St. Joseph Congregation

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

February 25, 2024 Second Sunday of Lent



Jesus Lives in You

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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.

<u>From our</u> <u>Bereavement</u> Committee

"Hope in the Midst of Grief"

The support group, "Hope in the Midst of Grief" is now going to meet at St. John Vianney Parish every month. The group will meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The group will meet in Room P201 on the second floor of the Parish Center from 6:30-8:00pm. This group is led by Michelle Setzer, a bereaved parent and former bereavement coordinator. Anyone who wishes to heal from the loss of a loved one and grow in a supportive environment can participate. You need not be Catholic or a member of the one of our supporting parishes. There is no charge, you do not need to register for the sessions, and all are welcome.

For more information, please contact Michelle Setzer at: msetzer@hotmail.com or you can call her at 414-795-6374

You are condially 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 \$ Please sit me with the following:



START WITH CHRIST

The day begins with Mass and ends with a spiritual renewal.

BRING YOUR SONS

And sons, bring your Father. Build a special bond with a powerful Father/Son blessing.

WIVES & DAUGHTERS

Support the men in your life and your parish throughout the morning in prayer.

COURAGEOUS PRIESTS

Our spiritual leaders will hear many confessions and heal countless souls.



Kevin O'Brienis a husband, father of seven,
CEO of Best Version Media,
former NFL player and
co-founder of Men of Christ.



Sam Blair is a former Navy SEAL officer with over a decade of experience leading the most elite teams around the globe.



Fr. Mark Bernhard is a priest in Joliet, III., a former FOCUS missionary at the University of Nebraska, and founder of Fit Shepherds.



Dave Durand
is the father of six including
a Milwaukee seminarian, an
entrepreneur, best-selling
author and Catholic Radio host.

Please join us at St. John Vianney Parish at 7:30 am (rosary) or 8:00 am (Mass) | Brookfield

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Church Location

St. John Vianney 1755 N. Calhoun Rd. Brookfield

REGISTER @ menofchrist.net





	Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38			
	Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12			
Readings	Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31-5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28			
of the	Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1: 1-4,6; Lk 16:19-31			
Week	Friday: Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46			
	Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103: 1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32			
	Sunday: Ex 20:1-7; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;			
	Jn 4:5-42			

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

Monday, February 26	8:15am	Rosary in the Chapel
Tuesday, February 27	7:35am 8:00am 8:15am	Patriotic Rosary Perpetual Help † John Zimmer
Wednesday, February 28	7:35am 8:15am	Rosary † Harold Evans
Thursday, February 29	7:35am 8:15am	Rosary † Ray & Norma Deutsch
Friday, March l	7:35am 8:15am	Rosary † Our Parish Family
Saturday, March 2	3:00pm 4:00pm	Reconciliation † Florence Huebner † Polly Crandall
Sunday, March 3	8:00am 10:30am	Our Parish Family † Ethel Thomas † Robert & Arlene Jankowski

March Ushers

4 p.m. — Lee Neustedter, Richard Goldie, Brian Foley, Dave Tarman, David Niles

8 a.m. — Tim Taff, Jim Boyle, Larry Henderson, Mike and Tim Kucharski

10:30 a.m. — Paul Gasser, Mont Martin, fill-ins



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 \$ 19,846.15 Weekly Collection \$18,009.05 Above Weekly Budget \$ -1,837.10

Year to Date: \$ 627,187.18 **Budget:** \$ 674,769.10 Budget Difference YTD: \$ -47,581.92

(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 this Friday, March 1st, 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.

Rummage Sale 2024

55 Years of Rummage Sales at St. Joe's

The Sale will include everything for the Home and Garden, Potted Plants, Powered Lawn/Yard Equipment, Holiday, Everything for Children including Clothing, Toys, and Children's Furniture, Strollers, etc, Better Gifts, Better Men's and Women's Coats, Flat Screen TVs, Computers and Electronics, Books, Jewelry, Fine Framed Art, Furniture, Area Rugs, Lamps, Bikes, Tools.

NEW THIS YEAR... WOMEN'S BETTER ATTIRE

Currently we are collecting JEWELRY AND COLLECTOR PURSES, Books, Children's Clothing. Leave in the Welcome Center or Parish Office. Crushed Aluminum Cans and Metals can be left outside the two single car garage doors on the west parking lot. To donate Bikes and Furniture contact Fran.

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Wednesday, June 5 to Saturday, June 8, 9 am to 3 pm

Monday, June 10 to Saturday, June 15, 9 am to 3 pm

Monday, June 17 & Tuesday, June 18, 9 am to 3 pm

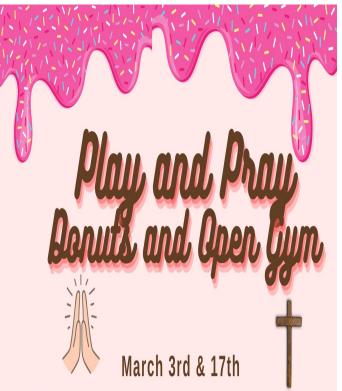
NO DONATIONS ACCEPTED ON OR AFTER WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

SALE DATES

Thursday JUNE 20 10am ~ 6pm Friday JUNE 21 9am ~ 5pm Saturday JUNE 22 9am ~ 2pm

For questions or comments or to have furniture picked up contact Fran at 262-786-8276

or <u>Dntolly@aol.com</u> Subject: Rummage Sale.



Join your Parish for 10:30 mass and grow in one heart together with prayer and fellowship.

After the final blessing congregation will join together in a special Eucharistic prayer for families.

Church will remain quiet and open afterwards to be able spend a moment thanking Jesus for his many blessings.

Open Gym and Donut Sunday to follow with volunteers to help supervise kids.



Thank you for your generosity!

Our Advent Collection with Fr. Adam raised \$5,600

for the education of the children in India. He holds these children close to his heart and always in prayer. Families in India must pay for their children to attend school and it is very difficult for many families. This Advent collection will go directly to these families in

India to help pay for the school fees to educate their children.

Thank you Fr. Adam for your love and support of these children and their families!

Weekly Calendar of Activities:

Monday, February 26

6:00am-7:30am: Men's Group in School Hall & Kitchen 12:30pm-3:00pm: Bereavement Committee in St. Joseph Room

3:00pm-9:00pm: Basketball Practice in the Gym 3:15pm-4:30pm: Play Rehearsal in School Hall

Tuesday, February 27

 $9{:}00am{\cdot}10{:}30am{:}$ St. Joseph Bible Study in St. Joseph Room

3:00pm-9:00pm: Basketball Practice in Gym 3:15pm-4:30pm: Play Rehearsal in School Hall

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

4:30pm-6:30pm: BARCEL Violin-X112, L

 $6{:}00pm\hbox{-} 8{:}00pm\hbox{:}$ Prep for St. Joseph Day in School Hall

6:30pm-7:30pm: St. Joseph Study in St. Joseph Room

6:30pm-7:30pm: Love One Another in Church

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

Wednesday, February 28

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

3:00pm-8:00pm: Basketball Practice in Gym 3:15pm-4:30pm: Play Rehearsal in School Hall

6:30pm-7:30pm: Stewardship Committee in St. John Room

6:30pm-8:00pm: Confirmation/Sponsor Workshop in School Hall 6:30pm-8:00pm: Pastoral Council Calendar Mtg-St. Joseph Room

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

Thursday, February 29

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

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

3:15pm-4:30pm: Play Rehearsal in School Hall

6:00pm-7:00pm: Stewardship Committee Mtg in St. John Room

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

Friday, March 1

Early Release @ NOON

3:00pm-5:00pm: Basketball Practice in Gym 3:15pm-4:30pm: Play Rehearsal in School Hall

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

 $6:\!30pm\text{-}7:\!30pm:$ Stations of the Cross in Church

Saturday, March 2

7:00am-4:00pm: Basketball Games in Gym 8:30am-10:00am: BARCEL Violin in Music Room 7:30pm-9:00pm: Layton Study Center in Gym

Sunday, March 3

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

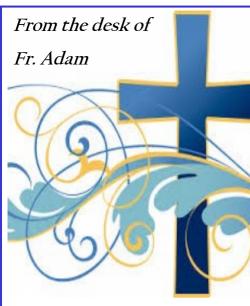
Donut Sunday in Hall

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

11:30am-1:30pm: Adult Confirmation in St. Matthew Room 11:45-1:15pm: Confirmation Interviews in St. Mary Room

1:30pm-3:00pm: One on One in Gym

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



Dear Parish Family,

As the time has come to say Goodbye to you all, words cannot begin to describe the feeling that I have at this moment. As I reflect over these last few months here, the only word I can use to sum up the experience is "awesome"!

I want to express to you from my heart how much I loved serving you as your pastor for last two and half years. I speak truthfully from my heart when I say that I am indeed honored to serve this church St Joes as your pastor. It was such a privilege to preach the Word of God, to pray for you, to fellowship with you and be available to you in any way I could, to minister to your needs.

I also would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation and thanks. In particular, I thank God for being in this parish and allowing me to share with you as a great family of faith. I feel at home and supported by your expressions of affection. I thank you for the love, care and practical support you have shown me and especially the prayerful support you offer each and every day.

I am thankful for each and every one of you, and for the many ways in which you have contributed to the life and ministry of our church. Your prayers, your generosity and your commitment to Christ are a source of inspiration and encouragement to me.

And as we continue to walk by faith, persevere in hope and share generously of God's Love, I pray we do so with the confidence of knowing that Jesus the Good Shepherd stands with us to sustain us today and in the days ahead.

With love, gratitude and my ongoing prayers,

Rev Adam J Hirudayasamy

Surrender All to the Lord

Today's readings are a powerful testimony to God's profound love for each one of us. It is a reminder for us, as Christian stewards, to surrender all that we have to the Gracious Giver.

The First Reading from Genesis is the infamous story of God putting Abraham to the test. God commands Abraham to offer his son, Isaac, to the Lord as a sacrifice. Abraham obeys the Lord. Yet, a messenger of the Lord cries out at the last moment to stop him. Because of Abraham's faithfulness and surrender to the Lord, he is blessed abundantly.

We can only imagine how Abraham felt, offering the life of his son, not understanding why, but blindly obeying. Yet, Abraham's response of total surrender to God's plan is a testament to trust in God's deep love for us. As Christian stewards, we are called to surrender all to the Lord — our time, our talents, and even our material possessions. We should willingly give God our entire lives with the confidence that He will take care of us.

St. Paul echoes this message so beautifully in our Second Reading. He says, "He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?" God loves us so much that He gave us His only Son who suffered, died, and rose for us. He has given us His very best. Can we not entrust our entire lives to Him knowing He will continue to pour out His love on us?

As we continue our journey through Lent, let us reflect on God's profound love for us.

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Are you looking to give your treasure during this Lenten Season of Almsgiving?

Please consider helping the teens feed the hungry. Our 10th grade religious education students will experience an Urban Plunge in April, where they learn about hunger and homelessness and preferential options for the poor and vulnerable. As part of the Urban Plunge, students will prepare bagged lunches for Guest House. We are looking for the following donations: granola bars, beef jerky sticks, fruit cups, chips, aple juice boxes, peanut butter, jelly.

Donations can be dropped off in the parish center between 8:00am and 3:00pm

Monday through Friday.

Please label your donations Guest House bagged lunches.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Please contact Colleen Rooney if you are interested

July Volunteers Needed!

It is with great excitement that I share that St. Joseph will be the host parish for 200 teens and adults who will spend a week in Milwaukee doing service through Catholic Heart Workcamp!

I am looking for residents and organizations who could benefit from able-bodied volunteers the week of July 8th between the hours of 9:00am and 3:00pm. The campers are capable of doing light construction, painting, organization, sorting, hospitality, meal prep, etc. They would love to work with senior citizens too and help with yard work. They come with their own lunch and are sent in groups of 6-12.

Please contact Colleen Rooney if you are interested in getting hooked up with a small group of volunteers for July 8th-July 11th between the hours of 9:00am and 3:00pm.

I am looking for **three host families for Saturday July 6th** for a group of campers from Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Parish in Sacramento CA.

The group will be attending Catholic Heart Work Camp at St. Joseph this summer.

They arrive a day before camp kicks off. They will come with sleeping bags and a heart for service.

Host families need to have a sleeping area for them, showers, and offer a continental breakfast.

The group will arrive about 9:00pm on July 6th and depart between 8:00am -9:00am on July 7th. I am looking for a host family for 2 teen girls and their adult female chaperone (2 separate sleeping areas needed), 3 teen boys and their adult male chaperone (2 separate sleeping areas needed), and 2 young adult males.

Please contact Colleen Rooney if you are interested in hosting one of these groups!

Thank you!

As we journey to St. Joseph day, Prayer and Worship would like to share some short prayers and the roll of St. Joseph as the patron saint of many things.

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH AS THE PATRON OF FATHERS

Saint Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family

of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you

because they know you will

understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the

worries of material life, your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through

intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over Him faithfully as you have done.

Amen.

SAINT JOSEPH PATRON SAINT OF FAMILIES

Protect my family and me as you did the Holy Family.
Kindly keep us ever united in the love of Christ, ever strong
in imitation of the virtue of our Blessed Lady,
and always faithful in
devotion to you.
Amen

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE UNBORN

O Holy Joseph, protector and provider of the Holy Family and all families, through your intercession may God grant all expectant mothers the grace to cherish the new life within their wombs. May mothers and fathers realize that their baby is a gift from God and have the courage to choose life for their child.

Through the Mystery of Baptism may the parents and newborns become children of God and heirs to eternal life in Christ. Amen.

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: Rob McKendry

Occupation: Project Manager, AVI-SPL

Family: Wife: Julie; Kids: Sarah (22), Danny (16); & dog Mia

Parish Member Since: 2010

<u>Parish Activities</u>: Building & Ground Committee and Usher. Former Home & School Committee and basketball coach.

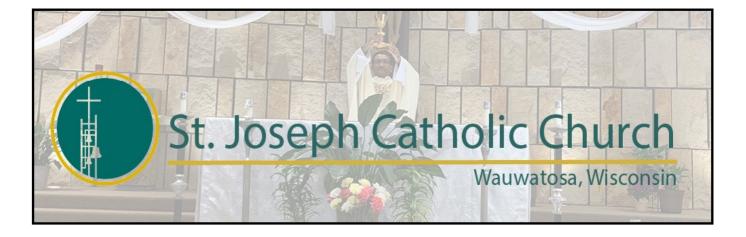
Why St. Joseph?: Community. The people of St. Joe's are friendly and kind beyond anything I have experienced at any other parish throughout my life.



Favorite Parish/School Event(s): Soup & Chili cook-off, Oktoberfest, Auction, Rummage

Why do you give your time to serve St. Joe's?: It is a good feeling to help out and spend time at the parish.

<u>Bible Verse/Quote</u>: Renew me spiritually and emotionally. Give me new strength, hope and confidence. Prepare me to meet the constant struggles of daily life with a deeper faith and trust in you, my 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 any Mass.

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

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