

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: 3:00 -3:30 PM at St. Francis, Carlton

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

Anytime by appointment: Call the parish office number

Marriage Preparation:

Contact the pastor no later than nine 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 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!

Please pray for those in the military: 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, Daniel Eggert, Jacob Larson, Justin Lake and Brandon Lucas.

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

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*Saint Francis Church
Carlton, Minnesota*



*Saints Mary and Joseph's
Sawyer, Minnesota*

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year B October 30th/31st

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Weekend Mass Intentions for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 30th St. Francis – Katelyn Jones

Sunday, October 31st St. Francis- All Parishioners

Sunday, October 31st Sts. Mary & Joseph- † Patricia Hohensee

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.

Message from Fr. Joel

A review of the Church’s understanding of purgatory.

During November the Church offers greater attention to the faithful departed. Through the celebration of All Saints and All Souls, we are invited both to reflect on the virtues and heavenly life of the saints and to intercede on behalf of those who have died and are still journeying—that is, for those who are in a state of purification in preparation for the perfect state of heaven. We know this state of purification as “purgatory.”

Unfortunately, many people today often scoff at the notion of purgatory or altogether deny it. Purgatory, however, is a very important and beautiful doctrine of the Catholic Faith. Yes, purgatory is beautiful. In order to understand this beauty, consider for a moment the realities of heaven and of earthly life without an acknowledgement of the state of purgatory.

All that is in heaven is perfect. More particularly, heaven is a state of complete and perfect unity with God and with all who love him (the communion of saints). Since heaven is truly perfect, there is no possibility of any blemishes. Obviously, this perfection means there is no sin in heaven. However, not so obvious is that there is not even anything that tempts us to turn away from God, nor do our relationships with others come ahead of our relationship with God—as perfect love of God perfects all relationships. In so many words, our whole life will be one with God and His will—and we will have no attachments to this earth or its imperfect ways.

Frankly, since heaven is so perfect, if there was no purgatory we would need to be completely detached from this world at the moment of death in order to be worthy and ready for admittance into heaven. As it is, however, our lives are often attached to worldly creatures (noting too that these attachments are not necessarily sins in themselves, as they can be an inordinate attachment to the good things and/or even the people we love). Purgatory, however, is that purification that transforms our lives into complete union with God—so that we can perfectly love God and all other creatures in the most perfect way.

That purgatory is thought to be a time of suffering is not because God wants us to suffer. Rather, think of the suffering you have when you seek and act toward giving up an attachment (like how we give up good things during Lent). Or, think of the suffering that comes from a true desire to be with God. Such longing and letting go is part of the “pain” of purgatory. As we need to be purged of all that keeps us from God and as this purging needs to be complete, we cannot truly enter into the perfected state of heaven until such purging is completed.

Thus, we who are on earth can already begin to let go of attachments for the sake of unity with God, accepting our sufferings in this world for the sake of being drawn closer to God, or we can make these offerings on the behalf of others. As for those in purgatory, we are urged to pray for these souls so that they will be purified of any earthly attachments that remain so as to be drawn into heaven more peacefully and swiftly. (One of the traditional ways to pray for those in purgatory is through offering of Masses on behalf of their souls – that the fruits of the Mass may be applied on behalf of these persons.) This is not simply a kind gesture—it is a teaching and practice of our faith and a true act of charity. Thus, may we all fulfill God’s will, loving our neighbors as ourselves, by making our prayers and offerings for the souls of all the faithful departed.

Weekly Collection:

SF October 23rd/24th

Envelopes: \$2111.00 Plate: \$ 212.00

Total: \$2323.00

UCA: \$145.00

UCA Total as of Oct. 26th \$12,515.11

UCA Goal for 2021 \$23,826.00

SMJ October 23rd/24th

Envelopes: \$825.00 Plate: \$113.00

Total: \$938.00

UCA: \$160.00

UCA Total as of Oct. 26th \$ 6,999.26

UCA Goal for 2021 \$8,911.36

(online giving included)

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

**Weekly Church Announcements:

❖ Coming Soon: Brand New Church Bulletin!!

Starting the weekend of November 28th, St. Francis, Sts. Mary & Joseph will have a BRAND-NEW Church Bulletin, printed by Liturgical Publications. LPi offers the latest technology in digital, print and communication products, as well as engagement tools that will allow us to grow a vibrant faith community. Gina Shaughnessy, our parish representative from LPi, will be working on the business ads for the back cover. We hope that parishioners will consider advertising on the bulletin, since the revenue from the ads, is what will make the bulletin possible, at no cost to the parish. It’s a terrific way to get your name in front of the parish families, business owners, and visitors at the church. Advertisements can be purchased for a business, for a family, or a sponsorship ad for a non-profit organization. This is a great way for businesses to promote what they do, while at the same time connecting with the community, and benefitting the church at the same time. Please do give these ideas some thought. We need and appreciate your help! If you would like more information, you can either call Gina at (952) 356-6488 or email her at GShaughnessy@4LPi.com

❖ RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

If you or someone you know who is not Catholic is interested in entering the Catholic Church, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Joel, Deacon Steve, or Deacon Bryan (our contact info is on the front of the bulletin) to learn more about initiation into the Church and the way to accomplish this initiation.

❖ Thank You

Big thank you to all the ladies who helped sew and tie blankets for the Life Care Center. We were able to send over 100 blankets to the Life Care Center.

❖ Guild Meeting

Reminder that on November 2nd @ 9:30am we have our monthly meeting

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.