



# “GOOD SEEDS”

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## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: “Sharing Our Gifts.”

The target for our Diocesan Annual Appeal is \$45,213.39. Have you returned your pledge card? Please be generous with a contribution to assist the needs of the diocesan and local church. Please remember that the overage will continue our support of Food for the Poor and provide a starter for new carpeting in our church if we collect monies beyond our target. Please pray for the success of this Appeal at St. Joseph Parish!

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## Pastor's Parameters

November 22 marks our final celebration to acknowledge the 125<sup>th</sup> year of our parish. Bishop Jerome ListECKI will be present for the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Tickets are on sale now for a dinner to follow Mass starting at 12:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance. A short program will follow the dinner. Already available is the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book – price \$25. Wonderful memories are shared by many of our parish members. Reviews thus far are favorable for an enjoyable and fun-to-read book. Don't pass an opportunity to purchase a book for your family or as a gift this Christmas. Plus have you seen the great 125th T-shirts in the Parish Office for sale—\$12 each or 2 for \$20.

Our new liturgical schedule

begins with Advent. Thank you to all who have signed up to offer service for this new liturgical year. If you are in need of training, please watch the bulletin for details.

Pope Benedict XVI has declared a Year of the Priest starting on June 19, 2009. Pope Benedict is inviting all Catholics to acknowledge the role and service extended by those who embrace priesthood through ordination. “The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus,” is a quote of St. John Vianney whose date of birth begins this celebration. “A good shepherd, a pastor after God's heart, is the greatest treasure which the good Lord can grant to a parish,” writes Pope Benedict. He invites us to remember the influences of those



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who have led us as pastors. The weekend of Oct. 25 – Priesthood Sunday - was an opportunity to pray for priests. Watch the bulletin for further opportunities to participate in the “Year of the Priests.”

Advent Sale is a wonderful opportunity to purchase items that assist with the faith development within families. Please stop by during the sale and select items that will assist your family in celebrating this time of preparation!

### SPECIAL DAYS OF CELEBRATION:

- ◆ November 2, Feast of All Souls is celebrated at a 10:00 a.m. Mass
- ◆ November 26, 10:00 a.m., Thanksgiving Mass

### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:

- October 31/November 1, 10:00 a.m.: Weekend Mass Schedule.

- December 8, the Immaculate Conception of Mary, Tuesday, is always a Holy Day of Obligation. This feast celebrates the National Patron of the United States. The Mass Schedule for this Holy Day of Obligation is 10:00 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. on December 8.

- December 25, **Christmas**, Friday, is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass Schedule is:
  - December 24, 4:30 p.m. – Kids' Noel Mass,
  - December 24, 10:00 p.m. – Christmas Vigil Mass
  - December 25, 10:00 a.m. Join us in celebrating the Birth of Christ!
- January 1, 10:00 a.m., Friday, Mary, Mother of God.

## 125th Anniversary Books

The St. Joseph Parish 125th Anniversary Book is now available. This beautiful, 96-page book features stories and photos of the people who have helped make our parish a faith-filled community for 125 years.

The book costs \$25 and makes a great gift for present or past St. Joseph Parish parishioners. The book will be sold after weekend Masses on the following dates:

- Nov. 7-8
- Nov. 14-15
- Dec. 5-6



### Memorial Mass

**November 7 - 9:00 AM**

In remembrance of the faithful departed from our parish over the last year, a special Mass will be held which will include a candle lighting service. Fellowship with a continental breakfast will follow in the Parish Family Center.

### Holy Name Breakfasts November 8, December 13 & February 14

Special Menu: Coffee (regular & decaf), Juice, Milk, Fruit Cup, Toast, Eggs, Ham, Potatoes and, of course, our Fresh Cinnamon Rolls. Cost only \$5.50

Come bring your friends. Socialize and enjoy a great meal and no dishes to wash. The December breakfast will have a Christmas theme and the February breakfast will have a Valentine theme.

50/50 Raffle  
Door Prizes

## Parish Office Closed

Joann and Renée will be attending training sessions on the new census software at Black River Falls on Monday and Tuesday, November 16 and 17.

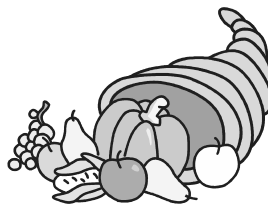
The Parish Office will be closed on those two days.

### Wee Worship Too During the 10:30 Mass

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." Our parish believes that even the wee ones deserve "church time." That's why we offer Wee Worship Too during the 10:30 Sunday Masses.

Preschoolers ages 3 through Kindergarten may come downstairs to Ehr Hall (the church basement) for a bible story hour. Games, crafts, and snacks all related to the Sunday readings round out the hour.

There is no registration fee, but children must be potty-trained and at least 3 years old. We are currently looking for a few more volunteers. Sign up at the tables after Mass or call Lynn Meyer, Children's Coordinator at 341-1617 x114.



### Thanksgiving Mass November 26, 10:00 AM

Come join the parish family and bring along dry or canned food items to fill shelves for the Portage Co. Food Assistance to explore the Catholic faith as a family and the possibility of preparing for the sacraments.

## 2009 Advent Sale One weekend only November 28-29 After every Mass

On the First Sunday of Advent, CCD will again sponsor the annual Advent Sale. Candles, wreaths, calendars, devotional books, count-down aids, story & activity books, Christmas stocking stuffers & crafts, ornaments, and traditional religious items will be available. How will you prepare the way of the Lord?



### Parish Advent Schedule

Weekend Worship:

Saturday evening: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday:

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Private Confessions in Advent:  
9:30 a.m. every Saturday

### Inter-Parish Communal Reconciliation Services:

Dec. 6 – 3:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish

Dec. 8 - 7:00 p.m.

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Dec. 10 – 7:00 p.m.

Newman Parish

St. Joseph Convent Chapel

Dec. 14 – 7:00 p.m.

St. Stanislaus Parish

Dec. 15 – 7:00 p.m.

St. Bronislava Parish

Dec. 21 – 7:00 p.m.

St. Stephen Parish

### Food for the Poor and Carpeting Fund

Reminder: all monies exceeding the Diocesan Appeal goal will go to the above listed program/fund.

## Youth Corner

### *Time After TYME Presenters*

Adults needed to lead high school students in an exploration of various topics. These 3-week workshops are scheduled on **Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** The subjects are as follows: **Nov** – Scripture in Liturgy; **Dec** – Bible Basics; **Feb** – Liturgical Year; **March** – Human Dignity; **April** – Human Dignity OR Scripture in Liturgy. You may present one or more topics during the year depending on your availability and interest. Reference and resource materials are available. Please contact Teresa Geib for more information. Thank you for your help!



### *March for Life –*

**January 20-24, 2010**

Join Catholics throughout the USA in a March for Life in Washington, D.C. This year we'll be teaming up with the Diocese of La Crosse to pilgrimage to D.C. The trip runs Jan. 20-24. Registration deadline is **December 1**. For more information contact Teresa.

### *Adventure Camp –*

**June 20-25, 2010**

Adventure Camp is a week-long camp full of rappelling, rock climbing, biking, canoeing, kayaking, and more! Hosted at Crosswoods Camp in Drummond, WI, this faith-based camp is open to all 7-10<sup>th</sup> graders. For more information, check out the Youth Website ([www.rc.net/lacrosse/tgifyouth/](http://www.rc.net/lacrosse/tgifyouth/)) or contact Teresa.

### *Steubenville Conference –*

**Summer 2010**

Stevens Point area 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders will be headed to St. Louis, MO for the Steubenville Youth Conference. The trip will be held July 14-18. For more information check out the youth website ([www.rc.net/lacrosse/tgifyouth/](http://www.rc.net/lacrosse/tgifyouth/)) or contact Teresa.

### *St. John Bosco Youth Days –*

**Saturday, October 2, 2010**

Everyone had a GREAT time at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual John Bosco Youth Days held at Holy Hill. We were all impressed by the beauty of our surroundings, the entertaining speakers, and graces received at reconciliation, adoration, and Mass (celebrated by Bishop ListECKI). Mark your calendars for next year's event



**Christmas Cookie Walk**  
**Saturday, December 5**  
**Starting at 9:00 a.m.**

***Will you bake some cookies at home? Will you bake or help decorate at the parish?***

At St. Anne's recent meeting, plans were discussed for their upcoming Christmas Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 5, at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Family Center.

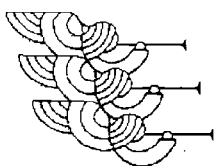
***All parish members are invited to bake for the Cookie Walk*** in support of this fundraiser for the Parish. Plan on baking a batch or two of your favorite holiday cookies to donate to the sale. Cookies may be dropped off in the Parish Family Center on Friday, December 5, anytime between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Baking and decorating of cookies for this event will be in the Parish Family Center Kitchen Monday, November 30, through Thursday, December 3, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Set up for the sale will be on Friday, December 4, starting at 1:00 p.m. Workers are needed to help on these days as well as on Saturday, December 5, at 8:30 a.m. for the sale. If you are interested in helping or have questions, please call Aggie Kobishop at 344-2276 or Adrian at 344-3025.

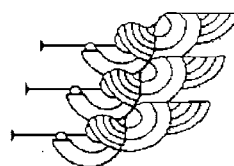
## **Bulletin Deadlines for the Holiday Weeks**

The weeks of *Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years* require that all bulletin articles be in the Parish Office by **8:30 a.m. on Monday**. Either mail, email your articles (bulletin@togetherinfaith.org) or place in the Parish Office mailbox in the Parish Library prior to Monday.

**Good Seeds Newsletter  
Deadline for the  
February-March-April  
issue is January 18**



**ST. JOSEPH PARISH  
TOGETHER IN FAITH  
CELEBRATING 125 YEARS**



1884 - 2009

**November 22, 2009**

**Celebration Mass with Bishop Listecki**

Location: St. Joseph's Church  
1709 Wyatt Ave, Stevens Point WI  
Time: 10:30 am

**Celebration Meal & Program**

Location: Pacelli Faith, Arts & Community Center  
1301 Maria Drive, Stevens Point WI  
Time: 12:30 pm  
Program to follow meal

Buffet Menu:

Roast Chicken & Stuffing  
Baked, Sliced Ham  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Orange-glazed Baby Carrots  
Garden Salad  
w/Assorted Dressings  
Dinner Rolls  
Coffee & Milk

Ticket Cost:

Adults: \$20  
Children age 4-10: \$10  
Children age 3 & under: Free



Tickets on sale after weekend Mass 9/27 - 11/8  
and at the Parish Office.  
Tickets must be purchased in advance.  
No tickets will be sold after 11/8 cut-off date.

For more info contact: Sally Dehlinger 344-7779, Cindy Mazoch 345-9914 or Mary Stroik 345-1810 - Planning Committee



### **Cookies for the Shut-Ins December 14**

Would you like to donate and/or pack cookies for St. Joseph Parish member shut-ins?

On Monday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. there will be packing and singing and game playing. Come join the fun!

If unable to stay for the Christmas party, please drop off cookies that day or leave in the kitchen on the weekend.

Sponsored by St. Anne's Society/St. Joseph P.C.C.W.

### **First Reconciliation Saturday, January 9**

**9:00-12:00** *children's retreat*  
**12:00-1:00** *family potluck*  
**1:00-2:30** *sacrament  
Celebration*

*"What's in a name?  
that which we call a rose  
By any other name  
would smell as sweet."*

So penned Shakespeare. The Church might say something similar about the sacrament of Reconciliation. If you still refer to this sacrament as Penance or Confession, it is no less a sacrament for rejoicing in God's mercy and love for us. Second grade families have begun their preparation for the children's first celebration of this sacrament of forgiveness and conversion. May their enthusiasm remind each of us to approach this sacrament joyfully.

### **125th Anniversary T-Shirts**

The T-Shirts cost \$12 each or 2 for \$20. Sizes range from Small to XXL with a logo on a small area of the upper left breast section and are made of a good quality fabric. Call the Parish Office for your shirt.

### **Baptism Classes**



The next set of classes will be held in February on Sundays yet to be determined (watch bulletin for dates)

from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 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, 341-1617. Baptisms are scheduled on the second weekend of the month (excluding December and April).

### **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:

- John Helminski
- Stanley Serafin
- Jean Manowski
- Stanley Mazarka
- William J. Tepp
- Helen Rutta
- Delores Smith

### **St. Anne's Society (St. Joseph Parish Council of Catholic Women) Meeting**

The 125th Anniversary Breakfast & Brunch Event hosted by St. Anne's and Holy Name is behind us. The turn out was less than expected. However, it was enjoyed by all who attended. Great Job crew!

Attendance at our October 12 meeting was light, but the dishes shared at the Pot Luck Supper were varied and delicious.

Final plans were made for the October 22 Stevens Point DCCW meeting. St. Anne's hosted the event.

Just around the corner—our 20th Annual Christmas Cookie Walk. All parish members will be invited to join in this project as this is an annual fundraiser for the parish. There will be further discussion on details for the Cookie Walk at the November 9 meeting.

At the December meeting we will be busy packing cookies for our homebound.

Discussion started on a Spaghetti Dinner for January 23—more information will be available in the bulletin in January as details are worked out.

Place this date on the calendar and plan to join fellow



parishioners and friends for a dinner with a little ambience.



**Winterfest  
February 12  
Fish Fry, Raffles, Games**