



St. Joseph's Messenger

A BULLETIN FOR INSPIRING SCHOOL FAMILIES

"GROUNDED IN THE TRADITION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL IS A COMMUNITY DEDICATED TO FORMING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST THROUGH FAITH, ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, AND SERVICE TO OTHERS."

Greetings! My name is Fr. Jeremy Bock. I have been helping at St. Joseph's and St. Augustine's on Thursdays and Fridays since July 1, 2023, and other than being a familiar face I wanted to help you know more about me.

I am Minnesota born and raised. I grew up on a rabbit farm in the small town of Norwood (now Norwood Young America). Our rabbitry usually had around 300 rabbits, numbered from 5 different breeds. This upbringing fostered in me a gentle spirit, while learning good work ethic and responsibility as I attended to the rabbits and all my chores after school. Outside of chores I loved basketball and adventures in the woods surrounding our home; climbing trees, building forts, playing with siblings and cousins while our imaginations told us we're in other lands and times. Life on the rabbit farm ended when we moved to my dad's hometown of Brainerd just before I entered 5th grade.

While in Brainerd I grew in love for the outdoors, photography, hiking and occasionally kayaking/canoeing. I took the work ethic of my childhood and directed it toward sports, training and lifting weights. I became a decent high school athlete. Playing football (wide receiver), basketball, and running track (1600m, 800m, 400m, 200m).

My college years found me studying geology while I continued with sports running cross country and track at a D-III school. After college I worked in the environmental department of an engineering firm and aspired to become a hydrogeologist. After working with this firm for one year I felt a strong call from God to be a priest, and as I surrendered to God's plan, I entered seminary instead in September

2011. I completed seminary and was ordained a priest on June 9th, 2017.

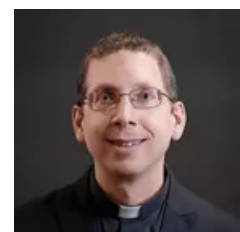
Bishop Paul Sirba appointed me to my first assignment at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary and St. Mary's Star of the Sea in Duluth. I am grateful for this time as God helped me to learn what it means to be a priest and spiritual father. I enjoyed working with the newly formed Stella Maris Academy, teaching religion in 11 classes once a week my first year and the second year adding 7 more classes once every 2 weeks for a total of 18 classes. This was a truly graced time. God did many wonderful and unbelievable things there. For me working at the school was like going to heaven - there were days where I felt as though I was swimming in His grace. And there were many beautiful lessons God taught me there that I hope to share with you in time.

After serving two years in Duluth, Bishop Sirba appointed me to help in Hibbing where I served for a year and a half. Once again, rejoicing to teach in the Assumption Catholic School and continuing to grow in grace.

Now I am grateful to be the Pastor in Bigfork, Squaw Lake, and Northome, where I have been since January of 2021. And I am grateful for my two days a week in Grand Rapids, especially working with the school community. I look forward to continuing getting to know you and serving you as a priest, helping students, families, and teachers to know and love the faith.

May God bless and keep you!

-Fr. Jeremy



November Feast Days and Special Days

- 1 - All Saints Day
- 2 - All Souls Day
- 4 - St. Charles Borromeo
- 9 - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- 11 - St. Martin of Tours
- 12 - St. Josaphat

- 13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
- 21 - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 22 - St. Cecilia
- 24 - Solemnity of Christ the King
- 30 - St. Andrew

Upcoming Parish/School Events

 <p>Motherhood needs a community. Join us for food, conversation, and fellowship with other moms!</p> <p>November 26th @7:30pm Dutch Room</p> <p><i>Monthly meetings on the last Tuesday of each month</i></p>	<p>November 1 All Saints Day! Dress up as a Saint for All Saints Day!</p> <p>November 4 No School</p> <p>November 8 First Friday Rosary 1pm at St. Joseph's Church</p> <p>November 11-13 Conferences</p> <p>November 14-15 No School</p> <p>November 21 Mass with Bishop Daniel</p> <p>November 26 Picture Retake Non-uniform Day</p> <p>November 27 End of 1st Trimester</p> <p>November 28-29 No School</p>
<p>Bible Story Time</p>  <p>Join us for songs, children's Bible story and fun craft</p> <p>Saturdays: Nov. 30th, Jan. 4th, Feb. 1st, Mar. 1st, & Apr. 5th</p> <p>9am-10am St. Joseph's School Library Park & enter at school entrance</p>   <p>Parent/child activity focus on ages 0-5 but all ages are welcome!</p>	<p>Save the Dates!</p> <p>First Day of Advent -December 1st</p> <p>Christmas Program! -December 17th St. Joseph's Church at 6:30pm</p>



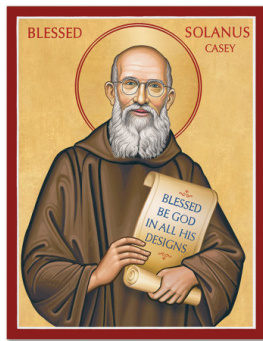
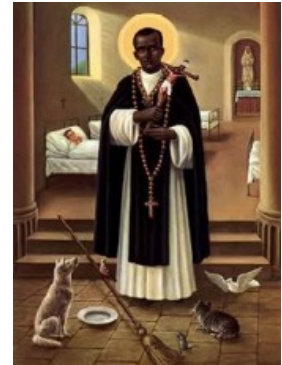
Please follow St. Joseph's Church events by signing up for Flocknote. www.itascacatholic.org

November Virtue is Courtesy

November Saints

PreK-2 Grade will study: SAINT MARTIN de PORRES

(1579-1639, Peru) Saint Martin de Porres' father almost never came to see him. When Martin was old enough, his father had him trained to be a doctor. Martin became a doctor and a Dominican friar who was very thoughtful of people who were sick. He insisted on doing all the lowliest jobs for them. Sometimes, he brought poor sick people home and put them to sleep in his own bed. **His feast day is November 3.**



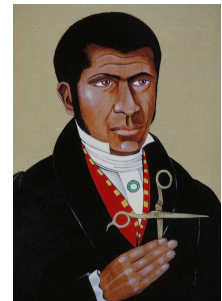
Grades 3-5 will study: BLESSED SOLANUS CASEY

(1870-1957, United States) Born in Wisconsin, Venerable Solanus Casey began to study for the priesthood when he was 21 years old. He became a Capuchin friar, and was known as "The Doorkeeper" because of the 20 years he served as porter at Saint Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit, Michigan. He was always ready to meet people and listen to their needs at any hour of the day or night. He treated each visitor, whether rich or poor, as he would have treated Christ. **His feast day is July 30.**

Grade 6 will study: VENERABLE PIERRE TOUSSAINT (1766-1853, Haiti and United States) Pierre Toussaint was born as a slave on the plantation of John Berard in Haiti. Berard noticed that Pierre's grandmother had taught him to read, and that he was a bright child, so he assigned Pierre to be a slave in the house rather than in the fields. He opened his library to the boy, encouraged him to study, and treated him as one of the family.

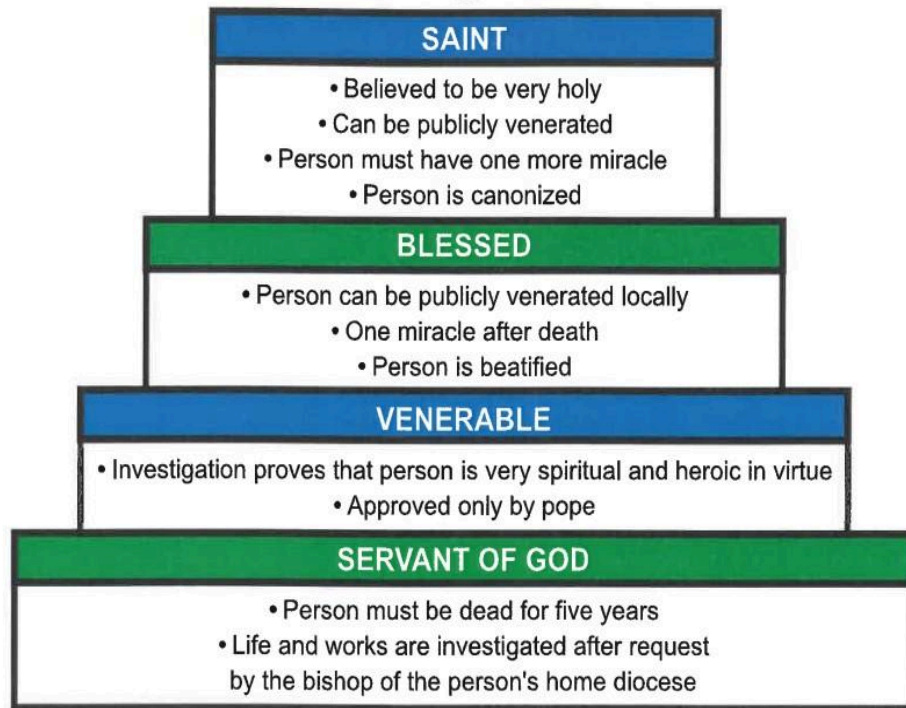
During a period of dangerous political unrest in Haiti, the family moved to New York City. Pierre became an apprentice to a hairdresser, spending his time learning the trade. John returned to Haiti to check on his property and found that it was all destroyed. He died while he was there leaving his wife a widow and without any income in a foreign land.

Pierre began to make a good profit with hairstyling. Before long, he had enough money to buy his freedom for himself and his sister, Rosalie. He purchased her freedom but sacrificed his own: he felt so indebted to the Berard family for the kindness they had shown him, that he could not leave the poor young widow defenseless and without means. He knew that it would destroy her dignity to accept gifts of money from him, so he opted instead to remain her slave and take on the responsibilities of running the household. No one from the outside would have guessed the truth that he was not only managing the house, but funding it himself. **His feast day is June 30.**

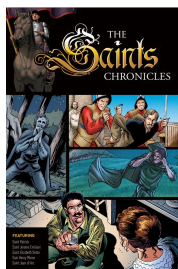


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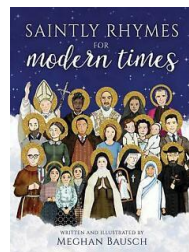
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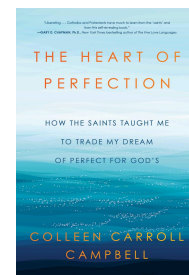
Saintly Resources:



The Saints Chronicles - Volumes 1-5
Sophia Institute Press



Saintly Rhymes for Modern Times
by Meghan Bausch



For adults-
The Heart of Perfection
by Colleen Carroll Campbell