

St. Joseph Catholic Church & St. Francis Xavier

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Mary, the Holy Mother of God

January 1, 2012

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*Hours; Monday - Thursday
8:30 am—4:00 pm*

Saint Joseph

490 Bench Street

Taylors Falls, MN 55084



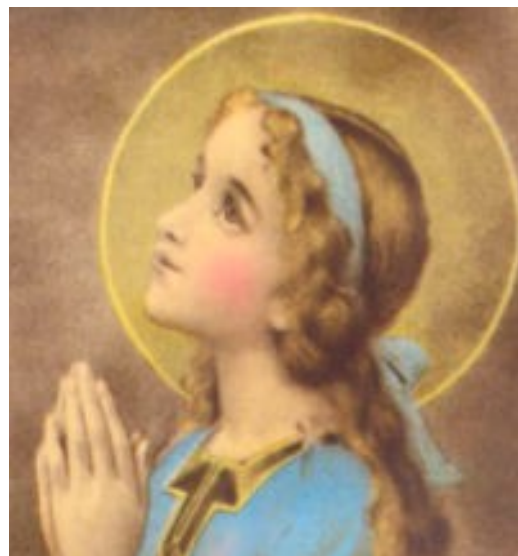
Saint Francis Xavier

25267 Redwing Avenue
Shafer, MN 55074



The Mother of God

Why was Jesus born of a virgin? To establish, by this unique example, that he was inaugurating a new humanity. He is man, universal man, not just a man. He is the epitome of the whole human race. He is the spiritual unity of all generations. He does not emerge as a link in the chain. He is the second Adam...



The Virgin had to be prepared for this mission, and had to collaborate in it. She had to give Jesus to humanity. This child did not belong to her, but to God and to humanity. Her maternity had to be a gift to the whole of humanity. She was spiritually and freely associated with the work of the redemption, by her consent given to God, on the day of the Annunciation. Her maternity is a kind of sacrament. She conceived, by a fertility which was entirely internal, and universal in its intention, the Savior of the World. She is the second Eve, the woman redeemed from sin without having contracted it, in order to collaborate in the redemption of all, by covering all mothers with honor, because she is in her person the perfect achievement of all the spiritual requirements of human maternity...

The Holy Virgin achieved maternity in an ideal manner, because she is at once perfect mother and perfect virgin. As Jesus achieved in a perfect manner the Reign of God in his humanity, because he had no human ego, re-establishing by this kind of excess of redemption the balance upset by the excess of self, so the Virgin Mary, by her entirely spiritual maternity, raised woman out of the servitude into which she had fallen, through the selfishness of man and her own weakness, by showing her a divine mission in her dignity of motherhood, destined to give God other sons.

It was through the spirit that our Lady became Mother: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord." And after her, in a spiritual manner, by total adherence to Christ, every mother will be a virgin, and every virgin will be a mother.

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Mass Intentions

Intentions for the week of Jan. 1

Saturday Vigil, 5:30 PM

†Donna Mae Thurmes

Sunday, 7:30 AM

All parishioners of both parishes.

SF-9:00 AM

†Steve McTigue

10:30 AM

Open

Tuesday, 7:30 AM

Open

Wednesday, 7:30 AM

Open

Thursday, 7:30 AM

Open

Friday, 7:30 AM

Open

Saturday, 8:00 AM

In honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Intentions for the week of Jan. 8

Saturday Vigil, 5:30 PM

Open

Sunday, 7:30 AM

All parishioners of both parishes.

SF-9:00 AM

Open

10:30 AM

Open

†indicates Repose of the Soul

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



■ **Ring bells:**

Remember to ring your bells or shake your keys at Mass during the Gloria on Jan. 1 and Jan. 8 as we continue to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

■ **The Knights of Columbus** are having a membership drive on the weekends of Jan. 14-15 and Jan. 21-22 after all Masses at both St. Francis and St. Joseph. Stop by their table for more information.

■ **Calling all Volunteers!** If you have a yearning to serve, there are many and varied “jobs” available at the Tri-County LifeCare Center in Osceola. These volunteer opportunities include: mommy store helper, EWYL counselors, event planners/workers, poster hangers, publicity workers, and hotline counselors. Contact information: (715) 755-2229 or totallife@centurytel.net.

■ **Save the Date:** Plan to attend the Celebration of Life on Jan. 29, 2012. The Tri-County LifeCare Center in Osceola will be having a candlelight walk followed by a special performance by the **Splatter Sisters!!** This is a family event of fun and music suitable for all ages. You can check of the Splatter Sisters at www.splattersisters.com.

■ **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 rvr-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, JANUARY 7

◆ 5:30 pm (St. Joseph)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Kathy Nienhaus, Deb Dusenka

Larry Julik-Heine*

Reader: Dale Nienhaus

■ SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

◆ 7:30 am (St. Joseph)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Deb Rose, Bill Piotrowski, Sharon Peterson

Wendy Kelly*, Jeff Rivard*

Reader: Rick Rafflesberger

◆ 9 am (St. Francis)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Pat Thraen, Dorine Rohe, Kathy Lushanko

Nick Barbato*

Reader: Patrick Morris

◆ 10:30 am (St. Joseph)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Sandy Greene, Sharon McCurdy, Marianne

Calhoun, LaRena Kolve*, Theresa Steele*

Reader: Bob Cross

* 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.

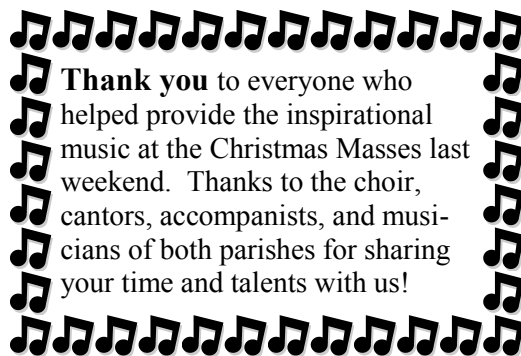
■ RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

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.



Thank you to everyone who helped provide the inspirational music at the Christmas Masses last weekend. Thanks to the choir, cantors, accompanists, and musicians of both parishes for sharing your time and talents with us!

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Jan. 5--SJ-9-11:30 am Prayer Group
No Altar and Rosary Meeting
- Jan. 8--9 am Mass-11 am Rel. Ed.
- Jan. 12--6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting
8:00 pm Finance Council Meeting
- Jan. 15--9 am Mass-11am Rel. Ed.
Rosary Sunday
- Jan. 17--SJ-7 pm Knights of Columbus

St. Francis Financial Contributions

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- Dec. 31--4:30-5:00 pm Confession
5:30 pm Mass
- Jan. 1--7:30 & 10:30 am Mass
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- Jan. 4--6:30-7:45 pm Rel. Ed. and
Kids for Christ
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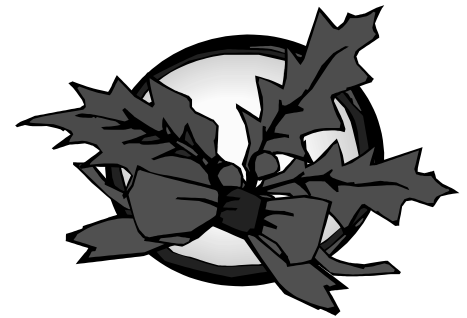
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