

St. Joseph's Messenger

Building on Faith

A publication of the St. Joseph's Facilities Planning Team

It has been such a joy to have Jacob Tschida and Deacon Scott Padrnos here with our parish! They are a great and joyful presence among us. We had a wonderful afternoon and evening with our new Ordinary, Bishop Daniel Felton, at St. Francis recently. He's such a gift to us in the diocese of Duluth!

The summer has been full for most of us with plans and many events already. As we see things ramp up a bit, let us remember, too, the soul of everything we do is prayer—communion with God. This must be where our energy and love is restored. Archbishop Fulton Sheen often talked about how love is the renewable energy source in us! Be cautious in decision making and ask our Lord and your Guardian Angel for guidance. Placing things in St. Joseph's hands as we follow advice of past Christians—"Go to Joseph" will be a sure help for us.

For parents, I'd like to end this brief article by encouraging you in your task of passing on the faith of Jesus Christ to your kids. This is because we never take a vacation from our vocation to holiness. It is a quote from St. John Henry Cardinal Newman. He said once, "Give not over your attempts to serve God, though you see nothing come of them. Watch and pray, and obey your conscience, though you cannot perceive your own progress in holiness. Go on, and you cannot but go forward; believe it, though you do not see it. Do the duties of your calling, though they are distasteful to you. Educate your children carefully in the good way, though you cannot tell how far God's grace has touched their hearts. Let your light shine before men, and praise God by a consistent life, even though others do not seem to glorify their Father on account of it, or to be benefited by your example."

God love you in these beautiful days. Keep our building project in your prayers—that we see the project in terms of advancing the mission of Jesus Christ's reign over all souls in his kingdom of love.

In Christ, Fr. Anthony

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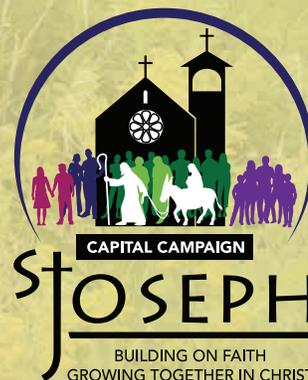
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PRAYER OF ABANDONMENT

Brother Charles de Foucauld

Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will.

Whatever you may do, I thank you: I am ready for all, I accept all.

Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures – I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands I commend my soul: I offer it to you with all the love of my heart, for I love you, Lord and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands without reserve, and with boundless confidence, for you are my father.

The Prayer Card for the Ordination and Installation of the Most Reverend Bishop Daniel Felton, the Tenth Bishop of Duluth, featured the Prayer of Abandonment. Please pray for our new bishop.

Rosary - July 10

A 10am Rosary will be at the new church property on the 2nd Saturday of the month. For questions, contact Mary Lee Dallman at 218-851-0193 or maryleedallman58@gmail.com.



Why a Regular Weekly Collection AND a Capital Campaign?

Next month, we will share a major announcement about the planning efforts for our capital campaign to fund our new church campus. As we continue to prepare for the campaign and the announcement, we want to offer a message on the importance of maintaining our regular weekly financial support and the additional financial support needed for the capital campaign.

When St. Joseph's parishioners and seasonal visitors share their financial gifts on a weekly, monthly, or annual basis for the general collection at Mass, this revenue source is the funding needed to support the annual parish operating budget. The income derived from regular contributions provides ongoing support for the day-to-day operation of parish ministries and programs.

These sacrificial gifts are given, most often, from individual and/or family annual income, not necessarily household assets. St. Joseph's Parish strives to support its mission through ministry and service during the annual fiscal year. To accomplish that objective, the parish needs the ongoing generosity from parishioners and seasonal visitors to maintain the quality of ministries and services that you have come to expect.

When addressing issues that are outside the scope of day-to-day operations, for example to build new facilities on a new campus, parishes must typically create an additional revenue source to fund this non-operating fund objective. The conventional approach for a faith community is to conduct a multi-year capital campaign.

How a capital campaign works

A capital campaign is an organized fundraising effort that takes place over a defined time frame, usually several months. The financial support is derived from pledge commitments that are paid over a three-year pledge term. This allows households the opportunity to contribute a significant sum by spreading it over 36-payments, rather than one lump sum which can strain most budgets.

Typically, there are two major campaign phases: a quiet phase and a public phase. During the quiet phase, we hope to raise a significant portion of the defined financial goal through an initial invitation to those who may have a greater capacity to offer more significant financial support.

During the public phase, the additional funds needed to reach the goal are raised by inviting financial support from all remaining parishioners, as well as seasonal visitors, and possibly former parishioners that have moved from the area but remain fond of St. Joseph's.

Before contributing, those invited know exactly what it is they're helping to accomplish. Whereas other types of campaigns will have general goals and benchmarks to aim for, the goals of a capital campaign are more specific and clearly laid out as the campaign progresses through its phases. The end goal of a capital campaign is almost always something tangible, like building new facilities on a new parish campus.



Volunteer Focus

Joan Hasskamp, Facilities Planning, Communication & Events Teams

Joan Hasskamp was born and raised in Crosby. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. She attended the elementary school and fondly recalls the delicious lunches the talented cooks served with love each day. Her favorite was gravy train (hamburger, green beans and gravy over mashed potatoes).

Joan graduated with a degree in Journalism from the University of Minnesota and worked for Crow Wing County Community Services for 34 years until her retirement. She is a freelance writer who has written numerous articles for several area publications including *Her Voice* and *Weddings North*. In April she published her first book, a "mostly true" humorous memoir titled, *We Don't Care Who Wins as Long as Joan Loses*.

She is a member of the CCW, St. Vincent de Paul, Sleeping Bag Ministry, Christmas Tree Ministry, Pasty Project, and can

be found serving at most funerals. She has ushered and been a weekly money collection counter. She loves snapping hundreds of photos at church events.

Joan volunteers with several area organizations and enjoys golfing, road trips, writing humorously, attending concerts, and spending time with family and friends. She also claims to be the biggest, best, and most over-the-top Christmas displayer in Crosby.

The skills and talents that Joan says she brings to the team include her writing and interpersonal skills, ability to look at both sides of a topic, and her sense of fun.



Joan Hasskamp



Meet Frank Perpich

Parishioner Spotlight by Joan Hasskamp

Frank Perpich is a local historian. The Crosby native grew up in the house he still lives in and can recall an amazing amount of information about his church, city, and neighborhood. "I was always curious, and I possess a great memory," he said about his uncanny ability to recall details from the past.

Born in 1932, Frank was the youngest of nine children. When his parents moved here from Croatia, neither of them could speak English. "Our immigrant family lived in a bilingual home," he said. The kids spoke both Croatian and English. He recalls his sisters helping their mom study to take the citizenship test.

Frank was baptized by Father Frydrychowicz (commonly called Father Frederick). He was an altar server for Father Hogan, Father Guilfoyle, Father Crowe, and Father Cashen. He served as an altar boy for many years even subbing when needed as a young adult. He recalls his older brothers and sisters carrying wood down to the church basement to fuel the furnace. If the family attended High Mass, they stayed for the benediction afterwards. In the evenings they often attended devotions. The church was a big part of his family's life.

Frank's Dad died when he was six years old leaving his mother to raise and feed nine children. The family cut their own wood for heat because coal was a luxury. They grew their own vegetables in multiple large gardens and owned two pigs and four milk cows. At the time, it was common to have livestock in town. His Mom kept the animals until 1950 when a city ordinance was passed that outlawed cattle. In order to get through the winter, his mom canned 1,000 quarts of fruits, vegetables, and relishes each season. The kids picked many berries in the woods so Mom could make hundreds of jars of jelly. In the cold basement they stored 100 bushels of potatoes. He recalls his mom primarily only bought salt, sugar, and flour. "We were poor but we always ate well," he said.

In high school, besides milking his own cows, Frank stocked shelves and delivered groceries for Ironton Quality Grocery. After graduating from Crosby-Ironton High School, he attended Brainerd Junior College and the University of Minnesota Duluth, where he obtained a degree in biology. He then earned two master's degrees, one in education and the other in botany and plant pathology at the university. During the summers he worked for Northern Pacific Railroad building new track and repairing old track and at Hanna and Inland Steel. He earned enough income to pay for all of his schooling.

He taught at Argyle and Carlton before joining the faculty at White Bear Lake where he taught high school general science, physics, chemistry, and biology and was known for his commitment to excellence. In fact, he was named the Outstanding Biology Teacher from the National Association of Biology Teachers in 1977. Also, in 2019 he won the Scholars Award for Excellence from the White Bear Lake Alumni Association in recognition of his innovation, leadership, and dedicated service. He has had several scientific articles



Grotto that Frank made



Frank Perpich

published. The impact he had on his students is evident in the number of former students who still maintain contact with him. Each year he receives numerous cards, letters, and gifts from them. He proudly displays many of these items in his living room.

After retirement Frank focused on his two favorite hobbies, woodworking and gardening. His house is full of impressive furniture he built. Up until a few years ago, he maintained a large vegetable garden. He gifted the majority of his produce to friends, family, and neighbors. He took great pride in his 130 rose bushes. Due to age and physical limitations, he has had to slow down and give up his hobbies. He gave away his rose bushes and even had the 420 feet of meticulously maintained hedges that bordered his yard removed because he could no longer trim them. "It bothers me that I can no longer work in my yard or garden because I took so much pride in it," he said.

Frank has seen many changes in the church. During his youth, there were always two priests at St. Joseph's, and the four Masses on Sundays were said in Latin. There was no Saturday Mass. Some priests were assigned to a parish much longer than they are now. For example, Father Cashen spent almost 18 years in Crosby. Also, there was more formality especially when it came to how parishioners interacted with their priest. He recalls that when a priest entered a room, the kids had to stand up; and the boys were required to remove their hats. Frank still stands if a priest enters the room.

When he was young, he said there were few tourists. The Cuyuna Range was a much more rural, isolated area with a diverse population of immigrants who came to work in the mines. Each Sunday the pews were primarily filled with locals. Because it was so tight knit, the church provided a strong sense of community and belonging to him and his family. "We had a bond and were very united," he said. "To us the church was a focal point. It was our second home."

His Catholic faith has always been very important to Frank and has seen him through both good and difficult times. He believes the church is as strong as it's ever been. "The Catholic Church has gone through trying times in the past, but the church always seems to survive and grow stronger," he said.



Mary Lou Houle, a Life of Service

Music Ministry Spotlight by Doreen Miller-Fish

Nearly 75 years ago, an eight-year-old Mary Lou (Plut) Houle joined Stella Perpich's children's choir and made her first trek up to the choir loft. She has been going up there ever since, in a life of service to our church and community.

Born to Frank and Helen Plut in Ironton, Mary Lou was one of three children. As a child, Mary Lou was drawn to music and pianos. She reminisced about telling her aunt, whom she referred to as her "fairy godmother," about wishing for a piano. Soon after, her aunt arranged for the delivery of a big mahogany piano previously owned by the mayor's wife. It was on the 2nd floor, so they gathered a big group of men, arranged long sturdy ropes, rolled it down planks covering the stairs, and put it in a truck. When Mary Lou started playing the piano, it came natural for her. She is self-taught on the organ.

Mary Lou started playing the organ for the children's choir when she was 12 years old. As our church organist over the years, Mary Lou has played for eleven priests on three different organs, and collaborated with five choir directors.

The current organ holds a special place in her heart. The previous organ didn't work consistently. Mary Lou said, "It was hard when you had a bride ready to walk up the aisle, and the organ wouldn't play." The new (and current) organ is a Baldwin. At that time, Fr. Francis Paquette and Mary Lou visited St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Grand Rapids to see their organ. Mary Lou joked, "Grand Rapids had the Cadillac of Baldwins, but we could only afford the Chevrolet." When it was installed, the local newspaper featured a photo of the organ in a crate being lifted to the loft. Ms. Ann Hrvatin Wilcox saw the article and decided that she wanted to pay for the organ. When Ms. Wilcox approached Fr. Paquette, he told her that the parishioners had already raised enough funds, but Ms. Wilcox was adamant that she was paying for it. According to Mary Lou, "Ann told Fr., 'You can give your money to missions, I am paying for the organ.'" Mary Lou invited her to see and hear the organ. It is a special memory

as they discovered their mothers had been good friends years earlier.

Nursing was another passion for Mary Lou. In school, she read every nursing book in the library. When she broke her ankle at a Catholic Youth Organization event, she was so impressed with the caring nurses that nursing became even more appealing. At 16, she became a nurse's aide at Miners Hospital and then attended St. Cloud School of Nursing and St. Scholastica, graduating *summa cum laude*. She retired from CRMC after 55 years in healthcare. "Music is my avocation and nursing my vocation – I am blessed to have both," said Mary Lou.

Mary Lou met Alvin Houle through her cousin, Joseph Plut. After years of dating, they married at St. Joseph's in Crosby on August 22, 1959. "Al was always my helpmate and the anchor at home," she said. He allowed her to flourish in her career and volunteer, while raising their four children in the same house she grew up in. Her kids are Denis, Susan, Barbara, and Thomas. She also has five grandchildren.

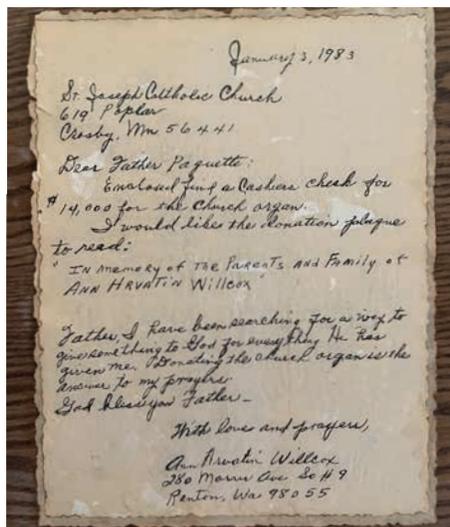
Over the years, Mary Lou has played the organ in nearly all of the Cuyuna Range churches, including the Methodist Church for the last 20 years. She volunteered as a school nurse for St. Joseph's school, taught piano, and was president of the hospital auxiliary. Pre-Covid, she volunteered at the Care Center and Heartwood playing the piano for residents, taught childbirth classes, helped organize several C-I All-class Reunions, and worked as an election judge. In the last year, Mary Lou sewed nearly 1,000 masks and surgical scrub caps that she sent throughout the US.

As Mary Lou thinks about the church, she said, "St. Joseph's is a big part of my life. I was born here, baptized here, and married here. It is my life story." She continued, "I feel so blessed. My music is just a small way of paying back."

She hopes to continue making the trek up the choir loft stairs for years to come.



Alvin & Mary Lou (Plut) Houle wedding, St. Joseph's, 1959



Plaque in choir loft with letter from Ms. Ann Hrvatin Wilcox



Mary Lou with longtime Adult Choir Director Carla Gutzman

St Joseph, An obedient father

Excerpts from the Apostolic Letter

As he had done with Mary, God revealed his saving plan to Joseph. He did so by using dreams, which in the Bible and among all ancient peoples, were considered a way for him to make his will known.¹³

Joseph was deeply troubled by Mary's mysterious pregnancy. He did not want to "expose her to public disgrace",¹⁴ so he decided to "dismiss her quietly" (Mt 1:19).

In the first dream, an angel helps him resolve his grave dilemma: "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Mt 1:20-21). Joseph's response was immediate: "When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him" (Mt 1:24). Obedience made it possible for him to surmount his difficulties and spare Mary.

In the second dream, the angel tells Joseph: "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him" (Mt 2:13). Joseph did not hesitate to obey, regardless of the hardship involved: "He got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod" (Mt 2:14-15).

In Egypt, Joseph awaited with patient trust the angel's notice that he could safely return home. In a third dream, the angel told him that those who sought to kill the child were dead and ordered him to rise, take the child and his mother, and return to the land of Israel (cf. Mt 2:19-20). Once again, Joseph promptly obeyed. "He got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel" (Mt 2:21).

During the return journey, "when Joseph heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. After being warned in a dream" – now for the fourth time – "he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth" (Mt 2:22-23).

The evangelist Luke, for his part, tells us that Joseph undertook the long and difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem to be registered in his family's town of origin in the census of the

Emperor Caesar Augustus. There Jesus was born (cf. Lk 2:7) and his birth, like that of every other child, was recorded in the registry of the Empire. Saint Luke is especially concerned to tell us that Jesus' parents observed all the prescriptions of the Law: the rites of the circumcision of Jesus, the purification of Mary after childbirth, the offering of the firstborn to God (cf. 2:21-24).¹⁵

In every situation, Joseph declared his own "fiat", like those of Mary at the Annunciation and Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

In his role as the head of a family, Joseph taught Jesus to be obedient to his parents (cf. Lk 2:51), in accordance with God's command (cf. Ex 20:12).

During the hidden years in Nazareth, Jesus learned at the school of Joseph to do the will of the Father. That will was to be his daily food (cf. Jn 4:34). Even at the most difficult moment of his life, in Gethsemane, Jesus chose to do the Father's will rather than his own,¹⁶ becoming "obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (Phil 2:8). The author of the Letter to the Hebrews thus concludes that Jesus "learned obedience through what he suffered" (5:8).

All this makes it clear that "Saint Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood" and that in this way, "he cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation and is truly a minister of salvation."¹⁷

¹³ Cf. Gen 20:3; 28:12; 31:11.24; 40:8; 41:1-32; Num 12:6; 1 Sam 3:3-10; Dan 2, 4; Job 33:15.

¹⁴ In such cases, provisions were made even for stoning (cf. Deut 22:20-21).

¹⁵ Cf. Lev 12:1-8; Ex 13:2.

¹⁶ Cf. Mt 26:39; Mk 14:36; Lk 22:42.

¹⁷ SAINT JOHN PAUL II, Apostolic Exhortation *Redemptoris Custos* (15 August 1989), 8; AAS 82 (1990), 14.

Read the full Apostolic Letter at: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html



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*
Justin Smith (Chair)

Capital Campaign Cabinet, *Lead Capital Campaign*
TBD (Chair)

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)

Auction Team, *Review and organize auction opportunity*

Dr. Rachel Cady (Co-Chair) Joan Hasskamp (Co-Chair)