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New Church Project Update

Wow, there is a lot going on in this issue! Our visit to the College of Consultors in Duluth and their response still has me excited about moving forward with the project. Learn more about our visit on page six.

Communication Team. The Communication Team is excited to share the capital campaign logo with the parish. It was developed and created by the team, and they hope that it inspires the parish community to move forward with the church project. Read more on page six.

Events Team. Winterfest was a big success. Thanks to the events team for arranging a fun time at the new property. See page five for pictures from the event. The Events Team is looking forward to dedicating a statue to St. Joseph at the property sometime this spring.

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. 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

A PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

God our Father and our Creator, you bestow on us gifts and talents to develop and use in accord with Your will.

Grant to me, through the intercession of St. Joseph the worker, as model and guide, the opportunities to use my energy and my talents and abilities for the good of our parish and the glory of Your name.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Join the Prayer Guild

Help pray for the special intentions of the building project teams. 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: Is there any news about the naming of a new Bishop and when Mass restrictions will end?

A: We did not inquire about our future Bishop or COVID-19 restrictions, however, we invite you to use this prayer for our next Bishop:

God our Father, in Jesus, your Son, you have given your Church the perfect model of priest, prophet and king, and so You have blessed us through His sacrifice, taught us through His Word, and guided us through His rule.

We thank You for the previous bishops who have cared for the people of the Diocese of Duluth. We ask you, Father, to guide and enlighten those who will be tasked with helping to choose the next bishop of our diocese. May the man they choose be a man of deep and true prayer, a

man of compassionate heart and firm resolve, and a man of joy and peace, who desires above all to do Your will. We entrust our prayers to our Patroness, Mary, Queen of the Rosary, and ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Q: Has the building team considered using less expensive building materials, such as a steel structure?

A: Building materials have not been selected yet. The building budget will be based on the results of the capital campaign. Once we know the parish commitment to the project, we will adjust the conceptual design to keep it in-line with the funding.

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.



A Passion for Music, Meet Kristin Fleming

Parishioner Spotlight by Nicole Bugnacki

Kristin Fleming became interested in church music during her middle school years when she began to assist with music at Masses, weddings, and funerals. Kristin studied sacred music while attending Franciscan University, and it didn't take long for her to fall deeply in love with the rich history of church music and desire to share its beauty with those around her. While Kristin's husband, Sean, was pursuing dentistry, they were young and having children. During this time, Kristin stayed home with their children which was a beautiful opportunity for her to study. "I didn't know at the time what God was doing, but I had such a strong desire to share what I have been blessed to be able to learn," she said. "Our Church has such wealth in the musical tradition that distinguishes us as Catholics, and I wanted to sing, teach, and try to bring these chants, polyphony, and choral pieces to life for the faithful. I had a passion that God was stirring in my heart!"

Her passion shines through when she talks about music. "The music should always serve the Mass, assist the Mass, accompany the already perfectly beautiful liturgy of the Mass. It should be its faithful servant allowing the Mass to be prayed and sung. I love how the rich history of these chants that are assigned for Masses throughout the liturgical year enhance it through our tradition. By participating in them, we are doing exactly the same chants that have been done for hundreds, even over a thousand years! What an honor to sing what so many other saints and faithful have sung."

According to Kristin, "Sacred music is meant to be set apart from the world, from modern music because it's

that special! When one enters the church, the music should assist you to elevate that prayer of mind and soul in union with our Lord. In our busy, fast paced world, our souls hunger for the quiet, transcending tone of what sacred music can bring. There is such beauty in God's primary instrument of the human voice. His creation of our voices to serve Him is meant to transmit truth, beauty, and goodness. That's what I hope to try to do with the gifts God has given to so many in the parish."



Sean & Kirstin Fleming Family

Sean and Kristin are the parents of nine children (and one on the way). Kristin has been a parishioner at St. Joseph's Catholic Church since 1985. Sean, a native of Colorado, has enjoyed being a member of St. Joseph's since they moved their family back after dental school in 2008. The Flemings love the parish life of St. Joseph's with all of the beautiful families. "The parish is full of life, goodness, simplicity, and love. We are beyond blessed to be here!"

Kristin invites all to get involved with her liturgical music ministry. Those in grades 7-12 are invited to join the Schola and adult choir meets Monday evenings at 7 p.m. Contact Kristin at 218-831-7067 to learn more.



Volunteer Focus

Deacon Dan Goshey - Facilities Planning Team

Dan Goshey met his wife Julie in high school. Two years after graduating from Saint Paul Como Park, they began dating. After ten dates in ten days, Dan proposed and they were married four months later in September 1988. They have two adult children. Nellie is a Catholic school teacher in Grand Rapids, Minnesota and Joe resides in Riverton.



Deacon Dan

Dan works for Hubbard Radio, mostly in marketing. He was a radio announcer for over 30 years and is well known for his acclaimed Christmas programming.

Dan became a Deacon on November 26, 2017. When our Pastor at the time, Father Eli, asked him what role he would like to have in the parish, he shared a few interests. He also volunteered that there were two areas he preferred not to work in: teaching the youth and being a member of a building and planning committee. Father immediately assigned him to those two duties which he has obediently and faithfully performed.

The skills and talents Deacon Dan says he brings to the Facilities Planning Team are obedience (see above), strong communication skills, meeting facilitation, team building and the ability to see the bigger picture. His desire is to do God's will without an agenda of his own.

His secret talent is making incredible soup. He is patiently waiting for a hungry group to place an order.

St Joseph, Beloved Father

Excerpts from the Apostolic Letter

The following is a continuation of Pope Francis's Apostolic Letter on the 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

The greatness of Saint Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus. In this way, he placed himself, in the words of Saint John Chrysostom, "at the service of the entire plan of salvation."^[7]

Saint Paul VI pointed out that Joseph concretely expressed his fatherhood "by making his life a sacrificial service to the mystery of the incarnation and its redemptive purpose. He employed his legal authority over the Holy Family to devote himself completely to them in his life and work. He turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home."^[8]

Thanks to his role in salvation history, Saint Joseph has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people. This is shown by the countless churches dedicated to him worldwide, the numerous religious Institutes, Confraternities and ecclesial groups inspired by his spirituality and bearing his name, and the many traditional expressions of piety in his honour. Innumerable holy men and women were passionately devoted to him. Among them was Teresa of Avila, who chose him as her advocate and intercessor, had frequent recourse to him and received whatever graces she asked of him. Encouraged by her own experience, Teresa persuaded others to cultivate devotion to Joseph.^[9]

Every prayer book contains prayers to Saint Joseph. Special prayers are offered to him each Wednesday and especially during the month of March, which is traditionally dedicated to him.^[10]

Popular trust in Saint Joseph is seen in the expression "Go to Joseph," which evokes the famine in Egypt, when the Egyptians begged Pharaoh for bread. He in turn replied: "Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do." (Gen 41:55) Pharaoh was referring to Joseph the son of Jacob, who was sold into slavery because of the jealousy of his brothers (cf. Gen 37:11-28) and who – according to the biblical account – subsequently became viceroy of Egypt (cf. Gen 41:41-44).

As a descendant of David (cf. Mt 1:16-20), from whose stock Jesus was to spring according to the promise made to David by the prophet Nathan (cf. 2 Sam 7), and as the spouse of Mary of Nazareth, Saint Joseph stands at the crossroads between the Old and New Testaments.

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

^[7] In Matthaeum Homiliae, V, 3: PG 57, 58.

^[8] Homily (19 March 1966): Insegnamenti di Paolo VI, IV (1966), 110.

^[9] Cf. Autobiography, 6, 6-8.

^[10] Every day, for over forty years, following Lauds I have recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary. It expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph: ... see prayer on front cover.

To read the full Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris Corde*, go to http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html



Committees

Contact one of the following people:

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

Inform parishioners about current project status

Joan Hasskamp (Co-Chair) Doreen Miller-Fish (Co-Chair)

Grant Exploration Team

Review possibility of accessing grants

Fr. Anthony Craig (Chair)



Knights of Columbus

Ministry Spotlight by Brian Franck

The Mission:

We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much good and necessary work to be done in this world, and that's what Knights do every day.

Our Faith:

Our goal is to help men, their families and their parishes grow closer to Christ. Through our programs and resources, we provide opportunities to live and spread the Catholic faith.

The Knights of Columbus were founded in 1882 when Blessed Michael J. McGivney gathered a small group of parishioners in St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. His purpose was to establish a group of men united in their faith and to provide for Catholic families in times of need.

Guided by the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, members of the Knights of Columbus work to overcome the hardships that people face in their parishes and communities. They provide food, shelter, warm clothing and financial security to those in need including widows and orphans.

The Knights of Columbus Council #3473 serves Crosby, Deerwood, Aitkin and Garrison. With over 90 Brother Knights and growing, Mark Greninger serves as the Council's Grand Knight. Monthly meetings are held the

first Tuesday of each month beginning with a Rosary at 6:30 p.m. followed by the 7 p.m. meeting. Meetings rotate between St. James in Aitkin and St. Joesph in Crosby.

The council supports local parishes, priests, deacons, seminarians and communities through various fund raisers including pancake breakfasts and pork dinners. In Crosby, they provide ushers and readers at Masses on the third Sunday of the month. In addition, they support local youth programs by providing coats through Coats for Kids. Through the generosity of the community, they provided 240 new coats and 150 snow pants to local elementary schools this winter. The council regularly sponsors the Region 7 Free Throw Competition for Districts 1, 2, 40, 41 and 42. Also, they provide financial and volunteer support for the Special Olympics (founded by the wife of a Brother Knight).

The Knights of Columbus are committed to supporting the new church project both financially and with volunteers. These are men who strive to be better as Catholics, husbands, fathers, and parishioners. Knights also strive to be better citizens, bringing the influence of the Gospel values into society. The Knights of Columbus are looking for Catholic men to join them.

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, contact Brian Franck at Brian.Franck@kofc.org or 218-766-4589.



The Fourth Degree Knights as Color Corps Knights served during the last Mass at St. Joseph's in Deerwood.

WINTERFEST 2021

Sunday, February 28

The Events Team would like to thank everyone who helped with our first WinterFest celebration on the new property. Many people were involved in the preparation of the site prior to the event, helping with the games, refreshments, bonfire, kids tubing rides, and leading the Rosary – thanks to you all. A special thanks to the Maury Duval family for the dog sled rides. And thanks to the 150-200 people who participated. Hopefully, this was just the first of an annual event that will continue to grow.





College of Consultors Gives Us the Green Light

written by Doreen Miller-Fish

On January 28, 2021, Fr. Anthony, Mike Aulie, Chris Ruttger, Jesse Hopkins (Nor-Son Architect) and I met with the College of Consultors at the Duluth Diocese. The objective was to request approval to initiate a capital campaign.

We provided the College of Consultors, a group of five priests, a detailed report to review a week prior to the meeting. The report included parish sacramental activity, financial data, demographics, feasibility study results, conceptual plans and details about everything the parish has done since starting the building project. The report included pictures of parishioners and parish life to give them a feel for our vibrant community.

We waited in the hallway outside the boardroom with nervous anticipation to present our plan to the Consultors. As we entered, there was a collegiality amongst the priests and laity, as if old friends had come together. As Fr.

Anthony started his laptop excited to tell our story, they didn't have a compatible connector for the projector.

Quick on his feet, Fr. Anthony asked Rose from the Diocese to make copies of the slides so all could follow along. Fr. Anthony started with a prayer and intercessions to St. André Bessette and St. Thomas Aquinas, shared the most important details and asked for approval to start a capital campaign when the leadership team feels the time is right.

The College of Consultors reacted positively to the traditional church design. After a few questions we were asked to wait in the hallway while they made a decision.

A few minutes later, Fr. Justin Fish emerged from the boardroom and said "Good luck." After a collective sigh of relief, Fr. Anthony enthusiastically responded, "Thank you, my brother."



Capital Campaign Logo

written by the Communications Team

The Facilities Planning Team (FPT) is pleased to introduce the Capital Campaign logo. It was designed by the Communications Team. The FPT asked that the logo reflect the tradition of our parish and include St. Joseph.

At the first meeting in October, the Communications Team reviewed taglines and expanded the vision for the logo. The team wanted the logo to reflect unity, community and being one inclusive family. After much discussion, it was decided to depict St. Joseph as the leader of the Holy Family.

With the vision developed, the team created seven logo design options using a variety of taglines. In November, the team selected three options that they continued to refine.

After further refinement, the team proposed three designs to the FPT. When the FPT reviewed the options, nearly all gravitated to the same logo. They asked for alterations, and after a few meetings, the capital campaign logo was selected.

Throughout the process, the logo selected always stood out from the others. The halo gives a sense of the divine that encompasses our parish. Each person in our parish is represented as the faithful in different liturgical colors, showing that even though we are different, we come together as one family. As our patron, St. Joseph leads the Holy Family, and inspires us to holy lives. Our tagline reflects that in this building project, we place our faith in God to build the church for his glory; and, that in doing this together, it will bring us closer in Christ.

