DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR

A FATHER'S HEART

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021

- A RESOURCE GUIDE TO CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH WITH YOUR PARISH & FAMILY -

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APOSTOLIC LETTER OF POPE FRANCIS, PATRIS CORDE

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as the patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis wrote the apostolic letter titled PATRIS CORDE (With a Father's Heart) in which he announced a year of St. Joseph. This year began on December 8th, 2020 and ends December 8th, 2021.

"WE NEED ONLY ASK SAINT JOSEPH FOR THE GRACE OF GRACES: OUR CONVERSION"

- POPE FRANCIS, PATRIS CORDE

In his letter, Pope Francis highlights several aspects of the fatherhood of St. Joseph, describing him as:

- A Beloved Father
- A Tender and Loving Father
- An Obedient Father
- An Accepting Father
- A Courageous Father
- A Working Father
- A Father in the Shadows

LIVE IT!

As part of this year of St. Joseph, please take the opportunity to read this beautiful letter. In the words of Pope Francis "The aim of this Apostolic Letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal"

READ PATRIS CORDE HERE

PRAYERS TO SAINT JOSEPH

PRAYER BY POPE FRANCIS

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

O dearest St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to your honor and give myself to you, that you may always be my father, my protector, and my guide in the way of salvation.

Obtain for me a great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life.

After your example, may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

And do you, O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.

MORE PRAYERS!

Year of St. Joseph Prayer
(Partial Indulgence)

Prayer to St. Joseph by St. John Henry Newman

Litany of St. Joseph
(Partial Indulgence)

"WITH A FATHER'S HEART: THAT IS HOW JOSEPH LOVED JESUS."

- POPE FRANCIS, PATRIS CORDE

PATRONAGES

ST. JOSEPH, PATRON SAINT OF...

- Universal Church
- Fathers
- Carpenter
- Happy & Holy Death
- Families
- Expectant Mothers
- Exiles & Emigrants
- Unborn Children
- Workers
- Travelers
- Cemetery Workers
- Against Doubt
- Home Hunters
- MANY MORE!

ST. JOSEPH AS PATRON SAINT IN AND NEAR THE DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR

- Amery - St. Joseph Church
- Barron - St. Joseph Church
- Hayward - St. Joseph Church
- La Pointe - St. Joseph Church
- Osceola - St. Joseph Church
- Rice Lake - St. Joseph Church & School
- Shell Lake - St. Joseph Church
- De Pere - National Shrine of Saint Joseph
- La Crosse - St. Joseph Cathedral

LIVE IT!

- What patronage of St. Joseph do you relate to? Research why he is the patron in this area.

- Visit a location named after St. Joseph. There are 7 parishes named after St. Joseph in the Diocese of Superior, how many can you visit this year?

FEAST DAYS

MARCH 19 - SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

- As a Solemnity, the church celebrate this feast day as a Sunday.
- In other parts of the world, this feast day is considered a holy day of obligation.
- St. Joseph is honored as the "Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary" on this day.
- March 19th became the fixed feast day for St. Joseph under Pope Sixtus IV in 1479.

MAY 1 - FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

- This feast day was first observed in 1955.
- This feast day was introduced to the church by Pope Pius XII
- This feast was added to the calendar on May 1st to counter the Communist "May Day."

LIVE IT!

- Attend Mass on these great feasts!

- Pray a novena to Saint Joseph. A novena is a prayer said over the course of nine days leading up to a holy day. So, start your novena on March 11th and April 23rd. Here are some resources for novenas to St.

- Pray More Novenas
- EWTN

-Pope Francis has included the opportunity to earn an indulgence connected with the feast of St. Joseph - Learn more about it!

CELEBRATE

As a diocese we are strongly encouraging the faithful to celebrate the upcoming Solemnity of St. Joseph utilizing the various resources attached.

LIVE IT!

ST JOSEPH TABLE

- This Italian tradition celebrated March 19th dates back to the Middle Ages.
- The table incorporates traditional foods and devotions to St. Joseph and is a reminder to care for the needy.
- St. Joseph Table was a community celebration, but can be easily adapted for smaller groups or families.

SAINT JOSEPH TABLE

ST JOSEPH CONSECRATION

- Since the idea of consecration was popularized by St. Louis de Montfort, countless people have found them to be a beneficial spiritual practice.
- This consecration to St. Joseph highlights many of St. Joseph's titles, privileges, and heroic virtues and will help the participant to grow in their own faith.

SAINT JOSEPH CONSECRATION

ART

- Praying with sacred images has a long tradition in the Catholic church by both parishes and individuals
- The link below provides examples and explanations of sacred art of St. Joseph that you might find helpful to pray with.

SAINT JOSEPH ART

VIDEO

- Praying the Rosary with St. Joseph
- Litnay of St. Joseph

Links:

- http://www.freepngclipart.com/free-png/74076-basilica-of-st.-matthew-joseph-saint-church
- https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.html
- https://prayerist.com/stjoseph.html (history of feast days)