

# January 2024 Prayer

Dear Lord,

As we enter January 2024, we seek Your comfort and strength. In our challenges, we remember Your promise in Psalm 46:1, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

Help us to trust You as Philippians 4:6-7 teaches, finding peace in prayer and thanksgiving. May we have the courage of Esther, trusting in Your plans for us as declared in Jeremiah 29:11.

In our struggles, we hold onto Psalm 34:18, knowing You are close to the brokenhearted. Guide us according to Proverbs 3:5-6, to trust in You and not lean on our own understanding.

Thank You for Your love and mercy every day. Help us to face each day with faith, knowing You are with us.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Wauwatosa, WI 53222  
School Office 414-771-5577

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Parish Information

**Parish Office Hours:**  
Monday –Friday 8:00am to 3:30pm

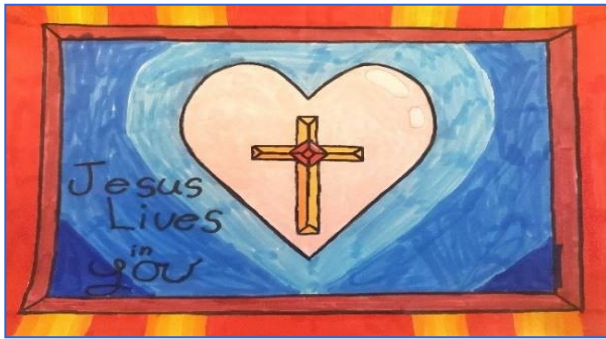
**Parish Registration:**  
Registration for the parish can be done at the Parish Office during normal business hours or after Mass on Sunday in the Welcome Center at the Center St. entrance of church.  
*Young people out of college school are requested to register as adult members.*

**Hearing Impaired:**  
St. Joseph's Church has an "Audio Loop" for use by people who have a hearing aid equipped with a "T switch". We also have an FM radio system.

**St. Joseph Chapel:**  
Hours: Monday– Friday 7:00am to 8:00pm.

**Severe Winter Weather Guidelines**  
**In the event of severe winter weather**

- ◆ If Elmbrook and/or Wauwatosa public schools close, St. Joseph School will close.
- ◆ If St. Joseph School is closed, all daytime activities and all evening activities will be cancelled, **including Mass.**
- ◆ If a weekday snow event falls on a Holy Day of Obligation, there will be Mass, even if school is closed.
- ◆ If a snowstorm falls on a Saturday or Sunday, there will be Mass; other events might be cancelled at the director's discretion.
- ◆ Closings will be posted on WTMJ-TV 4, WTMJ-AM 620 radio, WKTJ-FM 94.5, and online at [www.tmj4.com](http://www.tmj4.com).



## ***St. Joseph Congregation*** ***2022-2023***

### **WHO WE ARE**

Total Households	882	Baptisms	7
Total Members	2083	Weddings	0
Members over 65	593	Funerals	21
Members Under 18	482	1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation	36
New Households	22	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion	36

### **STEWARDSHIP BY MEMBER HOUSEHOLDS**

Amount	No. of Households	Percentage of 875 out of 882
\$0	336	38.40%
\$1- \$500	179	20.48%
\$501—\$1,000	99	11.31%
\$1,001—\$2,500	162	18.51%
\$2,501— \$5,000	56	6.40%
Over \$5,000	43	4.91%

***Don't forget to turn in your 2024 Stewardship Forms!***

Have you turned in your 2024 St. Joseph stewardship commitment form?

If not, please do so as soon as possible.

Through stewardship of the gifts God has given us, we support Christ's mission as carried out by the worship and many works of St. Joseph Congregation.

Your commitments help us determine how fully we can serve you - our parishioners, and those in the greater community who need our Christian love.

# BALANCE SHEET

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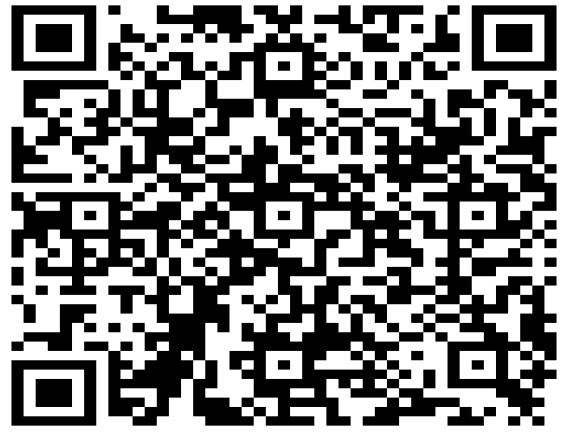
June 30, 2023

UNRESTRICTED ASSETS		LIABILITIES	RESTRICTED FUNDS
Cash in Bank(s)-Gen'l	20,489	Restricted Cash in Bank	26,203
Cash in Bank(s)-Payroll	0	Restricted Investments	1,119,290
Petty Cash	94	<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED ASSETS</b>	<b>1,145,493</b>
Savings Account(s)	0	<b>NET ASSETS</b>	
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>	<b>20,583</b>	Cemetery	0
Accounts Receivable	7,984	Endowment Fund	1,119,290
Other Receivables	37,583	Faith in Our Future	26,203
<b>TOTAL RECEIVABLES</b>	<b>45,567</b>	Love One Another	0
<b>TOTAL PREPAIDS</b>	<b>7,225</b>	Other Restricted	0
<b>TOTAL INVENTORIES</b>	<b>10,630</b>	<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,145,493</b>
Short-term Investments	0	General Fund	38,734
Long-term Investments	318,330	Parish Designated	180,882
Real Estate	0	Fixed Assts Fund Balance	2,860,188
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>318,330</b>	<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>	<b>3,079,804</b>
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>2,860,188</b>	<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>4,225,016</b>
<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED ASSETS</b>	<b>3,262,523</b>	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>4,408,016</b>
UNRESTRICTED LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities	140,902		
Deferred Revenue	41,816		
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>182,719</b>		
Long-Term Liabilities	0		
Mortgage Notes Payable	0		
<b>TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED LIABILITIES</b>	<b>182,719</b>		



**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS****FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING****June 30, 2023**

	<b>Operating</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Faith in Our Future</b>
	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
Weekly envelopes and offertory collection	983,964	0	
Contributions (excluding 3010,3020,3030 and 3070)	66,180	49,158	0
Special collections	0	0	
Tuition and Program Fees	910,974	0	
Contributed Services (See Manual-chapter3-E-4)	0	0	
Rental Income	14,558	0	
Other Revenue (excluding 3455, 3510, 3520)	66,168	0	0
Pandemic Assistance			
Fund Raising and Activity Events	100,706	0	
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES (Line 1 to 9)</b>	<b>2,142,549</b>	<b>49,158</b>	<b>0</b>
Salaries	1,329,327	0	0
Salary Related Benefits	377,926	0	0
Total Salaries & Benefits (Line 11+12)	1,707,252	0	0
Supplies & Purchased Services Costs	199,120	0	14,229
Building & Grounds Expenses	251,452	0	0
Other Expenses (excluding 4650 and 4690)	98,856	56,353	0
Support of other elementary schools	0	0	0
Support of secondary schools	15,195	0	0
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES (Line 11 to 18)</b>	<b>2,271,874</b>	<b>56,353</b>	<b>14,229</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) (Line 10 - Line 19)</b>	<b>(129,325)</b>		
Proceeds from Borrowing	0	0	
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	0	430,000	
Special Collections for Others	162		
Dept. 92 Total Cemetery receipts		0	
<b>TOTAL OTHER RECEIPTS (Line 21 to 24)</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>430,000</b>	
Debt Repayment	0	0	0
Transfer of Special Collections for Others	0		
Capital Expenditures	118,906	752,584	0
Dept. 92 Total Cemetery disbursements		0	
<b>TOTAL OTHER DISBURSEMENTS (Line 26 to 29)</b>	<b>118,906</b>	<b>752,584</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(248,069)</b>	<b>(329,779)</b>	<b>(14,229)</b>



### **Did you know??**

Did you know that there are 36,491 blocks in the Washington Monument?

On January 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will be selling “Blocks for a Buck” after all Masses to help fund our class trip to Washington DC.

Please help us “sell” all the “blocks”! Thank you!

To give online use the QR Code or visit our giving page website.

<https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/56ed09fc-ade3-4abb-b79b-740b7e086454>

Please call Donor Support at 877-316-0260 Option 2 with any questions.

*Every dollar helps our goal!*

### **Save the Date!**

On Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup> we will honor our patron St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We invite you to a special Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner in the parish hall.





A NETWORK OF FOOD PANTRIES  
BUILDING LADDERS OF PEACE

HOPE HOUSE | ZION ROCK | COGGS CENTER | DESPENZA DE LA PAZ

October 16, 2023

St. Joseph's Congregation  
12130 W Center St  
Wauwatosa, WI 53222 4056

Dear Friends at St. Joseph's,

Thank you for standing with the families we serve in challenging times. Your generous gift of \$600 on 9/19/23 helped provide much needed food and basic supplies to our community members. Thanks to you, peace and dignity were restored in someone's life.

"Magical" - that's how Michael describes Friedens. He says the staff are the "best people" he's worked with. He talks about our food pantries as true places of respite where community members will pull you aside and tell of their struggles. In one magical moment of kindness and dignity, burdens are lifted, and hope offered. Over a chess board, players commiserate in a community where people offer care and help each other. "There's no shame here," Michael remarks, "Everyone is treated as a human being".

As a community, we are only as strong as our most vulnerable members. Many of our Friedens family are not able to stock up on food and basic household items at a time when others are doing so. That is why now, more than ever, community food centers like ours make the difference between peace and panic for our community. With the help of generous donors like yourself, last month we were able to provide nearly 3,500 people with nourishing food.

Our strength is in community - in the bridges of peace that we are building together.

Sarah Torrijos

Sophia Torrijos  
Executive Director

No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution

Thank you!



1220 W Vliet St Milwaukee, WI 53205 | 414-289-6030 | director@friedenspantry.org | www.FriedensPantry.org

St. Rose of Lima Parish  
St. Rose Food Pantry  
540 North 31<sup>st</sup> Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53208

Dear St. Joseph's Congregation:

Thank you for being part of the St. Rose of Lima Food Pantry family and sharing your goods and services. Thank you for the generous donation of \$600 in September 2023. Thank you for the generous food sharing on Sunday September 18, 2023. This is most appreciated and will help us to improve both the infrastructure and to purchase much needed food items for the families we are serving. Our participation has increased to 125-150 persons every second and fourth Tuesday. I wish you and all the members of St. Joseph's Congregation a blessed Thanksgiving and a Happy Christmas!

We look forward to your grocery delivery on Sunday December 18, 2023 at St. Rose.

God Bless You

Mike Brady  
St. Rose Food Pantry

*Mike Brady*

*Thank you John & Deb +  
all the volunteers!*

Our food pantries THANK YOU  
for all your donations—  
throughout the year!



The Jim Luther New Hope Center  
Food Pantry and Co-Ops

P.O. Box 4794  
Milwaukee, WI  
53204  
(414) 909-9223

New Hope Center  
"...for I was hungry, and you fed me..."  
Matthew 25:35

10/12/2023

Dear St. Joseph Congregation,

The Jim Luther New Hope Center, along with our dedicated volunteers and staff, are grateful for your generous donation of \$600.00 (check number 61585).

Your donation allows us to continue our mission of providing nutritionally-sound, short term relief to families experiencing dire food insecurity, while simultaneously assisting these families achieve long-term food security. Over the last three years, the Food Pantry has:

- Provided over 500,000 pounds of groceries, meat, fresh fruit, vegetables and milk per year
- Served more than 6500 families per year, averaging nearly 23,000 total individuals
- Provided almost 20 pounds of food for every member - enough for up to a full week
- Been volunteer operated for eighteen (18) years, utilizing over 100 volunteers, with more than 10,000 volunteer hours.

Our Co-op program, now completing its fourth year, is the novel, client work based program where clients receiving food each participate in Co-op operations. This Co-op continues to experience enormous success. With this success in mind, the Jim Luther New Hope Center hopes to open its second Co-op during this fiscal period. Overall, the Board of Directors have a goal of opening additional Co-ops, such that there will be 5 or 6 Co-ops up and running in the next 5 to 7 years.

On behalf of the Jim Luther New Hope Center and the individuals and families that we serve, we thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

*Steve Pollock*  
Steve Pollock  
President, Jim Luther New Hope Center  
jlutherNHC@gmail.com

We have received and classified this donation as restricted funds to be used for the Jim Luther New Hope Center. No goods or services were received by this donor for this donation. The Jim Luther New Hope Center is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.



Fr. Michael Bertram, OFM Capuchin, Ministry Director  
1702 W Walnut St Milwaukee WI 53204 1616/Office: House of Peace  
414 933 1300 Ext. 1111/414 933 1300 CapuchinCommunityServices.org

October 13, 2023

Adam F. Hiradagasy  
St. Joseph's Congregation  
12130 West Center Street  
Wauwatosa, WI 53222-4096

Dear Pastor Hiradagasy,

I write to thank you for your donation of \$600.00 to Capuchin Community Services, but more importantly for your aid to the poor and needy of our community. I am very proud to be the director of Capuchin Community Services. But we are just the ministry that makes services possible. But you are the "engine" of this whole operation.

I am at the St. Ben's Community Meal practically every night, and I am always offering the prayer before we begin serving the guests who have arrived. In that prayer, I mention our benefactors - you, that wider "family" of people - who make the Meal and so many other ministries possible. You are included in that prayer each and every night. We may not know you personally, but you are very much in our debt of gratitude. I am moved by how the guests will bow their heads in prayer as I lift up all of our benefactors in prayer. You have their gratitude and prayers as well.

God bless you in your lives during this beautiful time of year! I hope that you enjoy the gift of good weather and the good times that summer and fall bring to us. With all that consumes our time and attention in this busy time of year, I appreciate your remembrance of us at Capuchin Community Services. God bless you for your generosity, your kindness, and your support of the poor through Capuchin Community Services!

Peace and all good,

*Fr. Mike*  
Fr. Mike Bertram, OFM Cap.  
Ministry Director  
Capuchin Community Services

*Thank you for your kindness!  
God bless you in your own  
ministry at St. Joseph.*

Four gifts of \$600.00 received on 10/25/2023 & two additional gifts received by Nov.  
No goods or services were provided in exchange for your gift.  
Ministry Office

St. Ben's Community Meal  
330 W State St Milwaukee WI 53203 414 271 0136

House of Peace  
1702 W Walnut St Milwaukee WI 53205  
414 933 1300



⚡ ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH LIFE PRESENTS ⚡

# The annual Soup & Chili COOK-OFF

01.27.24 **BRING THE FLAVOR!** 5-7:00 PM

Hot prizes for the best soup, best chili and best presentation!

Think you've got what it takes to be the best chef at St. Joe's? Now recruiting chefs to showcase your favorite chili or soup recipes! Chefs will receive free admission for their immediate family members (up to \$30 value) as well as a \$25 grocery gift card to help offset the cost of ingredients.



E-MAIL [STJOESPARISHLIFE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:STJOESPARISHLIFE@GMAIL.COM) BY  
JANUARY 5 TO SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE AS A CHEF  
OR WITH ANY QUESTIONS!





**Parishioner input  
questionnaire and our  
deepest Thank you  
for blessing St. Joseph with  
your commitment.**

**Please share your thoughts with us and return to the parish office or  
in the boxes at the church doors.**

**These questions pertain to the physical parts of our church.**

- 1. What things are comforting to you when you are in church?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2. What would you like to see changed or improved?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3. Any other thoughts, questions, or concerns?**

**We are gathering this data in January and are hopeful to share  
the findings with you in February.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!!**

# VATICAN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION



## *The Eucharistic Miracles* OF THE WORLD

### IS STOPPING AT **St. Joseph Congregation**

Join us for a self-guided tour of 158 Eucharistic miracles collected from 22 countries, prayerfully gathered by Blessed Carlos Acutis before his death on October 12, 2006. All verified and approved by the Catholic Church, this is an amazing opportunity to delve deeper into your faith and witness the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.



**St. Joseph Room, Parish Office**

**Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup> through  
Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday and Friday:  
8:00 am to 3:30 pm  
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

**Saturday: 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

**Sunday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**