



Together In Faith

St. Joseph Parish - Stevens Point, Wisconsin



Acts — 2005-2006

Oct. 2, 2005

"Remembering Our Children," sponsored by Parish Family Life Committee, begins this weekend. This program invites our reflection on the gift of life, the children of our world and our commitment to care for all God's children.

Oct. 22, 2005

Youth Activity Committee holds Operation: AIM (Annual Italian Meal) to raise money for a mission trip and Steubenville Conference next summer.

Nov. 12, 2005

St. Joe's "First Annual Fall Rummage Sale" is held in Ehr Hall. BBQs and hot dogs were served.

Nov. 6, 2005

Mass counts were taken at October weekend Masses with the following totals: 617, 793, 626, 669 and 624. Sacred Worship Committee recommended that the Mass schedule should not be adjusted and that evaluation should continue as needed for pastoral planning. In several years, a Mass count should occur to evaluate our attendance and number of Masses.

Dec. 25, 2005

Beginning Jan. 12, 2006, the Catholic Times Diocesan newspaper will be published bi-weekly and expand to 24 pages.

Jan. 1, 2006

St. Joseph Parish has achieved its initial targets for the Diocesan Annual Appeal and handicapped accessible door openers, raising \$50,130.07 as of Dec. 27, 2005.

Feb. 5, 2006

Windows project phase of "Keeping Our Father's House" is announced. This phase involves saving our stained-glass windows, which last received major maintenance/repairs in 1982 and are in need of serious help.

Feb. 24, 2006

Winterfest, which featured live music entertainment by Jim Vollmer, netted \$7,613.

March 10, 2006

Fr. Steve Gross, native son of St. Joseph's Parish, dies in an automobile accident.

March 12, 2006

Results of the Summer Mass schedule survey were released: 57% are open to trying a two-Mass summer schedule of 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday; 39% prefer the current three-Mass schedule, 3% checked both boxes and 1% had other opinions.

March 13-16, 2006

Quad parish mission "The Way of the Cross According to the Gospel of Mark" is held at Pacelli, led by Fr. Eugene Hensell of St. Meinrad Archabbey.

Apr. 2, 2006

Due to the misunderstanding and conversation occurring within the parish community regarding a proposed summer schedule, a three-Mass schedule will remain for this summer.

May 23, 2006

Two St. Joe's parishioners, Mary Pat Dean and Michele Toppel, receive Golden Apple Award for teaching distinction.

June 11, 2006

In recognition of the wonderful service that all of our parish choir members contribute to our Masses, and all of their tremendous dedication, the Sacred Worship Committee decided to thank them by offering each of the choirs time off once during each summer month.

June 18, 2006

Parish celebrates Corpus Christi with procession, including families processing for the first time.

June 25, 2006

The parish surpasses its goal of \$56,000 for the windows project, with \$66,113 raised as of June 20.

July 5, 2006

Summer gatherings this year will feature the theme "Together in Faith: Rooted in the Gospel."



Acts — 2006-2007

Aug. 6, 2006

Financial Update: This year's parish picnic realized a profit of \$40,146.

Aug. 7, 2006

Megan Moss starts as youth minister for St. Joseph's, St. Stephen's and St. Bartholomew's.

Aug. 13, 2006

The parish's target for the Diocesan Annual Appeal is \$42,762.24. An additional \$5000 has been targeted to fund new door closures for the entry doors at the back of church and renovation of rectory bathrooms.

Aug. 15, 2006

Photographers from Olan Mills begin taking pictures for new parish directory.

Sept. 10, 2006

New format for pastor's letter in the bulletin, "Formation Corner," debuts.

Sept. 20, 2006

Representatives sign the documentation to incorporate St. Joseph Parish, to match the other dioceses/parishes within Wisconsin.

Oct. 28, 2006

Burial ceremony held in St. Joseph Parish Cemetery for Rev. William Moeschler, a native of St. Joe's who served the church well through his priesthood and offered assistance at St. Joseph in his retirement. He died October 13.

Nov. 8, 2006

Sr. Adele Thibaudeau presents "Dorothy Day, Her Life of Conversion and Dedication," an inspiring story of Day's faith and her discovery of Christ in the poor she served.

Nov. 16, 2006

Strategic planning meeting held with the councils and committees to discern goals for the parish.

Nov. 19, 2006

Financial Update: This year's Fall Fest, which included a chicken dinner, games, country store, silent auction, wine and raffles, raised \$3,222.89.

Dec. 2, 2006

St. Anne's holds 17th annual Christmas Cookie Walk. As in the past, the cookies went fast as there were 48 cookies left at 9:30 after doors opened at 9 a.m. Approximately 436 pounds of cookies were sold.

Jan. 21, 2007

For the 10th consecutive year, St. Joe's reaches its Diocesan Appeal goal, this year of \$42,762 and the additional parish goal of \$5,000 earmarked to pay for some necessary repairs to the bathrooms in the rectory and to replace the worn-out door closers in the back of church.

Jan. 28, 2007

Initial meetings held for parish pilgrimage to Ireland in July and 125th Anniversary Book to be published in 2009.

Feb. 3, 2007

Holy Name Society holds first chicken dinner, featuring "Bob's Famous Chicken" served family style with all the trimmings plus chicken soup made with homemade noodles.

Feb. 10, 2007

New opportunity for Web surfers to make money for the parish – Goodsearch.com, a search engine that supports charities – is made available.

Feb. 17, 2007

St. Anne's Society and Parish Family Life Committee sponsor 3rd Annual Women's Retreat with topics Camp Hope, Shawl Ministry, Light Weigh, The Rosary and Chemo-Angels.

March 5-7, 2007

Annual parish mission, led this year by Fr. Jim Marchionda and Sr. Ann Willits, is held at Pacelli.

March 19, 2007

St. Joseph's Day Mass and celebration held, with the theme "Praying for our Parish."

Apr. 4, 2007

Eli Glennon received the Parvuli Dei Award through the scouting program.



Acts — 2007-2008

June 9, 2007

New summer weekend Mass schedule begins, with Masses Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

June 23, 2007

From the pastor: "Over the recent year, I have encountered a number of people who, when I mention Thursday evening Mass, respond: 'I didn't know that we had an evening Mass.' A reminder seems appropriate."

July 8, 2007

The railing on St. Joseph's side of the church is restored with one pew having been removed. Space is tight on that side of the church with choirs, ministers or casket. St. Mary's side will also have a pew removed and one shortened to allow a wheelchair next to the pew, creating a slight adjustment in handicapped seating.

July 20, 1997

Ireland pilgrims return from 10-day trip. "While the time in airports was challenging, it is offset by the beauty of all the sites visited in Ireland."

July 22, 2007

The first summer gathering will be held this Wednesday. The theme this year is "Heart & Sandals ... For the love of St. Joe's."

July 29, 2007

Financial Update: Parish Picnic June 1-3 had profit of \$39,507.99. Riverfront Bingo on June 30-July netted \$2747.

Aug. 5, 2007

The Diocesan Annual Appeal goal for the coming year is \$39,872.18, plus a parish goal of \$5735 to assist Food for the Poor with building a house and drilling a well.

Aug. 16, 2007

Parish Pastoral Council approves recommendation from Sacred Worship Committee that St. Joe's continues a summer Mass schedule of 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday on an annual basis from the weekend after picnic in June through Labor Day Weekend.

Sept. 1, 2007

Bishop ListECKI has requested a collection for flood victims in the southwestern portion of our diocese.

Sept. 3, 2007

Project Moses, featuring an 850-pound Ten Commandments monument, is completed with the display located on the lawn south of St. Joe's Church. Everett Eppers presented the idea and donated the monument to the parish. Mike and Betty Wondzell, and Mike and Lorraine Groshek, contributed to creating a base and surrounding walk area plus lighting for the monument.

Oct. 14, 2007

2nd annual Fall Fest features charcoal chicken dinner.

Dec. 2, 2007

Advent Tree & Wreath Project this year will support AIDS Ministry, Place of Peace, Dressed to Work, Fuel Assistance and Family Crisis Center.

Dec. 9, 2007

Parish meets Diocesan Annual Appeal and the amount requested for Food for the Poor, with donations totaling \$45,881.12.

Dec. 16, 2007

Envelopes are available for assisting the update of the school heating system. The new hydronic heating system will cost approximately \$62,000.

Jan. 6, 2008

St. George Publishing begins printing St. Joe's bulletin with a new format.

Jan. 13, 2008

The parish Web site registered 33,219 page hits in 2007, the most in its six years of existence.

Jan. 26-27, 2008

Fr. Frank Iacona celebrates weekend Masses and shares information about Food for the Poor and how the money already collected will be used.

Feb. 17, 2008

An Era Ends: It is announced that Pacelli High School will end its bingo program by the end of the month.



Acts — 2008-2009

Feb. 24, 2008

Public hearing held on the impending closure of East Avenue at Jefferson Street.

March 1, 2008

The final parts arrived this week for connecting the boiler system in the school. The boilers were started and joyfully, they work!

March 3-5, 2008

Combined quad parish mission at Pacelli, led by Tom Jacobs, with the theme "Living Lent and Living Life."

March 15, 2008

St. Joseph Day celebrated with Mass at 9 a.m., followed by brunch in Ehr Hall and "Roll the Stone" (coloring of eggs to be blessed on Holy Saturday).

March 16, 2008

Parish makes first payment of \$19,895.52 to the diocesan "We Belong to Christ" capital campaign.

Apr. 6, 2008

Parish Family Life Committee sponsors "Banana Split Social," for parishioners to get to know more about the committee and its functions.

May 22, 2008

The Place of Peace relocates from its Portage St. location to former St. Stephen's convent on Ellis St.

July 30, 2008

"Sing of the Lord's Goodness" Summer Gatherings this year will each be hosted by one of the 3 choirs.

Aug. 3, 2008

Financial update: Winterfest profit was \$6,310.75; Picnic raised \$39,271.77; and Riverfront Bingo generated \$3,128.39.

Aug. 10, 2008

The overage we raised during last year's diocesan appeal and sent to Food For The Poor was matched with funds from the Nicaraguan government, enabling us to double the 7 homes we raised funds for to 14! In addition we provided a village with a well and contributed leftover funds to their food program.

Aug. 15, 2008

Parish youth host the annual rummage sale in the Family Center.

Aug. 17, 2008

East Avenue is now permanently closed east of Jefferson School. Many are confused by the reports connected with the closure, and confusion is readily made by the constant changes that occur with the plan.

Aug. 23, 2008

St. Joe's youth participate in the "Leaven2Heaven08" Diocesan Youth Rally in Blair.

Aug. 31, 2008

Parking Pass – Cars parking in the St. Joseph Parish parking lot during school hours will need a parking pass from the parish office.

Sept. 29, 2008

"Getting to Know Paul," an introduction to the Year of St. Paul as proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI is held at St. Joes, featuring Sr. Margaret Michaud of St. Bede Monastery in Eau Claire.

Oct. 5, 2008

Our Diocesan Appeal goal is \$46,800. An additional goal to match a received grant of \$3,000 for our School Boiler Fund is added. Any additional monies will be used to support Food for the Poor.

Nov. 23, 2008

The Advent Tree & Wreath Project this year will support the following local groups: AIDS Ministry, Place of Peace, Dressed to Work, Fuel Assistance, and Family Crisis Center.

Jan. 2, 2009

First Friday Devotions begin. The hour's St. Joseph Novena includes communal and private prayer, reading, reflection and sometimes benediction.

Jan. 19, 2009

"Getting to Know Paul Better," a special presentation for the Year of St. Paul is held at St. Joes, featuring Fr. Dan Crosby of St. Anthony Retreat Center.



Acts — 2009

Jan. 25, 2009

For the 12th consecutive year, St. Joseph's Parish exceeded its goal for the Diocesan Appeal, generating more than \$53,000 in pledges.

March 1, 2009

"Under the Tent With Paul" Lenten prayer project, sponsored by Parish Education Committee, begins. Selected verses for each week of Lent from Paul's letters to the Corinthians encourage reflection by parishioners.

March 9-11, 2009

Parish Mission held at Pacelli, with the theme "Forgiveness: Extending the Boundaries of Church," led by Fr. Michael Weldon.

March 15, 2009

Financial Update: Fall Fest raised \$3049 and Winterfest netted \$8100.

May 3, 2009

St. Joseph parishioners make pilgrimage to St. Paul's in Mosinee to celebrate the Year of St. Paul.

May 17, 2009

Daily Mass schedule will change on Oct. 1st: Tuesday Mass will be at 12:15 p.m. and there will be no Saturday morning Mass.

June 6, 2009

Mass with retro music (featuring Ray Repp songs originally sung at Masses in the 1960s) at the parish picnic officially kicks off the celebration of St. Joseph's 125th anniversary.

June 12, 2009

Msgr. Jim Finucan, pastor from 1965-1973, dies in La Crosse.

July 12, 2009

Financial Update: Riverfront Bingo netted \$3,291.69 for 2 days.

July 13, 2009

Teresa Geib replaces Megan Moss as Coordinator of Youth Ministries for St. Joseph, St. Stephen and St. Bartholomew parishes.

July 19, 2009

The three summer gatherings this year will celebrate our 125th anniversary as a parish. Hosts have been chosen from our two major councils – Parish and Finance. The final celebration is held in the Parish Family Center – fitting to acknowledge this as our home.

July 26, 2009

Despite a cold and damp Saturday night, this year's parish picnic netted \$36,438.

Aug. 8, 2009

A special Mass in memory of Msgr. Jim Finucan is held, giving parishioners a chance to give thanks and share memories.

Aug. 18, 2009

The 125th Anniversary Book is taken to Worzalla Publishing. Books will be ready in September.