholic life

The best way to ensure our children will live good Catholic lives as adults is to build a strong Catholic foundation while they are young. That foundation will make it likely that they will continue to live their faith. Consider these suggestions:

Lay the foundation. Make sure your child is getting the Catholic education she deserves so she has all the necessary resources on which to draw in adulthood. Support her religious education, whether she attends Catholic school or the parish school of religion, by supervising homework and helping her master the prayers and doctrine required.

Present positive influences. Present

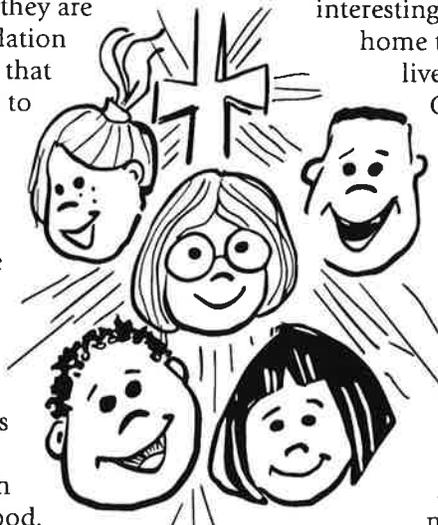
to youngsters grown-ups whose lives you would like your children's to mirror when they are adults. Invite interesting, religious adults to your home to talk about how they live their faith. Bonus:

Offering appropriate role models gives children substitutes for the less-desirable celebrities of today.

"Do as I do." Don't kid yourself into thinking that you can live by the world's rules yourself but expect your children to follow God's rules.

Abraham's nephew, Lot, made that mistake and

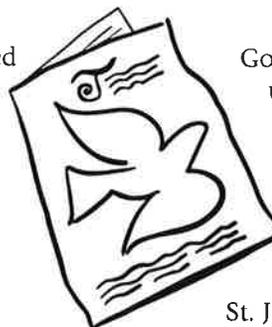
lost most of his family during an emergency. They didn't respect him because his words and deeds didn't match (Genesis 19). To raise faithful Catholics, we have to be faithful Catholics ourselves – and that begins with going to Mass every week.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

A litany is a prayer formed by a list of invocations and petitions. It is part of the rich prayer tradition of the Church. Litanies are addressed to God, Jesus, Mary, and the saints. The saints, who are closer to

Why do Catholics have litanies?



God, can intercede with God for us here on earth. Today, litanies sometimes are used in the Church's worship.

Only a few are approved, including the Litany of the Saints, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Sacred Heart, and St. Joseph.

Parish & Area Announcements

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF TODAY ON RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY - Pick up your baby bottle at the back of the church today to help Catholic Charities' Mother and Child Assistance Fund provide women who are considering adoption and/or parenting with financial assistance. The raised funds help women and children right here in Southern Minnesota! *"Receiving this grant will help me pay my rent & utilities and will keep a roof over my head, heat in my home, & lights in my home. Any help is greatly, greatly appreciated!"* -Angela

40 DAYS FOR LIFE MIDWAY RALLY - All are invited to Mankato's 40 Days for Life Midway Rally on Sunday, October 13th at 12 pm in the public right of way outside of Mankato's Planned Parenthood. We will hear the conversion story of a former abortion provider: Dr. Haywood Robinson. Dr. Robinson will share the story of how Jesus worked in his life to bring him from supporting a culture of death to being a leader in the culture of life for the National 40 Days for Life team as their director of Medical Affairs and Education. Please don't stop praying! God is hearing your prayers! Sign up at 40daysforlife.com Contact Beverly Miller at 507.514.2425 with questions.

REVELATION: THE KINGDOM YET TO COME FOR ADVENT 2019 AND LENT 2020 - Join us for Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come. Father Tim Reker will lead the discussion. Cost of the Study will be \$30.00. Register online at: <http://sjwhf.org/scripture-study> or call the Parish Office. Sessions are as follows: Holy Family: Tuesday Mornings 8:30-10am - North Classroom. Dates: Nov. 12 & 26, Dec. 3, 10 & 17, Feb. 25, Mar. 3, 10, 17 & 24, & 31. St Joseph the Worker: Tuesday Evenings 6:30-8pm - Gym. Dates: Nov. 12, 19 & 26, Dec. 10 & 17, Feb. 25, Mar. 10, 17, 24 & 31. In Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come, presenter Jeff Cavins pulls back the veil on the rich symbolism present in Revelation. Discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean and see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." Explore the Church's teaching on the second coming of Christ and the Last Judgment. Understand how God, the Divine Bridegroom, and the Church, his spotless bride, enter into a heavenly, holy, and mystical marriage every time we celebrate Mass.



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Mon-Fri.: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Contact Information

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Pastoral Staff

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Sacraments

Baptism - Please contact Fr. Reker in the parish office to schedule the baptism and the baptism preparation class.

Marriage - Congratulations on your engagement! Please contact Fr. Reker at least 6 months in advance to begin preparation.

Anointing of the Sick - If you or a family member is homebound or in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please notify the office.

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