

St. Joseph Congregation

A family devoted to experience Jesus through prayer, formation and service.

September Newsletter 2023

A decorative border of pink peonies with green leaves frames the central text. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some showing deep pink centers and others lighter pink edges. The leaves are a vibrant green with visible veins.

September

Be present.

Let the day flow with grace.

Expect joy. Be positive.

Serve with compassion.

Speak only kindness.

Impart only love.

Never forget you're not alone.

Give thanks for everything.

See goodness in others.

Mass Schedule

Tuesday Thru Friday: 8:15am

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00pm Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am

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Meeting Location: St. Joseph Room

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Date/Time: August 16, 2023 – 6:30 pm

MEETING MINUTES

Notes By: Padge Haas

Attendees: Father Adam Fernandez, Joe Herro, Alanna Wilgus, Joe Schueller. Padge Haas, Sandy Schmidt, Tom Zimmerman, Julie McKendry, Suzanne Silman, Larry Barbian, Carol Polivka, Patrick Ciriacks and Colleen Rooney

Excused: Audrey Szews and Jose Gallegos

Meeting started at 6:30 p.m. with an opening prayer by Joe Herro.

The agenda was approved.

Committee Reports:

Child and Youth Ministry: Larry Barbian introduced Colleen Rooney, the new director of the Youth and Child Ministry. Larry reported that Dennis Sylva is contacting the leaders of Small Groups and putting articles in the bulletin about the Eucharistic Revival. He is also distributing a book on the Eucharist by Bishop Barron.

Prayer and Worship: Suzanne Silman commented that the committee has been putting the prayers in the bulletin each week and that this has been well received. She reported the committee has been cleaning up a few things and discussing how they will spend the money from the Love One Another Campaign. Their priorities are pews, carpeting and lighting.

Stewardship: Patrick Ciriacks reported that they are discussing a new member welcome for March 2024. The last one was very successful, but they are hoping to do even better next time. There will be announcements in the bulletin and invitations. There was a discussion on where to hold the gathering and how to use name tags to familiarize those in attendance with the various ministries. March 17, 2024, is the tentative date for the next gathering. It will be one of the events held to celebrate the feast of St. Joseph on March 19th. Dennis Sylva is working on a program about St. Joseph to be held around that time. Colleen Rooney did suggest that the Stewardship Committee should be given the names of families enrolled in CCD that are not parish members and someone from the committee should contact them.

Building and Grounds Committee: Carol Polivka reported that the new sound system is arriving in October. They have been working on school safety. Their statement is as follows, "School safety is of extreme importance to the St. Joseph school and parish communities. One proven method to protect students and staff is to secure the doors and avoid unmonitored access through doors that have been left unlocked and/or propped open. Please help keep our students and staff safe."

Do not open a door and leave it unsupervised when school is in session. If you need to make multiple trips to deliver items to the school during the school day, please contact the school office for assistance. If you need frequent access, please contact the business Office to discuss obtaining a security code.” Carol also said they have been discussing a service project for St. Joseph Day. They have also talked about a project “Adopt a Bed” which would be a family adopting a landscape bed to care for during the summer.

Finance: Tom Zimmerman stated he is still working on a grant application.

Continuing Business:

Child and Youth Ministry: Colleen Rooney stated she is excited to be at St. Joseph and she thanked Father Adam and the community for their warm welcome. She wants to revitalize the program. She hopes to light a fire in the faith of all the students. They will also have homework. She stated there is a strong need to catechize the parents. This year the parent orientation was mandatory. She plans to have programs for the parents to aid them in their children’s faith journey. She discussed the option of having a Teaching Mass. She is currently finalizing the curriculum. There are several service projects already listed in the bulletin open to students, parents, and parishioners. She stated that there will be some fundraising involved. She wants to have a budget for field trips. She hopes to have a mission trip next summer. There will be fundraising involved for that. All of this will be a multiple committee job. She feels the Pastoral Council needs to think about what happens after confirmation. She is grateful to St. Joseph parish for this opportunity and that the parish has placed an emphasis on faith formation for their children.

Eucharistic Revival: Sandy Schmidt reported that Dennis Sylva has sent out information on a two-hour video on the Eucharist. There was a discussion about having this be available to watch at the parish. Sandy also said there were going to be more homilies on the Eucharist. There is going to be a talk on the subject in church on Tuesday, September 26th at 6:30 pm. On Sunday, October 1st there will be a guest priest preaching about the Eucharist. There is going to be a video on the Eucharist for religious education parents to watch while their students are in class. There will be information in the bulletin and newsletter about the Eucharistic Revival Conference to be held in Indianapolis, IN in July of 2024.

Pictorial Directory: Julie McKendry said that Fran Tollefson has taken the lead on this project. So far, the numbers are down on parishioners having their picture taken. More dates have been added on September 8th and 9th. Julie is working on getting additional dates. Julie said that people can submit a photo if they are unable to make the dates offered for a picture. Also Julie is working on getting a history of the St. Joseph parish to be printed in the directory.

St. Joseph Day: This will be celebrated on March 19, 2024. There are many thoughts on the celebration and numerous groups are working on events for the occasion. Suzanne Silman did say that the Bereavement Committee had requested a prayer card with a list of the many things St. Joseph is the patron of.

New Business

Parish Staff Updates:

1. Music Ministry: Julie McKendry stated that she had talked with someone about the job recently. She also said that Dan O'Connor who has been helping with the music ministry has been most gracious and that he will continue to help in making things work.

2. Liturgical Chairperson: Father Adam said that we need a person to coordinate Eucharistic Ministers. He is working on a sheet of instructions. He would like to invite new people to this ministry.

B. Calendaring Event: On Wednesday, August 30th at 6:30 pm there will be a working meeting in the parish center for all committee chairmen to get all the events of the coming year on the calendar. This is so that things do not overlap, and that people can be informed about when things are happening. Joe Herro will send an email to all committee chairs to inform them of this meeting and request that one member of each committee be in attendance on August 30th.

C. SWOT Voting Results Review: Materials were handed out with the voting results of the SWOT committee, Parish Mission Planning Team. Joe Herro asked the Pastoral Council members to become familiar with this chart and that we would begin talking about how to move forward in addressing the parish strengths and weakness at the September Pastoral Council Meeting.

D. Overview of the Pastoral Council and its Role: The Parish Council Manual published by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee was given to each Pastoral Council Member. Joe Herro asked the members to please especially read sections 7, 8, 9 and 11 of the manual and become aware of their role as council members.

E. Pastoral Council Invitations – A New Approach? Joe Herro said he will speak to the congregation on August 19 and 20 about the Pastoral Council's role and its vision for the upcoming year. He will ask the congregation to pray for the Council. If you hear God's gentle call to become a member, pray on it. The Holy Spirit will guide you.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm with a closing prayer by Julie McKendry

Next Pastoral Council meeting will be September 20, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

PRESENTATION ON THE EUCHARIST

With Fr. Justin Kizewsk

St. Joseph Congregation, Wauwatosa

Tuesday, September 26— 6:30 to 7:30 p.m



Fr. Justin Kizewski will be giving a presentation to help deepen our understanding of the Eucharist, followed by a question and answer session in church.

Fr. Justin has been designated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) as a “Eucharistic Preacher for the USCCB’s Eucharistic Revival.”

We hope that you can be present for this significant opportunity!

Questions? Please contact Dennis Sylva, Adult Formation Director 414-771-4626 x106

[Come join us at Mass on Sunday October 1 st when Fr. Justin will be presiding.](#)

[8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.](#)



Biblical Prayer

Refreshing and Vivifying the Heart in God

BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Life can throw people for a loop. In ways that emotionally refresh the heart, guide in difficult situations, and energize, Biblical prayers put people in touch with the infinite love of God for them and the good that God has in store for them.

You are invited to sign up for one or more of the following sessions on prayer in the Psalms. It is offered by Dennis Sylva. The sessions are on Tuesday mornings from 9:00–10:15am and on Thursday evenings from 7:00–8:00 pm for those for whom the evenings work better. The following are the dates for the Tuesday sessions. For the Thursday session just add two days to the dates that appear below.

The sessions progress from psalms that show how much one is loved to psalms of trust that show *how* God is there for you to psalms when life becomes chaotic and the stability that God provides in those times to inspired prayers for help.

Tuesday Mornings 9:00am – 10:15am

Session One

September 19 – November 21

Session Two

November 28 – February 6 (No Sessions 12/19-1/2)

Session Three

February 13 – May 28 (No Sessions 3/26, 4/2)

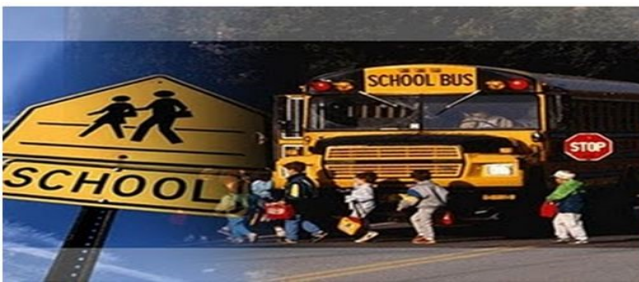
To register call the parish office and leave a message for Dennis at extension 106.



The Athletic Department continues to improve the gym by adding new signs above the bleachers.

Thank you Paul Petrides for the amazing homemade signs!

Back to School Safety Tips



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Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is every Thursday
immediately after the 8:15am Mass until 9:30am.

AND FIRST THURSDAYS FROM 6:00 pm until 7:00pm



*“In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment,
there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host...”*

Pope Benedict XVI

Rosary prayer time

Monday 8:15am in our chapel

Tuesday-Friday 7:40am in church



Come pray the rosary
Relax in the stillness
Of our new prayer
garden located on the west
side of the
Parish Center!

Stop In and Pray

Our chapel is open
Monday- Friday

7am-8pm

Light a candle,
spend some quiet
time, open your
heart to hear God.

Anointing of the Sick:

Anointing takes place on the
first

Friday of each month, during
the 8:15am Mass.

Anointing may also be done by
appointment.

Please call the Parish Office.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every
Saturday from 3:00pm until 3:45pm in church

Or

Please call the office to set up a personal Reconcili-
ation time with Fr. Adam.



It's Time for a New St. Joseph Pictorial Directory!

Our new dates of photography are:

- Tuesday, September 19, 2:00pm - 8:30pm
- Wednesday, September 20, 2:00pm - 8:30pm



PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN UPSTAIRS IN THE PARSIH CENTER

Just for participating, you will receive a complimentary 8 X10 portrait and a church directory.

You will view your images right away and have the chance to purchase family portraits for your own memories and to give as gifts.

You can make an appointment by clicking on this link: www.ucdir.com

Go to Photography Appointment Scheduling Login:

- **Our church code: W I 2 7 2**
- **Our church password: photos**



St. Joe's Golf Outing - 2023

All Parents, Students and Parishioners are Invited!

All Skill Levels of Golf are Welcome!

Adults **\$65.00**

Students (Current and Alumni) **\$45.00**

Fee includes:

9 holes of golf

Golf Cart

Hole Prizes

Drink Tickets

Dinner

Raffle

Auction

Fantastic Memories

Ironwood Golf Course

W270 N6166 Moraine Drive

Sussex, WI

Sunday 10/1/2023

@ 1:00 PM

Shotgun Start

Scramble Format

How to Register:

Option 1: Complete Form Below and Hand in to Parish/School Office (Attn: Paul Ford)

Option 2: Email Your Team's Names to stjoeathleticassociation@gmail.com

Option 3: Click Link and Complete Form Online www.stjoeathletics.com

Make checks payable to "St. Joe's Athletic Association". Checks may be dropped off at the Parish or School Office - Attn: Paul Ford

Name	Email	Phone Number

Registrants in groups less than 4 will be paired up to make a foursome.

HOLD YOUR HORSES AND

Save The Date

ST. JOE'S AUCTION

*Big Hats, Bow Ties
and Bourbon*



SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH