



Starting Point

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER!

We're so glad you've decided to join this parish!
Our parish leadership and staff are committed to providing opportunities for all parishioners to live the mission of Jesus Christ.

Our Mission

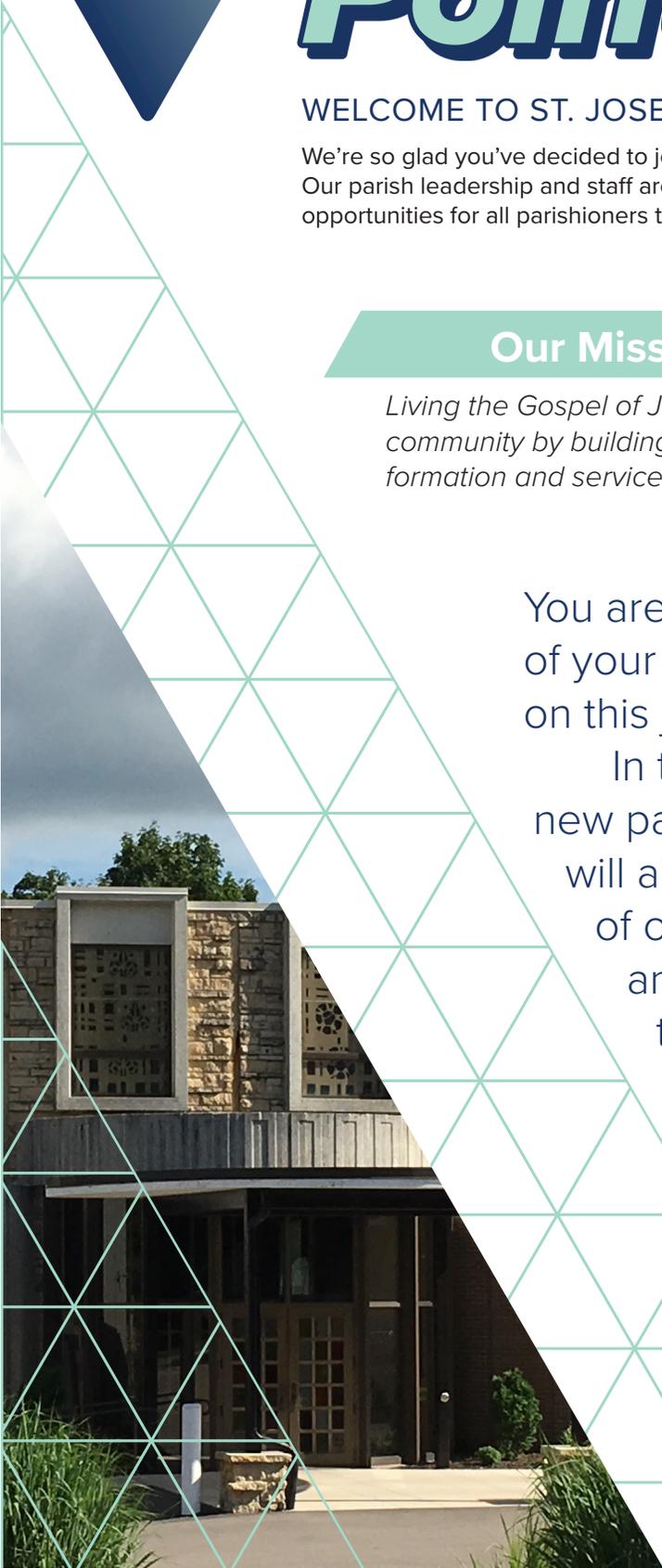
Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a welcoming Catholic community by building faith together through worship, faith formation and service to each other, our community and the world.

You are at the starting point of a new phase of your faith journey! We are so excited to be on this journey with you!

In this packet is information about your new parish and the services we offer. You will also learn more about the members of our staff who are excited to meet you and are ready to help you every step of the way.

Know that no matter who you are or where you come from, you are always welcome here. For in Christ, Everyone Counts, Everyone Matters, Everyone Makes a Difference.

ST. JOSEPH
THE WORKER



Parish Staff



Fr. Jim Goerend

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Pastor

Hello and welcome to St. Joseph the Worker Parish! I'm truly happy that you are joining our community of faith and everyone here looks forward to walking with you on this journey to build a stronger relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. Here at SJTW, we aim to live out Jesus' call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give drink to the thirsty and welcome the stranger. I pray that you find SJTW a welcoming community where you may find friendship and fellowship while strengthening your relationship with Jesus Christ.

St. Joseph, patron saint of the Universal Church, pray for us!



Dcn. Bill Biver

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Deacon

I am Deacon Bill Biver, and I am from Dubuque. I attended Sacred Heart School and graduated from Wahlert High School in 1966. I graduated from Loras College with a degree in Physics in 1970. In 1971, I earned a graduate degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Michigan. I spent the next 40 years as a licensed Professional Engineer, designing numerous laboratory, medical, and industrial products, three of which were patented. In 2011, I retired from Mercy Medical Center, having served as Director of Clinical Engineering.

My wife Sue and I have been married for 51 years. We have 7 children (one is deceased) and presently 15 grandchildren.

For the first 25 of my 35 years since ordination, I was assigned to St. Columbkille Parish. In 2011, I was additionally assigned to St. Joseph the Worker Parish. From 2014 - 2019, I was employed by SJTW as Pastoral Care/Social Justice Coordinator. Though retired as a parish employee, my ministry now includes assisting/preaching at Mass, baptizing, witnessing marriage, conducting wake services/funerals, teaching baptism classes, assisting with marriage preparation and annulments, providing healing services, serving on our Social Justice and Sister Parish Committees and in the Jail and Prison Ministry of our Archdiocese.

A warm welcome and feel free to call upon me. I am at your service in Christ.



Parish Staff



Richard Beaves

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**Music & Liturgy
Coordinator**

When I was hired and my family and I came to St. Joseph the Worker in July of 2002, it was like coming home. I knew so many people from my years at Wahlert High School that it felt very familiar. I grew up in St. Columbkille Parish and in fact my wife and I are living in the home I grew up in. Our 3 children are all married now, and we have 4 grandchildren with another on the way. In my work here at St. Joseph the Worker, I am responsible for all things liturgical. This includes all of the liturgical ministries, environment, music, and planning of liturgical events.

If you have any questions about ministry you can come to me and I can help you find an answer. I am looking forward to meeting you! Please stop by the big black piano after Mass and say hello! Thank you for joining our parish community. I hope we are able to fulfill your spiritual needs!



Ann Sirianni

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**Faith Formation
Coordinator**

I'm Ann Sirianni and I am the Coordinator of Faith Formation in our parish. I grew up in La Crosse, WI, and attended St. Pius X Parish, which truly planted and watered a ministry seed in my life. I knew from 8th grade on that I wanted to work in church ministry because of the wonderful examples I had in my parents, pastor, youth minister, and school principal.

I graduated from the College of St. Benedict with a degree in theology and after a couple of years in a parish I went back to school at Saint John's University School of Theology/Seminary for a Master's degree in Pastoral Ministry. I have served as a youth minister, Director of Faith Formation, and pastoral associate for the last 33 years. I've been married to my husband Pat for 20 years and am stepmother to his two children from a previous marriage and "Granny Anny" to four wonderful grandsons.

My ministry here at St. Joe's includes working with kids who are in grades 1-5 and their families. Adult Faith Formation is a part of my ministry too and includes Treasure Luncheons, small faith sharing groups, Women's Bible Study, and RCIA. I'm always looking for new ideas, so don't hesitate to call. God Bless!



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Mark Bodensteiner
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**Youth Ministry
Coordinator**

Hi there! I am Mark Bodensteiner, the Coordinator of Adolescent Faith Formation, or the Youth Minister. I have three children and have been married to my wife, Jenny, for over 20 years. I am a Loras College grad and was raised in East Dubuque. I have been known to be loud and obnoxious, so my children tell me.

I provide programs for middle and high school youth to empower them to live as disciples of Jesus, participate responsibly in their Catholic faith community, and foster total personal and spiritual growth. The programs vary from dinner and movie nights to prayer and worship opportunities, service trips, and leadership development.

If you are interested in serving the adolescents of St. Joseph the Worker and surrounding parishes, please contact via email or by calling the Parish Office!



Alice Noethe
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**Pastoral Care
Coordinator**

Greetings from Alice Noethe! As Pastoral Care Ministry Coordinator, I encourage and empower parishioners to assist in being a spiritual wellness mentor and caring friend to our parish homebound and to family members who have experienced the recent loss of a loved one within our parish.

The Pastoral Care Ministry mission is to extend spiritual wellness to parishioners with compassion and by various ways of communication. We connect parishioners to our parish community in prayer, by sending them a card, giving them a call or by visiting them in their home or in the hospital.

"God of all comfort, who comforts us...so that we may be able to comfort those with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."

2 Corinthians 1:4



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Adam Mumm

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**Communications
Coordinator**

Hello! I'm Adam, the Communications Coordinator here at SJTW since 2017. I come from Janesville, WI, and graduated from UW-Madison with a degree in Strategic Communications. Outside of work you can usually find me going for a walk, running, or looking at pictures of my sister's kids.

As Communications Coordinator, I take care of connecting parishioners with events and services at St. Joe's. I manage the parish website, handle social media, and publish printed materials like the Sunday bulletin and quarterly newsletter. I also put together the slides you see on the screens at Mass, and I work with Fr. Jim, Deacon Bill and the Communications Committee to develop our homily themes each year. If you're interested in joining the Communications Committee or running the screens at Mass, let me know! We'd love to have you join the team!



Jen Porter

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**Operations
Manager**

Welcome to St. Joseph the Worker Parish!

My name is Jen Porter, and I am the Business Manager at St. Joseph the Worker. I handle many tasks associated with the operations of St. Joe's, including working with the Building and Grounds Committee to make sure our parish buildings and property are functioning well, but my primary duty is tracking and monitoring the funds that go in and out of the parish. This requires much attention to detail in bookkeeping! I am also thankful to assist, along with guidance from our Pastor and the Finance Council, families who need financial assistance for their children to attend either Faith Formation classes or Holy Family Schools. The future of our parish certainly depends on the strength of our members in their spiritual development, and our families are a core part of that strength!

I am originally from the Chicago area, but have lived in Des Moines for around 25 years. I moved to Dubuque in late 2017. Part of the reason I moved had to do with being closer to my siblings and nieces and nephews, but I certainly felt drawn here and love Dubuque a lot!



Parish Staff



Donna Goedert

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**Administrative
Assistant**

Welcome to St. Joseph the Worker! I grew up on a farm in Fillmore, Iowa (Cascade), and am married to Richard. We have 3 grown children and 3 grandchildren (who are absolutely the cutest!). We have been parishioners for 36 years. I worked as a cosmetologist for 25 years before joining the SJTW staff and have been the Admin. Assistant here for 22 years and counting.

Being an administrative assistant that long, it is safe to say that I have worked with a few priests and staff over the years. So it not unusual to have a staff member come to me and ask who is the lady who sits in the pew over by the baptismal font (you know the one with short gray hair). I am usually able to name that parishioner perhaps with just a bit more info. You will find me smiling at my desk, answering the phone, taking care of Mass stipends, recording marriages, deaths, baptisms, 1st communions, and confirmations, making copies, the list goes on. But it is always an honor and blessing to meet and register our new parishioners! You can contact me via email or by calling the Parish Office. Blessings & Welcome!



Jim Connolly
Maintenance



Maria Schmitz

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**Youth Confirmation
Coordinator**





A Quick Glance at Your Parish

Let's take a closer look at the services St. Joseph the Worker provides and how you can involved!

FAST FACTS

- St. Joseph the Worker parish was established November 1, 1949.
- The current church building was completed in December 1968.
- We have more than 2000 members from over 1000 households of varied ages and socioeconomic groups.
- We strive to offer many opportunities for people of all ages to live the Gospel by loving God, loving their neighbor, and growing in their faith.
- SJTW is part of the Archdiocese of Dubuque and the Holy Family Catholic School System.

Connect with Us!

Parish Office & Mailing Address:

60 South Algona Street • Dubuque, IA 52001

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:00am - 4:30pm

Office closes at 4:00pm from Memorial Day - Labor Day

Friday: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Phone Numbers: Parish Office: 563-588-1433

Parish Fax: 563-588-4108

Scrip: 563-557-9091 Ext. 220

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Sacraments

Reconciliation: Thursday: 8:30am - 9:00am
Friday: 11:15am - 11:45am
Saturday: 4:00pm - 4:30pm
Or by appointment

Baptism: Pre-baptismal program required.
Call the Parish Office for more information.

Matrimony: Call the Parish Office at least six months prior to your desired date for more information.
We look forward to celebrating with you!

Anointing of the Sick: Call Parish Office for an appointment.

Mass Times

Weekends: Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am* & 11:00am Contemporary
**8:30 Mass Live Streamed on YouTube*

Weekdays: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 12:00 Noon
Tuesday: 5:30pm
Thursday: 8:00am



A Quick Glance at Worship & Prayer

As members of a full, conscious and actively participating people, we invite you to join us as:

- Minister of Holy Communion
- Minister of the Word
- Minister of Hospitality
- Minister of Music
- Altar Server
- Gift Presenter
- Liturgical Volunteer
 - Screens Operator
 - Live Stream Operator
 - Sound Board Operator
- Art & Environment Volunteer
- Minister for Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Funeral Ministry Volunteer
 - Greeter
 - Minister of Holy Communion
 - Lector/Commentator
 - Music Minister
 - Funeral Dinner Volunteer



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is intended to form children in the liturgical language of the Church, to nourish and guide their spiritual growth, and to immerse them in the Word in ways that are understandable to them.

All children in early elementary school are invited to attend and participate in this worship experience. Children in the later elementary grades may choose to attend, to assist with liturgies, or to act as role models for the younger children.

Sacraments Celebrating God's Love

- Baptism
- Eucharist
- Confirmation
- Anointing of the Sick
- Reconciliation
- Matrimony
- Holy Orders



Liturgy Committee

The committee nourishes and gives direction to the liturgical life of the parish. Some areas of focus for this committee are:

- Coordination and planning for all weekend liturgies, sacramental celebrations, and other prayer experiences in our church.
- Promoting development and training for all liturgical ministries.
- Promoting education of the total parish in the area of liturgy.
- Providing suggestions and materials for celebrating the liturgical seasons in the home.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is designed for adults who have heard the mystery of Christ proclaimed and desire to enter into a closer union with God in the community of the Catholic Church. Adults requesting to become Catholic and those Catholics desiring to complete the Sacraments of Initiation come together for this journey of faith process and meet regularly throughout the year. Sacraments are celebrated at the Easter Vigil. Many parishioners work on the RCIA team as catechists, sponsors and other roles.



Contemporary Mass

Our 11:00am Sunday Mass is our contemporary worship service! We sing songs with a more upbeat and contemporary feel at this Mass with additional instruments including drums, a guitar and bass. If you're interested, come see what this Mass is like! You'll be glad you did!



A Quick Glance at Outreach Ministries

"Parishes need to be bridge builders reminding us that we are part of a universal church with ties of faith and humanity to sisters and brothers all over the world." – USCCB

Pastoral Care

Bereavement Ministry

St. Joseph the Worker sponsors a Bereavement Support Group. If you feel you could benefit from this support group, call the Parish Office at 563-588-1433 or contact Alice Noethe at a.noethe@dbqarch.org.

Ministry to the Homebound

Homebound Ministry provides both physical and spiritual support through cards, meals, the Eucharist and visits. Ministers of Holy Communion are sent forth each Sunday to those parishioners unable to be present at our Sunday celebrations. Volunteers and staff make phone calls and visits. If you or someone you know would benefit from this ministry or if you would like to join this ministry, call the Parish Office at 563-588-1433 or contact Alice Noethe at a.noethe@dbqarch.org.

Healing Ministry

On every first Tuesday of the month right after the 5:30pm Mass, St. Joseph the Worker offers an adoration/healing service in the church. It is open to parishioners and non-parishioners alike. Bring your spiritual, emotional, physical or other ills or those of your loved ones to Jesus. He will be present in the Blessed Sacrament and in the faith-filled hearts of others who are present for prayer. You can contact Deacon Bill at 563-556-5314 or b.biver@dbqarch.org to arrange for individual prayer for healing.

Social Justice Committee

The Social Justice Committee meets the first Monday of each month to discern how to best use gifts of time, talent and treasure to benefit brothers and sisters in need. This ministry reaches them at parish, local, national and international levels. The Christmas in July project provides school supplies for students. The Advent Giving Tree project helps those in need at Christmas. The parish hosts a food giveaway with St. Stephen's Food Bank several times throughout the year. We also distribute donated meals to people in need at Thanksgiving and Christmas. We serve meals at St. Patrick Parish four times per year. The committee seeks the Lord through prayer and works to be the hands and feet of Christ to those in need.

St. Joseph the Worker and the Social Justice Committee invite you to:

- Donate food to local food pantries and our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas food giveaways.
- Participate in projects sponsored by the Social Justice Committee.
- Join the Knights of Columbus.
- Join the St. Vincent de Paul Society and assist through donations at its two Dubuque locations.
- Minister to the homebound through cards, visits and prayer.
- Visit nursing homes and assisted living centers.
- Make referrals to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for those who are in need of financial assistance.



A Quick Glance at

Parish Community Life

Consciously striving to find ways to share the Good News and live as disciples as we encourage responsible participation in the life, mission and work of our parish.

Parish Life Committee

This committee concentrates on building a sense of community within the parish. They are responsible for Donut Sundays and special events such as our Lenten Buffets, the RCIA reception, or any event that can bring parish members together to build community. They look for events for all age groups and meet once a month from September-May.



SJTW
PARISH LIFE
COMMITTEE

SpringFest



SpringFest is our annual parish festival. It provides parishioners with an opportunity to enjoy time together visiting, eating, playing and working. In addition, our festival is a major source of funding for the continuing operation of our parish. Volunteers are scheduled for shifts throughout the day. The kitchen crew prepares and serves food to go with the main course (cutting pies, serving cakes and desserts, etc.). The dining room workers serve drinks, clear tables and seat people. There are games for both kids and adults. The Craft Corner is a yearlong effort of many talented volunteers who craft items to be sold during SpringFest. The Silent Auction involves weeks of gathering donated items and preparing the festival display. Behind the scenes, many people help with publicity, ticket sales, scheduling volunteers, setup and cleanup and counting money. Please consider offering your time and talent. It takes many hands for our festival to be success!



Moms Group

Are you a mom who would like to learn more about how to grow in your faith-life and how to help influence your family's faith-life more with new ideas and knowledge while at the same time meet new people and make new friends? Join us for Moms group! We gather on the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm throughout the school year. Our focus is a study of saints and will include mini-lessons about different saints that as mothers we can connect to, pray with, and discover fun ways and activities to teach our children about them. Join us in Mary's Corner located in the lower level of the parish office. If you have questions, please contact the Parish Office at 563-588-1433

Garden Committee

The Garden Committee is comprised of volunteer parishioners who love to work with the soil. They care for outdoor plants and take care of various areas of keeping the St. Joseph the Worker campus looking good! If you would like to help, contact the Parish Office!



Faith Sharing Groups

Many small faith sharing groups from the parish meet on a regular basis to reflect on Scripture, share life and pray together. Each group develops their own format and chooses their meeting dates and times. Groups usually consist of 6 and 12 adults and can be all men, all women or mixed. The FFC assists those interested in forming groups and also provides materials and resources for use.

A Quick Glance at Faith Formation

St. Joseph the Worker encourages all to engage in lifelong catechesis as an integral part of the baptismal call.

Faith Formation Commission

Unlike other parish committees, this commission operates according to its own constitution as approved by the Pastoral Council and the Archdiocesan Board of Education. Lifelong faith development is the primary focus of this board. This “cradle to grave” approach to faith formation assures that all members of the parish are served educationally according to their needs during the entire course of their lives. This committee oversees Child Faith Formation, Youth Ministry and Adult Faith Formation.

As part of your faith formation, we encourage you to:

- Be a member of the Faith Formation Commission (FFC).
- Assist with preparing families for Baptism, Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation or Marriage.
- Be a sponsor or catechist for new Catholics.
- Be a catechist for children or adults.
- Be part of a faith sharing group.

Adults

Scripture Study

Opportunities to reflect on and study scripture occur throughout the year, usually in the Summer, in the Fall, during Advent and during Lent. These groups typically meet for 3-6 sessions and cover various books of the Bible. We share news of upcoming Scripture Study opportunities in the Sunday bulletin, on the parish website and on parish social media. No previous scripture background is necessary.

Alpha

Alpha is an 11-week series which includes a video and small group discussions. The series is designed to lead a person into an encounter with the person of Jesus, and build on the relationship with Him. We'll also have a snack or small meal. By continuing to build upon the relationship with Jesus, one can then share and shape his/her relationships with family, friends, co-workers, and beyond.

Christian Experience Weekends

CEW is a lay movement that provides spiritual enrichment and promotes Christian community in relationship with God, self, and others in a weekend retreat setting. A lay team hosts the weekends, which offer talks and other experiences that help participants develop an awareness and appreciation of the Holy Spirit's movement in our lives. Weekends begin Friday evening and conclude Sunday evening. It's a great opportunity for participants to totally immerse themselves in the experience and builds lasting bonds and community.



Kids & Youth

Wednesday Night Faith Formation

The Wednesday Night Faith Formation program strives to provide experiences which help children grow in faith through classes which engage in participative learning, connect faith and life, and provide opportunities for prayer and service. Each Wednesday we hold classes for children in Grades 1-5. We call on members of our community to minister as catechists for this program. Many adults find this a meaningful way to serve the parish community. In-services are provided for all who serve in this area.

Vacation Bible School

Each summer, children in preschool through 4th Grade are invited to our week-long program (8:45am-Noon each day) that focuses on learning about the Catholic faith. These sessions include prayer and interactive stations that include games, songs, crafts, videos and Bible stories. Adults take on the role of station leaders and middle and high school youth take on the role of small group leaders.

Youth Ministry

St. Joseph the Worker Youth Ministry encourages teens to have a deeper relationship with Jesus, empowers each to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in today's world, and draws young people to responsible participation in the life, mission and work of our parish and Catholic faith community. Youth are invited to participate in a variety of social, liturgical and service opportunities locally, regionally, nationally and throughout the world. There are many opportunities for adults to support those who participate in youth ministry. Students in Grades 7-10 meet Wednesday nights for faith formation gatherings.



A Quick Glance at Administration

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council is the parish leadership body. The Council handles articulating the parish mission, pastoral planning, empowering parishioner involvement, and determining the direction of parish ministry. Pastoral Council members are elected each spring and serve a three-year term. The Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm.



Finance Council

A Finance Council is mandated by Catholic Canon Law and is charged with the oversight and monitoring of all parish income, operational and capital expenditures, and endowments. They prepare an annual budget, annual financial reports for the parish and Archdiocese of Dubuque, and a monthly report to the Pastoral Council. The committee is committed to periodically reporting to members of the parish on impediments to sound fiscal practices, identification of income shortfalls and any major deviation from the budget. The committee meets on a monthly basis usually the third Tuesday at 7:00am.



Buildings & Grounds

This committee focuses on the general maintenance of the parish campus. Members and volunteers actively get involved in painting, minor repairs, landscaping, etc. The committee also analyzes, sets priorities and obtains bids for the parish's major projects such as parking lot repairs, roof replacements, heating/cooling unit replacements, remodeling, etc. The committee maintains a five-year plan and reviews and updates the plan once or twice each year. An annual budget is submitted to the Finance Council for its approval. The committee meets at 4:30pm the third Wednesday of each month. Its membership includes the parish Operations Manager and maintenance technician.



Endowment

The parish has an educational endowment invested by the Archdiocese of Dubuque. An oversight group for the parish answers questions about the endowment and informs the Faith Formation Commission of the amount of yearly earnings derived from the endowment that can be used for the educational needs of the parish. Forms for requesting funds are available on the parish website.



A Quick Glance at Other Organizations

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus is a lay Catholic Family fraternal service organization. One of the group's primary missions is to support local charities. The Knights sponsor an annual Tootsie Roll drive to raise funds for the charities they support. They promote family values by providing numerous activities throughout the year that the entire family can participate in. Some of these activities are a cookout and a baby shower drive to support Birthright. The St. Joseph the Worker Council #10069 meets the first Monday of the month. New members are always welcome.



Holy Family Catholic Schools

St. Joseph the Worker and Catholic Education SJTW is part of the Holy Family Catholic School System. Holy Family provides various programs:

- Daycare and Preschool for infants to age 5
- K-5 programs (Resurrection Elementary & St. Columbkille Elementary)
- A K-5 Spanish Immersion program (Our Lady of Guadalupe)
- Middle School (Mazuchelli)
- High School (Wahlert)



Learn more at holyfamilydbq.org

St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Vincent de Paul is an organization founded in France in 1833 as a group of Catholic lay people devoted to acts of charity. Today their mission of helping those in need is done through men and women from around the world. In Dubuque, there are 12 conferences from various parishes who work together to do good. They have two stores in Dubuque that sell contributed items for the purpose of funding charitable work in addition to funds received from parish and individual donations and bequests.

The St. Joseph the Worker/St. Columbkille Council provides assistance for food, rent, clothing, furnishings, appliances, utilities, medicine, auto repair, gasoline, medical bills, pall bearers and other short term needs as well as assisting clients with using other agencies available to help them. The SVdP Council can also provide vouchers for its clients to use at the Dubuque stores for clothing, furnishings and food, depending on need.

St. Vincent de Paul also supports Covenant House, the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging, and other worthwhile causes. They also co-sponsor an annual Friends of the Poor Walk to raise funds and awareness. The SVdP operating motto is: *"No work of Charity is foreign to the Society. Need, not Creed determines who is helped. And how."*



Scouts BSA

Our Scouts BSA Troop 19 seeks to support the growth of our youth into responsible and reliable adults. By gradually giving each girl or boy more responsibility and the opportunity to take part in more adventurous activities each year, she or he grows more independent. Kids can start as early as First Grade as Tiger Cubs in Cub Scouts and then move into Cub Scouts during Second Grade. When they reach Sixth Grade, they can join Scouts BSA and take part in weekend camping activities and a week-long summer camp. Older Scouts have opportunities in high adventure trips during the summer, such as canoeing in the Boundary Waters, whitewater rafting, and hiking in the mountains of Colorado.







