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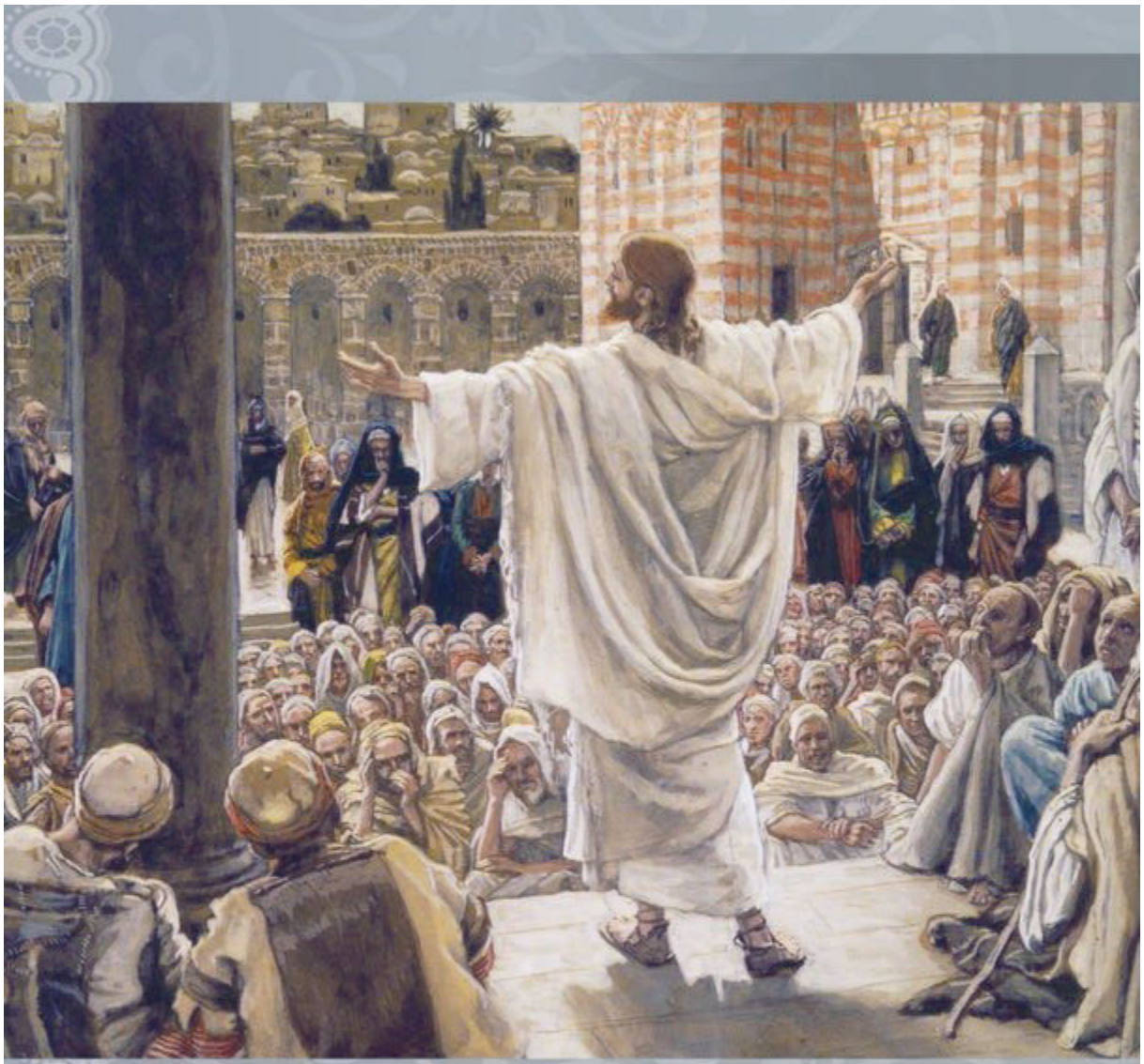
Weekend Mass times:
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7 am, 8:30 am, & 10:30 am



20th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49

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PADRE PAUL'S PONDERINGS

Using Prudence and Fortitude to Win Souls for Christ

Some years ago, I saw the film "A Man for All Seasons". If you haven't seen it, it tells the story of Saint Thomas More and King Henry VIII, and their friendship that went south after Henry decided to leave the Church after his annulment would not be granted.

Sir More initially has the life of a noble; a good house, respect and admiration of many. But when the rift begins between the king and the Church, Sir More is implored to sign on with all those who have supported Henry VIII's claim that his marriage should be annulled. Everyone does, and the pressure on him becomes immense. He loses his prestige, his money, and his family suffers. But More stood on his principles and in the end paid for it with his life by being beheaded. Dying just before him was Cardinal John Fisher, who like More, had a life where he was highly respected. The son of a merchant, he received college degrees, and became a bishop. One of his students was the future king, Henry VIII. But like More, he was unafraid to speak out for the truth, writing against errors of the time, and even speaking out against the king, which led to him being martyred on June 22, 1535. More would die on July 6th of the same year.

I don't think any spin-doctor could use kind words for Henry VIII. A man who wanted power and prestige, he broke with the Roman Catholic Church, had people killed – including two individuals just two days after he became king at age 18 – and of course had several of his wives murdered. But what's curious is how you still had people who were willing to speak out for what mattered.

We might not face such an extreme situation, as we hear in this week's Gospel, Jesus has come to set the earth on fire and that He is a cause for division, for because of His teachings, households will be divided. How true that is, because so many are blind to the truth and can react with hostility to it - whether it's a family where some people are making bad choices, or the larger world where so many embrace false truths. It is up to us to set the earth on fire - not to destroy it, but rather to set it on fire with God's love through the Holy Spirit working through us.

How this applies to us is to use the virtue of prudence. On the one hand, there are those who think it's socially awkward to ever mention religion. And so the faith becomes something that we simply do on Sundays and is left at the Church door. On the other are people who mean well, but really don't do much for the faith – people who might leave literature on windshields, go door to door, or be in someone's face constantly about their religion.

It's important for us to walk that middle road. We never want to subject the faith to ridicule. By that, sometimes we might push people further away if we make a spectacle of ourselves, or are constantly harping on people for not going to church. We might mean well, but sometimes actions can cause someone to look at the Church in the wrong way, or someone might come across as a zealot. Jesus reminds us to not be overly persistent in preaching the gospel to those who stubbornly reject it.

The flip side though is the other extreme – those who never say anything. In the film, More remains silent for a while, and tries to have it both ways, but he can't – and so he decides to take a stand, even though he has a family. Fisher speaks out as well. They probably knew they might not change the king's position, but they knew they had to do the right thing. And, because of them, who knows how many they have influenced through time.

Sometimes it is appropriate to not talk about the faith, because doing so will push people away, or it might not be the right time. But other times we need to speak up and take a stand. This is where prudence is needed that helps guide fortitude.

When we realize it's time to act, we pray - remembering as I noted last week that God is always with us. We also remember that to love is to will the good of the other; this means sometimes we have to do difficult things, like challenge with love, or talk about things that we know may "rock the boat" a bit. We all know that silence and ignoring problems often perpetuates dysfunction, and this is true whether we are talking about family problems, or people going down the wrong path. When trying to change minds and hearts, we strive to meet people where they are at, talk to them in love, remind them that we are there to help, and through it all be patient. Of course, this may at times blow up or not achieve the results we hope for. But think of Saint Stephen and Saint Paul - both saints, but Paul, then Saul the young Pharisee persecuting Christians, assisted in taking Stephen's life. And yet he converted and changed the world. When we are tempted to give up on people or the world, or things seem bleak, we must never forget just because we do not see immediate results does not mean that good will not come of our actions.

It's often the case that at first people might not want to see the problems in their lives or in the world. But we are instrumental in setting the world on fire as Jesus challenges us this week. For while fire can destroy, fire also purifies, bringing about new growth. This is the power of love - something that at times brings challenge, but can lead to such happiness for ourselves and others when we are willing to not retreat from difficulty of evangelization, but go with Jesus into the deep as a fisher of men.

God bless,
Fr. Paul

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***AUTOMATIC ONLINE GIVING :**
Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. Go to the Parish Website ***www.stjosephcommunity.org*** & click on the ***"GIVE"*** Button, or call the Parish Office at 651-423-4402.

A Call to Serve...

Are you interested in serving on the Parish Pastoral Council, a body that serves as an advisory and consultative body with Father Paul Kammen?

We are looking for **one** new members to join us for a four-year term **starting now...**
Meetings for the 2025-2026 Parish council will start in September, and are typically held the first Thursday of the month starting at 6pm. If interested please contact Parish Council Chairman Oscar Medina @ ***oscmed98@gmail.com***

The last date for summer hours will be **Friday, August 29th.** Parish Office is currently open as follows:

Monday to Thursday, 8 am to 4:30 pm
Friday, 8:00 am to 12 noon.

ST. JOSEPH'S STAFF & INFO

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Pastor	**Fr. Paul Kammen**	651-313-8466
Administrative		
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Admin Asst: Database	**Laurie Dahlback**	651-313-8461
Admin: Communications	**Bobbi Neuens**	651-313-8470
Bookkeeper/HR	**Jane Schmitz**	651-313-8467
Facilities Supervisor	**Mike Kojetin**	651-313-8496
Engagement & Communications/Safe Environment Coord.		
Director	**Jordan Ecker**	651-313-8462
Lifelong Faith Formation		
Director	**Kyle Finken**	651-313-8464
Elementary FF Coor.	**Maria Medina**	651-313-8591
Middle & High School FF	**Lisetta Coppa**	651-313-8485
Catechesis Coordinator	**Kathy Neary**	651-313-8465
Pastoral Care & Outreach		
Director	**Deacon Gordon Bird**	651-313-8493
School		
Principal	**Kelly Roche**	651-313-8471
Secretary	**Cris Meaden**	651-313-8486
School Office		651-423-1658
Worship		
Music Director	**Ancilla Schroeder**	651-313-8469
Liturgy Coordinator	**Lisetta Coppa**	651-313-8485
Parish Council		
Parish Council Chair	**Oscar Medina**	954-604-5826

Additional Info:

Parish Office: 651-423-4402
Summer Hours- **M–TH:** 8:00 am - 4:30 pm **FRI:** 8-12 pm

To send an email to a St Joseph staff member, use the following format: ***first name.last name@stjosephcommunity.org***

Parish Website www.stjosephcommunity.org
Facebook: St. Joseph Catholic Church & School Rosemount Minnesota
Media Page: https://www.stjosephcommunity.org/media/

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Live streamed)
https://vimeo.com/stjoesmn
Sunday: 7am, 8:30am, & 10:30am
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday: 8:30am
Word & Communion Service:
Tuesday: 8:30am
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 pm

LITURGY & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	17	7am		St. Joseph Parish Community
Sun	17	8:30	†	Cletus Pistulka
Sun	17	10:30	†	Anthony & Anita Williams
Mon	18	8:30	†	Sara Jo Young
Tues	19	8:30		Word & Communion Service
Wed	20	8:30	†	Sanford Benson
Thurs	21	8:30	†	Alfred G.M. & Shirlene M. Knoll
Fri	22	8:30	†	All Souls in Purgatory
Sat	23	5pm	†	Joan Yambing

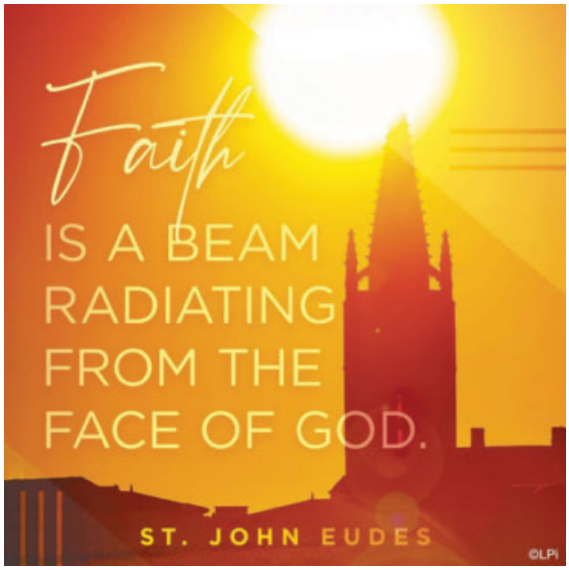
READINGS

For the Week of August 17

Sunday:	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/ Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/ Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/ Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday:	Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/ Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-3

VOCATION VIEW

Jesus wants his followers to light a fire on the earth: His followers, as His fire, are bright, blazing, consuming, enlightening and warm.



INFORMATION

A Blessing for Students!

We will have a blessing for students after Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass & Sunday, 8:30 am & 10:30 am Masses the weekend of ***August 30 & 31.***

Each student will receive a blessed cross which they may carry with them throughout the school year. The blessing will take place in the gather area immediately following each Mass.

"Take your cross and follow me" Mt., 16-24

Parish Office will be Closed September 1st

Please note there will not be a morning Mass on Monday.

FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION

Urgent Faith Formation Registration Notice:

If you haven't registered yet, please so do so ASAP…

Use the link below:

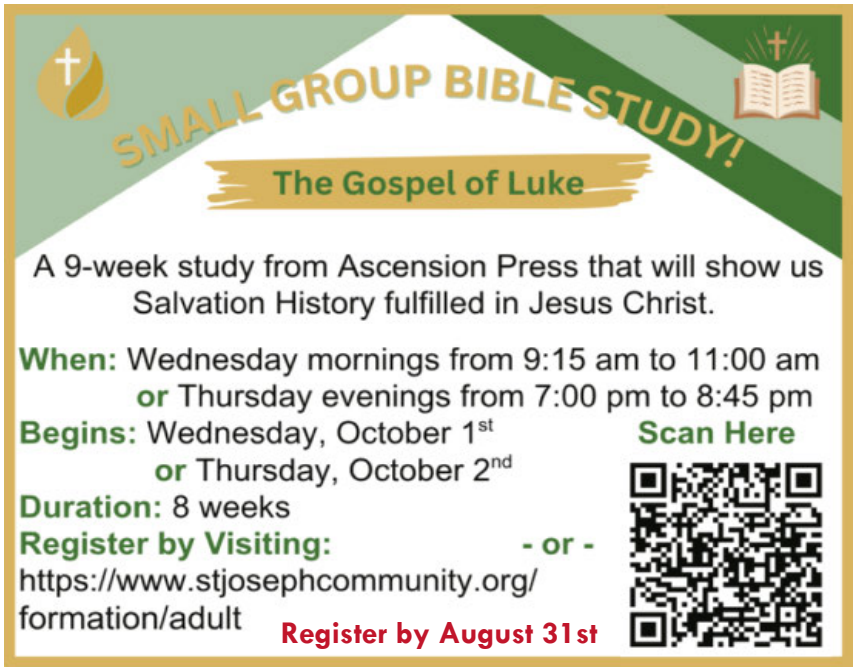
https://www.stjosephcommunity.org/special-event/faith-formation-registration-open-now-for-2025-26/

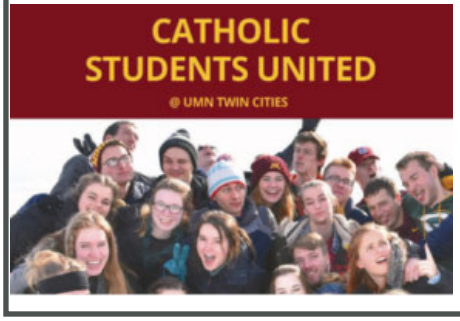
PLEASE REGISTER BY August 19th!

2025-26 Faith Formation Volunteer Opportunities:

https://stjosephcommunity.flocknote.com/signup/208461

WE NEED YOU!





INVITES YOU!

Are YOU attending College this Fall?

Newman Connection
Find a Campus by using the link below:
http://
www.newmanconnection.com/

PASTORAL CARE
Would you or someone you know like a home visit, communion or an anointing? If so, please contact the Parish Office at 651-423-4402.

BAPTISMS
Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st and 3rd weekend of each month after the 10:30am mass. (please note that there can be fluctuations in this schedule depending on other liturgical needs). Parents are required to have completed the Baptism Preparation class which is offered the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. For more information please call the parish office at 651-423-4402.

RECONCILIATION
Individual reconciliation ~ Saturdays at 3:30 pm or by appointment. Communal celebrations and Individual celebrations are held during Advent and Lent.

MARRIAGE
All couples anticipating Christian marriage should contact the Parish Office at (651) 423-4402 at least 6 months prior to a wedding date being set.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK This Sacrament may be received by any Catholic who is seriously ill, about to undergo major surgery, or in poor health. Please call the Parish Office, (651) 423-4402 if this sacrament is needed.

PRAYER CHAIN To place a prayer request call Marjorie at 612-644-2300 or email ***Prayer.Request@StJosephCommunity.org***

FAITH FORMATION and SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
Sunday School for ages 3, 4, and 5 is held during the 8:30 & 10:30 Masses.
Faith Formation for Grades 1-12 along with Sacramental Preparation.
Call (651) 423-4402 for more information.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL
St. Joseph School provides a God-centered, supportive academic environment for students, Grades PreK-8. Contact Kelly Roche, Principal at (651) 423-1658 for more information.

DAILY ROSARY
The rosary is prayed before each weekday Mass (Mon.-Fri.) starting 35 minutes before the scheduled Mass time–except on First Friday when the rosary is prayed at the start of Eucharistic Adoration. All are invited to join us as we pray for the needs of the Church and community.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Mondays. All bulletin announcements should be sent to ***bulletin@stjosephcommunity.org*** and **appropriate staff personnel** for approval before they will be included in the bulletin.

CALENDAR

Monday, August 18
7:00 am Teacher in Service
8:30 am Mass, Church
4:30 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle, rm 100B
5:30 pm AHG Meeting, Rm 101
6:00 pm Preschool Playdate, Gym
6:30 pm AHG –Leader Orientation
7:00 pm High School Bible Study

Tuesday, August 19
7:00 am Cursillo Women's Group, Off Site
7:00 am Teacher in Service
8:30 am Word & Communion Service, Church
9:00 am Holy Hour of Adoration, Church
10:00 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Rm 101

Wednesday, August 20
8:30 am Mass, Church
1:00 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle, Off Site
5:00 pm Cursillo Women's Group, Off Site

Thursday, August 21
7:00 am Teacher In Service
8:30 am Mass, Church

Friday, August 22
8:30 am Mass, Church

Saturday, August 23
3:30 pm Reconciliation, Church
5:00 pm Mass, Church

Sunday, August 24
7:00 am Mass, Church
8:30 am Mass, Church
10:30 am Mass, Church

PARISH LIFE EVENTS

Loaves & Fishes **Wednesday, August 20th**
EASTER LUTHERAN BY THE LAKE, EAGAN

Free community meals are served every Monday through Thursday, from 5:30 -6:30pm.
All are welcome.
Prep shift: 2:30-5pm; **Drive Through p/u or Dine In:** 4:30-7pm.
If you are interested in signing up for future dates or have any questions, please contact Patty Casurella at 651-341-5284 or *pcasurella@hotmail.com*

ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

JOB OPENINGS @ ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL:

Science & Stem Teacher

St. Joseph School is seeking an energetic, caring, and faith-filled Science Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Please use the link below:

https://careers.archspm.org/job/science-stem-teacher-ft-or-pt/

Food Service Assistant Part Time

St. Joseph School is seeking a part-time food service assistant that enjoys a fast-paced and joy-filled working environment serving our preschool-8th grade school community. Please use the link below for full description:

https://careers.archspm.org/job/food-service-assistant-part-time-6/

Important Dates & Information:

- **September 2 - First Day of School**
- **School Facebook page:** *https://www.facebook.com/stjoesrosemount*

WELCOME BACK NIGHT

Wednesday, August 27th ~ 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

St. Joseph School students & families are welcome! Meet teachers, drop off school supplies, School Pictures, Packet Pick up, and socialize with friends.

Hope to see you there!

PARISH EVENTS & INFORMATION

Our Harvest Festival Committee is seeking new members to help plan this fun and festive community event for our parishioners to enjoy. Meetings are only 1x per month and we are in great need of your support. Please contact our parish office to speak with Jordan Ecker or email *Jordan.Ecker@stjosephcommunity.org*

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