

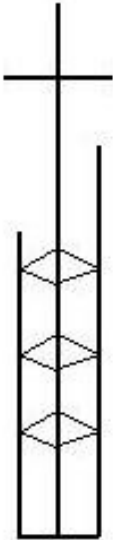
# St. Joseph Congregation

*Faith on Center*

March 2023

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### St. Joseph Chapel

The Chapel is open  
Monday— Friday  
7:00 am-7:00 pm.

## St. Joseph Feast Day, March 20th



**Saint Joseph,  
pray for us.**

Oh, St Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires. Oh, St Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. Oh, St Joseph, I never weary contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arm; I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St Joseph, patron of departing souls - Pray for us.

**St. Joseph's Mass will be March 20th at 8:15 am  
Parish office and School will be closed.**

# St. Joseph Catholic School Spring Open House

Thursday, March 23rd, 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Parishioners, Parents, alumni and prospective families –  
come join us in celebrating all the wonderful things  
our “Faith Centered...Future Focused”

St. Joseph Catholic School has to offer, including:



- **Specialty teachers at all grade levels in Foreign Language, Art, Music, Guidance, Technology, and Physical Education**
- **State of the art technology implemented in our classrooms and curriculum**
- **Teaching children faith in action through service projects**
- **Expansive extracurricular activities and clubs**
- **On site after school care**

For a personalized tour with our principal, Mr. Multhauf, and to learn more about our school, please call 414-771-5577 ext. 120 or email [multhaufc@stjosephschooltosa.com](mailto:multhaufc@stjosephschooltosa.com) to make an appointment..

For more information, please visit our website: [www.stjosephschooltosa.com](http://www.stjosephschooltosa.com)







*Oooh and Oooh the Winningest Walloping Waltzing Whiz-zinger  
is Coming to St. Joseph School!*

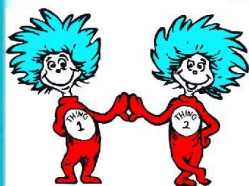
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# SeUSSICAL JR.

**You're  
Invited!**

*Whimsical and Magical Musical of Seussical Proportions*

**Thursday, March 16th - 6:00pm**  
**Friday, March 17th - 6:00pm**  
**Saturday, March 18th - 7:00pm**



*St. Joseph School  
Gymnasium*



**Tickets — \$6 each**  
— students, Adults and Children —  
Advanced Reserved Seats or At the Door

Please send this form to the school office to reserve your seats (*first come first serve*).  
We will have your seat numbers for you on the evening of the performances.



	# of Tickets	Total
<b>Thursday, March 16th - 6:00pm</b>	_____ x \$6 = \$	_____
<b>Friday, March 17th - 6:00pm</b>	_____ x \$6 = \$	_____
<b>Saturday, March 18th - 7:00pm</b>	_____ x \$6 = \$	_____
<b>Total</b>	_____	\$ _____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Part II will continue in March newsletter...

## **LENT AND LOVE (II)**

### **THE SECOND DISCIPLINE OF LENT:**

#### **LOVE AND HOW WE GIVE ALMS**

Dennis Sylva, Adult Minister at St. Joseph

There are three disciplines of Lent: prayer, giving alms, and fasting. Each of these is rooted in the recognition of God's love for us and is an expression of our response to this love.

There are different ways to give alms. One may share one's money, talents, time, and presence with others. In a world that where people are operating often on a 24/7 schedule, giving alms is a way of prioritizing others in a life that otherwise can be filled with activities. As such, giving alms is a way of showing that the most important activity in our lives is what was the most important activity in Jesus' life: being there with and for others.

Almsgiving of money, time, talents, or presence is a way of bringing us back to love. Having been loved so much by God in Jesus we are called to spread this love through us and beyond us to others. Love is expansive, and almsgiving is the means through which it is shared with others.

The Gospel of Matthew 6:16–18 tells us how almsgiving should not be done and how it should be done. The principal concern of these verses is that we do not share ourselves and what we have as a means of being praised by others. Jesus' injunction in these verses to keep our almsgiving secret is a means of telling us that our motivation should be the sharing of love and not the esteem of others.

We often think of almsgiving in terms of money, talents, or time. Perhaps we do not think of it as much in terms of a sharing of our presence with others. In this day, when people so often multitask – witness the use of mobile phones often when people are sitting together – it is good to remind ourselves that the greatest love we can give is the gift of ourselves. This is what Jesus did fully. His responses to the questions of others, his sharing God with us, and his help of those who were in need model for us the fullness of the gift of self.

Of course, real sharing also involves being open to what others are trying to share with us. Jesus listened carefully to every comment that others made to him and to every question they asked of him. Do we listen for what at root others are trying to communicate? All people have difficulty articulating their deepest feelings, questions, yearnings. It can be difficult to focus on what another person is dealing with. To give another person the time and space to share is a gift of presence.

## **LENT AND LOVE**

### **TRUE FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**

What is the difference between fasting and abstinence? Fasting refers to the days in Lent in which Catholics who are 18 through 59 years of age are called to eat one meal and two smaller meals that are together not as large as one normal meal. The two days in Lent in which Catholics in this age-group should fast are on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. There are exceptions to this rule, and they involve anyone for whom a medical condition makes this inadvisable. Some examples of those who should not fast are women who are pregnant or nursing, people with diabetes, or those with a physical or mental illness. Abstinence on these days means not eating meat on them. This applies to Catholics from the age of 14 and older unless there is a medical reason for eating meat. In addition, abstinence from meat occurs on the Fridays in Lent.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops says that if it is possible the Good Friday fast should be continued until the Easter Vigil on Saturday as a means to “honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare us to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.” Of course, one must be prudent and not put oneself or anyone else in any danger by being too weak to operate effectively. Undergirding this perspective, however, is the recognition that during this time we commemorate the ultimate sacrifice that Christ made for us as a manifestation of God’s infinite love for us and place it in our hearts.

Fasting should be means of refocusing our attention from the gifts that God gives that we enjoy to the love of God for us that is manifest through these gifts.

### **LENT AND LOVE: 2023**

May your Lent enrich your love of God, your family and friends, and every one.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Meeting Location: St. Joseph Room

Date/Time: February 15, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.

Notes By: Padge Haas

Attendees: Father Adam Fernandez, Jerry Leveille, Joe Herro, Audrey Szews, Jose Gallegos, Padge Haas, Carol Polivka, Larry Barbian, Suzanne Silman, and Julie McKendry,

Excused: Joe Schueller, Alanna Wilgus, Sandy Schmitt, and Tony Mallinger

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Meeting started at 6:35 p.m. with an opening prayer furnished by Suzanne Silman.

The agenda was approved.

### **Continuing Business:**

- A. Formation: Larry Barbian reported that the Parish/Committee will be looking for a new Director of Child & Youth Ministry. Stephanie McDermot will not be able to do the job next year. Audrey said that Stephanie had given some names for a potential replacement. It was stated that the parish will need to pay for what they need.
- B. Stewardship: Joe Herro reported that the committee is planning to have a meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup> for families who have joined the parish in the last three years. This gathering will be for the new members to meet each other, share their experiences, and learn about opportunities available in the parish.
- C. Buildings and Grounds: Carol Polivka reported that they are evaluating the school sound system. This is part of their working on needs and wants as part of the Love One Another Campaign. Julie McKendry said that for the Feast of St. Joseph they would like to invite the parishioners to come see the school.
- D. Art and Environment: Suzanne reported that the committee is preparing for Lent. Ash Wednesday is February 22<sup>nd</sup>. During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 pm in church. There will be a food collection each weekend of Lent. Each week there will be a different charity receiving the food donations. There will be a specific list of what is needed in the bulletin each week.
- E. Parish Mission Planning Team, SWOT: Jerry Leveille reported that the Pastoral Council and Committee heads had a joint meeting in January to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the parish. The parish staff and school staff will have the same type of meeting in March. After that meeting a survey will be prepared for the entire parish to learn what the parishioners feel is necessary. The Archdiocese has resources to help



with the survey and we will use that help. After that we will decide on three or four things that the parish needs to work on going forward. Jerry stated that he would like to focus on opportunities for the parish with the key word being opportunities.

- F. Parking Lot Update: Julie McKendry reported that things are being worked on behind the scenes. Remaining items to complete for the parking lot will start as soon as possible this Spring.
- G. Bible Study/Prayer Groups Lists: Julie stated that they are still contacting a few people for descriptions, contact information, etc. It is important to have the invite there for everyone to feel welcome to come. The list will be on the website.
- H. Come To Me: Audrey Szews reported that they had a Pray and Play after the 10:30 am Mass. It was a good gathering. She is looking for other things to offer to welcome people. She said that offering things for children encourages the parents to come. Jose said it is important to connect the school with the church. There was a discussion about offering prizes for attendance. There was a good discussion of ideas.

#### **New Business**

- A. Pastoral Council Basket for the Auction: Jerry said he would get a tackle box. It will be filled with appropriate gift cards. Pastoral council members can contribute money or gift cards to put in the tackle box. These should be in the office by next week.
- B. Eucharistic Revival Committee: Father Adam said he is working with a group in the parish on this project. He will give more of a report at the next Pastoral Council meeting.
- C. Voting for new Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary: There was a discussion of what the chairman does and how much time it takes. In the past the Vice Chairman presided when the President was unavailable and usually succeed the President at the end of his/her term. Because of the pandemic this has not happened the past few years. Jerry has graciously continued as chair. He is ready for a different role. He did explain what was involved in being chair. There were a couple of people showing some interest. Jerry said he would spend the next three weeks getting names in order and the election will be the first order of business at the March meeting. Padge did agree to remain secretary if the Council wanted her to continue to do the job.

#### **Miscellaneous**

- A. Next Pastoral Council meeting will be March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- B. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. with a Closing Prayer.

## **BE THE LIGHT - Our Lenten collection**

**Each week of Lent we will be collecting food items for local food pantries. Please remember small serving sizes of cans are best. Low sodium foods are also greatly appreciated. Some of the pantries have asked for special items that are hard to come by in their areas.**

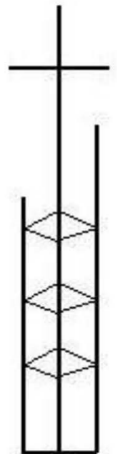
March 19- St. Rose

All items appreciated

March 26- Bethany Lutheran

Hamburger helper, boxed rice (1lb boxes) Kraft Mac & Cheese, fruit punch drink boxes, spaghetti noodles (1 lb. boxes), spaghetti sauce, packs of individual snacks, tuna, sweet cereal (regular size) maple syrup, toilet paper, paper towels

## **St Joseph March 26<sup>th</sup> Donut Sunday** **School Hall After 10:30 am Mass** *Special New Member Welcome* **All Parishioners Invited**



**Sponsor: Stewardship Committee**



# **OPEN GYM PLAY & PRAY**

**JOIN US AT 10:30 MASS!**



**FOR PARENTS:  
AFTER MASS SHORT LED PRAYER AND TIME  
FOR QUIET IN THE CHURCH**

**FOR KIDS:  
SUPERVISED OPEN GYM & SNACKS**

**FELLOWSHIP & FUN CONTINUES UNTIL 1:00**

**FEBRUARY 12 & 26**

**MARCH 19**

**APRIL 2 & 23**

**MAY 21 & 28**



# Welcome to Seussville!

March 4, 2023



St. Joseph Parish , 12130 W Center Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53222 / 414-771-4626

Event Chairs: Audrey Szeus 414-218-3715, Suzanne Silman 414-640-7044, and Mary MacGillis 414-378-8334

We had a wonderful night and we hope you did too!

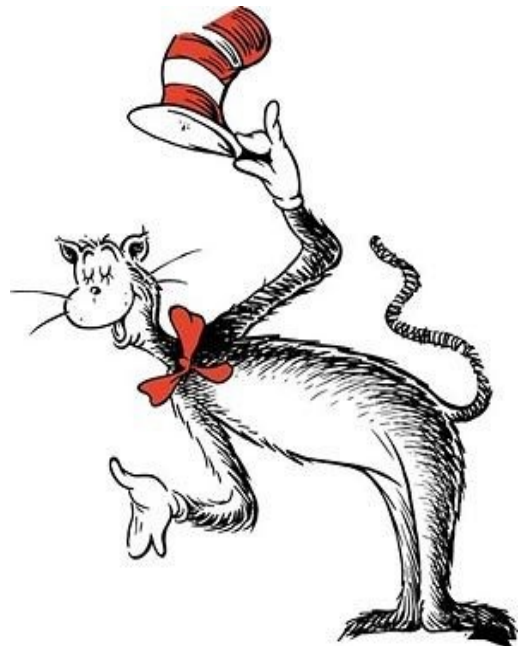
It was heart warming to see you and do what we do!

The food , fun and frivolity was more than we imagined

Don't cry because it's over– SMILE because it happened!!

Exhausted and thankful

Mary, Audrey ,and Suzanne









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† **Stations Of the Cross are held at 7pm in Church.**

† **Living Stations, Wednesday March 29th at 6:30 pm presented by the 7th grade students.**

# Lent



## Newsletter Deadline

The next newsletter deadline is  
**March 23th**

Please email to [navarroel@stjoetosa.com](mailto:navarroel@stjoetosa.com).