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An Apostolate of the Norbertines of St. Norbert Abbey
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OPENING HYMN

O Joseph, Mighty Patron

1. O Joseph, mighty patron, your love and strength bestow
2. Great Saint, you cherished Mary, who loved and cared for you.

Up - on a pilgrim people who are your Church below,
You taught and nurtured Jesus, O teach us to be true;
You were the Father's image, great prince of David's line,
True to the Church He founded until we form above
Obtain for us God's blessing that we may be God's sign,
A family united, in bonds of lasting love.

Tune: AURELLA. 7 6 7 6 D; Samuel Wesley, 1810 – 1876

GREETING

Dear friends,

there have been prayers offered to God through the intercession of St. Joseph here in De Pere each Wednesday since 1888.

Today, we join our voices in communio with all those (past, present, and future) in praise of God with and through St. Joseph, the foster father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray:

Almighty God,
in your infinite wisdom and love,
You chose Joseph to be the husband of Mary,
the mother of Your son.
As we enjoy his protection on earth,
grant us the help of his prayers in Heaven.

We ask You this through Christ our Lord.

_Amen._

LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH

Lord, have mercy on us. _Lord, have mercy on us._
Christ, have mercy on us. _Christ, have mercy on us._
Lord, have mercy on us. _Lord, have mercy on us._

God our Father of Heaven, _have mercy on us._
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, _have mercy on us._
God the Holy Spirit, _have mercy on us._

Response: _Pray for us._

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Holy Mary,
St. Joseph,
Holy Father St. Norbert,
St. Augustine,
St. Francis Xavier,
Renowned offspring of David,
Light of Patriarchs,
Husband of the Mother of God,
Foster father of the Son of God,
Faithful guardian of Christ,
Head of the Holy Family,
Joseph, chaste and just,
Joseph, prudent and brave,
Joseph, obedient and loyal,
Mirror of patience,
Model of workers,
Example to parents,
Pillar of family life,
Comfort of the troubled,
Hope of the sick,
Patron of the dying,
Terror of evil spirits,
Protector of the Church,

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,

   Have mercy on us.

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ACCLAMATIONS OF ST. JOSEPH

Glorious St. Joseph, you were called by the mysterious design of God to be head of the Holy Family.

*Blest are you forever.*

With a husband’s love you cherished Mary, the Virgin Mother of God. With fatherly care you watched over Jesus Christ, your foster son. You have been proclaimed as patron of the Universal Church.

*Blest are you forever.*

We come before you, Joseph, to thank God for the privileges given you and also for the dignity which is yours in the Communion of Saints.

*Blest are you forever.*

Because of your untiring faith, you did as the angel of the Lord directed you, we pray:

*Blest are you forever.*

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Because you have devoted yourself to our Divine Redeemer, Jesus, sparing no trouble to care for him; and to raise him with love, faith, and affection, to guard him from danger and nurture him for his mission of salvation, we pray:

Blest are you forever.

Because you have consoled, assisted and protected the Blessed Virgin Mary, your Immaculate spouse, we pray:

Blest are you forever.

Because you have always been the consoler, the defender and the supporter of the Church in its trials, we pray:

Blest are you forever.

Because no one has ever had recourse to your protection or sought your intercession without obtaining a response that deepens their faith, we pray:

Blest are you forever.
CLOSING PRAYER

As we pray for St. Joseph’s intercession for our own intentions, we also pray for:

» the intentions of all visitors to the shrine—past, present, and future.

» our parishioners and college faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

» vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially to Norbertine life at St. Norbert Abbey.

We come to you St. Joseph,
to place ourselves among all who love you and to experience your powerful protective presence.
We shall always love and honor you as our spiritual father.
We ask you, O dear Joseph,
that you accept us as your friends,
that you lovingly consider our needs, both spiritual and material,
that you may guard us from the influence of the evil one, as well as from other dangers that threaten us.
O most loving St. Joseph,
show us how to love and be loved by Jesus.
Teach us how to have a profound fidelity to the Church.
Encourage in us a filial affection for the Blessed Virgin, our Mother,
so that with your help we may enter heaven to glorify God with you, through all eternity.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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Hail Joseph, Son of David!
Most pure spouse of the Immaculate Mother of God
and faithful guardian of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Pray for us.
Pray for our loved ones;
cherish, accept and protect them.
Amen.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

When led by a priest or deacon:

    The Lord be with you.
    And with your spirit.

May Almighty God,
through the intercession of St. Joseph,
continue to bless us now and always,
+ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

    Go in the peace of Christ.
    Thanks be to God.

In the absence of a priest or deacon:

    Through the intercession of St. Joseph,
    May the Lord bless us,
    protect us from all evil,
    and bring us to everlasting life.
    Amen.
CLOSING HYMN

Dear Guardian of Mary

1. Dear Guardian of Mary, sure guide of her child, Life's ways are full wear-y, the de-sert is wild. Bleak
2. For you to the pilgrim are father and guide And Jesus and Mary felt safe at your side. Ah,
sands are all round us, no home is in view Sweet bless-ed Saint Joseph, how safe should I be. Sweet
Spouse of our Lady, we lean up-on you. Spouse of our Lady, if you were with me.
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