

The New CookbooksDiscount offered! Cookbooks will be now on sale at**\$10 instead of \$15 each after Mass. Ask Deacon or Father, or Ushers. These make wonderful gift and a good Church fundraiser!**

SCRIP – is still being sold and we need more Volunteers to sell after every mass. This has remained a good fundraiser for the Parish. Please call the parish office on Monday thru Thursday mornings if you want to purchase more. We appreciate your support on this fundraiser!

NEW PARISHONERS

We welcome you and invite you to join us in all endeavors. Please call the office to register.

Baptisms:

Please call parish office to make arrangements at least one month prior to the proposed date of Baptism.

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday: 3:05 -3:30 PM at St. Francis, Carlton

Sunday: Before Mass at Sts. Mary and Joseph's/Sawyer

Anytime by appointment: Call Fr. Francis at the parish office number

Marriage Preparation:

Contact the pastor no later than six months prior to the requested marriage date. Interview and marriage preparation classes are required.

ONLINE GIVING- is being encouraged. Instructions available on our Website. Questions? Call Kristi Salls.

Visiting the Home Bound: If you, or someone you know, would like Father to bring Communion, hear confessions, or just visit, please feel free to contact him at the parish office number

PARISH PRAYER CHAINS: Saint Francis: Call Kathleen Burggraff at 879-3482 or Louise Jones at 879-5265. Saints Mary & Joseph: Call Jen Ninneman at 393-0464.

Please pray for our parishioners struggling and affected by COVID-19 Pandemic!

Pray them Home: Please pray for peace and for the safety of those in our nation's armed forces at home and abroad, especially: Josh Stinar, Tara Lamo, Billy Cockriel, David Sell, Jacob Eggert and Jacob Larson.

****Items and Announcements for the weekly bulletin must be received, in writing thru church email stfmj catholic@gmailcom, by Noon on Monday.**

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*Saint Francis Church
Carlton, Minnesota*



*Saints Mary and Joseph's
Sawyer, Minnesota*

4th and 5th Sunday of Easter Year B-April 24th/25th- May 1st/2nd

Administrator: Father Francis Kabiru

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Parish Office & Rectory....384-4563 Fax Number....384-4503

Saint Francis Church Building....384-4018

Saints Mary & Joseph Church....878-1146

Deacons: Deacon Bryan Bassa: 879-6933 Deacon Steve Hedlund: 260-1722

Parish Secretary: Kim Franckowiak Bookkeeper: Kristi Salls: 409-5422

Saint Francis Director of Faith Formation: Irene McKay: 389-3330

Saints Mary & Joseph Faith Formation Coordinators:

Heidi Carlson: 389-9820 Nancy Wickstrom: 389-0321

Music Ministers – Saint Francis: Candy Kramer: 384-3169

Saints Mary & Joseph: Missy Parker: 390-2451

Saint Francis Trustees: Clayton Beck: 879-8618 Linda Kaehler: 428-0496

Saints Mary & Joseph Trustees: Diane Bailey: 389-3101 Brian Ninneman: 393-9238

***CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO WILL BE RECEIVING THEIR FIRST
COMMUNION ON MAY 2, 2021***

Saint Francis:

***Chole Cummings, Ryan Feely, Marco Gentilini, Hattie Hallback,
Sophia Laine, Jace Metcalf, Jack Weix***

Saints Mary & Joseph:

Paisley Crotteau, Riley Olesiak, Mason Omar, Gabe Wefelmeyer

*****Weekly Church Announcements:**

Welcome Fr. Raphael Akurugu.

Fr. Francis will be heading to Kenya for his mission work and vacation to be with his family for 3 weeks in May. While away, Fr. Raphael will be available for all masses and other priestly duties including weekday masses. Deacon Steve and Bryan will still be available for any assistance as always. Fr Raphael is a native of Ghana-West Africa. Fr. Francis is from Kenya -East Africa just in case wondering. Fr. Raphael studied at Saint Paul Seminary in the cities for 4 years. He was ordained a Deacon at the Basilica of St. Mary in St. Paul in 2017 and as a priest in 2018 at his home country of Ghana. Since ordination, he has been serving as an Associate Pastor at his home Diocese in Ghana. He is a good friend with Fr. Francis and other of his classmates in our Diocese and the twin cities that he will be visiting. Let us warmly welcome Fr. Raphael as we pray for more vocations in our midst.

St. Francis Re-Engage Meeting

At St. Francis parish Re-engage Meeting on April 14th, 2021 the following ideas (not conclusive) were highlighted by members present.

- ❖ Need for more liturgical assistant volunteers, i.e., Altar servers (all ages), Lectors(readers), Greeters/ushers, Extraordinary Eucharistic ministers, and sell of script after weekend masses.
- ❖ Re-introduce Children choir at masses and more youth engagement at liturgy.
- ❖ Re-look at new strategy for the Parish Religious Ed
- ❖ Volunteers for Liturgical Seasonal decorations -i.e., Flowers, putting of Banners, Altar decorations.
- ❖ Adult Faith Formation-Discipleship programs, Bible Study group, Devotional Groups/Seasonal Mission retreats.
- ❖ Community Christian outreach, mission work, local, international support-the spirit of solidarity.
- ❖ Re-introduce Parish fellowship i.e., Sunday after mass Coffee and Donuts/brunch.
- ❖ Lenten Soup suppers and Friday fish fry as parish family dinners.
- ❖ Annual Parish picnic, and re-introduce Fall bazar.
- ❖ Improve communication via parish website, emails, create parish Facebook page.
- ❖ Plan to have New Parish Directory.

A subcommittee to be formed to strategize best way to roll-out again the programs suggested which are not as said Conclusive ideas.

- ❖ Parishioners if you would like your e-mail in our parish database please e-mail us at stfmj catholic@gmail.com or call let us know.
- ❖ Looking for employment, East Duluth Catholic Faith Formation is a collaborative effort that has created a combined Religious Education program. They are accepting applications for the Director of Faith Formation for 6th–12th grade students. This is a full-time position with benefits. Please see the full job description at duluthcathedral.com.

Weekday Mass Intentions April 26th-30th & May 3rd-7th
Tuesdays thru Fridays St. Francis-8:30 a.m. Franciscan Friars

Weekend Mass Intentions 4th/5th Sunday of Easter

Sat. 24 th St Francis –Patricia Eldien	Sat. 1 st St Francis – All Parishioners
Sun. 25 th St. Francis-Mary Plotnik	Sun. 2 nd St. Francis- First Communion Kids
Sun. 25 th SMJ-All Parishioners	Sun. 2 nd SMJ- Angeline Jaskari

MASS INTENTIONS At every Mass, a special intention is offered. Mass intentions can be requested to honor the memory of someone, the memory of a certain date, for someone who is ill, or just needs prayers through parish office or directly to Father. Currently there are very few masses scheduled for individual intentions for the year. A \$10 donation is suggested as per Diocese regulation.

Weekly Collection:

SF April 10th/11th & April 17th/18th

Envelope: \$ 5763.00 Plate: \$490.00

Total: \$6253.00

UCA: \$275.00

(online giving included)

*****Please, only one check per envelope.*****

SMJ April 10th/11th & April 17th/18th

Envelopes: \$1396.00 Plate: \$120.00

Total: \$1516.00

UCA: \$500.00

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021



Our prayerful thanks to all who have supported UCA so far and continue to do so. Your participation and contribution are necessary to help us meet our responsibility to our Diocese. Please continue to support as we await actual numbers of our assignment of 2021.

God bless you for your support of this annual collection!!!

SAINTS MARY AND JOSEPH LOG CHURCH TOUR

See the oldest altar in existence in the Diocese of Duluth and the beautiful Saint Kateri Tekakwitha “Lily of the Mohawks” shrine. The second oldest church in the Diocese is on the National Register of Historic Sites. Narrated tours are available by contacting Deacon Bryan Bassa at 879-6933. Please visit our website at www.stkaterisawyer.com for more info.

BOTH PARISHES EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays at Saint Francis in Carlton. A great opportunity to spend some time with the Lord, to put a stop sign in your life and quiet time for prayer and reflection. If you would like to sign up for a regular time on Thursdays or if you have any questions, please call: Louise Jones at 879-5265.