



St. Augustine Catholic Church

601 NW 2nd Avenue
Cohasset, MN 55721

St. Joseph Catholic Church

315 SW 21st Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

TWENTIETH AND TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 16 & AUGUST 23, 2026

WELCOME!

Pastoral Office—St. Joseph

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Website: www.itascacatholic.org

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Parish Secretary:

Ann Grillo

Lynnea Dorry

School Office:

Principal: Nellie Goshey

Secretary: Carmen Watland



THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

—Matthew 16:18-19



Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 4:30PM—St. Joseph
Sunday 8:30AM—St. Augustine
Sunday 10:30AM—St. Joseph

1st Saturday 9:00AM—St. Joseph

Weekday Mass Times

Monday* 9:00AM—St. Joseph
Tuesday 8:30AM—St. Augustine
Wednesday 5:30PM—St. Joseph
Thursday 9:00AM—St. Joseph
Friday 7:30AM—St. Joseph

*No Monday daily Mass | Jun 1—Aug 31

Reconciliation

Saturday 11:00AM—St. Joseph
Sunday 7:45AM—St. Augustine
Wednesday 4:30PM—St. Joseph

Image Credit—Above (cropped):
Wikimedia | Christ Giving the Keys of Heaven to Saint Peter

A MESSAGE FROM DEACON DUANE STANGLER

May the peace of the Lord be with you always

Hello, brothers and sisters in Christ.

God bless the Catholic Church! In the Gospel reading for the 21st week, Jesus tells Peter that The Church will be built upon him and that the keys to the kingdom will be given to him. (Matthew 16:18-20)

I'll to point out a couple of things from this gospel...

The Lord says, "Upon this rock I will build my church". *One* church, not many churches.

The Lord speaks directly to *Peter*, not all the other disciples, but just one person.

The Lord tells Peter He is giving him the "keys".

This Gospel reading should strengthen us as Catholics. It is one of several passages from scripture that points to the Catholic Church being the *one* Church Jesus established. This reading is when the Lord appoints a "steward" to lead His Church. In those days, when a king traveled from his kingdom, he placed a steward in charge to handle kingly matters and handed them the *keys* to the kingdom. Jesus chooses *Peter* for His steward, and we are the only church that can trace its leadership back to Peter through the historical record of popes.

The position of pope is a very tough calling. Was Peter a perfect pope? No! Then why do we expect perfection from our current pope? Did anyone question Jesus' decision to appoint Peter? No! Then why do we question who is chosen now? Do we know better than the Holy Spirit who should lead The Church? I think not. Remember, the pope is NOT an elected official that reports to the people. He is a chosen steward who reports directly to the Lord! The pope is chosen to stand guard over the Lord's Church here on earth while the Lord is in heaven.

When we feel the urge to complain about the pope, remember that Pope Leo is the leader chosen by God for a reason. He is not expected to be perfect nor is he expected to make us happy. Pope Leo is expected to govern and lead The Church, and he will stand before God one day and give a defense of every decision he makes. How daunting is that?

I remember often saying to my children, "You have the easiest job in the world, all you need to do is what you are told." I think the same is true for us Catholics. We don't have to make the tough decisions; we only need to be obedient. Rather than complain about the pope, we need to pray for the pope. We should pray that the pope is in deep prayer and constantly listening to the voice of God. We should pray that God has mercy on the pope and protects him from the evil one. Finally, we should thank God for placing a steward on earth who is willing to stand before God and answer for The Church, so we don't have to.

God bless the pope!

Veni Sancte Spiritus!
Deacon Duane Stangler



Dcn. Duane

MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday, August 16

8:30am—SA | Our Parishioners
10:30am—SJ | Robert Krebsbach

Monday, August 17**

No Daily Mass

Tuesday, August 18

8:30am—SA | George & Charlotte
Guertin

Wednesday, August 19

5:30pm—SJ | Kathleen Ellsworth

Thursday, August 20

9:00am—SJ | Timothy & Andrew
Rupert

Friday, August 21

7:30am—SJ | Carol Lessin

Saturday, August 22

4:30pm—SJ | John & Helen Ovsak

Sunday, August 23

8:30am—SA | Jean Soderberg
10:30am—SJ | Our Parishioners

Monday, August 24**

No Daily Mass

Tuesday, August 25

8:30am—SA | Kathy Block

Wednesday, August 26

5:30pm—SJ | Bill & Helen Stimac

Thursday, August 27

9:00am—SJ | Paul Card

Friday, August 28

8:30am—SA | Ben Lewis

Saturday, August 29

4:30pm—SJ | Our Parishioners

Sunday, August 30

8:30am—SA | Peg Vaneps
10:30am—SJ | Robert Berkner

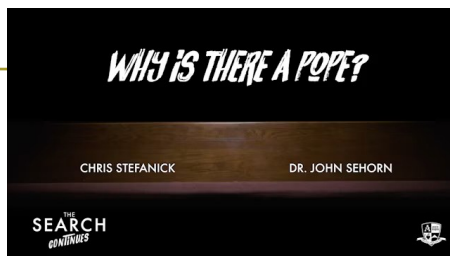
*Mass Intention prayed privately by
Fr. Blake when local Mass is cancelled.

**No Monday Daily Mass Jun 1—Aug 31



TO SIGN UP FOR FREE:

1. Visit <https://signup.formed.org/>
2. Follow prompts
3. Enter zip code 55744



WHY IS THERE A POPE? DR. JOHN SEHORN AND
CHRIS STEFANICK HONE IN ON THE HISTORY OF
HOW THE OFFICE OF THE POPE CAME TO BE.

PRAYER Requests

ST. AUGUSTINE

Marlene Cole | 218-244-2828

ST. JOSEPH

Arlyce Perrault | 218-326-6983
Maryann Clifton | 218-326-5968
Marge Petermeier | 218-244-9100

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

STAFF RETREAT DAY



PLEASE NOTE:

Fr. Blake and the parish staff will be out of the office for a staff retreat day.



DROP-IN PARK PLAY!



COME AND ENJOY A MORNING
AT THE PARK WITH PARENTS AND KIDS
FROM ST. JOSEPH & ST. AUGUSTINE
CATHOLIC CHURCHES.

*Drop-in style, come when you
can, stay as long as you can.
All ages welcome!*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20
9:00AM–11:00AM
(weather permitting)

St. Joe's School Park
Last Drop-In Park Play
of the summer!



**ST. JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

PRE-SCHOOL EXTENDED CARE AIDE—
Part Time

**For full job description and
application, please see:**

<https://www.itscacatholic.org/job-openings>

**Submit Application, Cover Letter and
Resumé to:**

Nellie Goshey, Principal
email: principal@sjsgr.org

SCHEDULE CHANGE

MONDAY DAILY MASS WILL RESUME

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 (LABOR DAY)

9:00AM | ST. JOSEPH

PLEASE NOTE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

DAILY MASS WILL BE HELD AT:

8:30AM | ST. AUGUSTINE

IN CELEBRATION OF

ST. AUGUSTINE FEAST DAY

(NO DAILY MASS AT ST. JOSEPH)



The Parish Office will be closed
Monday, September 7
In observance of Labor Day

SIGN UP TO SAVE LIVES



**Minnesota Citizens Concerned for
Life (MCCL) will have a booth at the
Itasca County Fair August 20–23.**

*Please volunteer for a two hour shift
sharing the beauty of life before birth
with children and families.*

The sign-up sheet and schedule are in
the Gathering Space at St. Joseph
and in the Social Hall at St. Augustine.

Or call Catherine McLynn at:
218-326-1313. THANK YOU!

DAILY MASS READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2026

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

MONDAY, AUGUST 17: Ezekiel 24:15-23; Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21; Matthew 19:16-22

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18: Ezekiel 28:1-10; Deuteronomy 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Matthew 19:23-30

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19: Ezekiel 34:1-11; Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Matthew 20:1-16

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20: Ezekiel 36:23-28; Psalms 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Matthew 22:1-14

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalms 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Matthew 22:34-40

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22: Ezekiel 43:1-7ab; Psalms 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Matthew 23:1-12

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2026

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23: Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

MONDAY, AUGUST 24: Revelation 21:9b-14; Psalms 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; John 1:45-51

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Psalms 96:10, 11-12, 13; Matthew 23:23-26

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18; Psalms 128:1-2, 4-5; Matthew 23:27-32

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Psalms 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Matthew 24:42-51

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28: 1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Matthew 25:1-13

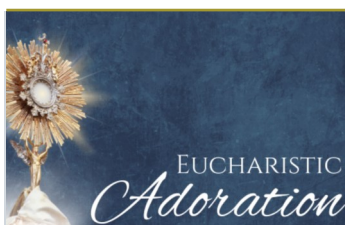
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Psalms 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mark 6:17-29

WELCOME

If you are a visitor or a newcomer, we are blessed to have you with us and hope that you find a spiritual home with St. Augustine and St. Joseph Catholic Churches. We are happy to have you join our parish cluster.

TO REGISTER YOU MAY INQUIRE WITHIN THE PARISH OFFICE OR GO TO OUR WEBSITE:

<https://www.itscacatholic.org/join-our-parish>



ST. AUGUSTINE—ADORATION | 6:30PM—7:30PM
First Thursdays | No Adoration Sept. 3

ST. JOSEPH—PERPETUAL ADORATION

IF YOU DESIRE A VACANT HOUR, PLEASE CHECK THE
SCHEDULE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AT THE CHAPEL ENTRANCE.
INSTRUCTIONS ARE DISPLAYED



ST. AUGUSTINE FEAST DAY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

DAILY MASS WILL BE HELD AT:
8:30AM | ST. AUGUSTINE

O HOLY SPIRIT, DESCEND
PLENTIFULLY INTO MY HEART.
ENLIGHTEN THE DARK CORNERS
OF THIS NEGLECTED DWELLING
AND SCATTER THERE
THY CHEERFUL BEAMS.

—SAINT AUGUSTINE

ST. AUGUSTINE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

FALL GET TOGETHER

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

ST. AUGUSTINE SOCIAL HALL
More details to come.

FALL
BAZAAR

SAVE—the—DATE
Saturday, October 31



FOSTERING FELLOWSHIP ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Looking for a way to serve?
Consider bringing treats on Sundays
for after Mass coffee social.
Signup sheet on the kitchen counter.



PASTOR JOHN SNIDER & HIS WIFE POLLY
WITH LONGTIME FRIEND, POPE LEO XIV

FROM ORDINARY
TO EXTRAORDINARY
a friendship for the ages

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
7:00PM | ST. JOSEPH

St. Augustine and St. Joseph Catholic Churches are honored to welcome Pastor John Snider and his wife Polly Snider, who are longtime friends of Pope Leo XIV. Pastor John & Polly will be sharing insights into Pope Leo's life, character, and faith.

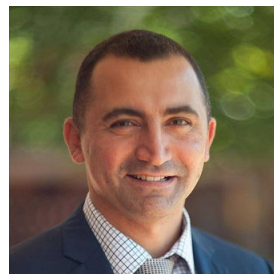
We also welcome guest priest, Father Richard Kunst. He has the honor of guiding the evening in a conversational format with Pastor John & Polly as we are blessed to learn more about their friendship for the ages.

CHRIST OUR LIFE

A CATHOLIC CONFERENCE FOR OUR SEARCHING SOULS

September 26-27, 2026 | **Casey's Center** (formerly Wells Fargo Arena)
at the Iowa Events Center Des Moines, Iowa

World Class Speakers, Opening and Closing Masses, Superb Music, Adoration,
Reconciliation, Vendor & Organization Booths



Bishop Joseph Espaillat
Father Robert Spitzer
Sister Medhin Tesfay
Gabriel Castillo
Crystalina Evert
Steve Angrisano
Bishop William Joensen
Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow



Charbel Raish: Experiencing a dramatic encounter with Christ led to this Catholic's dramatic story, "How Islam Led Me Back to Christ," as well as the founding of Parousia Media.

Fr. David Michael Moses: Ordained in 2019 at age 25, this Texan serves two parishes and has over one million social media followers. Father David glorifies God as a pro-life activist, talented songwriter and guitarist.

For a full list of the World Class Speakers' bios, please visit:

<https://christourlifeiowa.com/>

Let's Believe...Live...and Celebrate Our Faith!

TO PURCHASE TICKETS AND MORE DETAILS: [HTTPS://CHRISTOURLIFEIOWA.COM/TICKETS/](https://christourlifeiowa.com/tickets/)



Hey Parents!

Did you know the average child spends **40–50 hours a week** on screens—but only about **one hour in church**?

The truth is, *someone* is shaping your child's understanding of the world, their values, their identity, and what they believe about themselves.

The real question is: **who will it be?** That's why we're inviting you to be part of **Faith Formation: The Story of Salvation**, beginning this October.

Many people think our faith is just a list of rules—but it's so much more than that.

Our faith is a story.

A powerful and beautiful story of God's love—and your family is part of it.

This program is for the whole family!

Parents and adults will have their own formation and class opportunities. Preschool children are welcome to attend alongside a parent; a dedicated preschool area will also be available for children not quite old enough for classes, with activities that follow the liturgical seasons.

Come discover how to help your child not just **learn about faith**, but truly **live it**, and understand where they fit within God's story—while growing in your own faith as well.

Parent Meeting & Registration: September 2 & 9 | 6:00PM | St. Joseph

We would love for you to join us as we walk this journey together!

~The Faith Formation Office

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion



**St. Augustine &
St. Joseph
Catholic Churches**



All children who are to receive their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion need a parent/guardian to attend the

Parent Only Meeting

to receive information and to register their child.

All students are encouraged to register and attend the Parish Family Faith Formation program.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

6:00PM | ST. JOSEPH
Parent Only Meeting

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00AM | ST. JOSEPH
FIRST RECONCILIATION

SUNDAY, MAY 2

FIRST COMMUNION MASS

First Holy Communion will be a part of our regular Mass times on Sunday, May 2, 2027 at both St. Augustine and St. Joseph Catholic Churches.

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

Amy Pautsch

Faith Formation Coordinator

amy.pautsch@duluthcatholic.org

or call Faith Formation office at
218-999-6456

SAVE THE DATE

Confirmation Mass

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

10:30AM | ST. JOSEPH



LEARN HOW TO
RESPOND TO GOD IN

Psalms

AN 11-PART BIBLE STUDY FEATURING
JEFF CAVINS, SARAH CHRISTMYER,
AND TIM GRAY



BIBLE STUDY: *Psalms, The School of Prayer*

October 5—December 14
Monday Evenings

6:00PM—8:00PM
St. Joseph Catholic Church
(Social Hall)

COST: \$35.00
(covers the workbook | scholarships available)

RSVP by September 13:
Registration forms are available in the
gathering space at St. Augustine & St. Joseph.

Complete the registration form. Place in an
enclosed envelope accompanied by the \$35.00
(Cash or Check) payable to St. Joseph Catholic
Church and place in the Parish Secure Mailbox at
St. Joseph or in the offering plate at St. Augus-
tine.

Please write on the envelope: Psalms Bible Study
or PBS

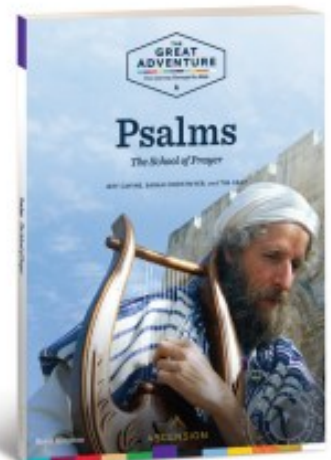
Thank you!

The Holy Spirit inspired them. Israel sang them. Christ himself prayed them, as did our Blessed Mother. At the heart of the Bible are the psalms, prayers from God that help us to pray. In *Psalms: The School of Prayer*, discover how these sacred hymns become our heartfelt response to God's loving and wondrous deeds.

Learn how to meditate fruitfully on the captivating words of the psalms using *lectio divina*, and study the many ways the psalms foretell the life and mission of Jesus.

"This study has given me a renewed love of the Word, a desire to learn more, and most of all a closeness to Jesus that I have not experienced before."

—Linda F.



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