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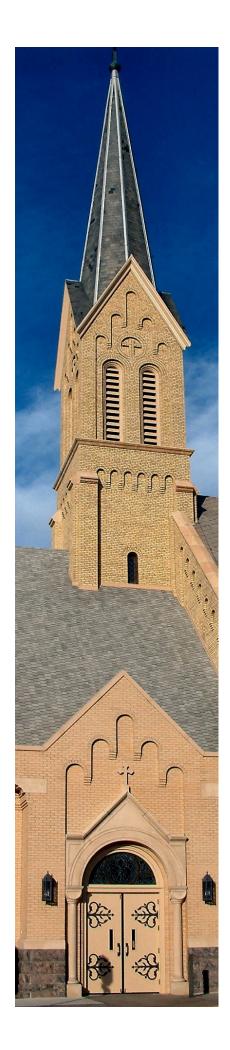
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### NOTE from the PASTOR

### Dear Parishioners,

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new quarterly St. Joseph magazine! This is the first issue, and the next one will be released just before Thanksgiving. Here's a quick overview of some upcoming events in the next 90 days.

Our main focus will be on kicking off permeant small groups. They were very popular last spring and will now be a key part of our parish activities. You can find more information about the fall offerings by visiting <a href="stjosephwaconia.org">stjosephwaconia.org</a> and clicking on the small groups button. There are both new and existing groups covering various topics, and many groups are open to new members. Take a look and see which group interests you. We also have a number of video series planned, including the Eucharist, Bible study, the Mass, and an overview of Catholic teaching, which I will lead, and the others I support. Each series will also provide an opportunity to connect with other parishioners on a deeper level. It will be a valuable experience for you!

Here are some upcoming annual events:

- First day of school: Monday, August 26
- Nickle Dickle Day: September 14. Our parish will be the center of the classic car show and will host the 3-on-3 basketball tournament, which attracted over 120 teams last year. In the evening, there will be a 3-point shooting contest and a slam dunk contest featuring many of Minnesota's best high school players. Our parish raffle with cash prizes up to \$2,500 will also take place on this day!
- Anointing Mass: Tuesday, September 17 at the 8:15 am Mass
- Wednesday, September 25 Mass at Lowry Nature Center for the school and guests
- Rake for a Reason on All Saints Day, November 1

Additionally, we have some ongoing events:

- Sunday Evening Masses at 7:30 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, starting on September 8. These are less formal Masses held in the chapel, designed for those who were out of town, work weekend shifts, and the youth.
- Faith formation classes for grades K-12

Please keep an eye on the weekly bulletin and our website for more updates and details!

May God bless you,

In Stan Mader

Fr. Stan Mader

**Pastor** 

## New STAFF

#### MARA DEHNING, OFFICE MANAGER



### What are you excited for about working at St. Joseph?

I'm very excited to get to know the families and students. I used to work in an elementary school before going into corporate Ameri-

ca and I really missed the feeling of community.

#### What is your favorite part of Mass?

My favorite part of mass is the homily, I enjoy that father and deacon put perspective into our daily lives so that we can carry it with us throughout the week. I love that we are blessed to have a "teaching" priest and that we learn about the background of where and what was going on during the time of the 1st and 2nd readings. Most churches just do the readings without explanations, so I feel we are extra blessed!

What would you choose to do if money was not a concern? If money was not an option I think I'd love to be a sommelier at a winery in Italy. I love meeting people and enjoy a good glass of wine and of course the scenery in Italy, which I have never seen.

### If you could meet one person, living or dead, who would you choose?

If I could meet one person it would be one of the founding fathers, I'd love to get their input on the world these days!

### What food would you choose if you could only eat one thing for the rest of your life?

If I could only choose one food, it undoubtedly would be something Thai, I love curry, coconut and basil, all flavors that are encompassed into Thai food. Rama Thai Delight, Yummy!

#### Favorite scripture or quote:

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven." (Luke 6:37)

## TEDDY COLLING DIRECTOR OF MARKETING & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



## What are you excited for about working at St. Joseph?

I am excited to put my love for communication and media to work for the Church and Catholic education. Catholic education holds a special

place in my heart, and I love that we're able to teach the fullness of our humanity by expanding our students' knowledge of natural and supernatural realities.

#### What is your favorite part of Mass?

To me, there's nothing better than receiving the Eucharist, *specifically* the anticipation of receiving. Bowing my head and humbly recognizing the merciful, generous, and unbridled love of God for me, made present in bread and wine.

What would you choose to do if money was not a concern? I think I would open a restaurant, somewhere on a beach. Breakfast and Ice Cream.

### If you could meet one person, living or dead, who would you choose?

Aside from Jesus, who I hope to meet someday, I wish I could have one more conversation with my great-grandma, Angie. "Granny" as we affectionately called her, has made a profound impact on my life and faith, and I'd love for her to hear all about my wife, my two kids, and the way life has been since she passed.

## What food would you choose if you could only eat one thing for the rest of your life?

I'd definitely get sick of it, but peanut butter has a good mix of salt, fat, and proteins and could be the logical choice.

#### Favorite scripture or quote:

"But now, thus says the Lord... 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine... you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you." (Isaiah 43: 1 & 4)

## New STAFF

## TIM JANTZEN ADVEMCEMENT AND ENROLLMENT MANGEMENT



What are you excited for about working at St. Joseph?

I am excited to get to know our current families more personally and to meet new families coming through the doors.

### What is your favorite part of Mass?

My favorite part of Mass is leading my family up to Communion, watching them receive Jesus in the Eucharist or receive their blessing.

What would you choose to do if money was not a concern? This is it!

If you could meet one person, living or dead, who would you choose?

It would be great to get some fatherly advice from St. Joseph!

What food would you choose if you could only eat one thing for the rest of your life?

Pizza is my favorite!

#### Favorite scripture or quote:

"Nothing gives me greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." (3 John 1:4)

### SUSAN SHOSTEDT FOURTH GRADE TEACHER



What are you excited for about working at St. Joseph?

What excites me most about working at St. Joseph is meeting the community.

### What is your favorite part of Mass?

My favorite part of Mass is the Homily.

What would you choose to do if money was not a concern? The job that I would choose would still be teaching, but perhaps in a third world country.

If you could meet one person, living or dead, who would you choose?

I would choose Jesus, if I could. I think that would be very cool!

What food would you choose if you could only eat one thing for the rest of your life?

I would pick Tacos. Yum!

#### **Favorite scripture or quote:**

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)







### Experience the St. Joseph Difference WHERE FAITH & INNOVATION MEET

At St. Joseph, we are more than just a school-we are a community where faith and innovation go hand in hand. Our unique C-STEM program empowers students to become problem-solvers, innovators, and leaders, all while being deeply rooted in Catholic values. Imagine your child exploring science, technology, engineering, and math through dynamic, hands-on projects that ignite their natural curiosity! Families who are already part community cherish the supportive environment and the focus on holistic development.

If you are a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and haven't yet enrolled your child, now is the perfect time to discover what makes our school special. Our dedicated teachers, vibrant learning spaces, and strong moral foundation make St. Joseph the ideal place for your child to grow, learn, and thrive. Come see for yourself how we blend tradition with forward-thinking education to prepare students for a bright future. Join us in shaping tomorrow's leaders today!

To schedule a visit, receive a tour, or learn more about enrollment, please call St. Joseph School at 952-442-4500 and ask for Tim Jantzen, or email him at tjantzen@stjosephwaconia.org.







### **ACTIVITIES & ATHLETICS**

FALL SOCCER (Co-Ed)

Grades: Kindergarten-8 Grade Season: September - October

**ROBOTICS** 

Grades: 4-8 Grade

Season: Start of school - mid-December

MATH LEAGUE

Grades: 6-8 Grade

Season: September - January

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Grades: 4-8 Grade

Season: Start of School - October

**CROSS COUNTRY** 

Grades: 3-8 Grade

Season: Early September - Early October

**BASKETBALL** (Boys & Girls)

Grades: 4-8 Grade

Season: December - Early February

SKI CLUB

Grades: 5-8 Grade

Season: December - February

**SPRING SOCCER** 

Grades: Kindergarten -6 Grade (Co-Ed)

Season: April - May

THEATER

Grades: 5-8 Grade Season: Spring

**BASEBALL** 

Grades: 4-8 Grade

Season: May - July (Subject to Change)

SOFTBALL

Grades: 4-8 Grade

Season: May - July (Subject to Change)





## Where Innovation Meets Imagination C-STEM CAMP

This summer, C-STEM camp delivered an unforgettable experience for 24 eager students, turning their curiosity into tangible skills and memories. The camp's success was evident as students rotated through four diverse modules, each designed to ignite their passion for science, technology, engineering, and math.

One of the highlights was the use of VR headsets, allowing students to virtually explore and study Earth's various habitats. This immersive experience deepened their understanding of the environment and sparked discussions about conservation and biodiversity. In the engineering module, students let their creativity soar by constructing impressive structures, some of which will soon be showcased in our new C-STEM exhibit, offering a glimpse into the minds of these young innovators.

The excitement continued as students delved into circuitry, where they learned the basics of electrical

circuits. The culmination of this module was the creation of their own working flashlights, a project that quite literally illuminated their newfound knowledge. But the learning didn't stop there—each day concluded with explorations in the SmartLab. Here, students interacted with cutting-edge technology, including Dash robots, Pixie 4, and Scratch programming, developing problem-solving and coding skills in a fun and engaging way.

The energy, enthusiasm, and creativity displayed throughout the camp were nothing short of inspiring. As the instructors begin to brainstorm for next year's camp, the question on everyone's mind is: How will they top this year's incredible experience? You'll just have to join us next summer to find out and be part of another thrilling journey of discovery and innovation!

## Youth Making an Impact

This summer, we witnessed the incredible reach of our Camp Impact program, where, in just five sessions, we touched the lives of hundreds within our community. We are thrilled to announce that this year's camp reached its maximum capacity, marking the fourth consecutive year of this growing and beloved ministry.

Our young ladies rose to the occasion with enthusiasm and heart. At Gather & Grow, they unpacked and stocked hundreds of essential items, ensuring that shelves were filled with necessities for those in need. They also packed hundreds of thoughtfully curated summer bags, each filled with care and compassion.

At Trending Upward, our team worked tirelessly to sort through countless donations, ensuring that shoppers received only the highest quality goods. Their efforts made a tangible impact, particularly in the Love Inc. diaper ministry, where they sorted and labeled hundreds of diapers for families in need.

The popularity and impact of Camp Impact continue to grow, and we are deeply grateful for the unwavering support and participation of our community. Together, we're not just serving—we're making a profound difference in the lives of those around us, reflecting the love of Christ through every act of kindness.









# St. Joseph Youth Embark on a Life-Changing Mission Trip

BILLINGS, MONTANNA | JUNE 2024

This past June, for the first time in over a decade, the high school youth of St. Joseph embarked on a mission trip in partnership with Mary of the Visitation in Becker, MN. Our destination? The community of Billings, Montana, where we joined forces with over 300 other students and chaperones at Catholic Heart Work Camp (CHWC).

The journey began with a stop at the breathtaking Teddy Roosevelt National Park, a perfect prelude to our mission as we marveled at the majesty of God's creation. Upon arriving in Billings, our days were filled with meaningful service and spiritual enrichment. During the day, we split into groups to serve the local community—our girls dedicated their time to nursing homes, where they cleaned yards, planted flowers, and, most importantly, connected with the residents. The evenings were reserved for Mass, inspiring talks, adoration, reconciliation, and vibrant praise and worship, deepening our faith and sense of purpose.

The impact of this mission trip was profound. As Isabelle M., one of our participants, reflects:

"Our mission trip to Billings, Montana, was truly a memorable experience, and I am so grateful I was able to go. Along with the kids from Becker, I met so many other amazing teens who share the same love for their faith that I have. Not only did we work together to better the community through acts of service, but we also connected through prayer, adoration, small group talks, worship music, and games. The speakers, leaders, and counselors at CHWC showed how great God's love is for us and made the experience something I will never forget. I wish I could fully convey what we felt in Billings, but to truly understand, you had to be there. That's why I hope more teens will take up the call next year and join us at Catholic Heart Work Camp in St. Louis."



Our youth returned home with hearts full of joy, memories to last a lifetime, and a renewed commitment to living out their faith. We invite more teens to join us next year on this incredible journey of service, faith, and fellowship.

If you're an incoming freshman through senior in high school, we invite you to join us for an unforget-table mission trip to St. Louis from July 5-12 next year. Registration kicks off at the end of September, so be sure to pick up a form and submit it by September 24.

We're excited to build on the success of our first year and look forward to an even larger group for this incredible experience of faith, service, and fellowship.

For more information or to secure your spot, contact Kirstin Bularzik at <u>952-442-3705</u>, or visit the parish office to pick up a registration form. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity!







### High School Boys Ignite Their Faith

STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE | JULY 2024

During the last weekend of July, six high school boys, accompanied by two chaperones, attended the Steubenville Conference in St. Paul, MN. Alongside 2,100 other high school students and chaperones on the University of St. Thomas campus, they immersed themselves in a weekend of praise and worship, Mass, adoration, reconciliation, and inspiring talks. The experience left them with a renewed sense of faith, and they returned home eager for next year's event.

But don't just take our word for it—here's what some of the participants had to say about their experience:

Ethan R. shared, "My favorite part was seeing how many teens wanted to grow closer to God by coming to this retreat. I learned that there are so many ways to worship God, and it's okay to feel uncomfortable with worship styles you're not familiar with."

Max K. reflected, "I really enjoyed Steubenville because it was incredible to experience Mass with a group as large as

2,000 people. The live music and great speakers were also highlights. Plus, I got to learn more about my friends and their faith journeys."

Johnathan S. added, "The Steubenville Conference was a fantastic experience that helped us develop a closer relationship with God. The format made it easy to have fun while still focusing on our faith. I definitely felt my relationship with God grow stronger."

If you're a high school student interested in igniting your faith, registration forms are now available for next year's retreat, CONSUME. Forms are due by the last week of October, with the final registration deadline in the first week of November. We can't wait to bring an even larger group next year and watch the sparks of faith ignite!

Call Kirstin Bularzik at <u>952-442-3705</u> or visit the parish office for a registration form!



## FAITH FORMATION

**REGISTRATION 2024-25** 

You're invited to grow your Faith!



### Family Formation

K-5 Grade

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Sept 4, 2024 to Apr 9, 2025

6:00 - 7:00 pm



### **EDGE**

6-8 Grade

Sept 4, 2024 to Apr 23, 2025

**6:00 - 7:00 pm** 2nd & 4th Weds



### Confirmation

9-10 Grade

Starts on Aug 28, 2024

**7:00 - 8:30 pm** *Wednesdays* 



### Legacy

11-12 Grade

Sept 18, 2024 to Apr 2, 2025

**7:00 - 8:30 pm** *1st & 3rd Weds* 

Faith Formation is a welcoming process of lifelong learning and formation in the Catholic faith at St. Joseph Catholic Community. Our curriculums help guide all of us to love Jesus and His Church, to live out our Catholic faith, and to prepare us to receive the Sacraments faithfully and continue to grow after Confirmation.

Please contact us with any questions or if you are interested in being a leader, we would love to hear from you!



#### **JULIE LOSCHEIDER**

K-5 Gr | 952-442-3703

#### **KIRSTIN BULARZIK**

6-12 Gr | 952-442-3705





### A Unique Way to Connect with Christ

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** 

Eucharistic Adoration is a special opportunity for us as Catholics to deepen their relationship with Jesus by praying before the Eucharist. While we can pray anywhere, Adoration offers a different experience—a chance to be with Christ in a more incarnational way.

You might wonder how Adoration differs from daily prayer. It's true that God is always with us, as Proverbs 15:3 reminds us: "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good." But during Adoration, Catholics believe they are in the real, substantial presence of Jesus—His body, blood, soul, and divinity. This makes Adoration a uniquely powerful experience, offering spiritual nourishment and strength.

Come to me all you who are weary & burdened and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

So, what do you do during Adoration? Simply being present is a joy to Jesus, but if you need help quieting your mind, there are several practices that can enhance your time:

- Read Scripture: Let God's Word speak to you as you sit with His Son or "with the Word Incarnate".
- Explore Spiritual Readings: Spiritual books, like those by the saints can be enriching.
- Pray the Rosary: The repetition of the Hail Mary can help you reflect on Christ's mysteries.
- Recite Simple Prayers: Short prayers like "Jesus, I trust in You" can guide you into a peaceful state.

Adoration takes practice, but with time, you'll come to appreciate simply being in His presence. If you seek His help, God will surely send His grace to guide you.

St. Joseph offers Eucharistic Adoration in our Chapel, located in the lower level of the church, four days a week: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 5:00-9:00 pm, and Tuesday from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. We also have a Holy Hour with vocal prayers on Thursdays at 4:00 pm. You can stop in at Adoration at any time for 10 minutes or for longer if you are able. If you feel called to commit to an hour of Adoration each week, please email us at adoration@stiosephwaconia.org.



### Sacraments Information

#### **BAPTISM**

It is always a joyous occasion when a person is baptized into the Catholic faith. Baptism is a sacrament of initiation that is the first step in the Catholic faith and makes them a child of God.

Parents looking to have an infant baptized are asked to call the Parish Office at <u>952-442-2384</u> to arrange for this sacrament – you don't need to wait until your child is born!

If you are an adult or youth who wishes to be baptized, please contact Kirstin Bularzik at 952-442-3705 or kbularzik@stjosephwaconia.org.



#### **EUCHARIST**

We believe that Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. We receive Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass. St. Joseph invites families with children in second grade and older to prepare for the reception of First Holy Eucharist by attending weekly Mass and fully participating in Faith Formation classes and events. Your child is required to receive First Reconciliation before receiving First Holy Eucharist.

Please contact, Julie Loscheider at <u>952-442-3705</u> for more information.

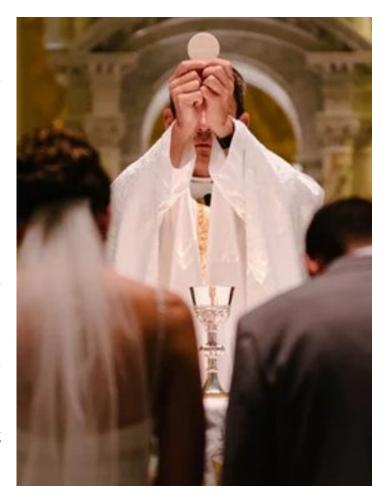
If you are an adult who wishes to receive communion, please contact Kirstin Bularzik at 952-442-3705 or kbularzik@stjosephwaconia.org.

#### MARRIAGE

The sacraments make Christ present in our midst. Like the other sacraments, marriage is not just for the good of individuals, or the couple, but for the community as a whole. The Old Testament prophets saw the marriage of a man and woman as a symbol of the covenant relationship between God and his people. The permanent and exclusive union between husband and wife mirrors the mutual commitment between God and his people. The Letter to the Ephesians says that this union is a symbol of the relationship between Christ and the Church.

Couples wishing to celebrate the sacrament of marriage at St. Joseph should be members of the parish or have family ties to the parish. It is recommended that couples begin preparing for this sacrament at least nine months before their intended wedding date.

Please contact Kirstin Bularzik if you are interested in receiving this sacrament by calling 952-442-3705 or kbularzik@stjosephwaconia.org



### **BECOMING CATHOLIC (OCIA)**

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Would you like to join the Catholic Church? The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a process through which participants are invited to grow more deeply in their faith and join the Catholic Church.

Through this process, participants attend weekly sessions to help them learn about the Catholic faith and prepare to enter the Catholic Church.

If you are interested in OCIA, as a participant, or a volunteer, contact Kirstin Bularzik by calling at 952-442-3705.





### SMALL GROUPS

### **LIVING FAITH & LIFE TOGETHER**

Small Groups draw adults into transformative friendship with Jesus and with one another.

#### **NEW GROUPS START SEPTEMBER 2024!**

We welcome anyone, no matter where they are on their faith journey! No experience is needed in a topic to join a group! These small groups encourage a sense of belonging and create a vibrant culture of fellowship.

Small groups are a part of the Synod implementation for the Archdiocese. A way of "Being Parish" as is seen in the Upper Room.

### **FALL TOPICS**

#### 1. Eucharist

Learn more about the Eucharist with "This is my Body" by Bishop Barron

#### 2. Mass

Learn more about the Mass through a video series, "Teach Me about the Mass", produced by the Archdiocese of Minneapolis & St. Paul

### 3. Scripture

Learn more about the scriptures with "Mysteries of the Bible" by Jeff Cavins

#### 4. Prayer

Learn more about prayer through a video series, "Teach Me How to Pray", produced by the Archdiocese of Minneapolis & St. Paul

#### 5. Catholicism

Learn more about our Catholic Faith through a parish-wide OCIA opportunity.



## GROUPS WILL OPEN IN AUGUST & START IN SEPTEMBER!

SCAN TO JOIN & LEARN MORE! STJOSEPHWACONIA.ORG





#### INTERESTED OR HAVE QUESTIONS?

### Respect Life Month

#### **OCTOBER**

October is recognized as Respect Life Month by the The phrase "from conception to natural death" is inherent dignity and worth of every person.

Respect Life Month serves as a reminder and a call to action for Catholics to uphold and advocate for the sanctity of life in all its stages, reinforcing the Church's commitment to life "from conception to Resources about pro-life teachings, are available in natural death."

The Catholic Church's teaching that all human life is sacred and should be respected from conception to natural death is based on the belief that every person is created in the image of God and possesses inherent dignity and worth. This dignity is considered inviolable and is not diminished by factors such as illness, disability, race, age, sex, or social condition.

Catholic Church, a time dedicated to promoting the central to the Church's stance on various moral and sanctity of human life. This observance aligns with ethical issues, including abortion, euthanasia, and the Church's teaching that all human life is sacred capital punishment. To support and promote these from conception to natural death. During Respect beliefs, the Church's Respect Life Ministry engages in Life Month, the Church intensifies its efforts to various activities such as education, prayer, educate and advocate on life issues, highlighting the legislation, and pastoral programs. These initiatives aim to address and provide guidance on issues like abortion, physician-assisted suicide, the death penalty, and end-of-life care, emphasizing the sanctity and respect for life at all stages.

the Narthex in the old confessional.

All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.

Pope Francis





### Looking Ahead

On the next two pages, you'll get a glimpse of the exciting events and activities coming up over the next few months at St. Joseph. From community gatherings to special celebrations, there's something for everyone. Be sure to keep an eye on the bulletin and our website for the most up-to-date information and additional events that may be added to the calendar. We don't want you to miss out on any of the opportunities to connect, grow, and participate in our vibrant parish life!

### **AUGUST 26**

Back-to-School!



The first day for grades 1-8 at St. Joseph is on August 26 with Kindergarten starting on August 28. Back to School Night is on August 21. This night includes getting this years school picture taken, so wear your best outfit and be ready to smile!

### **AUGUST 28**

Faith Formation



Wednesday, August 28, marks the start of Family Formation and Confirmation classes, launching a new year of faith and learning.

EDGE, our middle school youth ministry, kicks off the following week on Wednesday, September 4.

### **SEPTEMBER 2**

**Labor Day Mass** 



Monday, September 2, is Labor Day. Join us for Mass at 6:30 pm to celebrate together.

### **SEPTEMBER 14**

Nickle Dickle Day



Join us at St. Joseph for Nickle Dickle Day, where we'll be hosting an exciting 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament and a thrilling Slam Dunk/3-Point Shootout. Plus, don't miss out on our cash raffle! Be sure to register for the basketball events and submit your raffle tickets at the Parish Office.

### **OCTOBER 4**

Blessing of the Animals



On the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, join us for a special blessing of animals! Bring your pets to the parking lot at 5:00 pm, where Fr. Stan will offer a blessing for them.

### **OCTOBER 4**

Saints Scavenger Hunt & Fall Activities



On Friday, October 4, join us for a Raising Saints' Saint's Scavenger Hunt and Fall Activities! From 5:45 pm to 7:30 pm, the church and parish center will be filled with fun and engaging activities for families with children in fourth grade and under. This exciting event is completely free—don't miss out!

### NOVEMBER 1

All Saints' Day (Holy Day of Obligation)



All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 8:15 am and 7:00 pm. After the 8:15 am Mass, you're invited to visit the Saints Wax Museum, a special presentation by our fifth grade students.

### **NOVEMBER 2**

All Souls' Day



The Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated at 9:00 am on Saturday, November 2. We invite everyone to join us in honoring and remembering those who have lost a loved one over the past year. All are welcome.

### **NOVEMBER 18**

Turkey & Fixings



Save the Date for a fun and meaningful event where we'll gather and deliver food to those in need. We'll be collecting donations in the weeks leading up to the event. Stay tuned for more details!





### Litany of St. Joseph

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.
God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, pray for us.
St. Joseph, pray for us.
Illustrious son of David, pray for us.
Light of patriarchs, pray for us.
Spouse of the Mother of God, pray for us.
Chaste guardian of the Virgin, pray for us.
Foster father of the Son of God, pray for us.
Watchful defender of Christ, pray for us.
Head of the Holy Family, pray for us.

Joseph most just, pray for us. Joseph most chaste, pray for us. Joseph most prudent, pray for us. Joseph most valiant, pray for us. Joseph most obedient, pray for us. Joseph most faithful, pray for us. Mirror of patience, pray for us. Lover of poverty, pray for us. Model of workmen, pray for us. Glory of home life, pray for us. Guardian of virgins, pray for us. Pillar of families, pray for us. Solace of the afflicted, pray for us. Hope of the sick, pray for us. Patron of the dying, pray for us. Terror of demons, pray for us. Protector of Holy Church, pray for us.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord!

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord!

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us!

V. He made him the lord of His household, R. And prince over all His possessions.

#### Let Us Pray

O God, Who in Thine ineffable Providence didst vouchsafe to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most holy Mother, grant, we beseech Thee, that he whom we venerate as our protector on earth may be our intercessor in Heaven. Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.