

# St. Joseph Messenger

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## Building on Faith

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### New Church Project Update

We are preparing to meet with the Duluth Diocese College of Consultors. This is a body of priests who, under ordinary circumstances, are selected to advise the bishop. Though we don't currently have a bishop, we still need their approval to move forward with a capital campaign. The Facilities Planning Team has been gathering parish information, our conceptual plan and financial information to share with the College of Consultors. Our Trustees, a Finance Council member, our architect, and project leaders, will join me on January 28th. Please keep us in your prayers while we take this important step. While that is happening, members from project sub-teams continue their important work.

**Communication Team.** Newsletter production and the capital campaign logo is being finalized. The team is also putting together a plan to check on the communication needs of parishioners. Team members hope to implement a parishioner call list in January, so if you haven't received a call from a fellow parishioner yet, you should soon.

**Events Team.** While Events Team members did not formally meet in December, they continue planning the Winterfest. With the recent snowfall, everyone is sure to have a great time.

**Grant Exploration Team.** The Grant Exploration Team is still in process. Do you have experience with grants and/or grant writing? If so, talk to me and see if you might be able to join my team.

### 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! Contact one of the Facilities Planning Team members or a sub-team co-chair to get involved. As we start a new year, know that I am excited to be your priest and you, your families and our parish are in my daily prayers. I ask you to keep me in your prayers, as well.

In Christ, Fr. Anthony

### POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and  
courage, and defend us from every  
evil. Amen.

*Pope Francis encourages the faithful to pray this prayer at the conclusion of his Apostolic Letter, learn more on page 3.*

### ROSARY - FEBRUARY 6

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.

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## Q & A

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

**Q: Could the size/scope of the choir loft be adjusted?**

A: The architect has looked at options to reduce the cost of the choir loft. Initially, we may not finish all the spaces in the choir loft, which will save \$60,000 to \$85,000. Members from a variety of choirs and leadership feel strongly about having a choir loft, so as we look for ways to reduce costs, we will try our best to have a choir loft.

**Q: How is the building fund money invested?**

A: St. Joseph Finance Council overall takes a conservative approach to investing. Our savings and investments are approximately 51% in Catholic United Financial annuities (with guaranteed interest, no penalty and no fees), 7% in gifted stocks, 12% in mutual funds and 30% in an interest-bearing savings account.

**Q: Once construction begins, how long will it take to build the church?**

A: Once we break ground, it should be one year.

**Q: Where on the property will all the buildings go?**

A: The original conceptual plan showed placement for the buildings, however, at this point nothing is set in stone.

**Q: If Deer Trail Drive is paved, will the church be required to pay for all the costs?**

A: We do not know fully who would bear the costs, however at one time we were told we would pay half of the costs for paving. We hope to have access from Highway 31 and not need to pave Deer Trail Drive.

**Q: Will the grounds be landscaped?**

A: With exception of parking lots, landscaping has not been discussed. One could assume that at least the bare minimum would be done initially.

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*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](mailto:stjosephnewcampus@gmail.com).*



## Dick & Jan Boumeester

*Parishioner Spotlight by Joan Hasskamp*

Dick and Jan Boumeester grew up in St. Paul, Minnesota. Dick joined the Army after high school, serving two years in Germany during the Korean conflict. Upon his return, he went to work as a lineman for Northwestern Bell, where he was later promoted to operations manager. After 32 years, he retired and started a small telephone business. "The business took off and I worked ten years for the company, nine years longer than I expected to," he said with a laugh.

Jan was hired by Gould National Batteries in St. Paul after graduation. She later went to work for Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Dick and Jan met at the Prom Ballroom in St. Paul where they had each gone to hear the Jules Herman Orchestra. They married in 1958. They have four children, seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

In 1993 they bought a lot on Shirt Lake near Deerwood. In 1997 they built a cabin on the property and later added an addition before they moved here permanently on the historic day of 9-11-2001.

They joined St. Joseph's in Deerwood when they became permanent residents. "Everyone was so friendly and we got to know a lot of people through church," Jan said. When the two churches merged, it took Jan a bit of time to feel comfortable in a bigger parish. The transition was

easier for Dick. He describes himself as a friendly, outgoing person who likes to walk up to people, introduce himself and say hello.

In the community, Dick and Jan have been longtime volunteers with Interfaith Volunteers, formerly known as Lakes Area Interfaith Caregivers. Dick was active for many years in the Bay Lake Lions. Currently he volunteers at the Deerwood Legion on their food nights as well as with military funerals. He also assists at the Food Shelf.

Jan is active in the Council of Catholic Women, assisting with funerals and the Christmas cookie walk. She and Dick enjoy working together on the pasty project.

Jan loves her flower gardens and is involved with the lakeshore association on shoreline restoration. Dick and Jan greatly enjoy their recently purchased first pontoon.

Dick and Jan are thankful they made the decision to move up north 19 years ago. "We love it here," they said.



*Dick & Jan Boumeester*



## Volunteer Focus

Trustee, Facilities Planning & Events Teams

Michael Aulie was born in Crosby in 1950 and has been a member of St. Joseph's in Crosby or Deerwood his entire life. He and his wife Roxanne have six children and 16 grandchildren. He has been a professional photographer for more than 50 years.



Mike Aulie

An active member of the our faith community, Mike served on the Deerwood pastoral and finance councils. He was also a trustee of the Deerwood parish and currently serves as a trustee of the merged parish.

Mike has served in leadership positions with state and national photography associations, the Brainerd Rotary Club and has been the mayor of Deerwood for the past 12 years. He feels his experience has trained him to have a sense of vision and the ability to bring people together, qualities that are an asset to the facilities planning team and events committee.

## Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"

*Excerpts from the Apostolic Letter*

To mark the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis proclaimed December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021 a "Year of Saint Joseph."



In his new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris Corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis wrote, "Now, one hundred and fifty years after his proclamation as Patron of the Catholic Church by Blessed Pius IX (8 December 1870), I would like to share some personal reflections on this extraordinary figure, so close to our own human experience. For, as Jesus says, 'out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks' (Mt 12:34). My desire to do so increased during these months of pandemic, when we experienced, amid the crisis, how 'our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others. They understood that no one is saved alone... How many people daily exercise patience and offer hope, taking care to spread not panic, but shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer. How many are praying, making sacrifices and interceding for the good of all'.<sup>[6]</sup> Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all."

Pope Francis reflects on St. Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father, a creatively courageous father, a working father and a father in the shadows. *St. Joseph Messenger* will share those reflections with you over the next seven months.

<sup>[6]</sup> Meditation in the Time of Pandemic (27 March 2020): *L'Osservatore Romano*, 29 March 2020, p. 10.

To read the full Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris Corde*, goto [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap\\_20201208\\_patris-corde.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html)

Coming Soon

# WINTERFEST 2021

Sunday, February 28  
weather permitting

Celebrate winter at the new church property!  
Highway 31 and Deer Trail Drive

- Horse-drawn carriages
- Sledding hills
- Dogsled rides
- Bonfires
- S'mores stations

and more winter fun and games

Stay tuned for more information.



# Liturgical Decorating

Ministry Spotlight by Theresa Backowski

The beauty of the Christmas season permeates much of our vision from November through mid-January. The natural beauty of this season can be witnessed simply by looking through our windows and recognizing the daily changes the weather brings: Frozen tree tops, snow covered sidewalks, frost-kissed branches. We stand in awe of the beauty that winter brings. And, of course, when we drive down Main Street and see the lights lining the windows of local businesses, large festive ornaments on light posts, poinsettias and winter flower arrangements tastefully placed, we are reminded of what is coming... Santa. Gifts. Food. Family. Fun.

But WE know that is not all. Our faith tells us more. Our experience moves us to seek. With the help of the liturgical decorating team and others, members of St. Joseph's can SEE the celebration and Hope to come.

Advent begins a new liturgical year in the Catholic Church. Large candles of purple and pink find a place near the altar. Ribbons and silks, poinsettias and greenery begin to adorn the sanctuary. Christmas comes, and we are all in awe as we step into the church, decked with trees, lights, floral arrangements, ribbons and bows, candelabras, and dimmed lights. And... the manger. We all scan the sanctuary for the beautiful crèche and birth scene of Our

Lord. The children ooh and awe, families take their annual pictures near it, we all stand and adore the beautiful scene reminding us of the REAL reason, the true Hope, and the exquisite gift of Christ's birth.

The liturgical decorating team – ranging from a few to a dozen volunteers – pray, plan, and help bring visual beauty to the liturgy. Have you noticed the constant display of flowers? Or the changing of the altar linens? Or perhaps the candles, banners, and silks? Our fantastic and talented liturgical decorating team tends to these details.

St. Joseph's Church is an extraordinary faith community swelling with people of every kind of talent. These talents are a tremendous gift to our community. Some gifts are seen and heard. Some gifts are quiet and linger in the shadows... sometimes noticed, sometimes not. Thanks to the liturgical decorating team who share their gifts and talents so willingly: Gretchen and LeRoy Johnson along with their daughters, Chrissy Johnson and Anna Mayer; and, Amy Swenson who advises the committee on plants and arrangements and offers them at extremely affordable prices.

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*If you have an interest in helping with the liturgy, contact Deacon Dan Goshey.*

