



# “GOOD SEEDS”

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## Diocesan Appeal

The Diocesan Annual Appeal will soon be underway. The overall goal is \$5,104,482. Our target for the 2011-2012 Diocesan Annual Appeal is \$51,628. Please be generous with a contribution to assist the needs of the diocesan and local church. Begin to consider what you can afford to pledge for this campaign! Please pray for the success of this Appeal at St. Joseph Parish!

**New Mass Schedule: Saturday, 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:30 a.m.** St. Stephen Parish Schedule: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 8:30a.m.

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## Summer Gatherings

Two of our Summer Gatherings have come and gone. We have had good turnouts and the food has been delicious! The next Gathering will take place on Wednesday, August 10, in the Parish Family Center at 6:00 p.m. Mark your calendars and come out and enjoy good food, meet new friends, and have fun! And the BEST part, NO DISHES TO WASH!!!

## Parish Rummage Sale Volunteers

Your help is needed with organizing, pricing and working, please give Kris Hesch a call to offer your help on this parish fundraiser, 715-341-1075. Sign up sheets will be in the Gathering Space July 30 and 31.

## Holy Days

August 15 marks the celebration of the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Since the holy day falls on a Monday, the bishops have removed the obligation to attend Mass. St. Joseph Parish will have a Mass at 6:15 p.m. on that day.

## Parish Rummage Sale, August 12-13 Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

There will be \$1.00 bag sale after Sunday Mass on Aug. 14.

Clean, working, usable items may be dropped off in the Parish Family Center during the following times:

- before Mass on August 6 & 7
- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on August 8 & 9
- 4:00-8:00 p.m. on August 10

Due to space restrictions we are *not able to accept clothing or large appliances.* (However, clean, boxed or bagged clothing (*no hangers*) may be brought to the Parish Family Center on Sunday, August 14, after Mass to donate—along with unsold items—to Easter Seals.



St. Joseph Parish Logo

## Deacon for St. Joseph Parish

I would like to introduce myself. I am Deacon Arthur Schaller; however, you may address me as Deacon Art. In addition to St. Stephen Parish, I am now also assigned to St. Joseph Parish. I was ordained a Permanent Deacon in 1999 with 9 other gentlemen by Bishop Raymond Burke. My wife's name is Kathy. We have lived in Stevens Point since 1994. We have one child in heaven. A few of our favorite devotions are the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Eucharistic Adoration. I look forward to working closely with Fr. Jerzy and the Parishioners of St. Joseph to build up the Kingdom of God here one earth.

May God Bless You!  
Deacon Art

## Feeling Disconnected from St. Joseph Parish?

Are you unable to attend Sunday Mass? Are your activities outside the home limited? Would you like communion &/or a visit so that you can stay connected to our parish community? Please call our Pastoral Minister, Kris Hansen to make arrangements 715-341-1617 ext. 112 evenings or 715-340-7751.

## Baptism Classes

The next set of classes will be held on September 18 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Family Center. St. Joseph Parish offers these classes for the benefit of Christian parents. All first-time parents (or parents never having attended classes) wishing to present their child for Baptism, must participate in this series of classes before Baptism is scheduled. To sign up for the class, please call the Parish Office, 715-341-1617, ext. 101.

## Mass of Anointing

This Mass will be celebrated on Friday, October 14, at 11:00 a.m. If you or someone you know would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please plan to attend. All are welcome. A light luncheon will be served following the celebration. Any questions please call Kris Hansen, Religious Ed Office 715-341-1617 ext. 112 or leave a message at 715-340-7751.

## Religious Education

### Registration

Watch for registration packets in mid-August or call the Religious Education Office, 715-341-1617 x115. Families with children in Grades 1-8 may receive an Early Bird discount if registration with payment is postmarked by August 31.

Early registration also allows us to time to find enough volunteers and to order the correct amount of books and other supplies.

### Second Grade Families

Be sure to register in August for the First Reconciliation and First Communion preparation programs. This includes families whose children are in CCD, Catholic Schools or Home-schooling. A schedule of parent meetings, children's retreats, and the celebration dates will be mailed to you once we receive your registration. If you have questions, contact Lynn Meyer, 715-341-1617 x114.

### Office Help

Our Religious Education Office Assistant, Renee Schneeberg, is looking for volunteers to help in the office Wednesday evenings. Extra hands are needed for simple tasks like cutting, pasting, copying and prayer checking. Come join us in the office while your child(ren) are in class! For more information, contact Renee, 715-341-1617 x115.

### 8th Grade Catechist Needed

We are looking for a catechist to teach the combined St. Joseph and St. Stephen 8th grade class for the 2011-2012 school year. Classes meet twice per month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve your parish and our youth! Please contact Teresa Loepfe with any questions - 715-341-1617 x113; 715-344-6433; tgeib@togetherinfaith.org Is the Holy Spirit nudging you?

### St. John Bosco Youth Days

Mark your calendars! Saturday, October 1, 2011 is the next St. John Bosco Youth Days at Holy Hill. Laugh, pray, sing, and have fun with youth from all over Wisconsin. This year's theme is "On Fire for Christ." Watch for more details soon.

### Youth Mass

First Friday of every month from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the old convent behind St. Stephen Church. We celebrate Mass in the chapel followed by dinner and fun. Open to all 9-12th grade students. See you there!

### Lunch at SPASH

Continuing from last year, we'll meet once per month over the lunch periods at SPASH to hang out, eat, and share our faith. All SPASH students are welcome to join us. Look in the bulletin for upcoming dates or contact Teresa. \*\*Ben & PJ students - we'll be coming to your school soon!

**RCIA (Rite of Christian**

## Initiation of Adults)

Are you interested in entering the Catholic faith from another Christian faith tradition? Are you an adult Catholic, who has never completed the initiation process by being confirmed? Are



you an adult who has never been baptized? If you or someone you know fits into one of these categories,

we have the means to help. It is called the RCIA process. We meet Tuesday evenings beginning October 7 at 7:00 p.m. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the RCIA process this year please call Kris Hansen at the Religious Ed. Office 715-341-1617 ext. 112 evenings or leave a message at 715-340-7751 with name and address of the person who is interested. An official letter will be sent with the details about preparing for this process.

We also welcome young people into sacramental life through a special RCIA process for children and teens. If you wish to have an older child baptized or know an older child who needs to “catch-up” on other sacraments, contact the Religious Education Office, 715-341-1617 ext. 115.

## Mass Intention Book 2012

The book has arrived. Reserved dates will be honored provided unforeseen circumstances do not require a change in the Mass Schedule. If a change is necessary, you will be contacted to re-schedule your Mass Intention. Call the Parish Office (715-341-1617 ext. 101) to reserve your dates.

## St. Anne's Society

This coming fall brings about new changes for us. Esther Bigus and Adrian Mitch have decided to “retire” from their positions as Vice-President & Secretary. Both have given much of their time and energy to our society. We thank them for all they have done and wish them well. We welcome Kathy Tetzloff as vice president & Betsy Muhvic as secretary. It has been suggested that since St. Stephen Parish does not have a Rosary Society that it would be a nice gesture to invite the ladies from St. Stephen Parish to join us. President Deb Peltier will be in contact with St. Stephen Parish to see if this is something they are interested in. First meeting is Monday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m.

## St. Joseph Parish Day Trips for 2011

**August 8, Thursday**—Clauson Family Music Show featuring music from the 30s to the 60s—Ragtime, Country Western, Jazz Swing, Bluegrass, Gospel and Comedy. Roundtrip from St. Joseph Parish for the show including dinner is \$54.00. Will be departing at 11:00 a.m. and returning around 6:00 p.m.

**September 14, Wednesday**—2 1/2 hour Train Ride at Spooner, Wisconsin. There will be lunch on the train and a tour of the Museum of Woodcarving. Cost is \$66.00; reserve by August 1. Trip includes bus transportation, train ride, lunch and the Museum. Not included are goodies you may wish to purchase at the bus stop breaks. Depart at 8:00 a.m. and return around 6:00 p.m.

**October 6, Thursday**—The

Dancing Horses Theatre. Some people say horses can’t dance...the theatre will prove them wrong. Trip includes show, dinner and an exotic bird show. Price is \$71; reserve by September 1. Leave St. Joseph Parish at 7:30 a.m. and return around 7:00 p.m. Not included are camel rides!

## Building Projects

The list of needs continues to grow – carpet for the church, pew re-alignment/repair of pews, tuck-pointing of the church, new sound system, replacement of Parish Center and church roof due to defective shingles, just to identify some areas of need being discussed. A committee is currently discussing all these building projects and how the parish will financially be able to do the necessary work needed.

## Servant’s Meeting—Joint Councils and Committees Thursday, November 17

All Council and Committee Members plus staff are requested to be in attendance at this meeting. Please mark your calendars now to reserve this date.

## Share your legacy!

Have you made a will? Have you included your Parish Family? Support the work of faith within the community of St. Joseph Parish! Estate contributions assist our annual income or help the growth of the St. Joseph Congregation, Stevens Point Endowment Trust! Leave a legacy to the Parish that reflects your connection to your parish. Give thanks to the Lord always! As you desired in life, tithe with your estate.

### **Somebody said.....**

It takes about six weeks to get back to normal after you've had a baby...*Somebody* doesn't know that once you're a mother, "normal" is history.

You learn how to be a mother by instinct. *Somebody* never took a three-year-old shopping.

Being a mother is boring. *Somebody* never rode in a car driven by a teenager with a driver's permit.

If you're a "good" mother, your child will "turn out good."  
*Somebody* thinks a child comes with directions and a guarantee.

### **IN MEMORIA**

The following members of our parish community have died within the previous three months. We continue to remember them in prayer and extend the wish of God's peace to their families:

Irene Eiden  
Emily Kropidlowski  
Charles Hale  
Helen Tuszka  
Charles Walport  
Lucille Glodoski

### ***Gospel Living***

*When we look at the problems in the world or the obstacles in our personal lives, it is easy to feel overwhelmed. We are tempted to use these things as an excuse for our behavior—after all what can one, unimportant, ordinary person do about terrorists, the national debt, etc. St. Therese (the Little Flower) lived as a cloistered nun who never did anything major and yet she became a saint. Her "Little Way" was simple: do what is given to you to do and do it with great love. That is what our faith calls us to do. Jesus did not set out to change the government, initiate a new world order or enforce social changes. He simply shared God's love with people in his life.*