

Welcome Booklet



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VISION FOR ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

We the people of St. Joseph Catholic church, as an active community of believers in Jesus Christ, present this mission statement to provide continuity and promise in these exciting times of growth and change. By communicating the five components of this vision, we hope to build on established foundations, instill a strong spirit of belonging and expand into areas that will meet the needs of God's people.

- **Praying and Celebrating as a Parish Community**
Our prayer life centers on the Eucharistic celebration, which is greatly enhanced by joyful music and a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Established traditions will be honored, but as a community we will remain open to new ideas as approved by the universal church. We encourage participation by all, to foster a closer parish community.

- **Recognizing and Responding to Opportunities for Companionship, Service and Witness**
The parish is a community responding to the social, material and spiritual needs of its members. Each member's gifts are needed for the parish body to grow in God's love and to make Christ known by his or her actions. Special attention must be given to those members who are hurting, sick, young or elderly. Our responsibilities extend to the wider community of Spearfish and the West River Diocese, where we reach out to fellow Christians in cooperation and respect. With the materi-

ally poor of our area, we share our treasures; with the spiritually poor, the unchurched, and our inactive brothers and sisters, we share the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- **Fostering Life-long Religious Education**

St. Joseph recognizes the importance of providing religious education opportunities for every member of the parish community. This commitment emphasizes the value of educating our youth through example, active participation and formal education that will lead them to a deeper understanding of the faith. Religious education should continue into adulthood to ensure the development of a mature faith. Parish community involvement is vital to the success of all educational endeavors.

- **Designing and Maintaining Facilities to Meet Parish Needs**

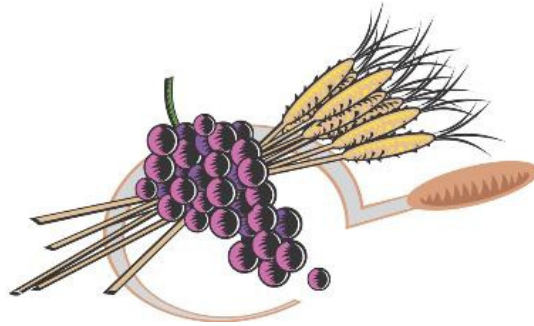
As our parish changes and grows, the physical structures that serve the community will change and grow as well. Maintenance of these facilities should be planned and well organized to preserve the investment made by the parish community. Sensitivity to civic, environmental, aesthetic and liturgical concerns will be incorporated into building maintenance, renovation and growth.

- **Serving God with Responsible Financial Management**

As our parish community becomes more involved with all aspects of our faith life, we must provide the financial means to meet our mission. All members have a responsibility to provide monetary support to care for the buildings and programs that serve our faith community. In addition to following a budget, sound fiscal management requires long range development and planning. The parish community will be informed and actively involved in specific fundraising projects and parish expenditures.

SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES

- ◇ **Mass Schedule**
- ◇ **Reconciliation**
- ◇ **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick/
Sacrament of Last Rites**
- ◇ **Funerals**



- **MASS SCHEDULE**

St. Joseph schedule is listed below. Check the bulletin for special times for Holy Days of Obligation and changes in scheduling that may occur.

Monday:

10:00 am Mass at Dorsett Nursing Home

Tuesday:

7:00 am Mass

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Benediction at 9 pm

Wednesday:

7:00 am Mass

Thursday:

12:15 pm Mass

Friday:

10:00 am Mass at Edgewood Vista on First Friday

Saturday

9:00 am Mass

Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite

First Saturday of the Month:

8:00 am Mass

Sunday Mass times:

St. Joseph

Saturday at 5:30 pm

Sunday at 8:30 am & 5:30 pm

Sunday at 1:00 pm Extraordinary Form
of the Roman Rite on the 2nd & 4th Sunday

St. Paul

Sunday at 10:30 am

Sunday at 1:00 pm Extraordinary Form
of the Roman Rite on the 1st & 3rd.

Sunday at 4:00 pm Spanish Mass on 4th Sunday

- **RECONCILIATION**
The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered on
Thursday from 11:30 am—12:30 pm
Saturday from 4:00—5:00 pm
and by appointment.
- **SACRAMENT OF THE
ANOINTING OF THE SICK**
If you or a family member is in need of this
sacrament please, call the office to schedule a time.
- **FUNERALS**
Please call the office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

- ◇ **Baptism**
- ◇ **First Reconciliation and
First Communion**
- ◇ **Confirmation**
- ◇ **Marriage**



- **BAPTISM**

We do hope that those requesting baptism for their infants and children are registered members of our parish community who are practicing and participating in the sacramental life of the community.

Preparation for baptism consists of attendance by the parents of a baptismal class. The class is offered monthly, rotating locations between St. Joseph & St. Paul. Baptisms are a community event and are scheduled to take place during Mass. Private baptisms are allowed under special circumstances. Parents are asked to arrange that their chosen sponsors are present or arrange for proxies. Sponsors (Godparents) need to have at least one practicing Catholic who is Confirmed in the Catholic faith. Anyone not belonging to our parish community, requesting to baptize here needs to present a letter of permission from their local pastor. All baptisms must be scheduled in advance thru the church office.

- **FIRST RECONCILIATION AND
FIRST COMMUNION**

The child's parents, thru a parish-directed program, initiate preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion.

- **CONFIRMATION**

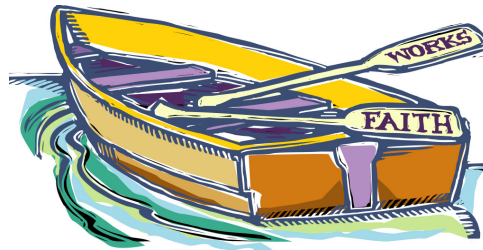
Contact our Faith Formation Director for requirements and details of our program.

- **MARRIAGE**

A minimum of six months is needed to prepare a couple for the sacrament of marriage. A period of six to eight months is preferred. Due to the geographical/jurisdictional regulations of the church, we can only witness the marriages of our own parishioners. However, those coming in from elsewhere can be accommodated here with proper delegations and permissions. For more information on the marriage preparation program contact our parish

FAITH FORMATION AND INSTRUCTION

- ◇ **Generations of Faith (GOF)**
- ◇ **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**
- ◇ **Life Teen**
- ◇ **Edge**
- ◇ **Bible Studies**



- **GENERATIONS OF FAITH (GOF)**

- *Lifelong, Event-Centered, Intergenerational Faith Formation*

A new approach to faith formation is taking place at St. Joseph; it is called Generations of Faith (GOF). GOF provides an integrated and comprehensive approach to faith formation that equips the parish to become a community of learning by creating lifelong faith formation that is centered in the events of church life, embraces all ages and generations, and promotes faith growth at home, through parish preparation programs. GOF empowers and equips individuals and families to live their faith at home and in the world. For more information or to register contact the name listed below.

- **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)**

Adults wishing to join the Catholic Church are asked to attend our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program, which cycles each year, starting in the fall. At the end of this instruction in the faith a person may decide to be received into the church at the Easter Vigil. If one has already been baptized in a Christian church, he or she is received into the church by a profession of faith and the administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Fr. Tim Hoag and a team of parishioners will lead this education and formation ministry.

- **BIBLE STUDIES**

Several Bible study opportunities are available at St. Joseph. Contact the church office for more information.

- **LIFE TEEN**

Life Teen is an international Catholic movement that serves the Church by providing resources and faith experiences that help lead teens closer to Christ. This is accomplished through a vibrant Eucharistic spirituality and by creating widespread opportunities for teens to grow in their faith. Our Core is made up of young adult married couples (age 25-30) and they are the leaders, teachers, planners and executors. The goal of each Life Night is to reveal the amazing power of the Holy Spirit and to help high school teens get through these difficult years of their life with guidance from our Core and Parish Priest. We meet every Sunday after 5:30 p.m. Mass in the Church Hall. Each Life Night is totally different as the environment changes for each area of discussion.

- **EDGE**

Edge is a Catholic middle school youth ministry for early adolescents in grades 6-8.

Edge approaches catechesis to middle-school youth using the Life Teen model. Middle-school youth are removed from behind classroom desks and brought into a large-group environment for gathering activities, teachings and prayer. In small groups, they break open the teachings and build solid, Christ-centered relationships that allow them to comfortably explore their Catholic faith and make it relevant to their everyday lives. This helps build safe relationships during some of the most formative years of a teens life.

With new catechetical themes delivered every semester, Directors of Religious Education or middle school Ministers have a variety of topics to explore and teach to youth. This creative and experiential approach engages youth to understand Catholic teaching and form their Catholic identity.

STEWARDSHIP

*Liturgy, Music, and Church Ministry
Opportunities to Serve*

- ◇ **Liturgy**
- ◇ **Music**
- ◇ **Altar Society**
- ◇ **Catholic Daughters**
- ◇ **Finance Committee**
- ◇ **Knights of Columbus**
- ◇ **Homebound Ministry**
- ◇ **Hospital Ministry**
- ◇ **Newman Center**
- ◇ **Parish Council**
- ◇ **Piecemakers Quilt Guild**
- ◇ **Prayer Email**
- ◇ **Pro-Life Committee**
- ◇ **Spearfish Ministerial Association**
- ◇ **Welcome Committee**



Stewardship

Stewardship is not a name for a giving program or an idea created by the modern church. It is a way of life and something that Jesus taught to the apostles and to his followers on many occasions. It has a direct relationship to a person's faith. As Catholics, we recognize Jesus as the perfect steward or as One who perfectly managed His Father's gifts in order to bring about the Kingdom of God. Just as Jesus' stewardship had a cost, - His life - so does ours. The cost is our sacrificial giving of money, time, and talent. Our stewardship requires us to draw closer to Christ by giving of ourselves in gratitude for what we have received. It is also necessary for us to recognize, as Jesus tells us, that as a steward we do not own what we are and what we have. All that we have and are, is a gift from God who asks us to manage our gifts well in order to accomplish His will.

- **LITURGY**

Should you feel called by the Lord to share of yourself in one these liturgical ministries, training sessions are offered periodically.

Altar Server

Altar servers are youth who assist the priest during liturgical celebrations

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Eucharist Ministers must be a Confirmed member of the Catholic faith and be of high school age or older.

Hospitality Ministry

Greeters and ushers provide hospitality by welcoming worshipers as they enter the church and assisting with any needs they may have during the service.

Lectors

Lectors participate during the Mass by proclamation of the Bible reading during the liturgy of the word.

Art & Environment

Prepare the Church environment for liturgical seasons.

- **MUSIC**

If your gift is in music, we have several different singing groups and needs.

Organist, pianists, and other instrumentalists

We welcome all instrumentalists to participate in Mass.

Cantors Ministry

Cantors proclaim the psalm and welcome and encourage assembly participation.

Praise & Worship Group

Lead the weekly 5:30 pm Sunday Mass.
Instrumentalists and vocalists are needed.

Folk Group

This is a vocal ensemble with string accompaniment that leads Mass once a month.

- **ALTAR SOCIETY**

St. Joseph Altar Society is for all women in the parish. It is the women's ministry of the church. There is a general meeting the first Thursday of the month at 11:00 am. This organization sponsors many support missions within the church community. Some of the functions they are involved in are: providing bread and wine for the Mass, sponsoring the Fall Dinner, organizing a pizza booth at the Festival in the Park, selling baked good at a booth at the Harvest Fest, and hosting luncheons after funerals.

The Altar Society is divided into smaller groups: the divisions are: St. Therese, St. Pat, St. Elizabeth, St. Joan of Arc, St. Anne, and St. Margaret Mary.

- **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is a national organization of Catholic women who strive to embrace the principle of faith working thru love. The Catholic Daughters undertake religious, charitable, and educational works on the local, state, and national level and throughout the world. Locally, our Spearfish court strives to provide spiritual activities as well as provide financial support for numerous causes. The organization promotes prayer and the public recitation of the rosary, engages guest speakers to speak concerning matter of faith, and sponsors several fund raising activities which help to support numerous worthwhile causes.

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Helps advise the parish on the financial management of the parish.

- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
The Knights of Columbus is a national organization of Catholic men. St. Joseph Council, Father Szalay Council #6251, was chartered in 1970. Members of the Fr. Szalay Council participate actively in: church ministries, charitable community activities, National and Diocesan council activities, and sponsor various youth activities. The Knights of Columbus have a strong devotion to church, family, and community. The Knights sponsor a Pancake breakfast the first Sunday of each month which helps to fund their many charitable endeavors. Regular meetings are the first Monday of each month.
- **HOMEBOUND MINISTRY**
If you or a member of your family are no longer able to come to Mass on a regular basis, we will connect you with someone who will bring the Eucharist to your home. We also provide instruction and guidance if you wish to take the Eucharist to your family member or a friend.
- **HOSPITAL MINISTRY**
This requires compassionate people to make weekly visits to people in the hospital.

- **PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council, in conjunction with the pastor, sets policies according to the needs of the parish. The Parish council consists of seven members which are either elected or appointed from within the parish community. Each member serves a three-year term. In addition, a representative from appropriate parish organizations may attend parish council meetings. To serve on the parish council one must be a registered, active member of the parish and offer up their name for service when the seats become available in the fall of the year. All parishioners are invited to contact a parish council member with pertinent/relevant concerns which they wish to be addressed during the monthly parish council meeting.

- **PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD**

Makes and designs quilts to be given out at infant Baptisms.

- **PRAYER EMAIL**

St. Joseph Church has a prayer email where prayer petitions are sent out over the email. Susan Pisani is the coordinator at cruisinsusan@cuisineasy.com

- **PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE**
Helps to promote awareness and offers education on pro-life issues.
- **SPEARFISH MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION**
The Spearfish Ministerial Association is a multi-denominational association which unites to provide services for the poor in our community. St. Joseph participates in the association's food pantry program.
- **WELCOME COMMITTEE**
The Welcoming Committee functions to welcome new parishioners into the parish and acting as a liaison by assisting new members to be as actively involved in parish life as their circumstances permit.

NEWMAN CENTER

Black Hills State University

St. Joseph has a Newman Center building located directly across the street from our Church. The building is newly remodeled to help meet the needs of a Newman Center. Wireless internet is available. All university students and young adults are welcome in the St. Joseph Parish community and invited to become a part of our Newman Center. The Newman Center offers ways to become more active in parish life. Activities and events are planned throughout the school year that are especially oriented towards the needs of university students. All college students are welcome to join in a meal every Sunday at 6:30 pm.

DIOCESAN ORGANIZATIONS

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- ◇ **Bereavement Program**
- ◇ **Birthright**
- ◇ **Catholic Engaged Encounter**
- ◇ **Catholic Schools**
- ◇ **Catholic Social Services**
- ◇ **Marriage Tribunal**
- ◇ **Native Ministry**
- ◇ **Natural Family Planning Ministry**
- ◇ **Pro-Life Commission**
- ◇ **Rachel's Vineyard**
- ◇ **Retrouvaille**
- ◇ **Right To Life**
- ◇ **Separated, Divorced Support Group**
- ◇ **West River Catholic Newspaper**
- ◇ **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**



- **BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM**
An eight-week non-denominational support group open to all Christian adults who have suffered through the death of a loved one.
- **BIRTHRIGHT**
Birthright is an ecumenical ministry which provides pregnancy testing, counseling for unwed women and assistance with maternity clothes and layettes.
- **CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER**
This is a weekend retreat for engaged or newly married couples with a focus on developing a mutual faithful and permanent marriage relationship.
- **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**
The Diocesan school system consists of four Catholic schools: St. Thomas Moore (Rapid City), St. Elizabeth Seton (Rapid City), Our Lady of Lourdes (Porcupine) and Red Cloud Indian School (Pine Ridge). There are no Catholic schools in Spearfish.

- **CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES**
 Catholic Social Services assists people of all faiths in Western South Dakota. Their ministry includes counseling services provided by licensed professional counselors on a sliding fee. Other services include: adoption services, post-legal adoptive services, pregnancy counseling for birth parents and crisis pregnancy services. Catholic Social Services is available at St. Joseph Church on Monday and Wednesday. Call 348-6086 to make an appointment.
- **MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL**
 The Catholic Church, because it acknowledges marriage as a holy covenant which is entered into for life, holds that certain elements are essential to make the marriage valid. Church Tribunal is a judicial forum which functions according to the Code of Canon Law. The Tribunal functions under the supervision of the judicial vicar who represent the bishop, oversees the study and appoints a judge to render a decision regarding the sacramental nature of validity of the previous bond.
- **NATIVE MINISTRY**
 The mission of the Office of Native Concerns is to see that the needs of the Catholic Lakota people in the diocese are recognized, understood, and addressed by diocesan leaders, offices and institutions.

- **NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING MINISTRY**
Provides information concerning natural family planning. Attendance at a Christian Family Planning Seminar is required for all engaged couples and encouraged for married couples.
- **PRO-LIFE COMMISSION**
Promotes awareness, education, legislation, prayer and pastoral care on pro-life issues.
- **RACHEL'S VINEYARD**
A weekend retreat for any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion.
- **RETROUVAILLE**
Weekends for couples in a hurting marriage.
- **RIGHT TO LIFE**
Fights abortion thru media and legislation.
- **SEPARATED, DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP**
A support group for those who are separated or divorced.
- **WEST RIVER CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER**
The diocesan monthly newspaper is mailed to all registered members of the parish free of charge.
- **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**
Provides activities and weekend retreats for couples to enrich and maintain their good relationships.

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