

St. Joseph Messenger

Building on Faith

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Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter to you and your families! I want you to know that we have been continuing our meetings as a facilities planning committee. We are praying and continuing to seek wisdom from our Lord as we walk forward together.

Ever since I received the new assignment here, I have been grateful for the chance to be involved in literally building something beautiful for God. This is ultimately what we want to do with our lives. The excitement I have is also linked to the great parish we have here. To be candid, we have experienced difficulties and disagreements. However, that does not deter me in the least. Our Lord knows of these difficulties and he can forge us together even more strongly than before. Even after a marital problem, once reconciliation has occurred, the married couple can become more loving with each other. This is possible because they have gained new knowledge of each other during the problem. Their hearts were opened in the hurt. Since they love each other and have decided upon that love, they guided their hearts to reconcile and move forward.

Let's pull together and open our hearts to the grace of God held out to us. We will go forward together with the help of God. He is with us always in the Blessed Sacrament. He deserves the best we can give him in response. I invite you and all of our parishioners to join me in a Novena prayer to St. Joseph beginning April 22nd leading up to May 1st, the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. The prayer is included in this issue of the Messenger for you and your families to pray together with the eye towards parish unity and wisdom for our building project. Know that you are in my heart and in my prayers as we move forward. God bless you and your loved ones.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

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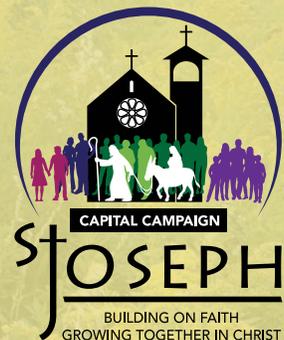
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Novena Prayer to St. Joseph by St. Francis de Sales

Glorious St. Joseph, spouse of the Virgin Mary, we beseech you through the Heart of Jesus Christ, grant to us your fatherly protection.

O you whose power reaches all our necessities and who knows how to make possible the most impossible things, open your fatherly eyes to the needs of your children. In the confusions and pain which press upon us, we have recourse to you with confidence.

Deign to take beneath your charitable guidance this important and difficult affair, the cause of our worries, and make that its happy outcome serve for the glory of God and the good of his devoted servants. Amen.

Please pray for Bishop-elect Daniel Felton, our new shepherd for the Diocese of Duluth.
His episcopal ordination and installation as bishop of Duluth is May 20.



Q & A

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

Q: Will there be outdoor Mass again this summer?

A: Everything depends on COVID-19 restrictions. With current restrictions, we will start Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass outdoors when the weather allows. Pray for reduced restrictions or an early Spring so we can accommodate more worshippers.

Q: When will the St. Joseph statue be placed on the new property? Will there be a grotto?

A: The events team is looking to dedicate a grotto and statue honoring St. Joseph in late spring or early summer.

Q: Could senior apartments be built on the property?

A: Yes, however, the Facilities Planning Team (FPT) is focused on the church campus. This idea was mentioned during the Presentation Dialogue Meetings but is not being considered as part of the initial building project.

Q: Has the addition of a cemetery been considered?

A: The FPT is focused on the church campus. Including a cemetery in the project would require additional approvals from the Duluth Diocese and local government. After the church campus is complete, if the parish community has a strong desire and there is sufficient real estate available for adding a cemetery, it could be considered.

Q: Can I give part or all of my stimulus check to the building fund?

A: Yes. Even though we have not formally started the capital campaign, you may contribute all or part of your stimulus money by designating it to the "Building Fund" on your check or through Engage Online Giving.

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



Committees

Consider contacting one of the following committee chairs and/or co-chairs to volunteer:

Prayer Guild, Pray for special intentions

Mary Lee Dallman (Team Contact)

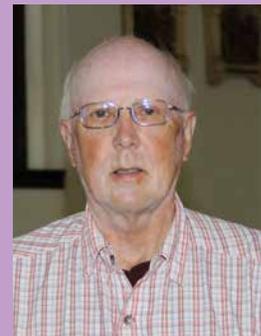
Facilities Planning Team, Oversees all other teams

Dcn. Dan Goshey (Chair)



Volunteer Focus

Steve Freese, Facilities Planning, Architect, & Gen. Contractor Teams



Steve Freese

Steve Freese graduated from Wyndmere High School in North Dakota. He earned an AAS degree in Architectural Drafting at North Dakota State School (College) of Science in Wahpeton, North Dakota. After graduation, Steve was hired by Lampert Lumber Company in St. Peter, MN. It was there he met Marian and where they raised their three children, Tanya, Tara, and James.

In 1988 Lampert's transferred Steve to Crosby to manage that store. In the 90's he was hired by Range Manufacturing. While employed at Range, he started a part-time residential drafting business which became his full-time job in 1998.

As a member of St. Joseph Church, Steve is a lector and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He has chaired dozens of Knights of Columbus free throw contests locally, and regionally and has assisted at numerous statewide competitions. He has also served on the Parish Council.

In the community, Steve is involved in the Lions Club and the Cuyuna Range Food Shelf. He is active in his children's and grandchildren's events and is an enthusiastic supporter of the C-I Rangers. Over the years he has coached several youth sports teams and has been the scoreboard operator for the varsity boys' basketball team for many years.

Steve believes the St. Joseph parish is special and unique and is proud to be an active member of the church community.

Events Team, Planning events for the parish

Mike Aulie (Co-Chair) Tommy Sablan (Co-Chair)

Communication Team, Develop communication tools

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

Grants Team, Seek grant opportunities

Fr. Anthony Craig