



150th Anniversary Year of Saint Joseph Spring 2021

Dear Parishioners,

*God's blessings on you as we journey toward
The great Feast of Easter.*

*This lent has certainly been unique in many ways.
We have given up things we didn't want to give up.
We gave up visits with our family and friends, our
in person Masses, and our trips to restaurants.*

*Regardless of whether you have returned to
in-person Mass on a regular basis, we have room
for you this Holy week and Easter. I look forward
to seeing you. Check out our Web page for our
in-person and online Holy Week schedule.*

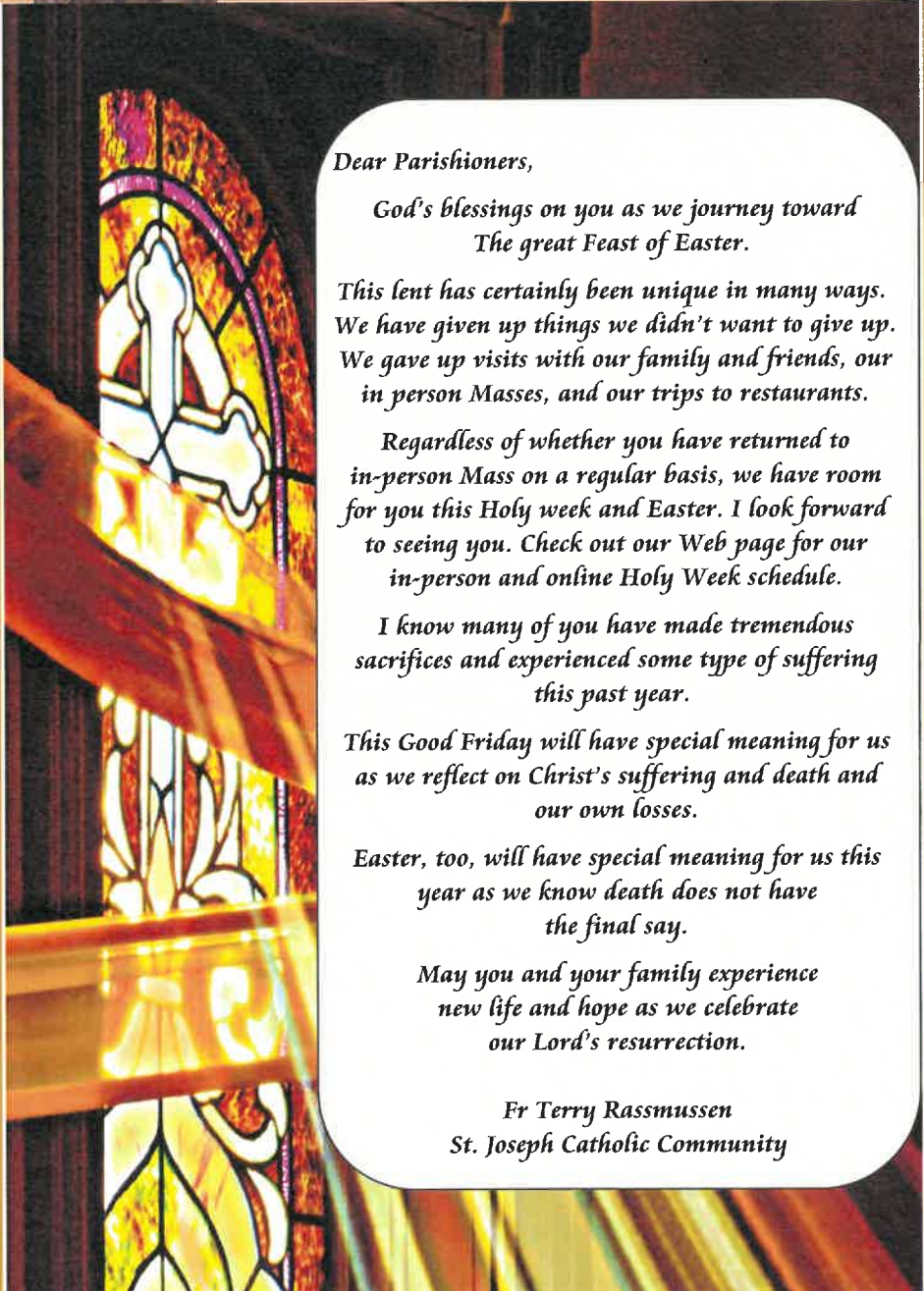
*I know many of you have made tremendous
sacrifices and experienced some type of suffering
this past year.*

*This Good Friday will have special meaning for us
as we reflect on Christ's suffering and death and
our own losses.*

*Easter, too, will have special meaning for us this
year as we know death does not have
the final say.*

*May you and your family experience
new life and hope as we celebrate
our Lord's resurrection.*

*Fr Terry Rasmussen
St. Joseph Catholic Community*





Lenten Liturgical Schedule

Lenten Friday Mass

All Fridays During Lent, 11:00am, in the Parish Center Sanctuary

Stations of the Cross

All Fridays During Lent, 3:00pm at the Little Church
12:00 Noon on Good Friday at the Parish Center

Individual Confession

Every Tuesday, 5:00pm, Every Thursday, 8:30am
Wednesday, March 31, 11:30am - 12:30pm
at the Parish Center

Communal Penance Service

Thursday, March 25, 7:00pm at the Parish Center

Palm Sunday Mass

Sunday, March 28, 10:00am Parish Center and Live Streamed
11:15am to Noon - Drive-Up: Communion, Palm Distribution, Alms Collection



Holy Thursday Mass - April 1

April 1, 7:00pm - Parish Center and Live Streamed

Good Friday - April 2

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

12:00 Noon at the Parish Center

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

7:00pm at the Parish Center and Live Streamed

Holy Saturday - April 3

EASTER VIGIL

8:00pm at the Parish Center and Live Streamed

Easter Sunday - April 4

MASS

8:00am at the Parish Center

10:00am at the Parish Center and Live Streamed

11:15am to Noon - Drive-Up Communion and Alms Collection



Palms and Holy Communion will be distributed on Palm Sunday, via drive-up March 28, 11:15am - 12 Noon, at the Parish Center.

Rice Bowls and other Alms/donations will be collected Palm Sunday in church, in the drive-up and at the Parish Center throughout Holy Thursday week.

KIDPACK UPDATE

KidPack is back in action with weekly deliveries to Robbinsdale Spanish Immersion School (RSIS) and Sonnesyn Elementary! Parish staff deliver the bags to the school staff who will then distribute them to the students. If you are willing to pack on a Wednesday night, contact Jason at jwittak@stjosephparish.com or if already a team member, reply to the note on Flocknote. To financially support KidPack, make checks payable to St. Joseph (KidPack in memo line) and mail to the Parish Office (Attn.: KidPack). Thank you for your continued support of KidPack and our school district students and families.



MISSION NURSING HOME BIRTHDAY GIFTS UPDATE



Birthdays are special occasions! After a 10-month break, we have restarted our Birthday Gift Program for Mission Nursing Home in Plymouth. If you are able to help, we will send you a resident's name and their gift wish - you then purchase, wrap and drop it off at church. Questions? Email Norma at norma.kinnunen@comcast.net.

FARE FOR ALL

Looking for a way to save on groceries? Fare for All is a cooperative purchasing program that sells packages of frozen meat & fresh produce for up to 40% off retail prices, ranging from \$10 - \$25 per package. Open to all - no questions asked. St. Joseph, as a community partner, will be one of the sites for drive through sales on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 3pm - 5pm. Upcoming Dates: March 24, April 28 and May 26. To learn more, visit: fareforall.thefoodgroupmn.org.



THE PARISH DIRECTORIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE



Pick them up at the Parish Office from 10am-2pm Monday-Friday or before and after all Masses. Copies are reserved for those individuals or families who had their pictures taken or submitted a picture in the Fall of 2019.

You may also pick up your copy of the directory in the drive-Up distribution lines on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

GET INVOLVED WITH YOUTH AND ADULT MINISTRY

www.stjosephparish.com/learn



PRE-K THROUGH ELEMENTARY

St. Joseph's continues their Faith Formation in-home learning model. Each month lessons, crafts, and activities are sent directly to your home. Danielle Johnson (pre-K through 1st) and Lauren Johnston (2nd through 5th) have been working hard to ensure quality lessons and materials, as well as guidance to families when they need it are received in your homes.

Faith Formation Registration is always open!
See www.stjosephparish.com/catechesis for more information.

IN TOUCH AND ON THE ROCK

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Middle School IN TOUCH and High School ON the ROCK continue to be virtual ministries to the youth of St. Joseph. We communicate through email to all families registered in the programs. Both middle school and high school are sent midweek materials, usually on Wednesday evenings, which are designed to prompt reflection and family discussion.



IN TOUCH and ON the ROCK meet in a Zoom sessions, discussing various faith topics. This is also our time to be as face-to-face with our youth in a safe way. It is refreshing to see the faces of those in attendance and the meetings are a high point to Larry and Brennan's week. IN TOUCH meets at 6:55pm on Sunday evening and ON the ROCK meets at 7:55pm.



St. Joe's Young Adults (a group of single and married people) meet once a month for faith-based discussion meetings, fun social events and service projects. Find out more: www.stjosephparish.com/young-adults.

ENGAGING FIRESIDE CHATS WITH FATHER MALEK, LPCC

ONLINE: WWW.STJOSEPHPARISH.COM/FIRESIDE-CHATS



"COVID-19 has created an unprecedented upheaval in the American culture, with over 500,000 fatalities, skyrocketing unemployment, and countless changes to education, daily routines, and social interaction. As more data becomes available, the pandemic's effects now reflect its enormous toll on loss and grief, mental health and an exploding demand for new treatment options."

We invite you to these current and upcoming online presentations by our favorite psychologist and visiting priest, Fr. Matthew Malek, LPCC as he discusses these issues in the times of COVID-19. Find "Wellness Matters" - "Loss and Grief" - "Complicated Grief" and "Social Justice" presentations on our website: www.stjosephparish.com/fireside-chats.

STEPHEN MINISTRY TELECARE

**Stephen
Ministry**



For parishioners wanting a confidential, caring listener, St. Joseph's Stephen Ministry offers comfort to those experiencing grief, loss, anxiety, loneliness, boredom or family issues. All shared feelings and conversation are held in sacred confidence. If you would like a trained Stephen Minister, who would call on a scheduled basis, agreed upon by the two of you, call the parish at 763.544.3352 and ask for Pat, ext. 114.



For those requesting the Sacrament of Anointing for themselves or family members going through a serious illness (e.g. cancer, COVID-19, injury), call the parish and ask for Father Terry or Pat Goetz and a meeting will be arranged.



Information packets are available for pre-planning Funeral Liturgies to ensure the wishes of the family are fully considered and meet during this difficult time. The packets are available on our website www.stjoseph.com/funerals or at the Parish Office.



Blessed Prayer Shawls, knitted and crocheted by women at St. Joseph's are another means of comfort and warmth for those experiencing illness and loss. Shawls are also a wonderful gift of celebration for births, baptisms or weddings.

www.stjosephparish.com/prayer-shawls

MASS AND RESERVATIONS

We invite you, friends and relatives to worship with St. Joseph Catholic Community in-person or online throughout the week. We offer the following in-person Masses at the Parish Center; those marked with the * are also available online www.stjosephparish.com:

Tuesday 5:30 PM

Wednesday* 9:00 AM

Thursday* 9:00 AM

First Friday* and Fridays During Lent 11:00 AM

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday* 10:00 AM



SATURDAY 4:30 PM PARKING LOT MASS

We welcome back the popular outdoor Mass at the Parish Center. The Mass will be held in the main parking lot, by the fountain, at the Parish Center in New Hope and will be broadcast on a local radio station. In the case of inclement weather, the Mass will be moved indoors to the sanctuary for those who are comfortable. Reservations are required, please visit www.stjosephparish.com/welcome-back to make your reservation.

SUNDAY 10:00 AM MASS AT THE PARISH CENTER

Sunday Mass at the Parish Center continues. Reservations are required. Due to the capacity limitations imposed by the State, reservations to all in-person weekend, Lent and Easter Masses are required and are available on our website beginning at noon on the Sunday before the upcoming Mass. Holy Week Mass reservations opened Sunday, March 14 at noon.



MASS RESERVATION CANCELLATIONS

Due to capacity limitations, we ask if you are unable to attend a Mass you have made reservations for, please cancel them via the Eventbrite reservation confirmation you received or follow the directions on any Enews or see www.stjosephparish.com/welcome-back.

VOLUNTEERS As we open more Masses and are delighted to welcome more parishioners to in-person Masses, we are looking for volunteers at our liturgies. To ensure Masses run smoothly, 18 volunteers are needed to assist at each Mass.

- Saturdays 4:30pm evening Masses are in need of parking ministers.
- Sunday and Holy Week liturgies are in need of entrance and seating ushers.

If you are a new liturgy volunteer, please contact Aaron VanDanacker, avandanacker@stjosephparish.com or 763-544-3352 to establish day(s) that work best for you. If you are returning liturgy volunteer, please access the online scheduling program and choose your individually customized schedule!

Note: If you are scheduled for a certain day and can no longer make that day work, it is very important you request a sub or a swap.

PRAYER FOR COVID-19



For all who have contracted coronavirus,
we pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,
we pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,
we pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions
between food on the table or public safety,
we pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,
we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,
we pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,
we pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision-makers,
we pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign
of hope, comfort and love to all.

**Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord.
Amen.**

Year of Saint Joseph



SAINT JOSEPH DEVOTIONS

To honor our Patron Saint Joseph during this special Year of Saint Joseph, enjoy weekly Wednesday devotions on Facebook and "The Year of St. Joseph" Flocknote group provide insight to who this great man is. Please check them out each Wednesday throughout 2021.

CUPPA JOE!

10 talks by 10 theologians on the 10 wonders of Saint Joseph, filmed at 10 Local Pilgrimages in our archdiocese entrusted to the patronage of our spiritual Father. These talks will premiere the first Tuesday of each month, March through December at 4:00 PM – just in time for your afternoon coffee! Saint Joseph Catholic Community in New Hope has been chosen as one of the pilgrimage locations and is honored to host Fr. Kevin Zilverberg, presenting "Just and Reverent Man." We invite you to view these fascinating talks on the Saint Paul and Minneapolis Archdiocese sites: Facebook, YouTube and Instagram. For other Year of Saint Joseph activities, prayers and events, visit www.stjosephparish.com/year-of-st-joseph.





SJCC SUPERHERO SHOWCASE!



St. Joseph's highlights our SJCC Superhero Show Case in our bulletin, Enews and Facebook. The showcase provides tribute to key SJCC individuals who make all the pieces fit! From staff to council members to parishioners who dedicate countless hours of their time, we greatly appreciate everything they do - Salute! To nominate a Superhero, please email nominee's name and their email address to communications@stjosephparish.com.



EVERYONE NEEDS LOVE EVERYONE NEEDS COMMUNICATION EVERYONE NEEDS SOMEONE

"St. Joe's Cares" program was launched last year to reach out to our parishioners who may be isolated, ill, lonely and/or disconnected. Our parishioners have designed beautiful cards and so far **340** Care Cards have been mailed. We wish to bring hope, joy and compassion to others by reaching out during these COVID times by creating handmade cards and mailing them. To become involved: www.stjosephparish.com/we-care.





SYNOD 2022 MOVES FORWARD

The Synod 2022 process continues to move forward. With the pandemic, a delay occurred to the parish level in-person discussions that were scheduled for Fall of 2020. In lieu of the delay, the Archbishop has taken information from the Disciples Maker Index survey (559 from St. Joseph's) and presented key areas of improvement that the Church will focus on during this upcoming year. These areas include:

- 1) Forming parishes that are at the service of evangelization
- 2) Forming missionary disciples who know Jesus' love and respond to His call
- 3) Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young

Watch our website for small group Listening Sessions at St. Joseph's, www.stjosephparish.com/synod-2022. For more family synod activities that can be done at home throughout the year please, see www.archspm.org/synod2022.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIES!

We experienced a very different St. Joseph's Christmas this year, however we had a fun time adjusting to the new normal and accepted change with grace. Our Masses transitioned to online and in-person with reservations, our choirs produced collaborative online masterpieces that delighted our parishioners, the Sonnek family gave us joy with their Christmas Sing-Along production, our Facebook community created a beautiful graphic with their descriptive words, and we from near and far, joyfully rung in the birth of our Lord Jesus.

SPRINGING AHEAD



ST. JOE'S GOLF AND SOFTBALL LEAGUES have been active for many years. Golf will play again this year on Tuesday afternoons, starting April 2, 2021. Sign up now and receive a free round of golf. If interested, see www.stjosephparish.com/golf. For Softball information watch the website www.stjosephparish.com/softball.



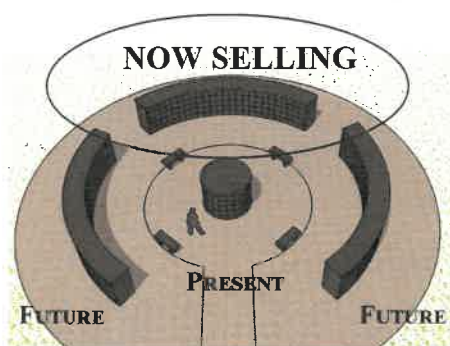
*"I go to prepare
a place for you."*

John 14:2

ST. JOSEPH COLUMBARIUM

St. Joseph's Columbarium is beautifully nestled within the Historic Little Church Cemetery located by the church on the hill in Plymouth, Minnesota. The new columbarium wall will be an additional sacred space for the cremated remains of parishioners and their family members. Niches are available on both sides of the wall and orders now are being taken for these final resting places.

Each 12 x 12 niche will have a niche front made of Polished Mahogany granite with a polished finish. The niche front will be inscribed with the name, birth year, and death year of the individual or individuals inurned.



FEES

DUAL NICHE FEE

Top Row E	\$3,500
2nd Row D	\$3,100
3rd Row C	\$2,700
4th Row B	\$2,300
5th Row A	\$2,000

INURNMENT FEE

\$200 Per Niche Opening



LITTLE
CHURCH



RECTORY

The one-time niche fee includes the use of a selected niche, two urns and the engraving of the granite niche face.

This fee also supports the ongoing care and maintenance of the columbarium, which is owned and operated by St. Joseph Catholic Community.

The **fee does not** include the cost of cremation or the funeral service.

To purchase a niche go to the order form located at:

www.stjosephparish.com/cemetery or contact the Parish Office at 763.544.3352.
or email Lynn Kotecki at lkotecki@stjosephparish.com.

RESPECT LIFE



The St. Joseph's Respect Life group continues to flourish! With money made selling Mother's Day flowers and caramels in the fall, they have supported the following organizations: Abria Pregnancy Center, Cradle of Hope, Birthright, Human Life Alliance, ProLife Across America, Pro-Life Action Ministries, 40 Days for Life, Robbinsdale Woman's Center, Rachel's Vineyard, Minnesota Concerned Citizens for Life, Students for Life, And Then There Were None, and Mission Home Free.

Respect Life also leads the holy rosary on Sunday mornings before the 10:00 Mass, pray the Prayer Cenacle for Priests once a month, publicly prays outside the Abortion Center at the Robbinsdale Clinic on Saturday mornings at 10:00, and (pre-pandemic) hosts a Baby Shower, the Mother's Day Flower sale and the Caramel Sale. If interested in the Respect Life group, please contact Val Poppe, vpoppe4@gmail.com.

ST. JOSEPH'S PEACE AND JUSTICE BOOK CLUB

Join us for great discussions regarding Catholic Social Teaching in this 13-week online book club sponsored by the St. Joseph's Peace and Justice Commission. The discussion will be based on the book, "A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota," by Sun Yung Shin. St. Joseph's will provide the book to all who register; a \$15 donation is suggested. Watch our bulletin for the launch!



ST. JOE'S YOUNG ADULTS GAME NIGHT! ONLINE AND FREE OF COURSE!

Enjoy camaraderie, faith, fun and a purpose with St. Joe's Young Adults group! Game Nights occur every first Wednesday of the month at 8:00pm for members to drop in when they can via Zoom. If you have questions and want to receive invites for the fun, please see our Young Adults webpage www.stjosephparish.com/young-adults!

ST. JOSEPH'S MOM'S GROUP ONLINE

This spiritual MOM's group meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 10am - 10:40am via Zoom to discuss a variety of topics. Visit: www.stjosephparish.com/moms for more information.



CELEBRATIONS DURING COVID



NOVEMBER 2020 - MARCH 2021



FOUR CHILDREN
JOINED THE
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY AT THE LORD'S
TABLE TO RECEIVE THEIR
FIRST COMMUNION.



TWENTY-TWO 10TH
GRADERS WILL RECEIVE THE
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
BY FR. TERRY
AT ST. JOSEPH'S



TWO RCIA CANDIDATES,
GREG FRUETEL AND SEAN SCHAEFER,
WILL FULLY ENTER INTO THE LIFE OF
THE CHURCH THROUGH THE
SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION AND
THE EUCHARIST.



FIRST EVER DRIVE-UP
ASH DISTRIBUTION



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY WELCOMED
Twenty Two NEW MEMBERS
 BETWEEN NOVEMBER 2020 AND MARCH 2021

Justin & Kathleen Bakke
 and Mikko, Amelia, Ryland
 Vicki Bangs
 Carmen Berrios
 Annetta Cepek
 Riley & Courtney Filipovich
 Ted Gorgos and Leila

Barbara Hampel
 Esther Jaeger
 Michelle McKenna and Austen
 Germaine (Gerrie) & Thomas Roskop
 Larissa Sheck
 Harry & Theresa Sjordahl
 Steven & Katie Vargas and Bennett

GROUND BREAKING AT THE *LITTLE CHURCH* FOR THE
 COLUMBARIUM *EXPANSION*



PARKING LOT MASS



Together We Serve!

~ St. Joseph Catholic Community ~



Kim Schaeff, Jason Pothol, Mary Annery, Jim Luchman, Bernard Hahn, Erik Stepp, Fr. Terry Rasmussen, Debra Ann Stammel, Peter Rademacher, Jason Lindquist, Pat Smith, Emma Weiss, James Fiedler



John Katsch, Daniela Johnson



Tommy Thomas, Brockton Brown



Sharon Angstrom, Lauren Johnson



Patricia Novak, Jim Conner

Saint Joseph's

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2020-2021



Fr. Terry Rasmussen



Laurine Bokke



Roberta Bokke



Mely Cimpelman



John Comer



Robert Coulombe



Leo Frank



Joel Luricken



Kitty Ann Nilaman



Berber Ostrangon



Dean Rademacher



Paul Ribehn



Paul Sariego



Jacki Schlueter-Johnson



Kim Solari

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FINANCE COUNCIL 2020-2021



Mary Beth Davis



Frank Brantman



John Comer



Ruth Hunt, Trustee



Cole Hickman



David Lenzan, Trustee



Dean Rademacher,
Parish Director



Fr. Terry Rasmussen
Pastor



Wayne Sotie



Rebecca Ziegler

Welcome



In February, we welcomed new staff member Aaron VanDanacker as our Director of Liturgy and Music. In Aaron's words: "One of my favorite spirituals is "God's Eye Is On the Sparrow." The refrain of that song sings, "I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free! God's eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me." Happiness, freedom, and the comfort of knowing God cares for me is truly the reason why I sing. I am excited to get to know each parishioner by name and build relationships that are rooted in our love of service to one another.

St. Joseph Mission Statement

The Mission of St. Joseph's is to foster a spirit-filled faith community united in Jesus Christ. We share who we are and what we have received through our worship of God, the nurturing of faith and outreach in service and justice. For questions or comments, or if you would like to get involved, please contact:

Pastor: Father Terry Rasmussen; trasmussen@stjosephparish.com

Parish Director: Dean Rademacher; drademacher@stjosephparish.com

Finance Committee Chair: Wayne Serie; wserie@comcast.net

Parish Pastoral Council Chair: Joel Loecken; jloecken@comcast.net

St. Joseph Catholic Community, 8701 36th Ave N, New Hope, MN 55427

763-544-3352, communications@stjosephparish.com

**WE ARE SO BLESSED TO HAVE EACH OTHER, TO HAVE OUR CHURCH, TO HAVE OUR PARISHIONERS
AND TO HAVE OUR COMMUNITY.**

WE PRAY WE CAN ACTIVELY CONTINUE TO SERVE EACH OTHER.

Invitation to Stewardship

GREAT WAYS TO SUPPORT ST. JOSEPH'S!

Online options: www.stjosephparish.com/give

or

Fill out an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) form from the Parish Office

or

Receive giving envelopes every three months and place them in the Sunday Contribution Box while at Mass or in the box outside the Office during regular business hours Monday-Friday 10:00am - 2:00pm or return it by mail in the **POSTAGE FREE** envelope.



**We Thank You for Your Prayer, Participation and Generosity
to Help Sustain Our Vibrant Church!**

We are a Catholic Community



GET CONNECTED AND STAY ENGAGED WITH ST. JOSEPH'S

IN-PERSON MASSES: Liturgies are held in our spacious Parish Center Sanctuary with the church sanitized before and after each service. Health and safety protocols are in place to protect parishioners, having them sanitize hands, wear masks and are seated 3 pews apart and in family groups distanced 6 feet from other families. Reservations for in-person Masses are required and available each Sunday at noon on our website: www.stjosephparish.com/welcome-back.

HOW TO REGISTER ONLINE: 1) Select the Mass Date you wish to attend, 2) click "Tickets" and enter the number registering, 3) click "Register," 4) enter your contact/ticket information and 5) click "Register" to receive an email confirmation. Your name will be on the guest list as you check into church, no printed ticket necessary.

ONLINE MASSES: Most weekday and all Sunday liturgies are streamed live and broadcast on our SJCCMN YouTube channel. These services can also be found on our website: www.stjosephparish.com.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE! Our website is the best resource for providing you all information in one place! We have many resources for learning more about being Catholic, pages for worship, faith formation, serving, supporting and connecting. We also have links to the weekly bulletin, daily scripture readings, Mass and reconciliation times, news, and upcoming events. Please visit: www.stjosephparish.com.

GET CONNECTED! Interested in what's going on at St. Joseph's and how to get involved? Easy! Add your email and/or mobile phone to Flocknote (our internal Parish email and communications forum) and subscribe to groups of your interest. You'll receive informational emails or texts that inform, inspire, and invite you to events without having to download an app or register a password, opting in or out as you please. Sign up at: stjoesnewhope.flocknote.com or complete the "Connect with St. Joe's!" info on our website homepage.

YOU CAN FIND US IN MANY WAYS ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

FACEBOOK: St. Joseph Catholic Community, Plymouth and New Hope, MN (@StJoeNewHope)

INSTAGRAM: <https://www.instagram.com/stjoenewhope> (@StJoeNewHope)

TWITTER: <https://twitter.com/stjoenewhope> (@StJoeNewHope)

YOUTUBE: SJCCMN