

Cluster Announcements



~ Save the date ~
April 5, 2025

St Francis de Sales School is excited to announce they will be hosting a "Celebration For

Education" fundraising event at the Spooner Civic Center ballroom.

We hope you'll join us for this fun filled evening which includes a delicious dinner, drinks, desserts, raffles, auctions & more!

Stay tuned for more info on tickets as well as opportunities to sponsor, donate & volunteer for this exciting event!

Proceeds from this event help us to continue to provide faith based education opportunities for the children of our community.



Faith Formation Families

Welcome back to another year of Faith Formation!

CLASSES ARE WEDNESDAYS SEPT 25 - APRIL 23

Grades 1 - 6 3:30 - 5:00

Grades 7 - 12 6:00 - 8:00

Supper will be served at 6 pm

Adult Faith Formation

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary

Tuesdays, October 15 - November 12, 2024 at SFdS

Soup and Sandwiches after 5 pm Mass.

Study begins at 6:00 pm.

We will not meet on Tuesday Nov 5.

Adoption Initiative Talk

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A VERY GOOD DAD AND MOM

Sunday, November 3, 11:15 am at SFdS.

Father Dennis Mullen's long-time passion is Adoption, believing that "Every child deserves a very good Mom And Dad." With his support, guidance and leadership, the Knights of Columbus Council 2137 of Rice Lake formed the Father Dennis Mullen Adoption Initiative. The goal of Fr. Mullen's Adoption Initiative is to help parents with the expenses of adoption. Starting with \$1,300.00, the Father Dennis Mullen Adoption Initiative (FDMAI) started in January 2020 and with only one fundraiser (a pancake breakfast) by July 1, 2020, the Fund had raised \$13,000. By July 1, 2024, the FDMAI has collected over \$90,000 and has approved almost \$31,000.00 in grants and given almost \$26,000.00 in grants. If you would like to learn more about this initiative and how you can help, please join Fr. Dennis in the church on **Sunday, November 3 at 11:15 am**. Soup and Sandwiches will be served in the school cafeteria after the presentation. Our local Knights of Columbus are sponsoring this event.

St. Joseph CCW

Ladies from St Joseph Parish are asked to donate items and/or their time for the December 7 fundraiser. Raffle baskets, bake sale items and day of help is requested. Please call Jude Bolterman 715-468-2042 or Diane Downs 715-520-2928 to help make this event a success!

Saint Francis de Sales Joyful Noise for the Lord

Do you like to make "a joyful noise" for the Lord? Are you looking for a way to share you God - given musical talents? Are you interested in inspiring our congregation through the majesty of music? If you answered "yes" to one or more of these questions, please consider joining the SFdS Church Choir! No experience is required.

If you have questions, feel free to contact, Ben Pettit, email: bpettit@we3churches.org or 218-206-0781.



Our Family UPC'S - Bar Codes

PLEASE CUT the UPC (bar code) from any of the Our Family product and save them in an envelope. Bring them to St. Francis de Sales Church and deposit them in the white container labeled Our Family UPC's in the back of church.



2024 - 2025 Catholic Services Appeal

Thanks to all who made a pledge to this year's CSA. If you have not made a pledge you can still do so. Envelopes can be found in the gathering area of church. Please mail it directly to the Diocese of Superior. No gift is too small.

2024 - 2025 CSA Goal

Pledged as of 10/31

St. Francis de Sales:	\$ 38,130	\$ 20,409
St. Joseph:	\$ 10,658	\$ 3,775
St. Catherine:	\$ 10,704	\$ 5,250

Saint Charles Borromeo, November 4



St. Charles Borromeo is most known for living during the time of the Protestant Reformation and helped influence reform of the whole Church during the final years of the Council of Trent.

Although St. Charles Borromeo belonged to nobility, he greatly desired to serve the Church. In 1559, his uncle was elected Pope Pius IV. He made Charles cardinal-deacon and administrator of the Archdiocese of Milan.

At the time, Charles was a simple student, but because of his intellectual qualities, he was assigned several important offices connected with the Vatican. After the death of his brother, he decided to become a priest and was ordained at age 25. Soon after he became bishop of Milan. Quietly working behind the scenes, St. Charles Borromeo is credited with keeping the Council of Trent in session and encouraging the pope to renew the Council in 1562, after its 10-year suspension. Afterwards, he devoted his time to serving in the Archdiocese of Milan.

Among his most important actions during his life, St. Charles Borromeo established seminaries, colleges, and communities for the education of candidates for holy orders. His emphasis on Catholic learning greatly increased the preparation of men for the priesthood and benefited their congregations. He died at the age of 46.

Saint Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica November 9



The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica is a day for all Catholics to celebrate. Situated in the Diocese of Rome, it was dedicated in 324 by Pope Sylvester I as the official seat of the Bishop of Rome, or pope. That being the case, it is our home, - a central place to which we all are connected. A Latin inscription in the basilica translates to "The mother and head of all churches of the city and of the world." Since the pope is the vicar of Christ on earth, it is our mother church.



Prayer Request, call:

SJ: Diane Downs 715-520-2928
SC: Noreen Ferrari 715-354-3223
SFdS: Carlene Hansen 715-635-3823



November Parish & Finance Council Meetings

St. Catherine of Alexandria

Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30 pm.

St. Joseph

Wednesday, November 13 at 6:30 pm.

St. Francis de Sales

Finance Council Thursday, November 14 at 6 pm.

Parish Council Thursday, November 14 at 7 pm.

Everyday Stewardship

The Daily Examen of Stewardship

"Stewardship" can get a bum rap these days. When folks hear the term "stewardship" from the pulpit, their eyes tend to kind of glaze over. "Here's Father asking for more money," they groan inwardly, "Get ready for the passing of the pledge cards."

Christ refutes this idea when he gives us what he calls the greatest commandments - instructing us to love God and to love our neighbor. Now, Christ is a man who chose his words carefully. He meant exactly what he said - and he didn't say that the greatest commandments were to tithe and to give money to charity. If he had wanted stewardship to be only about money, he would have said so.

Sometimes we are indeed called to show our love for God and neighbor in the form of a financial gift. But the concept of Everyday Stewardship - living mindfully in prayer, grateful for our blessings, and gracious to our neighbors, committed to God, and accountable to each other - is about so much more.

I propose a twist on the long-held practice of the "Daily Examen" - a pious devotion wherein, at day's end, we go over the events of the last 24 hours and discern God's will. A Daily Examen of Stewardship might contain questions like this:

*How did I love God today? In whom did I love Him?
What did God give me today? With whom did I share it?
What did I give to Him? To whom did I reach out today?
Who reached out to me? Where was God on my list of priorities today? First? Second? Third, fourth?*

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Holiday Saturday St. Joseph's CCW Fundraiser

December 7, 2024

9 a.m. - 2p.m.

St. Joseph's Church Basement



Bake Sale

Basket Raffle
\$1 a ticket or
12 for \$10



Raffle winners drawn at 2 p.m.

Lunch served 11a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sloppy Joe's, Chips, Pickles,
Bars and Beverage \$5.00
Take out available