<u>The New Cookbooks Discount offered!</u> 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!**

<u>SCRIP</u> – is still being sold and <u>we need more Volunteers</u> 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!

<u>NEW PARISHONERS</u>
We welcome you and invite you to join us in all endeavors. Please call the office to register.

<u>Baptisms:</u>
Please call parish office to make arrangements at least one month prior to the proposed date of Baptism.

<u>Sacrament of Penance:</u>
Saturday: 3:05 -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

<u>Marriage Preparation:</u>
Contact the pastor no later than nine months prior to the requested marriage date. Interview and marriage preparation classes are required.

<u>ONLINE GIVING</u>- 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

<u>PARISH PRAYER CHAINS</u>: 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!

<u>Please pray for those in the military:</u> 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 and Brandon Lucas.

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

Bulletin Sponsored by BRM Construction Services and Esko Trail.

Saint Francis Church
Carlton, Minnesota

Saints Mary and Joseph's
Sawyer. Minnesota

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year B September 4th/5th

Pastor: Father Joel Hastings
Website: stfmjcatholic.org, Email: stfmjcatholic@gmail.com

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
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

Weekend Mass Intentions for *the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Saturday, September 4th St. Francis –Donald Kujawa
Sunday, September 5th St. Francis- All Parishioners
Sunday, September 5th Sts. Mary & Joseph- Thomas Kuberka

<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u> 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

Covid-19 Situation – Updated Guidelines from the Diocese

On Monday, August 30, Bishop Felton issued a letter with new safety guidelines for the parishes and other institutions within our diocese in continued response to the presence of the COVID-19 virus – along with a new approach within which these guidelines are to be utilized. The issuing of these new guidelines is important on multiple fronts.

First and foremost, it is encouraged that we keep the usual "common sense" procedures toward best aiding everyone in staying healthy – such as regular hand washing, staying home if you feel sick, and the like. As far as the new guidelines themselves are concerned, the bishop issued them with the help of a small group of diocesan leaders and staff referred to as the "Covid-19 Response Team," who was tasked with assembling a working chart or "grid" containing levels of responses to be considered and acted upon in each individual location as warranted by differing levels of transmission. Given the vast territory of our diocese (stretching from the Canadian border along Lake Superior to west of International Falls, down through Brainerd and across to Wisconsin as far south as Pine City), it was important to everyone involved in drawing up these guidelines that there be established a means of local response rather than one response for the whole diocese – as the situation is not the same in every location in our vast territory. Thus, the grid presents measured responses to be utilized as each location sees necessary in relation to the level of the transmission of the virus in their own area. In other words, places with little or very low transmission can choose measured responses that are fit for their own situation, while those with higher transmission can take further measures, ensuring that each location is not automatically subjected to measures or lack of response coming from one source at the diocese, even if we are in one and the same diocese. In addition, there will be regular (weekly) updates to information for each county within our diocese (of which there are 10) to help each location know more accurately the situation in their own county and what the recommended actions for response are for their particular situation.

That said, Bishop Felton has deemed it proper for each parish/cluster of parishes to respond in the ways that they see fit based both on what is contained in the grid and on their actual numbers of new cases in their county. In addition, as the Response Team will be updating the status of each county on a weekly basis, know that I will be monitoring this information to the extent that week-to-week there may be new or adjusted measures put in place for our parishes at Masses, for meetings, and for other events.

Finally (and most importantly) – I want to urge you NOT to be afraid. While "Covid-19 fatigue" wears on all of us, this moment invites our continued trust in Jesus and our use of the common sense that He has given us. Thus, as already mentioned, the usual measures such as regular hand washing, staying home if you feel ill, etc. should be exercised above all. God has got this in His hands; and it is most important that we trust Him and keep our focus upon Him rather than succumbing to fear. He wants to feed us with the Eucharist and draw us nearer to Himself. May we continue to pray for an end to this situation, asking God to help us to live true to the lives we have each received from Him and ready to do His will in all things.

Weekly Collection:

SF August 28th/29th	**SMJ August 28th/29th**
Envelope: $1177.00 Plate: $249.00	Envelopes: $693.00 Plate: $135.00
Total: $1426.00	**Total: $828.00**
UCA: $65.00	**UCA: $10.00**

(online giving included)

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

****Weekly Church Announcements:**

- **Guild Meeting**

Tuesday, September 7th at St. Francis Church all are welcomed after Mass

- **Pork Loin Dinner**

St. Mary Star of the Sea Church-325 East 3rd Street Duluth is having a Pork Loin Dinner on Sunday, September 19 from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM. Dinner includes pork-mashed potatoes-vegetable along with Polish side dishes: (Sweet & Sour Cabbage-Polish Sausage with Sauerkraut) beverage & Desert. Cost: $15.00 a person and $8.00 for children 12 years & under. Take outs available. Plenty of parking. Handicapped accessible. Questions: 218-722-3078

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.