

St. Joseph Congregation

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

ADVENT IS A TIME TO *Prepare*



WEEK 1 | HOPE

December 3, 2023

Mass Schedule

Tuesday Thru Friday: 8:15am

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

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St. Ben's Meal Program

Tuesday, December 12th is our day to provide food for the St. Ben's Meal Program. Your contribution to this wonderful mission is most appreciated.

We are in need of 6 casseroles, large enough to feed 20 people and 8 desserts.

To help, please call Anne Weers at 414-588-9273 or email at aweers@wi.rr.com before Sunday, December 10th

If you work and find it hard to get a hot casserole delivered on time, consider dropping off your cold casserole the night before or in the morning on your way to work.



*"Christmas is most truly Christmas
when we celebrate it by giving
the light of love to those who need it most."*



STOCKING STUFFER IDEAS

FOR WOMEN TO GIVE! (Happy Advent!)

Ladies, are you looking for an idea for a gift for your husband, father, son or friend for Christmas? Consider a stocking stuffer gift by giving someone the blessings of attending a weekend preached, silent retreat in February 2024!

A retreat can be a gift that 'keeps on giving'. Graces from a retreat can continue to unfold in a person's life for many weeks and months.

The Jesuits in Oshkosh at the Jesuit Retreat House (JRH) know how to Minister to men.

To purchase a gift certificate (asked for gift to cover expenses is \$440.00),

contact Tanya at 920-231-9060 or office@jesuitretreathouse.org

Dates are Thursday Feb. 22nd for 7pm supper until Sunday Feb. 25th, 2024 after 11am Mass and light lunch.

This weekend will have a chance to reflect on God's blessings and Love for us. Remember Jesus is the King of Love, He cannot be outdone!

Everyone gets 9 buffet meals, a great room with a bathroom, shower, nice bed, chair and desk for reading and writing.

Dress is casual and there is a daily schedule with plenty of time for prayer or a visit with a staff member.

We also have Mass, Anointing, Penance, Rosary and Stations of the Cross as Catholic exercises.

We are Group #009

Fr. Mike Graham S. J. will lead us through the Spiritual Exercises.

Is THIS the year? I pray that you join us to try this. Questions?

mark@frederickpkg.com

RUMMAGE SALE NEWS!

Thank you to everyone who has donated and volunteered!

Aluminum Can/Christmas Lights/Metals Collection:

West Parking Lot: Leave outside the two single garage doors (the single car garage door nearest the church).

We are also collecting the items below for our rummage sale:

Books	Children's Clothing Collection
Bikes & Furniture (Contact Fran)	Jewelry & Collector Purses

*** Drop off items in the Welcome Center or the Parish Office***

2023 Rummage Sale Supports Charities:

In 2023 we made donations to the School Sisters of Notre Dame living at the Mount Mary Trinity Apartments. They held a rummage sale which raised \$5000. We also donated many boxes of children's books. The Sisters gave the children in their summer programs books to keep and the single mother's living at Trinity opened up a library for their children.

Any questions or comments contact Fran: Dntolly@aol.com Subject: Rummage Sale

Or leave a message at the Parish Office: 414-771-4626



Thank you to everyone for their generosity in contributing to the Capuchin Community Services Thanksgiving Boxes for the House of Peace.

It is heartwarming to see so many boxes being filled by the St. Joseph community, both by school families and parish members. All of this love resulted in an outpouring of support for local families in need. Thank you for your support!



Mass Intentions for the Week	
Monday, December 4	8:15am Rosary in the Chapel
Tuesday, December 5	7:35am Patriotic Rosary 8:00am Perpetual Help 8:15am † Franz Strigenz
Wednesday, December 6	7:35am Rosary 8:15am †Celina & †Elizabeth Gonzalez †Luis Enrigue Martinez; † Gilberto Martinez
Thursday, December 7 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	7:35am Rosary 8:15am Souls in Purgatory 6:00-6:45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm † Janet McKendry
Friday, December 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass	7:35am Rosary 8:15am † Richard Glaser (With the School children) 12:10pm †Our Parish Family
Saturday, December 9	3:00pm Reconciliation 4:00pm Our Parish Family
Sunday, December 10	8:00am † Mike Nunemakee; Delores McCarthy & Family 10:30am † Franz Strigenz
Readings of the Week	
	Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122: 1-9; Mt 8:5-11 Tuesday: Is 11: 1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8 Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

St Joseph's Stewardship

Sacrificial Giving: "First Fruits"

Year to Date: \$365,098.66

Budget: \$436,615.30

Budget Difference YTD: \$ -71,516.64

(Fiscal year budget \$1,012,000 July 2023 thru June 2024)

During the week ending
Sunday, November 26, 2023:

85 out of 959 households contributed \$19,360.00
Plus \$894.22 in loose collections.

This is an average of per contributor: \$227.76

Evangelization: "Growing in Faith"

Evangelization increases the enthusiasm of Catholics for their faith in Jesus that they want to share their faith with others. Consider inviting a non-member to a St. Joe's event.

*Living Catholic Stewardship by your
Gifts to St Joseph's*

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.

Remain Vigilant

Today we begin the beautiful and holy season of Advent. With all that we have going on this time of year, it's no wonder Advent that does not always seem to get the attention it deserves. But if we will commit to living this season well, we will experience a deeper conversion to Christ and find real transformation in our lives as Christian stewards.

Why? Advent calls us not only to look back in grateful contemplation of Christ's first coming, but it also calls us to look forward in preparation for His Second Coming. Advent is a time to reset and regroup, to repent over any misplaced priorities, to turn our minds and hearts back to God while we still have time. We do so not out of fear or guilt, but rather, out of gratitude for Love Incarnate lying in a manger bed.

Whatever we feel God calling us to do this Advent — committing to a daily Gospel reflection, visiting a lonely neighbor, or donating money to those in dire need — there is no time to waste.

Jesus makes this clear in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of a man going off on a journey. Before he leaves, he "places his servants in charge, each with his own work." We, of course, are the servants in this parable, each with a mission to accomplish in building the Kingdom of God. Jesus warns us over and over in this passage to remain vigilant to the work He has given us to do because we do not know when we will be called to give an account for it.

Our lives are a gift. This holy season is a gift. Let us recommit to living the stewardship way of life. Love came down to us as a Baby. And He is coming again. Be watchful!

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www.catholicsteward.com

Congratulations

to the Newly Baptized:

Vincent Ganzer, son of Michael & Taylor

Paige Campana, daughter of Zachary & Kathleen



Family Reconciliation Night

Thursday, December 14th at 6:00pm

We will gather in church for a Reconciliation service
with scripture, reflection, and individual confession.

Please join us for an evening of spiritual renewal this Advent.

Families are encouraged to attend together.



**The Parish Office will be closed
on Friday, December 8th,
in observance of the Holy Day.**



“Breakfast with Jesus”

Saturday, December 9th

9:30 am – 11:30 am

St. Joseph Parish Hall

*Please join us for Good Food, Fun Crafts (new this year!),
and the Greatest Story Ever Told!*

Please return the lower section with your payment to the parish office,
school, or mail to: Cathy Rakers, 610 Crystal Ln, Elm Grove, WI 53122

Please make checks payable to “St. Joseph Congregation” - “BWJ” on the memo line.

Reservation deadline is Monday, December 4th

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\$4.00 per person (Children 3 years-old and under are *still* FREE)

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

# Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ # Children > 3 yrs: \_\_\_\_\_ # Children 3 yrs & under: \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions?** Call or text Audrey Szews, 414.218.3715; [tamjma@gmail.com](mailto:tamjma@gmail.com) or Cathy Rakers  
262.271.4117; [lourakes@wi.rr.com](mailto:lourakes@wi.rr.com)

# Weekly Calendar of Activities:

## Monday, December 4

6:00am-7:30am: Men's Group in Hall and Kitchen

3:00pm-8:00pm: Basketball Practice in Gym

4:00pm-7:00pm: SVDP Southside Meal Site

4:00pm-5:00pm: Piano Tuning in Church

5:00pm-10:00pm: Home & School in Cafeteria -Paint Night for Craft Day

## Tuesday, December 5

8:00am-12:00Noon: The Mailing in Conference/PC

9:00am-10:30am: St. Joseph Bible Study in St. Joseph Room

9:30am-10:30am: Day School in Church-Advent Prayer Service

11:00am-12:00Noon: Grades 3 &4 in Church-Reconciliation

4:00pm-9:00pm BARCEL violin in Music Room

5:00pm-9:00pm: Basketball Practice in Gym

6:30pm-8:30pm: Art & Environment-Church, Sacristy

7:00pm-9:00pm: On the Road to Emmaus Bible Study in St. John Room

## Wednesday, December 6

8:45am-10:45am: St. Faustina Small Group in St. Matthew Room

10:00am-11:00am: Administration in St. Joseph Room

11:00am-12:00Noon: Grades 5 & 6 in Church-Reconciliation

3:00pm-8:00pm: Basketball Practice in Gym

3:15pm-4:00pm: Guitar and Ukulele Club in Music Room

6:00pm-8:00pm: Cub Scout Pack 485 Meeting

6:30pm-8:30pm: Buildings & Grounds Committee in St. Joseph Room

6:30pm-8:30pm: Catholic Formation Committee in St. Matthew Room

8:00pm-9:30pm: Spike Milwaukee Volleyball in Gym

## Thursday, December 7

10:00am-11:00am: Art & Environment in Church

11:00-12:00Noon: Grades 7 & 8 in Church-Reconciliation

1:15pm-3:00pm: St. Hildegard Bible Study in St. Mary Room

6:00pm-12:00Midnight: Home & School in Teacher's Lounge

6:00pm-9:00pm:Basketball Practice in Gym

6:30pm-7:30pmSchool Committee in Library

7:00pm-8:00pm St. Joseph Bible Study in St. Joseph Room

## Friday, December 8

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

DAY SCHOOL-EARLY RELEASE @ NOON

1:00pm-11:45pm: Christian Women in Hall & Kitchen-Preparing for Breakfast with Jesus

3:00pm-5:00pm: Basketball Practice in Gym

5:30pm-6:30pm: Michael Sykes in Gym

## Saturday, December 9

7:00am-4:00pm: Basketball games in Gym

8:30am-10:00am: BARCEL in Music Room

8:30am-10:00am: Art & Environment in Church

9:30am-11:30am: Breakfast with Jesus in School Hall & Kitchen

## Sunday, December 10

9:00am-10:15am: RE classes

11:30am-1:00pm: Play & Pray in Gym

6:30pm-9:30pm: Spike Milwaukee Volleyball in Gym





## Sacraments

**Baptism:** Parents who wish to have their child baptized must be registered members of St. Joseph Parish and practicing their Catholic Faith. A pre-baptism class must be attended prior to the date of the baptism. Baptisms are celebrated at one of the weekend Masses or at another arranged time. For more information contact the Parish Office.

**Funerals:** Please call the Parish Office in the event of the death of a loved one. Arrangements will be made for planning of the service including the musicians. Advanced planning may be done by making an appointment with Father.

**Reconciliation:** 3:00 pm-3:45 pm Saturday or by appointment. Please call the Parish Office.

**Weddings:** Couples must contact the pastor to make arrangements for marriage. No date should be set until this is done as the church may not be available. The Catholic party must be a registered and practicing member of the parish for at least six months prior to setting a date. In addition, a six month period of preparation is required for marriage.

## Ministry of the Sick

*Please take a moment to pray...*

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless your friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience with pain. Let them recover their health, so that, restored to the Christian community, they may joyfully praise your name, for you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen

Loretta Bannach, Josef Bitzl,  
 Connie Borden, Christine Brady,  
 Alvin Bucheger, Chris Burk,  
 Phil Cashill, David Cheever, Dennis Cimpl,  
 Claudia Ciurlik, Marian Cochrane, Katy Connors,  
 Donna Drake, Carol Evenson, Marge Fandre,  
 Jane Foxgrover, Jeanne Fuchs, Josefina Gallegos,  
 Elisabeth Gean, Cameron Gonring, Amy Grahovac,  
 Terry Hansen, Bruce Henning,  
 Patricia Jablonowski, Charles Jacoby, Jim Janette,  
 Janice Kampschroer, Don Kresse, Diana Krueger,  
 Doug Kruse, Mark Lutterbach, Mark Mayer, Sue  
 McCauley,  
 Margaret Mehigan, Pat Nemitz, Lois Popp,  
 Carol & Lee Smaglick, Tim Taff,  
 Gail Tawil, Betty Weinzierl, Ann Marie Wick

- ♦ If you know anyone who is sick or in the hospital, please let us know. The hospitals do not always contact us.
- ♦ If you or someone you know is homebound or ill and would like to receive communion, please call the Parish Office at 414-771-4626.

### 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, WKTI-FM 94.5, and online at [www.tmj4.com](http://www.tmj4.com).

### Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

Adoration will take place **EVERY Thursday**, immediately after the 8:15am Mass until 9:30am.

**Adoration in the evening will take place Thursday, December 7, from 6-6:45pm.**

### Anointing of the Sick:

Anointing will take place **on the first Friday of each month**, during the 8:15am Mass. We also remember in our prayers those who are sick but cannot attend Mass. Anointing may also be done by appointment.

**Please call the Parish Office.**

## CANDLELIGHT ROSARY

God loves Mary. We can see how precious Mary is to the Church because the Church remembers and celebrates Mary on 20 different Feast Days. On December 12<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, who appeared as an Aztec woman.

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, 1531, Juan Diego, a poor Aztec man, saw the image of a glowing woman. It was Mary. She told Juan to ask the Bishop of Mexico City to build a church for her. The bishop told Juan to bring a sign from Mary. Mary told Juan to pick some flowers, which shouldn't have been growing at that time of year. Mary arranged them in Juan's cloak. When Juan opened his cloak for the bishop, the roses fell to the floor, and the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe was there on his cloak.

The bishop believed and ordered that the church be built. Today, Juan's tilma hangs in a church. It is still in the same condition as it was almost 500 years ago. The miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe has never faded. It is always warm like a living person, and Mary's eyes seem to be alive.



Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patroness of Mexico and of the Americas. She is also the patroness of the unborn. Many people ask for her intercessions for their personal intentions--especially the people of Mexico--and many make pilgrimages to Guadalupe Basilica each year on her Feast Day.

**COME JOIN US FOR THIS FAMILY PRAYER OPPORTUNITY!**

**CANDLELIGHT ROSARY TO CELEBRATE**

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

**DECEMBER 12, 2023**

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

**6:30 P.M.**

## The Advent Wreath

Look up at the altar. As you are looking at it, you will notice an Advent Wreath. Why is the wreath there? What does it signify?

The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin word 'adventus', which means 'arrival'. Advent is a time when we wait for and prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ into the world. The Advent Wreath has a long history whose origins are in the misty past. It appears to have been a practice of Germanic peoples from before the Christian conversion of these peoples to have such a wreath with lights as a sign of hope in the darkness of December for more light and warmth in the spring. Christians used this custom, seeing in the light a sign of Christ and in the lighting of the Advent candles a sign of our expectation of his coming into the world.



Notice that the evergreens are used for the wreath and that the wreath is circular. Evergreens represent the continuation of life in this season and for Christians the circularity of the wreath represents the eternal life that God offers through Christ.

Why then the candles, and why the particular color of the candles? There are four candles, one for each week of Advent. Three of them are purple and one is rose. The reason for the purple candles is that is the color of the vestments at Mass in most of Advent. This color represents 'penance, preparation, sacrifice' as we prepare for the celebration of Christ's coming to us and for us. The rose colored candle is used on the third Sunday (Gaudete Sunday) as a sign of joy that we are approaching Christmas.

Advent is the season of preparing ourselves for being grateful for Christ's coming into the world and for awaiting his coming again to take us to God.

Dennis Sylva, Adult Minister

## The Gifts of St. Josephs Highlights: Jerry Leveille

Occupation: Sr. Environmental, Health, Safety, and Security Specialist at MilliporeSigma

Family: Wife Diane, Daughters Rachel (19) Marisa (17)

Parish Member Since: 2008

Parish Activities: Men's Group, Stewardship Committee, Past Pastoral Council Chairman, Past School Committee Member, Past Parish Life Committee Member, Track and FIELD Coach for Parish School, Volunteer for Parish and School activities



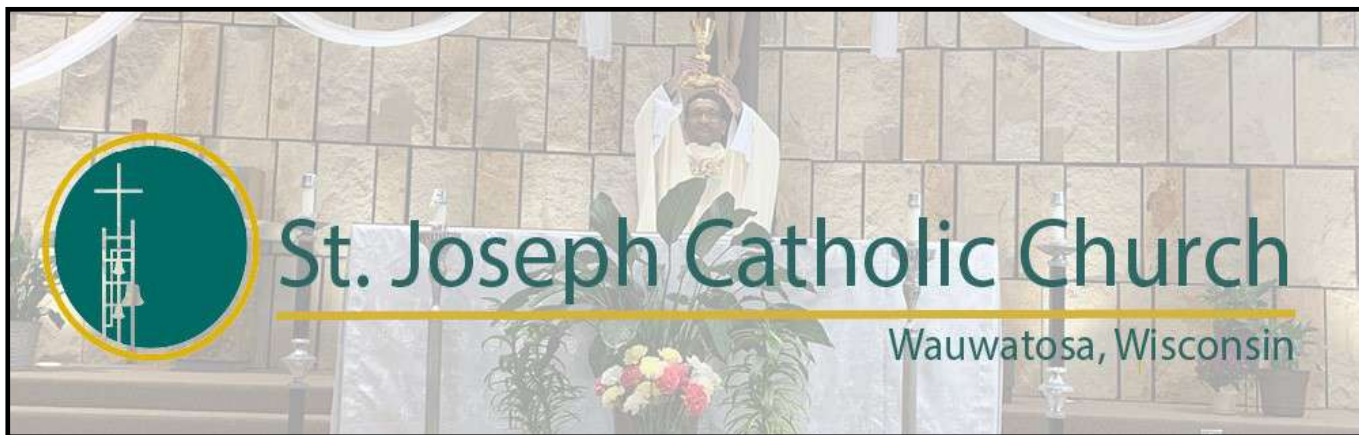
Why St. Joseph?: The most warm and inviting Church that we have ever experienced. From the moment we attended St. Joe's Church and School, it felt like home.

Favorite Parish/School Event(s): Soup and Chili cook-off, Kindergarten Circus

Why do you give your time to serve St. Joe's?: Service to others is what we are all called to do. Sometimes we just need to listen to that still small voice.

Bible Verse/Quote: Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary. (Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi)





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## Welcome ...

... to all visitors,  
and those who don't  
regularly join us each Sunday!

**We pray that our Mass Celebration spiritually fed you  
and that you feel welcome among us.**

**Have questions about St. Joseph Congregation or the Catholic Church?**

We're happy to answer! Just contact Fr. Adam or the parish office at 414-771-4626,  
or speak with Fr. Adam, Deacon Jose, Deacon Kurt or an usher after any Mass.

Not ready to talk with someone in person? Learn more about us at [www.stjoetosa.com](http://www.stjoetosa.com)

### Suzuki Violin Instruction

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Celestine Fitzgerald  
Parish members

Email: [barcel.suzuki@gmail.com](mailto:barcel.suzuki@gmail.com)

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