

St. Joseph Congregation

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

February 18, 2024
First Sunday of Lent



Jesus Lives in You

**God Is Good ~ All the Time
All the Time ~ God Is Good**

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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.



Lenten Regulations

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all

Catholics 14 years old and older on all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed on Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age and are under 59 years of age. Those who are bound to this are to take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if needed to maintain strength according to one's needs but eating between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves for these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

2024 AUCTION GIFT CARD COLLECTION

Your auction committee is collecting gift cards to complete auction packages, use as prizes, add to the wine pull, and more.

Think of your favorite restaurants, hotels, hobbies, stores, family activities, or coffee shops—anything that you wouldn't mind receiving back!

FOR EVERY FAMILY THAT DONATES A GIFT CARD OF \$20 (OR HIGHER), YOUR CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE A FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM THEMED OUT OF UNIFORM DAY ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH .

Don't have time to get a gift card? Write a check out to St. Joseph Parish with the memo line "auction gift card" and we'll purchase for you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AT THE AUCTION!



Dear St. Joe's School Past Parents and Grandparents,

It's that time of the year to stay home and enjoy the warmth of our fireplaces while having some family gatherings. There is no better way to spend an afternoon or evening during a cold Wisconsin winter.

So, we are inviting you to stay in your warm homes and still support the St. Joseph Parish Auction. Stay home and relax...but please send a donation to the auction in any amount you would like to donate. ANYTHING will be greatly appreciated.

As a past parent or grandparent of St. Joseph School students you can donate to this very special ad. Your support will be thanking the school and parish for offering a quality education to the students...the children we all love so much.

Please send a check to the Parish Office by February 23. Thank you for your support, your time and your consideration.

Blessings!

Linda Slawinski - Parent and Grandparent of Graduates, Grandparent of Present Students

Don and Fran Tollefson - Grandparents of Graduates and Present Student

Al and Kathy Nosbusch - Parents and Grandparents of Graduates, Grandparents of Present Students

Aaron and Carol Polivka - Parents of Graduates

Tom and Karen Warrinski (Warren and Zilinski) - Parents and Grandparents of Graduates, Grandparents of Present Students

Please accept my donation of _____ for the Past Parent/Grandparent Auction ad.

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please mail your donation to St. Joseph Parish Auction 12130 W. Center St. Wauwatosa, WI 53222

You are cordially invited to the St. Joseph Parish Auction

Saturday, March 9th
Doors Open at 5pm



Name _____

Phone _____ EMAIL _____

_____ Appetizers/Cocktails (\$35 per Person)

_____ Dinner (\$60 per Person)

_____ **VIP TABLE (\$800)** Seats 10. Includes wine bottle service at the table, VIP parking and seating close to the auctioneer.

_____ **Can't Make the Party? But would like to donate \$** _____

_____ **Purchase Tickets Online with QR Code**



Please sit me with the following:



Readings of the Week	Monday: Lv19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt25:31-46
	Tuesday: Is55:10-11; Ps34:4-7, 16-19; Mt6:7-15
	Wednesday: Jon3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
	Thursday: 1Pt5:1-4; Ps23:1-6; Mt 16:13-19
	Friday: Ez18:21-28; Ps130:1-8; Mt5:20-26
	Saturday: Dt26:16-19; Ps119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
	Sunday: Gn22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk9:2-10

Mass Schedule

Tuesday Thru Friday: 8:15am Saturday (Vigil): 4:00pm Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am

Monday, February 19	8:15am Rosary in the Chapel
Tuesday, February 20	7:35am Patriotic Rosary
	8:00am Perpetual Help
	8:15am Mick Coleman (Living)
Wednesday, February 21	7:35am Rosary
	8:15am † Theo Capezio
Thursday, February 22	7:35am Rosary
	8:15am † Gary Bell
Friday, February 23	7:35am Rosary
	8:15am The Dermody & Kresse Families (Living)
Saturday, February 24	3:00pm Reconciliation
	4:00pm † Marge Dreikosen
	† Michael McAvoy
Sunday, February 25	8:00am † Art Ulma
	† Luis Martinez; Lucca Setner (Living)
	10:30am Our Parish Family



Our parishioner Helen Schmitz has passed away.

Please keep Helen and her family in your prayers.

*“Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her.
May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen”.*



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.

St Joseph's Stewardship Sacrificial Giving: "First Fruits"

During the week ending Sunday, February 11, 2024:
(Regular Collections - including envelopes, checks, online, ACH and loose)

Amount Needed Weekly	<u>\$ 19,846.15</u>
Weekly Collection	<u>\$ 10,296.75</u>
Above Weekly Budget	<u>\$ -9,549.40</u>

Year to Date:	<u>\$ 609,178.13</u>
Budget:	<u>\$ 654,922.95</u>
Budget Difference YTD:	<u>\$ -45,744.82</u>

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

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,
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,
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.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

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

AND

Adoration will take place the first Thursday of the month in the evening from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Anointing of the Sick:

Anointing will take place the first Friday of each month, during the 8:15am Mass. We also remember in our prayers those who are sick but can not attend Mass. Anointing may also be done by appointment. Please call the Parish Office.

Helping Hands -- Pictures Tell the Story

Thanks to St. Joseph parishioners for generous donation of money and time on February 4th to help us reach the goal of creating 16,000 meals (each meal feeding a family of 6) for hungry people in Africa through the hands of 140 volunteers.

Pictures help to capture the spirit of the event.



The day started with prayer from a Missionary Sister to Africa, along with the gift of World Rosaries with prayer on the decade representing Africa.



Meal packaging involved people of all ages combining rice, soy, dried vegetables and vitamins into a package that was heat-sealed and boxed for shipping.



Families of all ages enjoyed the chance to participate together.



The end result: pallets of boxed meals to be shipped to Africa!



Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! We knew we could count on all the compassionate and hardworking volunteers from St. Joes.



Bill and Margaret Solberg

LAST CALL FOR MEN TO JOIN OUR SILENT, PREACHED RETREAT IN OSHKOSH

So, it's LENT 2024 already.

Have you made special, spiritual plans for this year's journey?

If so OR if not, consider signing up to attend our get away with the Jesuits at the Jesuit Retreat House from Thursday, February 22nd for 7:00pm supper through Sunday, February 24th, 2024 after 11:00am Mass and light lunch before we depart.

I can tell you these few days zoom by. It's so quiet and peaceful, it's the perfect place to gather and kick start your spiritual momentum as we cruise into Lent.

"The deepest cry of the human heart is for Union with God."

Come experience that with us this coming weekend.

We are Group #009 and already have 52 men signed up with room for 60 men.

Call 1-800-962-7330 or go online to register and put down \$100.00 to hold yourself a private room/bath.

www.jesuitretreathouse.org

Questions? mark@frederickpkg.com

Weekly Calendar of Activities:

Monday, February 19

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

3:00pm-9:00pm: Basketball Practice in the Gym

5:00pm-6:30pm: Cub Scouts (4th Gr) Meeting in Art Room

6:00pm-9:00pm: One on One Milwaukee in School Hall

6:30pm-8:00pm: Mens Group in St. Joseph Room

Tuesday, February 20

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

9:30am-9:30pm: Install of Organ in Church

3:00pm-9:00pm: Basketball Practice in Gym

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

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

Wednesday, February 21

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

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

6:30pm-8:30pm: Pastoral Council in St. Joseph Room

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

Thursday, February 22

9:30am-11:00am: Well Time in St. Mary Room

1:00pm-2:00pm: Catholic Financial Life #216 in St. Mary Room

3:00pm-9:00pm: Basketball Practice in Gym

3:00pm-10:00pm: 8th Grade Carnival (Set up) in School Hall

6:30pm-7:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 485 Meeting in Library

6:30pm-8:00pm: Choir Practice in Music Room

Friday, February 23

8:00am-3:30pm: 8th Grade Carnival in School Hall

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

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

6:30pm-7:30pm: Stations of the Cross in Church

Saturday, February 24

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

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

5:00pm-8:00pm: Pizza with Father Adam in Hall & Kitchen

Sunday, February 25

9:00am-10:15am: Religious Education Classes

Donut Sunday

11:45-1:15pm: Confirmation Interviews in St. Mary Room

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

Lent: A Time To Purify Our Hearts

Today's readings remind us why we partake in this 40-day Lenten journey — to prepare our hearts for the resurrection of Christ on Easter.

St. Peter reminds us in our Second Reading of the blessings we receive from Christ's passion, death, and resurrection — "Christ suffered for sins once... that he might lead you to God." And again, "[Baptism] is ... an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

To receive the blessings more readily from Christ's passion, death, and resurrection, we too are called to endure 40 days "in the desert." In our Gospel, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert where He was tempted by Satan. Jesus was called to face trials and to confront evil. During this time, He committed to intense prayer and fasting. It was not necessary for Jesus to go into the desert so that He might be purified, but rather, to endure the temptations of man for our sake. He was fully man, and experienced temptations just like us, yet responded to them perfectly, never falling into sin.

We should strive to fully participate in this Lenten season by mirroring Jesus, the model steward by Whom we are called to imitate. Through our time in the desert, we will confront evil by weeding out the roots of sin in our lives through fasting. And we will be sustained and nourished in the desert by prayer.

Let us strive to purify our hearts so that we might be ready to receive the glorious gift of Christ and partake in the riches that pour forth from this Gift.

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St. Joseph Parish,

You continue to make a difference for our sisters, brothers and children in Greater Milwaukee, as through the Human Concerns Coat and Clothing collections you have brought comfort and warmth to them.

Though many of our parishioners and friends make a difference, I'd like to thank Carol and Russ Luther, Nicole and Rob Sayas, Elaine and Dick Larson, Mary Coraggio and her mother, Mary Jane Luterbach and very special anonymous knitters who have taken the next step.

Please know that your thoughtfulness is appreciated as I drop off the articles of clothing to those in need.

Thank you,

Dr. John Thomas

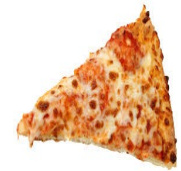
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Your gift to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal supports many ministries of the Archdiocese. Every gift is needed and welcomed no matter the size. **To donate, visit www.catholicappeal.org, text APPEAL2024 to 414-348-8380** or mail your check to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal, 3501 S. Lake Drive, St. Francis, WI 53235.



Please join us for a pizza dinner as we say

Farewell to Father Adam



Saturday, February 24th at 5:00pm
in the parish hall

Your Pastoral Council invites you for pizza, beverages, and desserts.
Father Adam will share some life stories with us and we can share
community love and appreciation with him.

Please RSVP before Feb. 20th to the parish office with how many
will attend and your choice of pizza.

Cheese * Sausage * Pepperoni * Vegetable * Gluten free

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We are excited to share that the Archdiocese has appointed
Rev. Fabian Rodas Aguilar as interim administrator
of St. Joseph Congregation starting March 1st.

Fr. Aguilar is part of the religious community
Missionary Fraternity of Mary and is currently serving
at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in
Milwaukee.

Musical Opportunities at St Joseph

St Joseph Catholic Parish has a long-standing tradition of being extremely musical. It is a very strong singing community as well as being committed to provide outstanding music.

If you enjoy music, perhaps there is a way that you could be more involved in the music program here at St. Joe's. Check out the following ways that provide you an opportunity to be more involved that might appeal to you and/or your schedule.



Adult Choir *Youth Choir* *Instrumentalists* *Cantor* *Primary Cantor*
** Family Pickup Choir* ** Funeral Choir*

* These are new musical endeavors in the parish.



Please contact Dan O'Connor with any questions at music@stjoetosa.com
Please prayerfully consider using your God given talents to share with the community!

CELEBRATING GOD'S GIFT OF ST. JOSEPH

Who Was He?

How Have New Discoveries Enriched the Understanding of Him?

How Does His Life Speak to Us Today?

How Can St. Joseph Help Us Today?

On March 19 of this year, we celebrate the feast day of our patron saint, Saint Joseph. To help us appreciate our patron saint we are holding three preparatory sessions in the St. Joseph room from 6:30 to 7:30 PM on the Tuesdays of February 27, March 5, and March 12.

The sessions are designed for parishioners to be able to come and hear about recent discoveries about Saint Joseph that highlight the amazing character of the saint, engage in small group discussions about the significance of him for us today, have some time for a group prayer requesting the intercession of St. Joseph for us, and enjoy the companionship of our fellow parishioners.

- Is in what ways does Joseph serve a model in Matthews Gospel?
- What are the characteristics that Joseph displays in Matthews gospel, and for what purpose does he use them?
- What are the cultural attitudes and practices in that age in the eastern Mediterranean that are the backdrop for appreciating the tremendous significance of Joseph in Matthew's gospel?
- Where are contemporary shrines to Saint Joseph and which bishop approved of an apparition of St. Joseph? Roman Pikula will address these two questions in the third session on March 12.

Dennis Sylva, Adult Minister



The Gifts of St. Josephs Highlights

Profiles of Your Parish Member: Suzzanne Silman

Occupation: Works at St. Joseph Congregation

Family: Thomas (husband), Braxton (son), Stephanie (daughter), Connor (son-in-law), Eileanora & Clodagh (granddaughters)

Parish Member Since: 1982

Parish Activities: over the years – most everything!



Why St. Joseph?: My parents and I were looking for a new parish – we came for Mass and never left. It was the perfect fit. Our children attended St. Joseph School which enriched their faith.

Favorite Parish/School Event(s): The Sacraments – Thomas and I were married here, our children made all their sacraments here, Stephanie and Connor were married here, the girls wee baptized here, and my parents had their funerals here.

Why do you give your time to serve St. Joe's?: Because my heart rests within this quote, "You are O God, my inheritance – I have all I need" I am always happy to give of my time – it is the least I can do.

Bible Verse/Quote: Micah 6:8 *You have been told, O mortal, what is good and what the Lord requires of you: Only to do justice and to love goodness and to walk humbly with God.*



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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 Mass.

Not ready to talk with someone in person? Learn more about us at www.stjoetosa.com

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