

St. Joseph Messenger

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Building on Faith

A publication of the St. Joseph Facilities Planning Team

You may have noticed, this third edition of the *St. Joseph Messenger* is shorter than past issues. To balance volunteer time constraints and availability, the team will be staggering between short and extended newsletter issues. I want to shout out a big thank you to the Communication Team for their efforts to keep parishioners informed.

New Church Project Update

The Facilities Planning Team (FPT) is meeting monthly, allowing subcommittees to have greater focus. Here's what is happening with the active sub-teams:

Communication Team. In addition to publishing the monthly newsletter, the team has been working on a capital campaign logo. They hope to unveil the logo in the next few months. Due to the uncertain capital campaign timing, they are holding off on starting any new social media outlets.

Events Team. Plans are underway for the first St. Joseph Winterfest! The event will take place the end of February on our new parish property. There will be dog sled rides, a sledding hill, bonfires and warm refreshments. Exact date is yet to be determined. This will be a great opportunity to connect with our parish family in a fun, safe environment! If you have ideas or can lend a hand, please reach out to one of the team chair/co-chairs.

Looking to Help?

We could use your help! If you have a lot of experience, or not much at all, you're exactly who we're looking for! If you would like to volunteer, contact one of the Facilities Planning Team members or a sub-team co-chair.

Wishing you a warm, blessed Christmas season. Know that you, your families and our parish are in my daily prayers. I ask you to keep me in your prayers, as well. If there is anything you need, don't hesitate to reach out. I am always here for you.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

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ROSARY - JANUARY 2

Join the Prayer Guild after the First Saturday Mass for a Rosary in St. Joseph Church. Contact Mary Lee Dallman at 218-851-0193 or maryleedallman58@gmail.com for more information.



INTERCESSION TO ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE

Brother André - help us imitate Saint Joseph's humility and obedience to the Father, in the care of His Son and Mother through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Instill in us a desire for reverence in what we build and in how we serve the community in which we live. Be our companion and prayer partner that all we do may be for the good of God's people and for the Glory of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Brother André was known for his pious devotion to Saint Joseph. He is a Patron Saint for the Facilities Planning Team.



Q & A

Want to learn more about the new church campus building project? Here are answers to frequently asked questions.

Q: Is there any news on the appointment of a new Bishop? Could a new Bishop change our plans?

A: There has not been an appointment of a new Bishop. We cannot speculate what a new Bishop will decide in the future. The current guidance from Fr. Bissonette, our Diocesan Administrator, is to continue with our building project planning.

Q: Because the new church is in a more isolated location, will there be security cameras installed throughout the campus?

A: At this point, the building plans are only at a conceptual level, which is quite basic. Security cameras may be considered, but that will be when the detailed architectural plans are developed after the capital campaign funding is better known.

Q: Are there any safety repairs that need to be done on the current church since it may be several years before we move?

A: We will make repairs as they are needed. Currently, the

church chimney brickwork needs repairs to stop leaking water. Competitive bids have been requested, and Hy-Tec Construction has been selected to make the repairs.

Q: How much money do we currently have saved for the proposed project?

A: Designated funds for the new church are \$1,088,957.

Q: When can I start contributing to the building fund?

A: Even though the official capital campaign has not started, a general building fund has been established. If you wish to start contributing, be sure to designate the building fund on your contribution.

Q: Are building fund contributions tax deductible?

A: These types of financial contributions are generally tax deductible, but consult your tax professional.

If you have a question about the new church building project, we want to hear from you. Please place your questions in the question box located in the church on the table along the stair landing windows. Or, send us an email at: stjosephnewcampus@gmail.com.



Volunteer Focus

Rachel Cady,
Facilities Planning & Events Team

Rachel Cady grew up in a military family. Her father was a clinical psychologist in the Navy which meant the family moved around often. The one constant was that her family returned to northern Minnesota each summer to spend time at their cabin on Lake Vermilion. Rachel attended medical school at the University of Minnesota where she met her husband, Michael. They became members of the St. Joseph family in 2004. Both she and Mike are OB/GYN's at Cuyuna Regional Medical Center. They have five children, Ethan, Ryan, Adam, Annemarie and John Paul.



Dr. Rachel Cady

Rachel has served an active role in a prior church capital campaign, raised funds for charitable organizations and worked on various community projects. She feels blessed to be part of a vibrant faith community and the wonderful and growing community at large. She embraces the opportunity to serve on the Facilities Planning Team in such an awesome church family.



Committees

The following teams are actively working on the new church project. If you have interest in volunteering, consider contacting one of the following committee chair and/or co-chairs:

Prayer Guild

Pray for special intentions
Mary Lee Dallman (Team Contact)

Facilities Planning Team

Oversees all other committees/teams
Dcn. Dan Goshey (Chair)

Events Team

Planning events for the parish
Mike Aulie (Co-Chair) Tommy Sablan (Co-Chair)

Communication Team

Develop communication tools to inform parishioners about current project status
Joan Hasskamp (Co-Chair) Doreen Miller-Fish (Co-Chair)