



September 2025 Newsletter

MASS TIMES

Monday—Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 6:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 5:30 p.m.
or by appt.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m.—11:59 p.m.
Saturday: 12:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday: 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
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Pastor's Corner



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our continued prayers go out to the community of Annunciation School and Parish. Bishop Cozzens shared, "My thoughts and prayers went immediately to the parents who lost children, and to the many children, families, and staff who have been deeply traumatized. I join Archbishop Bernard Hebda in begging for prayers for the priests and faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis (for) 'the healing that only God can bring.'" One of our St. Joseph's parishioners, who is a parent of a teacher who was proclaiming Psalm 139, "there is no darkness that God cannot overcome," at their school Mass at the time of this tragedy, wrote "Let's continue to pray and show the world that Jesus Christ is the only way forward in times of tragedy like this. Let's especially pray for the families who lost loved ones yesterday." Our parish and school staff gathered at noon on the day off the incident to pray the rosary with these intentions.

At St. Joseph's our Safety Concerns Committee, comprised of parish staff, school staff, and local law enforcement, meets regularly to discuss, problem-solve, and take actionable measures to enhance and ensure the safety of all our campuses. Through these ongoing conversations and plans, we are continually reviewing and strengthening the ways we safeguard our community.

We had a wonderful Back to School night with new and returning families and by the time you read this we will already have had our first day back!

Faith Formation for St. Joseph's and St. Francis de Sales will begin with a **FAITH FORMATION KICKOFF FOR ALL FAMILIES on September 14th at 4:00pm at St. Joseph's Church.** We are asking all families to attend to begin the year in common prayer, hear more about our new approach for this year, and to ask any questions you may have.

Bishop Cozzens has called for greater support for families to pass on the faith to their children and to engage our older youth in small groups with adult mentors. To implement this vision, **I asked Dcn. Mark Krejci and Mr. Bob Noel from the Office of Missionary Discipleship for the Diocese of Crookston, and members of St. Joseph's parish, to help the parish begin to implement this new approach.** We will eventually be hiring a Director of Evangelization to lead this effort, but for this year Dcn. Mark and Bob will be leading faith formation for the parish. **I have hired Alonzo Cruz to serve in the role of the Evangelization Associate to assist Bob and Dcn. Mark,** and eventually the Director of Evangelization, in running faith formation at the two parishes.

Together we embark on a new school year filled with grace and opportunity. Please keep all of our students and families in your prayers. We are never too old to remember the excitement of the first day of school.

Blessings,
Fr. Vincent

Liturgy

Today we celebrate the 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. The readings challenge us to recognize our limits and detach from materialism in order to follow Christ fully. True discipleship means carrying our cross and learning to forgive. Wisdom begins with humility—acknowledging that only God's way leads us to true life.

Over 3,000 years ago, Pharaoh Akhenaten declared the sun the only god, banning all others. His devotion wasn't entirely misplaced—the sun's power is undeniable. Psalm 19 reflects this awe: the sun rejoices like a champion and nothing escapes its heat.

We too long to be someone's "sun"—the center of light and warmth in relationships, especially within families. But losing that status can cause pain, even bitterness. A teenager once wrote in an advice column, bitterly blaming her parents for moving and "ruining" her life. This is not what Jesus meant when he said we must "hate" our families to follow him. He meant: He must come first, above all.

Only Christ can rightly make such a claim. Like in the steps of recovery in AA, we must surrender to a power greater than ourselves. That's the heart of today's message—we need God's wisdom to guide us.

In the second reading, Paul sends back the slave Onesimus not as property, but as a brother in Christ. No one is beyond redemption or love in God's eyes.

As the Eucharistic Prayer says, "from the rising of the sun to its setting," Jesus is the one true light. He alone never fades. All other stars pale in comparison.

~ Fr. René J. Butler, M.S., La Salette Missionaries of North America, Hartford, Connecticut

Congratulations to Hailey Kindem and Nicholas Fulks, recently married at St. Joseph's Church. May the joy of their wedding day remain alive because of their commitment to Christ and to each other.

Prayer Corner

St. Joseph's Parish family offers our prayers and sympathy to the families of those who have recently passed on to their eternal reward: **Patrick Hecker, Kathleen Altobell, Lyle Rasmussen, Isaac Benedict, Penny Julius, Judy Frisch, Roy Klinger and Tim Anderson.** May they and all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Parishioners in Need of Prayers (please continue to pray for:)

Susan Baumgart
Betty Chapa
ShaLane Cunningham
Elaine Jacobs
Pete Keller

Carole Mitchell
MaryAnn Nord
Rachel (Torgerson)
Steckling

Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, September 8 *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
9:00 a.m. + Al & + Jackie Sanofsky

Tuesday, September 9 *St. Peter Claver, Priest*

Col 2:6-15; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:12-19
8:00 a.m. + Ken Schlotfeldt
9:00 a.m. + Rosemary Wasilewski—*Farmstead*

Wednesday, September 10

Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
8:00 a.m. + Randy Stefanson

Thursday, September 11 *Patriot Day*

Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-38
8:00 a.m. + Marian Greenwood

Friday, September 12 *Most Holy Name of Mary*

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a & 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
8:00 a.m. + Darrell Miller

Saturday, September 13 *St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a & 6-7; Lk 6:43-49
5:00 p.m. + Catherine Fischer

Sunday, September 14 *Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
8:00 a.m. + Jenny Loy
10:00 a.m. + Evert Wiisanen
6:30 p.m. For The People

Now Hiring

Now Hiring: Communications Coordinator
St. Joseph's Parish – Moorhead, MN
Part-Time (0.5–1.0 FTE)

St. Joseph's Parish is seeking a **Coordinator of Communications** to support parish and community outreach. Key duties include managing our website, social media, and weekly parish updates.

Qualifications:

- Practicing Catholic
- Experience or education in communications
- Strong writing and tech skills
- Familiarity with or willingness to learn Canva, Adobe, Flocknote

Qualifications:

- Practicing Catholic, active in parish life
- Able to witness the faith with confidence
- Organized, flexible, and self-motivated
- Ministry experience and related degree preferred but not required

To apply for either of these positions: Send cover letter and resume to Deacon Mark Krejci at mkrejci@stjoeshmd.com. Reviews begin early August



Marriage Banns



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO THE FOLLOWING COUPLES:

Carter Blackwell & Abbey Kautzman
Exchange of Vows: September 13, 2025

Elijah Benney & Cindy Cervantes
Exchange of Vows: September 20, 2025

Around the Parish

Attention moms of all ages: Looking for a Bible study? Join St. Joseph's Mothers and Children (**MACH 1**) for our **first meeting of the year on Wednesday, September 10 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.** in the St. John Newman Room. MACH 1 offers for moms of all ages informal bible study with a variety of experiences including speakers, group discussions, shared laughter, food and prayer. MACH meets following the school calendar on Wednesdays from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Daycare is provided onsite by adult caregivers for a nominal fee and scholarships are available.



Knights of Columbus Council #4463 Meets the first Tuesday of each month (Sept–June) at 6:30 PM at St. Francis de Sales. All members are encouraged to attend. Interested in joining? Contact Grand Knight Robert Shaw at robshaw1964@gmail.com or 701-361-4254 (call/text). **KC CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER:** The \$100 KC Calendar Raffle winner is Jon Lindquist – August 24, 2025. Congratulations.

Down Home Hoedown – Sept. 21
Join the 8th Annual Hoedown on **Sunday, Sept. 21** at **The Pines near Davenport!** Enjoy food, live entertainment, and auctions, all supporting families emerging from homelessness. Founded by St. Joe's parishioners Jake & Jenessa Fillipi. Details & tickets: down-home.org/events



In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks clearly about the cost of discipleship. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul responds to this call by embracing works of charity and justice. As their mission states: "*Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice... making no distinction in those served, because in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ.*" Have you considered answering Christ's call to serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

Weekly Donations

THE WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION REPORT for the weekend of August 30-31 was not available as of the printing of this bulletin. That information will be provided in the December 10 weekly bulletin.

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