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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday
8:00am, 5:00pm
Sunday
7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am

CONFESSION

Tuesday
7:00-8:00pm
Saturday
4:00-4:45pm

WEEKDAY

Monday
7:45am
Tuesday
7:45am
Wednesday
7:45am
Thursday
7:45am
Friday
7:45am

NOVEMBER 8, 2026

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

We're so glad you're here!

Whether you are joining us for the first time or are part of our parish family, we pray that you feel welcomed and encouraged as we pray together.

May you experience God's presence, find encouragement in His Word, and leave renewed in faith and hope.

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WELCOME!



MASS INTENTIONS

MON., NOV. 9: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

7:45am Ralph Porto, req. by Gina Porto

TUES., NOV. 10: St. Leo the Great, Pope & Dr. of the Church

7:45am Donna & Robert Hatcher Jr., req. by Betty Stahl

WED., NOV. 11: St. Martin of Tours

7:45am Deceased Members of the Rajcula Family, req. by Joe Rajcula

THURS., NOV. 12: St. Josaphat

7:45am Intentions of All Our Parishioners

FRI., NOV. 13: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

7:45am Steven Wolf, req. by the Wolf Family

SAT., NOV. 14

8:00am Leon Eugene Irish, req. by Jess Irish

5:00pm Keith Font, req. by Elizabeth Blanchfield

SUN., NOV. 15: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Charles Brady, req. by Matt & Maureen Farrell

9:00am Eugene Golaszewski, req. by Elizabeth Blanchfield

11:00am Mary McCabe, req. by Margaret McCabe

THOSE FOR WHOM WE PRAY

For those in need of God's healing, strength, and comfort. Please scan the QR code to share a prayer intention or pray for those in need.

PASTOR NOTE

The Boy Scout motto is "Be Prepared," which is also the theme for this weekend's Gospel. It is the familiar parable about the five wise and five foolish virgins awaiting the bridegroom's appearance for a wedding. The wise virgins made proper preparations by bringing extra oil for their lamps in case the wedding party was late (which it was). The foolish ones waited until it was too late to get their oil, thereby missing the wedding procession and the celebration.

The lesson Jesus is directing toward all of us is clear: be prepared, because the Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect. This sounds ominous only if you are unprepared; for those who are ready, it is simply a reminder to remain vigilant. We prepare for this ultimate celebration through a humble prayer life and by making God's will the lens through which we live our daily lives.

Insofar as the St. Joseph Memorial Garden, we continue to make progress. As of this week, we are halfway to our goal of 100 niches reserved to begin moving forward with the project. As I mentioned a few weeks ago, the early reservations will provide the funding we need to build the wall itself. We cannot begin to move into the construction phase until we have enough niches reserved. So, if you are considering participating in the memorial garden, be sure to stop by the narthex after Mass for more information.

Father George O'Neill



Sanctuary Lamp

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in Memory of Timothy McCloskey at the request of his family

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STEWARDSHIP UPDATE
WEEKEND OF OCT 30 - NOV 1

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Thank you so much for your generosity.
May God bless you now and always.



WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday, Nov 08, 2026
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Open the door to virtue
Some of us can still recite the four Cardinal Virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. They're good not just to recite but also to practice. Virtues are good habits; i.e., things we don't have to surrender for Lent. Cardinal, meanwhile, means "hinge." Put together, the four hinge virtues swing open the door to a life well lived. Prudence is called the pilot of the virtues because it enables us to discern the good and how best to accomplish it. When a decision is important, reflect on it through the lens of scripture. How is God inviting you to proceed?
Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13 (154). "Wisdom ... is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her."

Monday, Nov 09, 2026
FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
Inside sacred spaces
The Lateran Basilica was the first building dedicated as a church for the purpose of celebrating the sacraments. It is the mother of all churches, including our own parish churches where we are baptized, confirmed, married, and buried; where we pray, learn, grow, and are fed with the Body and Blood of Christ. Our churches are sacred places. Yet within each of us is a place more sacred still. We are like little churches where God is present and the word of God is spoken in silence. Take some quiet time today to be still and know all that is good and holy and true within you.
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 (671). "But he was speaking about the temple of his Body."

Tuesday, Nov 10, 2026
MEMORIAL OF LEO THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
The secret to greatness
What makes a pope "great"? Only three were so defined (Leo I, Gregory I, and Nicholas I). And only time will tell whether Pope Saint John Paul II will be another. We also have saints like Albert the Great, as well as Gertrude the Great—a rare woman so described. It's not an official title, more an honorific by those who admire the wide-sweeping influence of these faith-filled leaders on the universal church during their lifetimes and beyond. Yet greatness is within reach of all of us. As Saint Leo says, "No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross." Claim your share in greatness by living with love.
Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10 (492). "The grace of God has appeared, saving all."

Wednesday, Nov 11, 2026
MEMORIAL OF MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP; VETERANS DAY
Commit to a global peace plan
Veterans Day has its origins in the armistice that ended the fighting of World War I—a moment when America and the world turned from the violence of war toward a period of peace. By commemorating this day, we recognize the sacrifices of those who have served and the importance of conversion away from violence. On this day, we also honor Martin of Tours, a decorated Roman soldier whose conversion to Christianity led him to renounce a life of warfare. He, instead, turned to the peace of Jesus Christ, declaring: "With the sign of the Cross, I shall more certainly break through the ranks of the enemy than if armed with shield and sword." Look to this day as one to begin your personal turn toward peace and away from conflict and commit to promoting the peace of Christ to everyone, everywhere.
Titus 3:1-7; Luke 17:11-19 (493). "[Christians] are to slander no one, to be peaceable, considerate, exercising all graciousness toward everyone."

Thursday, Nov 12, 2026
MEMORIAL OF JOSAPHAT, BISHOP, MARTYR
Strength in unity
When people use the word Catholic, just about everyone thinks Roman Catholic. But there are other kinds of Catholics, too, like some churches found in Eastern Europe, who are in communion with the Roman Catholic Church but who celebrate liturgy much like the Eastern Orthodox Church. Way back in the 15th and 16th centuries Saint Josaphat worked to bring the Eastern and Western churches closer together, and for his efforts was killed in 1623. Of this unity he said to the people of Vitebsk, in present-day Belarus, where he was bishop: "I am here among you as a shepherd, and you should know that I would be happy to give my life for you. I am ready to die for the union of the church." In memory of Josaphat pray for the unity of Christians today.
Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25 (494). "Behold, the Kingdom of God is among you."

Friday, Nov 13, 2026
MEMORIAL OF FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI
Teaching and learning require a whole lot of love
Reading, writing, and 'rithmetic are important skills to master. But even in the late 1800s, Mother Cabrini insisted that children needed more than these fundamentals to thrive. In her schools she stressed the need for music, drama, art, and physical education as well, calling it a God-centered approach rooted in love of the whole person. By creating an environment of warm relationships, "education becomes an act of love," she instructed the sisters of the religious order she founded, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We learn best from those who love us.
2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37 (495). "For this is love, that we walk according to his commandments."

Saturday, Nov 14, 2026
Do justice to others
Justice is a good thing, right? But what exactly is it? Treating everyone the same? Being fair? According to some philosophers, justice is giving each person their due—what they deserve and have a right to as a human being. Christians take justice a step further. As the United States bishops wrote in the 1986 letter Economic Justice for All, "The quest for justice arises from loving gratitude for the saving acts of God and manifests itself in the wholehearted love of God and neighbor." Christians do justice not only to treat people well but also because the only true response to God's love is to love back. How can you bring a little more love and justice into the world today?
3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8 (496). "Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?"

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH NEWS



EDJE ONLINE WORK DUE THIS WEEK

Grade 1	Ch. 8: Getting Ready for the Savior & Assessment
Grade 2	Ch. 8: God Gives Us His Laws & Assessment
Grade 3	Ch. 8: King David & Assessment
Grade 4	Ch. 7: The People of Israel Go to Egypt & Assessment
Grade 5	Ch. 7: The Chosen People & Assessment
Grade 6	Ch. 7: The Cross and True Riches & Assessment



IGNITE YOUTH GROUP

GRADES 7-12, FRIDAY EVENINGS

Youth Group is where faith meets real life! Students in grades 7–12 take what they've learned in Religious Education and put it into practice through games, service, conversations, challenges, and community. It's a place to build friendships, ask questions, grow in faith, and discover what it looks like to live out what we believe.

For more information, as well as the full Ignite calendar, please go to:
www.stjosephbrookfield.com/ignite-youth-ministry





CHURCH & DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS



SAVE THE DATE

ST. JOSEPH PARISH APPRECIATION BRUNCH

Why? It's a way for us to celebrate and thank all of our wonderful parishioners and their families for all you do to support St. Joseph Church throughout the year.

When and where? Sunday, November 22, 12:00-2:00pm at the Candlewood Inn, 506 Candlewood Lake Road, Brookfield.

Who's invited? Our spiritual family. All St. Joseph parishioners and their immediate family/household members.

What else? There is no charge for the brunch. Reservations are not necessary; drop in any time between 12:00pm and 2:00pm.



On behalf of Father Jordan, Father O'Neill and the Golf Committee THANK YOU to everyone who supported our 6th Annual Dick Elston and Jack Macksey Parish Golf Tournament. The event raised $19,700 which has been distributed evenly to St. Marguerite and St. Joseph parish offices to support those in need in our community.

Congratulations to the 2026 Raffle Winners:

Prize #1: Peg Wolf,
Prize #2: No tix in the bucket
Prize #3: Sean Kerins,
Prize #4: M. Johnson,
Prize #5: June Schutz,
Ticket # 367013
Wine Basket 1:
No tickets in the bucket
Prize #7: Marybeth Cross
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Wine Basket 2: Beanie Elston
Prize #10: Ticket # 561019
Prize #11: Elyse Hoelzer,
Prize #12: Ticket # 561039
Prize #13: Ticket # 561252
Prize #14: Marissa Costello
Prize #15: John Siclari

THIS WEEK @ ST. JOSEPH

Scan the QR code to go to our online calendar of events.

UPCOMING PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS

St. Joseph is having a Pre-Baptismal Class on 11/15 @ 12:30pm for new parents before they baptize their first child. Call the office at 203.775.1035 to sign up or for more details. The class meets in the Rectory Room.

SJC BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Coping with the loss of a loved one can weigh us down physically, emotionally and spiritually, but it is not a journey we need to walk alone.
St. Joseph's 8th Station Bereavement Ministry offers comfort and help during the grieving process.
This group meets the 2nd Saturday of each month, at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center. The sessions are led by Mary Shaughnessy and Patricia Tharrington.

ST. JOSEPH Garden
MEMORIAL GARDEN & COLUMBARIUM
St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

A PLACE FOR PRAYER & REMEMBRANCE

St. Joseph Church is developing plans for a Catholic Memorial Garden and Columbarium on parish grounds, near the church. This special space would provide our parish families with a dignified, sacred place for prayer, remembrance, and the inurnment of cremated remains.

We invite you to learn more about this new opportunity for St. Joseph families. Representatives will be available after Masses to answer questions, share information about the project, show renderings of the proposed layout and design, and provide a nonbinding household interest form.

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