

# St. Joseph's Catholic Church

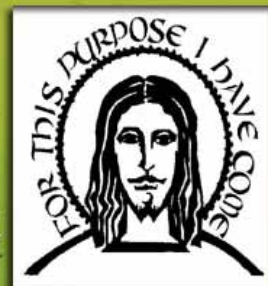
and Moorhead Catholic Campus Ministries

5th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

February 5th, 2012

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## Notes from Msgr. Mike

Please consider coming to the “marriage night” next Saturday, February 11th. This is the second annual event; we started this last year and it was a big success. You will want to be part of it this year. You will see more info in this bulletin.

Next weekend we are being asked to make a “marriage pledge.” The Catholic bishops of Minnesota, along with Minnesota for Marriage, are asking people who favor keeping marriage a union between a man and a woman to sign this pledge. It basically acknowledges that you will vote “yes” on November 6th to amend the constitution of Minnesota so that future legislatures or court rulings cannot change marriage from being between a man and a woman. Thank you!

I would like to thank State Bank and Trust and three of its employees (Kathy Eggiman, Gina Jaroszewski and Mary Kollitz) who used their pay-it-forward money to fund our DMF/Impact so that St. Joseph's School can receive matching donations up to \$4,000 on Tuesday, February 14th, online at [www.impactgiveback.org](http://www.impactgiveback.org). Please consider going online and giving a donation...any and every amount helps. The money raised will help our school give scholarships to families who cannot afford full tuition. Thank you!

Your Brother in Christ, *Msgr. Mike Foley*

## Liturgy

**IN THE GATHERING PLACE IS AN ADORATION SIGN-UP BOARD.** We are looking for people to sign up for an hour on Tuesdays. Please pray about carving an hour out of your busy week to come and pray. For questions or more info on Eucharistic Adoration, please contact Julie at [jhardmeyer@stjoesmhd.com](mailto:jhardmeyer@stjoesmhd.com) (284-6226) or Peggy at [bremmer@mnstate.edu](mailto:bremmer@mnstate.edu). (233-2134)

**ROSARY IS PRAYED EVERY WEEKDAY**, Monday-Thursday in the church and Friday in the Adoration chapel at 12:15. Perpetual Adoration is every Friday from 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Saturday in the Adoration chapel. **ROSARY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING** in our parish and families is this Wednesday, February 8th, at 12:15 in the church.

**RESERVED FRONT PEWS** If you are not able to come forward in the Communion procession, we ask you to sit in a reserved front pew to ensure that you receive the Body and Blood of our Lord. It can be difficult for the ministers of Holy Communion to locate you if you are not visible to them. Thank you for helping us serve you.

**THE NURSERY IS ONCE AGAIN OPEN AND AVAILABLE AT THE 10:00 MASS.** Our nursery is a safe, fun place where children under four can play while their parents attend Mass. It is located at the south end of Marian Hall (the lower level of the church). Please consider using the nursery or taking your children out if they become disruptive so that those around you can hear.

**Thank you to Brittany Waschuk for coordinating and staffing the nursery each week.** Some extra hands would be appreciated occasionally in the nursery, so if your child or grandchild uses the nursery, or if you could help out once in a while, please call the liturgy office. The safe environment policy, mandated by our diocese, requires that an adult (someone 18 or older) always be present with the student workers. Please contact the liturgy office for more information on this. This is a wonderful ministry to the young families in our parish.

**ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT** Ash Wednesday begins on February 22nd. Mass times are 8:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 5:15 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Please watch for the full schedule of Lenten activities in next week's bulletin.

### **\*\* IMPORTANT: LETTER FROM BISHOP HOEPPNER REGARDING RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write to you concerning an alarming and serious matter that negatively impacts the Church in the United States directly, and that strikes at the fundamental right to religious liberty for all citizens of any faith. The federal government, which claims to be “of, by, and for the people,” has just dealt a heavy blow to almost a quarter of those people—the Catholic population—and to the millions who are directly served by the Catholic faithful.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced last week that almost all employers, including Catholic employers, will be forced to offer their employees health coverage that includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception. Almost all health insurers will be forced to include those “services” in the health policies they write. And almost all individuals will be forced to buy that coverage as a part of their policies.

In so ruling, the Administration has cast aside the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, denying to Catholics our Nation's first and most fundamental freedom, that of religious liberty. And as a...

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## Schedule

### Weekend Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00 a.m.,  
10:00 a.m., 11:45 a.m.  
and 7:00 p.m.

### Weekday Eucharist

*Mon—Fri: 8:00 a.m.*  
Mondays: 10:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays: 8:30 p.m.  
Thursdays: 5:45 p.m.  
(*Morning prayer  
7:40 a.m. before  
weekday Mass*)

### Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00 p.m.,  
Wednesday 8:00 p.m.,  
or by appointment

### Rosary

Weekdays at  
12:15 p.m.

### Adoration-28 hours

Friday 8:30 a.m.  
until Saturday at  
12:30 p.m.

### Parish Office Hours

*Labor Day through  
Memorial Day*  
Monday — Friday,  
**8:30 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.**

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## Mass Schedule

### Sunday, February 5th

*5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8:00 a.m. Kengo & Toshiko Marugame  
10:00 a.m. + Helen Adams  
11:45 a.m. Parishioners  
3:00 p.m. Spanish Mass (at St. Francis)  
7:00 p.m. + Richard Sadowsky

### Monday, February 6th

*St. Paul Miki and companions, martyrs*  
8:00 a.m. + Christine Wald  
10:00 p.m. + Jacob & + Katherine Dukart

### Tuesday, February 7th

8:00 a.m. + Lee Johnson

### Wednesday, February 8th

8:00 a.m. + Sue Hettwer  
8:30 p.m. + Lois Bellefeuille

### Thursday, February 9th

8:00 a.m. Lorraine Zikmund  
10:30 a.m. + Arthur & + Kathryn  
Hemmelgarn  
5:45 p.m. + Joe Prosby, Jr.

### Friday, February 10th

*St. Scholastica, virgin*  
8:00 a.m. Anonymous liver donor for  
Russ Hest  
11:00 a.m. + Jim Fay (Eventide)

### Saturday, February 11th

*Our Lady of Lourdes*  
5:00 p.m. + Ralph Hersch

### Sunday, February 12th

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time*  
8:00 a.m. + Clem & + Kathryn Foltz  
10:00 a.m. + David Serrao  
11:45 p.m. + Louie Stich  
3:00 p.m. Spanish Mass at St. Francis  
7:00 p.m. Parishioners

### Tuesday, February 7th

8:00 a.m. Mass—church  
1:00 p.m. Spiritual discernment—St. Luke room  
3:00—7:30 p.m. Basketball—gym  
5:15 p.m. Life and Justice Committee—POCR  
6:30 p.m. Home and School—TGP  
7:00 p.m. Children and Youth Faith Formation Councils—POCR

### Wednesday, February 8th

7:15 a.m. Middle school RE classes  
8:00 a.m. Mass—church  
9:00—11:30 a.m. Mach1—TGP/nursery/SJB  
3:00—4:00 p.m. Basketball practice—gym  
4:15—5:30 p.m. Grades 1-5 RE classes  
5:30—6:30 p.m. RE choir rehearsal—church  
5:45—6:45 p.m. Grades 6-8 RE classes  
6:00—10:00 p.m. Moorhead Cath. Campus Ministries—BJN  
6:45—8:00 p.m. Life night—SJB  
6:45—8:00 p.m. Edge Night—Marian Hall  
7:00 p.m. Parent meeting #1 for first Eucharist—church  
7:00 p.m. Wednesday walk—Moorhead Center Mall  
8:00 p.m. Young adult basketball—gym  
8:00 p.m. Reconciliation—church  
8:30 p.m. Mass—church

### Thursday, February 9th

8:00 a.m. Mass—church  
3:15—7:30 p.m.—Basketball—gym  
5:30 p.m. Handbell choir—church  
5:45 p.m. Mass—church  
6:00 p.m. Health forum, Wellness Advisory Group—TGP  
6:30 p.m. Men's choir practice—SJB  
7:30—9:00 p.m. Adult choir—church

### Friday, February 10th

8:00 a.m. Mass—church  
8:30 a.m.—11:59 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration—Holy Family Chapel  
11:00 a.m. Mass—Eventide  
12:00—2:30 p.m. Spelling bee—MH  
4:00—5:00 p.m. Basketball game—gym  
5:00 p.m. Wedding rehearsal—church

### Saturday, February 11th

12:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration—Holy Family Chapel  
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Catholic Daughters—St. Elizabeth, Dilworth  
10:00—11:30 a.m. Baptism sponsor training—BJN  
2:30 p.m. Wedding—church  
4:00—5:00 p.m. Reconciliation—church  
5:00 p.m. Mass—church  
6:00 p.m. Marriage evening—TGP

### Sunday, February 12th

7:00—11:45 a.m. Choir practice—BJN  
8:00 a.m. Mass—church  
8:45—9:45 a.m. RE elementary classes  
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Parish nurses available—St. Luke room  
10:00 a.m. Mass w/ children's liturgy of the word—church  
10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. RCIA dismissal/session—school library  
10:00—11:00 a.m. Preschool and kindergarten Sunday school RE  
11:45 a.m. Mass—church  
12:45—1:45 p.m. MCCM lunch—TGP  
7:00 p.m. Mass—church  
8:00 p.m. Faith formation classes grades 9—11

## Parish Activities Calendar February 5-12

### TODAY—Sunday, February 5th

7:00—11:45 a.m. Choir practice—BJN  
8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. French toast breakfast—TGP  
8:00 a.m. Mass—church  
8:45—9:45 a.m. Elementary RE classes  
10:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. RCIA/dismissal/session—school library  
10:00 a.m. Preschool and kindergarten Sunday school RE  
10:00 a.m. Mass w/ children's liturgy of the word—church  
**11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Religious formation grades 9-11**  
11:45 a.m.—12:45 p.m. Mass—church  
12:45 p.m. MCCM lunch—TGP  
7:00 p.m.—Mass

### Monday, February 6th

8:00 a.m. Mass—church  
6:00—10:00 p.m. Moorhead Cath. Campus Ministries—BJN  
5:30—7:00 p.m. Basketball—gym  
6:30—8:00 p.m. Divine Mercy group—MH  
7:00 p.m. Life runners meeting—TGP  
7:30—9:00 p.m. Life Band rehearsal—church  
10:00 p.m. Mass—church

# Children/Youth Faith Formation

# Senior Citizens

## FIRST EUCHARIST

The first parent session will be held this Wednesday, February 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in church. All parishioners are welcome to attend this meeting to deepen their understanding of the Eucharist. On Wednesday, February 15th, we will have a parent and child session at 7:00 p.m. in church, including a prayer service of enrollment. Please contact Joann at 284-6227 if you have a child older than second grade who has not yet received first Communion.

## SONRISE NATIONAL PARK VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

will be held June 4-8 for children ages four through the end of fifth grade. We are looking for volunteers now to help with planning, decorating and gathering materials, and later for teaching, and leading groups. If you are artistic and have a flair for decorating, we need you now! We can use moms, dads, grandmoms, aunts, uncles, anyone interested in children. This is a great, faith-filled and fun week for the children and everyone involved! Call Joann at 284-6227 to be part of this great adventure! You'll be glad you did!



## CHILDREN FAITH FORMATION COUNCIL

meets this Tuesday, February 7th, at 7 p.m. in the parish office.

## COMMITTEE FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

will meet Monday, February 13th, at 7 p.m. in the RE center. Any interested parishioners are invited to attend.

## SENIOR HIGH & MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

### SENIOR HIGH YOUTH NIGHT: @PRAYTOGOD



All senior high teens are invited to our youth night on prayer this Wednesday,

February 8th. Snacks will be provided. We will meet in the youth room at 6:45 p.m.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT: THE DEEP END

On Wednesday, February 8th, we are inviting all middle school teens to go off the deep end in their prayer. Our youth night starts at 6:45 and ends at 8:00. As always, we will have snacks and good company. This week we will also help everyone to grow in their faith.



### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION COUNCIL

The Youth Faith Formation Council will meet on February 7th at 7 p.m. in the parish office.

### MISSION TRIP PLANNING MEETING

Our next planning meeting for the mission trip is this Tuesday, February 7th, at 8 p.m. We will meet in Marian Hall.

### SENIOR HIGH FORMATION THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

Senior high religious formation on February 5th is from 11 a.m.—12:15 p.m. We will provide lunch. Teens should go to their classrooms after the 10 a.m. Mass.

## ATTENTION ALL SENIORS: (60 AND OVER)

My name is Jennifer Martin. I am a parishioner here at St. Joseph's as well as a member of the Parish Council. I have provided spiritual discernment on the campus here for the past two years, am a teacher of ethics and theology for the University of Mary in Fargo, and am a certified Catholic Chaplain.

I am in the process of gathering the life stories of Catholic seniors to use in a book that I am writing on Catholic elder wisdom. This book—and any other possibilities that emerge from it—witnesses to a real "legacy of faith" lived out by real people as they integrate their faith into their everyday living. It is an exciting prospect that focuses on the continued ministry of God's seniors within our local parish community, the diocese, and beyond to our non-Catholic brothers and sisters in Christ.

Knowing that we are all called to continue throughout our lives to minister to one another, I see the blessing that a resource such as this could be for the one sharing, the one hearing, and ultimately the ones reading. If you are interested in being one of those willing to share yourself as a resource for others, please contact me at 701-540-7073 or [chaplainjen1@hotmail.com](mailto:chaplainjen1@hotmail.com).

### SENIORS, COME GATHER ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD,

at 2:00 p.m. in The Gathering Place to see and hear the school choir led by Julie Hardmeyer, our liturgist. Connect with your grandkids! Pick up some great ideas for domestic church activities to share with your grandchildren. This presentation will be given by Joann Koble, RE coordinator pre-k through 8th grade and John Bell, our senior high/middle school coordinator. Lunch will follow the program!

## Parishioners in Need of our Prayers



Parish families have asked us to keep in our prayers their loved ones who are ill.

**In need of prayers for your intentions?** Call Mary at 236-9863. All calls are kept confidential.

### Please pray for:

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| Joe Bolger       | Theresa LaBine   |
| Diana Bourque    | Lincoln Lee      |
| David Burrous    | Sandra Rye       |
| John Gassmann    | Orville Schnabel |
| Phil Gilsdorf    | Jean Schwab      |
| Joann Girtz      | Dorothy Stock    |
| Garrett Grommesh | Kathy Wieser     |

## Young Adult Ministry

### YOUNG ADULT MASS EVERY THURSDAY AT 5:45 P.M.

Join the young adults (20s, 30s, married or not) as they celebrate Mass every Thursday. Following some evenings there will be food, a talk or activity – check out the bulletin or the young adult blog at [www.fmcya.blogspot.com](http://www.fmcya.blogspot.com).

### YOUNG ADULT BASKETBALL

Every Wednesday from 8-10 p.m. in the gym at St. Joe's, the young adults (20s, 30s, married or not) get together to play basketball.

## Domestic Church

### Tips for Recognizing Special Events in Your Child's Life (Without Breaking the Bank)

- **Class Up Dinner:** On the evening of an important event, use the "good dishes" that are normally set aside for Christmas or Easter.
- **Compliments Galore:** On a child's special night, have everyone in the family say something positive to the child.
- **An Extraordinary Dinner Prayer:** Stand behind the child being honored, put your hands on his/her shoulders as they sit, and thank God for the child's great gifts and talents.
- **Surprise!** Without telling the child, invite his or her close friends and their families to come for dinner to help you celebrate.

**CURSILLO IS A WAY TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH WITH OTHERS ON A SPIRIT-FILLED WEEKEND.** The Diocese of Crookston will be sponsoring a Men's Cursillo on March 1 through March 4. The Women's Cursillo will be March 15 through March 18. For more info contact Paul or Marsha at 236-5066. Applications are also available in parish offices or online at [www.Crookston.org/Cursillo](http://www.Crookston.org/Cursillo).

## Adult Faith Formation

### SECOND ANNUAL EVENING EVENT FOR MARRIED COUPLES



Saturday, February 11th, 5:00 p.m.  
**Mass • Dinner • Speaker!**

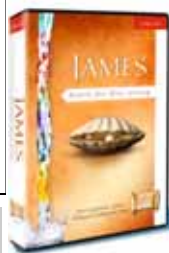
What's your Valentine's IQ? Flowers? Candy? Jewelry? Discover the best gift you can give your partner this Valentine's Day! Parishioners Steve and Collette Winfrey will focus their talk on discovering and meeting the real needs of your partner.

**You must register by Monday, February 6th, at 12 noon** by calling the parish office at 236-5066. Childcare will not be provided for this event.

### RECONCILIATION: IT REALLY IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL! Thursday, February 16th, 7:00 p.m.

Do you dislike going to confession? Are you afraid to go? Do you go only rarely? Do you wonder whether something you do is sinful? Do you ever worry that you made a bad confession? Do you wonder whether your confessions are doing you any good? Would you like to deepen your understanding and love of this Sacrament?

Receive insights from our pastor, Msgr. Mike Foltz, to give you a better understanding of the sacrament of penance and the mercy of God.



### JAMES BIBLE STUDY

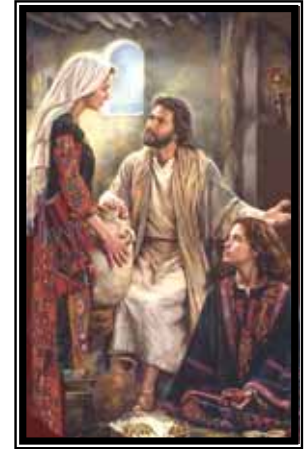
A group of parishioners are studying James: Pearls for Wise Living beginning next Sunday, February 12th, at 4:00 p.m. in the Blessed John Newman room.

Developed by Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmyer, the study offers "pearls of wisdom" of James to the present. Session commitment is ten weeks. This link has additional info on the study:

<http://biblestudyforcatholics.com/catholic-bible/study-information/114/james-adventure-pearls-wise>.

We have room for a few more folks in the study. Call Shawn if interested at 284-6229 or email [serickson@stjoeshhd.com](mailto:serickson@stjoeshhd.com).

### WOMEN'S RETREAT "Mary in A Martha's World: Finding Peace In A World That Wants All Of Me"



St. Joseph's Church  
Saturday, February 25th,  
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
TGP and church

*Have you ever felt there is not enough of you to go around?*

*Have you found that juggling all the roles you have to play in life has become more than a full time job?*

Based on the Bible stories of Jesus and his friends Mary and Martha, this retreat will give participants new insights, helping them to focus on the things that truly matter in life with the goal of maintaining a spiritual perspective and balance amidst "real world" demands.

**Contact the parish office at 236-5066 by February 21st to register.**

### FISH FRY: SAVE THE DATE!

St. Joseph's Charitable Concerns Committee will have its annual fish fry on Friday, March 2nd.



All proceeds go to assisting families and individuals in our community who are greatly in need.

### CRIB FOR BIRTHRIGHT DONATIONS

During the month of February, Catholic Daughters of the Americas will have a crib set up in The Gathering Place to collect new baby items for Birthright. Please leave your new baby items in the crib for collection at the end of each day. Thank you for your generosity.

# Stewardship



## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

"May you have an abundance for every good work" is the theme of the 2012 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Next weekend, you will be asked to make a pledge or a gift to the DAA. Please pray about how God has blessed you over the years.

In what ways may we be able to help our brothers and sisters in Christ?

Your commitment to the DAA supports the pastoral needs of individuals as well as the needs of parish communities throughout the diocese.

Bishop Hoepfner welcomes your prayer requests and would like to pray for your needs at daily Mass. Prayer

request cards are included in your DAA mailing and are available at the church entrances. Do not hesitate to fill out the prayer request cards whether you are able to make a gift at this time or not.

## Stewardship of Treasure, January 28/29

Adults:	\$10,667.50
Adult Online Giving	\$6,083.40
Children:	\$24.95
Mail-ins:	\$497.00
Plate:	\$1,022.64
Building Fund:	\$3,011.50
Future Full of Hope:	\$887.89
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,194.88</b>
<b>MCCM</b>	<b>\$221.75</b>

New this year is the ability to make electronic or credit card gifts. You may contact the Office of Stewardship and Development toll-free for assistance at 1-855-397-8252 or visit the diocesan website at [www.crookston.org/DDA](http://www.crookston.org/DDA).

**THANK YOU, St. Joseph's parish, for the generosity and support you provided to the Toys for Tots campaign. With your help we were able to give a brighter Christmas to 1,500 local children. Thank you!**

-Jennifer Cook

## Moorhead Catholic Campus Ministries

**COOKS ARE NEEDED** to purchase and prepare meals for college students for their community meal after the 11:45 a.m. Sunday Mass. Dates cooks are needed are as follows: February 26<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, and May 6<sup>th</sup>. Contact Shawn at [serickson@stjoeshmd.com](mailto:serickson@stjoeshmd.com) or call 284-6229 to help.

## Liturgical Ministries Next Weekend, February 11 and 12

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:45 AM	7:00 PM
<b>Sacristan</b>	Dale Johnson	Bill Beutler	Josh DeCock	MCCM 1	Bob Buth
<b>Minister of Holy Communion Captain</b>	Ann Hersch Mary Meyer	Al Sanofsky Jackie Sanofsky	Michelle Geraghty Tom Geraghty		Geneva Even Suzanne Nelson
<b>Minister of Holy Communion</b>	Ann Burd Pat Hecker Marti Johnson  Patty Knutson  Bill Kollitz Mary Kollitz Doris Kosse Mary Clare Sethi Donald Weber	Patricia Beach Sandy Beutler Mary Drake  David Gierszewski  Patty Knutson Keith Krogen Carol Lammers Barb Seelhammer Greg Seelhammer	Frances Bannerman Rachel Beck Toby Biebl Wayne & Liz Christianson Jacob Geraghty Shane Geraghty Nick Geraghty Steve Klocke Kim Noel Jeff Reisenauer Nancy Soyring Joann Walicki	Samantha Dusek Jarrod Erdmann Stephanie Lech  Chris Lubarski  Nathan Meidinger Mary Schindler Steve Tucker	Jo Bockoven Kari Bosche Deb Buth  Jonathan Herberg  Emily Kjonaas Brett Lyslo Katy Rheault Denice Wieser Kaila Wilner
<b>Lector 1</b>	Margaret Trickle	Vern Goodin	DeeAnn Krugler	Steph Barnhart	Karla Thoennes
<b>Lector 2</b>	Mike Heinzen	Linda Greenley	Jane Pettinger	Tracy Skulzacek	Charlise Hesteness
<b>Commentator</b>	Joe Parise	Gina Wander	John Wirries	Rebecca Spanier	Ashley Strukel
<b>Altar Server</b>	Taylor Erholtz Madeline Johnson Alexis Kracht	Lance Morlock Chase Morlock Josh Swanson	Isaac Noel Catherine Pettinger Mark Pettinger	MCCM 15 MCCM 16 Helen Wargo	Eric Estrada Raquel Larson Kaylie Stenger
<b>Hospitality</b>	Mike Bushy Pat Estenson Mike Estenson Bob Kraft LaVonne Langord Bob Wagner Paula Wagner Kathie Wieser	Dave Broten Janelle Hartjen Marc Hartjen Pam Krieg Lyle Krieg Dan Swanson Tammy Swanson Mike Wander	Richard Bannerman Dave Kochis Edie Kritzberger Jack Kritzberger Bob Noel MaryAnn Stael Dave Sway Harriet Underdahl	MCCM 17 MCCM 18 MCCM 19 MCCM 20 MCCM 21 MCCM 22 MCCM 23 MCCM 24	Youth Team

## Wellness Advisory Council

**HEALTH FORUM: YOUR THYROID AND YOU**  
Could you explain what your thyroid does? Dr. Todd Ferguson, N.D., of Prairie Naturopathic Doctors can and he'll be conducting a health forum on thyroid issues and preventative measures on Thursday, February 9th, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in The Gathering Place. Come and learn more about your thyroid and you!

Save the date for our next health forum! Join us for a "Keeping Your Heart Healthy" forum on Thursday, February 23rd, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in The Gathering Place. Linda Bartholomay from Sanford Health will join us with

tips to keep your heart healthy in honor of National Heart Month. Health forums are a regular activity for the St. Joseph's community and are hosted by the Wellness Advisory Council.

### GET INTO MOTION WITH WEDNESDAY WALK!

Meet at Vic's entrance to the Moorhead Center Mall every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. This is a great way to get moving and everybody is welcome, especially parents whose children are attending youth night that evening.

# St. Joseph's School

## St. Joseph's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner · Dance · Auction

Saturday, March 24, 2012  
Courtyard by Marriott, Moorhead

# CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

### Family Mass • Silent and Live Auction • Dinner • Dance

#### RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW FOR ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL'S 10TH ANNUAL DINNER • DANCE • AUCTION

Join us for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the St. Joseph's Dinner • Dance • Auction on Saturday, March 24, 2012. Tickets are \$120/couple or \$60/person, and available for purchase on at [www.stjoesmhd.com](http://www.stjoesmhd.com) or through the parish office.

If you are interested in donating a silent or live auction item for the event, please contact Bobbi Mercil at 701-866-5706 or [cbmercil@gmail.com](mailto:cbmercil@gmail.com). Gold table sponsorships are also available. Contact Matthew Dahmen at 701-367-3975 or [mmdahmen@hotmail.com](mailto:mmdahmen@hotmail.com) to secure your table today.



Each school family has been given 20 tickets to sell by February 20th. Or purchase tickets and the school or parish office.

#### How would you like to WIN...

- A 2012 Ford Escape SUV or \$25,000 cash
  - 7-day Caribbean cruise package
  - Apple iPad
  - Playstation
  - Kindle
  - \$200 Apple gift card?
- All for just \$5.00 a ticket!!!

**\*\*Every dollar of ticket sales goes directly back to our school!\*\***

#### ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GIVING HEARTS DAY!



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Please join us to continue the mission of St. Joseph's School by donating on Valentine's Day at [www.impactgiveback.org](http://www.impactgiveback.org),

There are also awards for the top seven online fundraisers that day by giving an additional \$1,500 to \$20,000 along with other \$500 grants.

#### On the website:

- Donors can pay tribute to someone they care about by making a contribution in that person's honor or memory. Gift cards can also be purchased ahead of time and redeemed on Giving Hearts Day.
- A person who donates can send an e-valentine/e-card to their friends and family to let them know a donation has been made in their honor or in someone's memory.

A recurring contribution can also be set up.

**Thank you for helping us continue the mission of St. Joseph's School.**



#### St. Joseph's School Mission Statement:

- Lead children and families to Christ within the Catholic Christian community.
- Foster the spiritual, academic, social, emotional, and physical development of each person.
- Prepare our students to use knowledge and faith to be a light for the parish, community and world.

## Life and Justice Committee

### DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR LIFE AND RUNNING?

Combine your passions and make a difference. Come to an informational meeting about LIFE Runners, Monday, February 6th, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in The Gathering Place. For more info about LIFE Runners, go to [www.Run.LIFEgroup413.org/about](http://www.Run.LIFEgroup413.org/about) or email Steve at [steve@lifegroup413.org](mailto:steve@lifegroup413.org). Remember: Bring your running friends with you!

## In the Community

### HOMEMADE SOUP AND PIE DINNER

A homemade soup and pie dinner will be served on Thursday, February 16th, from 4:30—6:30 p.m. in The Gathering Place here at St. Joseph's Church, Moorhead. This dinner will include homemade soups, fresh bread, popovers (while they last), and home-baked pies. The cost is \$8 for adult tickets, \$4 for children 5-10 years old and children under five eat free. This event is sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Mary #509, Moorhead. There are no take-out orders.

### OUR NEW CHURCH IS NOW COMPLETE!

Please join us at our open house.

**St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Hawley, MN.**

Sunday, February 12th, 2:00—4:00 p.m.

Bars, coffee, and lemonade will be served.

### BISHOP HOEPPNER LETTER, *continued from front page*

...result, unless the rule is overturned, we Catholics will be compelled either to violate our consciences or to drop health coverage for our employees (and suffer the penalties for doing so). The Administration's sole concession was to give our institutions one year to comply.

We cannot—we will not—comply with this unjust law. People of faith cannot be made second class citizens. We are already joined by our brothers and sisters of all faiths and many others of good will in this important effort to regain our religious freedom. Our parents and grandparents did not come to these shores to help build America's cities and towns, its infrastructure and institutions, its enterprise and culture, only to have their posterity stripped of their God given rights. In generations past, the Church has always been able to count on the faithful to stand up and protect her sacred rights and duties. I hope and trust she can count on this generation of Catholics to do the same. Our children and grandchildren deserve nothing less.

And therefore, I would ask of you two things. First, as a community of faith we must commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that wisdom and justice may prevail, and religious liberty may be restored. Without God, we can do nothing; with God, nothing is impossible. Second, I would also recommend visiting the Minnesota Catholic Conference website <http://mccc.org/issues/life-bio-ethics/> to learn more about this severe assault on religious liberty, and how to contact Congress in support of legislation that would reverse the Administration's decision.

Invoking the intercession of Our Blessed Lady for us, our beloved Catholic Church and our nation, and assuring you of my continued prayers, I remain

Sincerely, In the Name of the Lord Jesus,  
Bishop Michael J. Hoeppner  
Bishop of Crookston

## Minnesota voters will have the chance to decide the future of marriage on November 6, 2012

The **Minnesota Marriage Protection Amendment**, which asks voters "Shall the Minnesota constitution be amended to provide that only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota?" places the traditional definition of marriage – one man and one woman – into our state constitution.

**It is essential for all voters to vote YES on November 6th as Minnesota law requires ballot questions that are left blank to be counted as NO votes.**

**Take the pledge to vote YES on the Marriage Protection Amendment today.**  
**The failure to vote is the same as voting NO.**



## The time is now to stand up for marriage!

Prepared and paid for by Minnesota for Marriage, 2355 Fairview Ave N, Box 301, Roseville, MN 55113, in support of the Minnesota Marriage Protection Amendment.

### Why is Marriage Worth Preserving?

The marriage debate is about two competing definitions of marriage. And, only one of these definitions of marriage would exist in the law. With so much at stake, it is prudent to ask: "Why is marriage worth preserving?"

"Marriage is valuable in itself, but its inherent orientation to bearing and rearing of children contributes to its distinctive structure, including norms of monogamy and fidelity," writes Robert P. George in "What is Marriage?" (*Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy*, Vol 34, No. 1)

Why has virtually every society throughout history defined marriage as the union of one man and one woman? **The answer can be summarized in one word: children.** Protecting the interests of children is the primary reason that government regulates and licenses marriage in the first instance.

Marriage between a man and a woman protects and promotes the well-being of children by allowing the child produced from the sexual union of the two adults to benefit from being raised by both her father and mother.

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