



St. Augustine Catholic Church

601 NW 2nd Avenue
Cohasset, MN 55721

St. Joseph Catholic Church

315 SW 21st Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

TWENTY-FOURTH AND TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 13 & SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

WELCOME!

Pastoral Office—St. Joseph

Phone: 218-326-2843

Website: www.itascacatholic.org

Office Hours: 8:30AM—1:00PM M-F

Office Staff—Direct Dial

Pastor: 218-999-6457

Fr. Blake Rozier

Deacons: 218-999-6464

Dcn. Steve Schuler

Dcn. Ron Guertin

Dcn. Gary Gibeau

Dcn. Duane Stangler

Business Manager:

Tracy Smith—218-999-6461

Bookkeeper:

Alica Lurth—218-999-6462

Publications:

Edith Dorry—218-999-6459

Fundraising & Advancement:

Brenna Gunderson—218-999-6458

Faith Formation Director:

Lisa Neary—218-999-6455

Faith Formation Coordinator:

Amy Pautsch—218-999-6456

Maintenance Supervisor:

Amy Bertram—218-999-6449

Music Director:

Sarah Copeland—218-999-6450

Parish Secretary:

Ann Grillo

Lynnea Dorry

School Office:

Principal: Nellie Goshey

Secretary: Carmen Watland



THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard... He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

—Matthew 20:1-2; 13-16

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 | Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard

A MESSAGE FROM DEACON GARY GIBEAU

May the peace of the Lord be with you always



Dcn. Gary

J.M.J.

Wildfires, Wood Chippers and Worldliness

It's very easy for us to become obsessed with something and fall into worldliness. Our primary focus can simply drift away from our prayer life, from our family obligations and from what we are called to be.

This happened to me. My drifting started with the simple act of doing some clearing in my yard. Brush was taking over the edge of our property, so I cut a large amount and put it in several piles by our fire pit to let it dry out.

As summer went on, the pile got dry enough to burn, but to my disappointment, we had super dry conditions in the state and wildfires burning. Smoke was in the air and I couldn't burn anything. The piles had become an eyesore now and I wanted to get rid of them. Each day I would check the state website and it would say **no burning today Deacon Gary!!**

To get rid of them, I formed a plan. I would just go on Facebook marketplace and buy a used wood chipper. That would be the answer to my problems. Apparently, I wasn't the only one with that same idea because as soon as a chipper appeared, it would be sold.

One early morning, a chipper was listed on Facebook marketplace that had only been on for 14 minutes. It was here in Grand Rapids and was listed by a man I knew well. I called immediately and I was too late. Frustration set in.

This frustration led to obsession. **I must succeed in buying an elusive used wood chipper!!!** Now, I was on my phone all the time, fingers at the ready and my truck fueled up. About every 15 to 20 minutes, I would check Facebook. Scrolling on my phone crept into my prayer life, my work life and time with my family. My grand babies would be playing at my feet and I would be scrolling. At morning prayers, I would stop to scroll, **"Just a minute Lord! Lookin' for a Chipper...?..."**

This is how the devil works. The obsession is not sinful in itself. Whether it is a wood chipper, a sports team, hunting and fishing, the stock market, travel, entertainment, If it is not kept in its proper order, it can draw us away from what truly matters. **How much searching do you do each day for worldly pursuits?** Is this drawing you towards or away from fully living as God intended?

For me, I know that **a wood chipper is not going to get me to heaven.**

This obsessive behavior is a distraction for my soul. Now I'm on a 90 day fast from scrolling. At times we need to refocus. It's not only a Lent and Advent thing. We are all put on the earth for a purpose. In your day, Seek only the Beauty of God ever ancient, that dwells in your heart. Live, Love and Pray like your eternal life depends on it. Our time is short, my brothers and sisters, seek the things of Heaven.

In Christ,

Deacon Gary Gibeau



MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday, September 13

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

Monday, September 14

9:00am—SA | Corrine Twaddle

Tuesday, September 15

8:30am—SA | Kathy Block

Wednesday, September 16

5:30pm—SJ | Leo Pulskamp

Thursday, September 17

9:00am—SJ | Carol Lessin

Friday, September 18

7:30am—SJ | Virginia Gunnarson

Saturday, September 19

4:30pm—SJ | Our Parishioners

Sunday, September 20

8:30am—SA | Lavonne Villeneuve
10:30am—SJ | Seth Carlson

Monday, September 21

9:00am—SA | Sue Dekich

Tuesday, September 22

No Daily Mass | Charlotte Guertin*

Wednesday, September 23

No Daily Mass | Richard Smelter*

Thursday, September 24

9:00am—SJ | Tom Donovan

Friday, September 25

7:30am—SJ | Evelyn Hilton

Saturday, September 26

4:30pm—SJ | August Erickson

Sunday, September 27

8:30am—SA | Our Parishioners
10:30am—SJ | Caden Endres

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

**No Monday Daily Mass Jun 1—Aug 31

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



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

AFTER SCHOOL (SAC) AIDES—
Part Time

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

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

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

Nellie Goshey, Principal
email: principal@sjsg.org

CREED GRANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Joseph's Catholic School
wishes to acknowledge that we
have received a grant of
\$6,486.80

to be used for tuition assistance for
families in need at our school.
This fund-the Catholic Religious
Education Endowment Fund-
provides for the financial support
of educational opportunities for the
enrichment of faith by the laity,
deacons, priests, and Catholic
schools in the Diocese of Duluth.

The fund is supported in part by the
Evangelization Through Education
capital campaign.

SCHEDULE CHANGE

No DAILY MASS OR CONFESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28



Monday, October 12

Mobile Unit | St. Joseph parking lot

Please register/schedule online:

<https://www.mbc.org/>

or contact the local coordinator
for assistance in scheduling:

Laurie Lloyd—218-360-4664
dolloyd2@msn.com

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FISCAL YEAR: JULY 1, 2026—JUNE 30, 2027

ST. AUGUSTINE

Ordinary Income—July	\$12,304
Total Fiscal YTD '26—'27	\$12,304
Total Fiscal YTD '25—'26	\$14,208
Ministries Appeal Goal '26	\$28,734
Collected YTD	\$19,900
Left to Collect	\$8,834

ST. JOSEPH

Ordinary Income—July	\$58,120
Total Fiscal YTD '26—'27	\$58,120
Total Fiscal YTD '25—'26	\$69,758
Ministries Appeal Goal '26	\$115,945
Collected YTD	\$136,657
Goal Reached	(\$20,712)

DAILY MASS READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13: Sirach
27:30—28:7; Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-
10, 11-12; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew
18:21-35

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14: Numbers
21:4b-9; Psalms 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-
37, 38; Philippians 2:6-11; John
3:13-17

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15: 1 Corin-
thians 12:12-14, 27-31a; Psalms
100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; John 19:25-27 or
Luke 2:33-35

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16: 1 Co-
rinthians 12:31—13:13; Psalms 33:2-
3, 4-5, 12, 22; Luke 7:31-35

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17: 1 Corin-
thians 15:1-11; Psalms 118:1b-2,
16ab-17, 28; Luke 7:36-50

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18: 1 Corin-
thians 15:12-20; Psalms 17:1bcd, 6-7,
8b, 15; Luke 8:1-3

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19: 1 Corin-
thians 15:35-37, 42-49; Psalms
56:10c-12, 13-14; Luke 8:4-15

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20: Isaiah
55:6-9; Psalms 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew
20:1-16a

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21: Ephesians
4:1-7, 11-13; Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5;
Matthew 9:9-13

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: Proverbs
21:1-6, 10-13; Psalms 119:1, 27, 30,
35, 44; Luke 8:19-21

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23: Prov-
erbs 30:5-9; Psalms 119:29, 72, 89,
101, 104, 163; Luke 9:1-6

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24: Ecclesi-
astes 1:2-11; Psalms 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-
13, 14 and 17bc; Luke 9:7-9

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25: Ecclesi-
astes 3:1-11; Psalms 144:1b and 2abc,
3-4; Luke 9:18-22

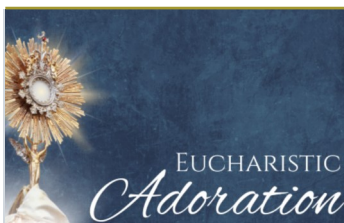
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26: Ecclesi-
astes 11:9—12:8; Psalms 90:3-4, 5-
6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Luke 9:43b-45

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.itascacatholic.org/join-our-parish>



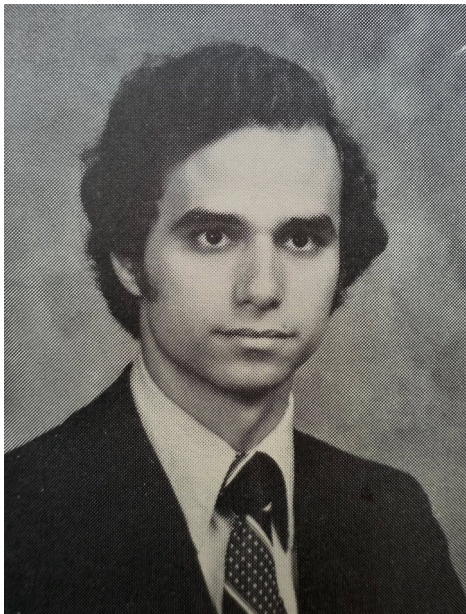
ST. AUGUSTINE—ADORATION | 6:30PM—7:30PM
First Thursdays

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
POPE LEO XIV



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.

REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING THE EVENT
MISSION FIELD EVENT ~ ALL ARE WELCOME!

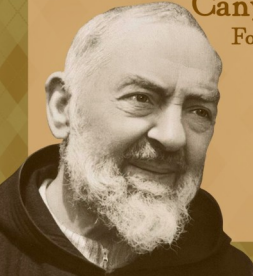
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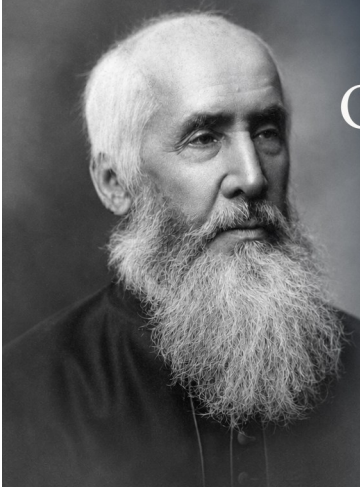
**Pray. Hope.
Don't Worry.**

Twin Ports Young Adult Fall Retreat
based on the teachings of St. Padre Pio

For ages 21-39
September 25th-27th
Canyon, MN

Follow the QR Code to register
-due by Sept 18th-





OPENING MASS

Tuesday, September 22
6:30 p.m.

Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary
Duluth, MN

josephbuh.org 

**BISHOP FELTON INVITES ALL THE FAITHFUL TO TAKE PART IN A
HISTORIC MOMENT FOR OUR LOCAL CHURCH.**

*All are encouraged to attend and join in prayer
as we celebrate this important occasion for our diocese.*



*Couples from the Diocese of Duluth
that are celebrating the Marriage Milestone
of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35...50
and Beyond are invited to the
Annual Anniversary Mass and Dinner*

Saturday, October 24, 2026

*4:15PM Mass at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
with Bishop Daniel Felton
Dinner to follow at Blessed Sacrament Hall
2310 7th Ave E, Hibbing, MN*

{The dinner will be free for the celebrating couples.}

RSVP by Friday, October 9

All are welcome at Mass but space for the dinner
is limited to the first 50 couples who reserve space.

For more information/registration, please visit:
<https://dioceseduluth.org/marriage-and-family-life>



**WATCH FOR SIGN UP SHEETS THE OCTOBER 31 BAZAAR/LUNCHEON NEEDS
AND VOLUNTEER NEEDS WILL BE IN THE SOCIAL HALL.**

QUESTIONS:

LEONA BARTEN—218-328-5520

LISA NEURURER—218-326-3759



APPALACHIA CHRISTMAS PROJECT



ST. AUGUSTINE & ST. JOSEPH
COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
ARE SUPPORTING THE

APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS PROJECT.

**To contribute, please make check
payable to your respective CCW
and write Appalachia in the memo.**

DONATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 15

ST. AUGUSTINE CCW:

Please drop off your donation in
the St. Augustine CCW secure box.

Questions, contact: Leona Barten
218-328-5520

ST. JOSEPH CCW: Look for the
envelopes on the Gathering Space
table. Please drop off your dona-
tion in the parish secure box.

Questions, contact:
Connie Andrews 218-259-8615



If you would like to offer prayer
support to end abortion, you are
invited to join other prayer warriors
who travel to the:

“WE Building for Women”
Duluth (32 E First Street)
7:00AM—7:00PM from
September 23—November 1.

This effort is ongoing throughout
the year but additional prayer sup-
port is appreciated during October.
In the past, St. Joseph & St. Augus-
tine parish members have signed
up for the first Saturday in October.
You can sign up for an hour or more
at: [https://www.40daysforlife.com/
en/duluth](https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/duluth)

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218-390-8560
mkcory-whitmyer@charter.net

BEGINNING

SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

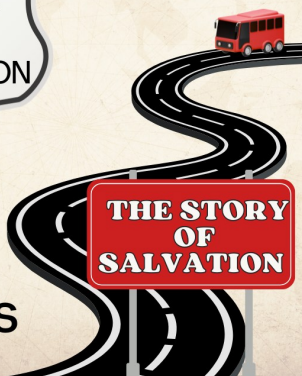
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS



FUN FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY

- KID CLASSES
- ADULT CLASSES

BEGINS WITH
5:30PM DAILY MASS



FAITH FORMATION INFO & REGISTRATION—2026-2027
FAITH FORMATION | CONFIRMATION | FIRST COMMUNICANTS

REGISTRATION COST

Early Bird Registration Cost:

\$60 for 1 kid | \$120 for 2 kids
Family Max of \$150 (3 kids or more)

Registration Cost After September 25:

\$70 for 1 kid | \$140 for 2 kids
Family Max of \$175 (3 kids or more)

THE EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT LINK:

<https://www.itascacatholic.org/familyinfo>

*Please remember, unregistered kids
may not attend classes for liability reasons.*

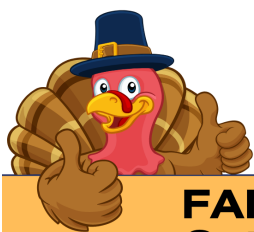
FIRST COMMUNICANTS—PARENT ONLY MEETING
Wednesday, September 23 | 6:00PM | St. Joseph

FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR (PreK-5):

Amy Pautsch | 218-999-6456

amy.pautsch@duluthcatholic.org

SAVE—THE—DATE



**Knights of
Columbus®**

FAMILY FUN BINGO
Saturday, October 24

Heavenly BROASTED CHICKEN BASKET



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Enter into the:

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

AND DISCOVER THE JOURNEY THE EARLY CHRISTIANS TOOK TO
BECOME A MEMBER OF THE BODY OF CHRIST—HIS CHURCH.

Interested Persons are welcome to inquire.

*If you or someone you know is seeking baptism, is
of another Christian denomination and desires Full
communion with the Church, or is yet to be confirmed,
please contact the Parish Office, 218-326-2843*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 | 6:30PM—8:00PM
SOCIAL HALL | ST. JOSEPH

CLERGY

Fr. Blake Rozier | 218-999-6457
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ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

St. Joseph | October 1—16, 2026



Look for the donation table in
the upcoming weeks to drop off
CLEAN and in GOOD condition
cold weather gear: coats, snow
pants, gloves, hats and boots

(always a great need...Especially kids sizes).

Each coat must be on a hanger.

No long coats and No wool coats, please.

Questions: Please contact
Laurie Lloyd 218-360-4664 or
Kathy Peltier 218-360-1543

OPEN DOOR COAT RACK HOSTED BY: UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DISTRIBUTION AT UMC ON:
OCTOBER 23 | 9:00AM—6:00PM
OCTOBER 24 | 9:00AM—6:00PM