

St. Joseph Catholic Church & St. Francis Xavier

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The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2011

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Hours; Monday - Thursday

8:30 am—4:00 pm

Saint Joseph

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Taylors Falls, MN 55084



Saint Francis Xavier

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Kneeling before Christ's Manger



Even in our old age we have much in common with the little child in the crib; we recognize ourselves in that child and in a sense we are that child. One part of our being, a most hidden part, is the child who has not experienced evil; by this fact a part of our being is like unto God...

How difficult it is to keep my attention fixed on your childhood, Jesus, not to be drawn toward the abyss of your tortured humanity, toward your passion, and your death. I am attracted to your passion by our resemblance in suffering; because suffering summed up and, as it were, defined your humanity, an instinct precipitates those who love you to the call of your halting voice, toward the moments of agony and suffering in your life. But it is not at the foot of the cross that we are closest to you; it is perhaps while kneeling before your manger, before the God-Child who has just been born. O Infinite Child, we do not expect you to forgive us for crimes which you do not yet understand.

What attracted me to your adult body - tortured, crucified, and pierced with a lance - was its conformity to mine. O sorrowful Christ, in whom I seek myself and in whom I find myself, give me the grace to stop by your manger, to lean at length over your Infinite Being totally captured within a little flesh.

Francois Mauriac

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Mass Intentions

Intentions for the week of Dec. 25

Saturday Vigil, SF- 5:00 PM

†George Greene

10:00 PM

†Reverend Allan Moss

Sunday, 7:30 AM

All parishioners of both parishes.

SF-9:00 AM

†Paul Thomasen

10:30 AM

†William Hill

Tuesday, 7:30 AM

†Raymond & Mildred Nawrocki

Wednesday, 7:30 AM

†Denny Kielas

Thursday, 7:30 AM

†Joseph John Zaborowski

Friday, 7:30 AM

Patricia Rilea

Saturday, 8:00 AM

†Joseph John Zaborowski

Intentions for the week of Jan. 1

Saturday Vigil, 5:30 PM

†Donna Mae Thermes

Sunday, 7:30 AM

All parishioners of both parishes.

SF-9:00 AM

†Steve McTigue

10:30 AM

Open

†indicates Repose of the Soul

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

■ **Ring bells for Christmas:** Remember to ring your bells or shake your keys at Mass during the Gloria on Christmas, Jan. 1, and Jan. 8.

■ **Religious give thanks.** A Benedictine nun writes: "We ask God to bless the faithful who made contributions in order to help us in our retirement." Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests offer their heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Money Raised:

St. Joseph-- \$525.00

St. Francis--\$558.00

■ **Modern Natural Family Planning**

is based on comprehensive scientific research and is healthy and marriage building! If you are looking to enhance your married life, a series of classes taught by a qualified instructor will begin on: Tuesday, Jan.3, 2012 and Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2012 at St. Joseph Hospital in St. Paul, MN. To register or for more information, please call the Twin Cities FertilityCare at (651) 232-3088 or register on-line at www.tcnfp.org. There will also be a series of classes beginning on Mon., Jan. 9, 2012 at St. Michael Church in Stillwater. To register or for more information, please call Marquette Model at (651) 208-2893.

■ **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for**

Healing After Abortion: If you are struggling with an abortion experience, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat on January 6-8, 2012 in the Twin Cities area. The weekend retreat will combine discussions, spiritual exercise, reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Resurrection. For more information or registration, contact Nancy at rvt-nancy@usfamily.net or 763-250-9313. The cost is \$160.00 for meals, room and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available. Additional information can be found on the Rachel's Vineyard website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

■ MASS SCHEDULE & MINISTRIES

■ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

◆ 5:30 pm (St. Joseph)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Sandy Greene, Marianne Calhoun
Jodi Gilbert*

Reader: Deb Roach

■ SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

◆ 7:30 am (St. Joseph)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Shelley Lunzer, Chris Hudspeth,
Gerry Merth, Clayton* & Mary* Rivard

Reader: Tom Lunzer

◆ 9 am (St. Francis)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Nancy Maloney, Darlene Kazmierczak
Shelly Haas, Karen Nelson*

Reader: Mike Harnetty

◆ 10:30 am (St. Joseph)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Teresa Steele, Tom & Marianne Calhoun
LaRena Kolve*, Jan Rintoul*

Reader: Sharon McCurdy

* Indicates people to cleanse Sacred Vessels

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. JOSEPH

TUES., WED., THURS., FRI., 7:30 am

SAT., 8:00 am Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

From 6:30 am—7:30 am

The Rosary is prayed each day at 6:55 am during the Holy Hour.

FRIDAY'S "24 HOUR BEGINS"

8 am through Saturday 7:45 am Benediction

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy recited after each daily Mass.

■ RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

ST. JOSEPH:

TUES., WED., THURS., FRI. 7-7:20 am

SATURDAYS: 4:30-5:00 pm

Call the office to schedule a time for confession if you would like to receive this wonderful sacrament outside the regular schedule.

■ **COMING SOON:** Jeff Cavin's DVD series "Catholicism 101" will be offered in January 2012. This is a great way to learn more about your Catholic faith. Check the bulletin in January for further information.

■ **2011 DONATIONS TO YOUR PARISH!** *If you wish to donate stock or any other donation before the end of the year to your parish, all transactions must be in the office no later than Dec. 31, 2011.*

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRANCONIA, MINNESOTA



■ **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**
January 1, 2012

1st Reading: Numbers 6:22-27
 2nd Reading: Galatians 4:4-7
 Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

■ **St. Francis Xavier** prays the Rosary every Sunday at 8:40 am. Please come early and join us.



■ **Congratulations** to Dylan Raymond Carufel, son of Jeffrey and Shannon Carufel, who received the Sacrament of Baptism on Nov. 20, 2011. We welcome him into the Catholic faith with God's grace.

■ **Thank you** to the St. Francis Altar and Rosary Society for baking the delicious desserts and helping to serve at Hank Nelson's funeral luncheon. Also, thanks to Elim Lutheran Church for hosting the luncheon.



■ **Mass Intentions**

For Mass requests, please contact the office at 651.465.7345 to put the intention on the calendar.



■ **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Dec. 24--5 pm Christmas Eve Mass
- Dec. 25--9 am Christmas Mass
 No Rel. Ed., Food Shelf Sunday
- Dec. 26--Office Closed
- Jan. 1--9 am Mass
 No Coffee Sunday, No Rel. Ed.
- Jan. 5--SJ-9-11:30 am Prayer Group
 No Altar and Rosary Meeting
- Jan. 8--9 am Mass - 11 am Rel. Ed.



St. Francis Financial Contributions

Weekly needed income:	\$1,519.23
EFT (Dec. 20)	30.00
Dec. 18	1,638.50
<u>Children's Collection</u>	<u>5.91</u>
Year to Date (7/1/11)	\$111.76

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH TAYLORS FALLS, MINNESOTA
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



■ **THANK YOU** to all of you who helped to make the Pancake Breakfast a huge success. \$316.89 was raised and will be matched by

Catholic United Financial for a total of \$633.78! As you know, this money goes to the Net Retreat for our Confirmation Candidates, so it is greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who helped serve, set up, and cook. Also, a special thank you to the Knights of Columbus and Catholic United Financial for your help and support in this event. Merry Christmas and may God Bless. Confirmation Class of 2012

■ **Eucharistic Adoration** will be held Friday, December 30 as usual. You are invited to come and spend some time with Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament.



■ **Thank you** to Amy Klein for coordinating the Annual Children's Christmas Play. Also, thanks to Henry Novotny for his beautiful accompaniment and to the many other parents who helped with the show. Especially, thank you to all the children who participated in this year's delightful show.

■ **Thank you** to the parishioners in Help Group # 2 for preparing and serving the delicious luncheon at Bill Oehler's funeral.

■ **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Dec. 24--7:45 am Benediction
 No am Mass & no 4:30 pm Conf.
 9:30 pm Music
 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass
- Dec. 25--7:30 & 10:30 am Christmas Mass
 No Rel. Ed.
- Dec. 26--Office Closed
- Dec. 28--No Rel. Ed. or Kids for Christ
- Dec. 31--7:45 am Benediction, 8 am Mass
 4:30 pm Confession
 5:30 pm Mass
- Jan. 1--7:30 & 10:30 am Mass
 No Rel. Ed.
- Jan. 4--6:30-7:45 pm Rel. Ed. and Kids for Christ
- Jan. 5--9:00-11:30 am Prayer Group
- Jan. 7--4:30-5:00 pm Conf., 5:30 pm Mass
- Jan. 8--7:30 & 10:30 am Mass
 9:00-10:15 am Rel. Ed.

St. Joseph Financial Contributions

Weekly needed income:	\$3,250.00
EFT (Dec. 20)	475.00
Dec. 18	2,401.00
<u>Children's Offering</u>	<u>18.31</u>
Year to Date (7/1/11):	-\$17.17

*Christ
 IS Born!*

