

St. Joseph Congregation

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



January 25, 2026
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday 8:15am | Saturday (Vigil) 4:00pm | Sunday 8:00am,
10:30am

12130 W. Center Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53222
Parish Office: 414-771-4626 | Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-3:30pm

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Parish Information

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".

St. Joseph Chapel Hours: Monday-Friday 7:00am to 8:00pm.

St. Joseph Catholic School
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Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:



Adoration will take place every Monday immediately following the 8:15am Mass until 9:30am.
Confession offered as well.

Holy Hour/Adoration will take place on the first Thursday of the month from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Chapel.

Anointing of the Sick:

Anointing will take place on the first Friday and first Saturday of the month at the 8:15am Mass.

*Anointing may also be done by appointment.
Please call the Parish Office.*

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 26th

7:35am Rosary

8:15am † Shirley Louthan

Tuesday, January 27th

7:30am The Patriotic Rosary

8:00am Perpetual Help

8:15am

Wednesday, January 28th

7:35am Rosary

8:15am Kathy Coleman

Thursday, January 29th

No Mass

Friday, January 30th

7:35am Rosary

8:15am Laly Quejada

Saturday, January 31st

3:00pm Reconciliation

4:00pm † Larry Maloney

† Michael Pfau

Sunday, February 1st

7:00am Reconciliation

8:00am Our Parish Family

10:30am Fr. Justin Lopina (Happy Birthday!)

† Patricia Crecelius

Readings of the Week

Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5;

Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:22-30;

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10;

Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17;

Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29;

Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17;

Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17;

Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10;

1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Bring His Light to Others

Today's readings remind us that stewardship is not just a thing we do — rather, stewardship is at the core of who we are as disciples of Christ.

Our first reading, from Isaiah, contains this prophecy of Christ and what His saving message would mean to all who embrace it. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." We are among those blessed people on whom the light of Christ has shone. By virtue of our Baptism, we, who were once in the darkness of original sin, have been reborn into the great light that is God's grace in us. We are cherished members of God's family.

What a privilege! Yet, with this privilege comes the responsibility to actually live for God and to bring His Good News to all those we meet — at work, at school, in our community and right in our own home — in other words, to live as His good stewards.

And there is a certain urgency that comes with the call to a stewardship way of life as we see in our Gospel passage from Matthew. Jesus says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." In other words, turn away from selfishness, turn towards God and live as His disciple now — don't wait!

In this same passage, the very first disciples give us examples of a good steward's prompt "yes" when the Lord called to them. Our Lord invites them to "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." They did not hesitate but "at once they left their nets and followed him." They put our Lord and His will first.

This is the essence of a stewardship way of life — to be always ready for the ways that our Lord is calling us to bring His light to others. It's more than something we do — it's who we are.

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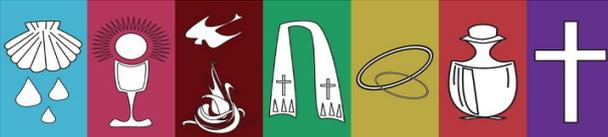
Severe Weather Procedure



In the event of severe winter weather, Mass and other activities at St. Joseph Congregation might be cancelled.

- If Elmbrook and/or Wauwatosa public schools close, St. Joseph School will close.
- If St. Joseph School is closed, all daytime activities and 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 local news stations (both TV & online), our St. Joseph Catholic Church Facebook page and website.



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: Monday 9:00am-9:30am, during adoration, Saturday 3:00 pm-3:50 pm, Sunday 7:00am-7:50am, or by appointment. Please call the Parish Office.

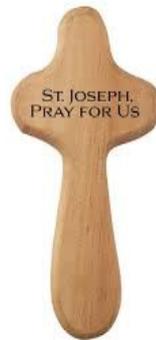
Weddings: Couples must contact the pastor to make arrangements for marriage. No date should be set until this is done as the church may not be available. The Catholic party must be a registered and practicing member of the parish for at least six months prior to setting a date. In addition, a six month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

Ministry of the Sick

Please take a moment to pray...

Heavenly Father, Lay Your healing hands on those who are sick

Connie Borden, Christine Brady, Chris Burk, Phil Cashill, Margaret Christman, Dennis Cimpl, Marian Cochrane, Katy Connors, JoAnn Doyle, Donna Drake, Marge Fandre, Jane Foxgrover, Jeanne Fuchs, Josefina Gallegos, Christine Gilpatrick, Cameron Gonring, Amy Grahovac, Betty Groshek, Jenny Grosschadl, Diane Haase, Bruce Henning, Barb Hesselbein, Alex Holmes, Charles Jacoby, Jim Janette, Joyce Keller, Janet Klein, Don Kresse, Richard Kroscher, Doug Kruse, Julian Lombard, Mark Mayer, Sue McCauley, Tom McElwee, Margaret Mehigan, Theresa Motto, Shawn Munch, Lee Neustedter, Loren Norstrem, Luis Rodriguez, Dan Rooney, Carol & Lee Smaglick, Tim Taff, Betty Weinzierl, Ann Marie Wick



We also include any of our loved ones who are dealing with cancer or mental illness.

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.



The Presentation of the Lord and The Feast of St. Blaise

Candlemas (Mass of Candles), the ancient tradition of blessing candles, will take place at all Masses the weekend of January 31st and February 1st.

Parishioners are invited to bring candles from home to be blessed for use throughout the year. Kindly place them in a basket on the steps before Mass begins.

Make sure to put your name on your candles.

The Blessing of Throats, in honor of the Feast of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, will also take place at each Mass. Parishioners will be invited to participate in this blessing during Mass.



From the Desk of Father Justin

Welcome, one and all, to the end of January and therefore Catholic Schools Week! I dearly love this little tradition of ours, when we have the chance to celebrate Catholic education and take a more active look at the lives of our school kids and what they bring to our parishes. A Catholic school, at the elementary level, breathes life into the parish that it's affiliated with. We offer events and community-building opportunities, as well as younger people that can offer their services as Mass servers, cantors/choir members, and more.

At my previous assignment, we had community events and obviously invited our younger families to them. We'd always have a good time and enjoy them for what they were. However, here and now, I gotta tell ya: it was different because we were a faith community without a school. Last week's trivia night? We never had anything like that, and I don't even know where I'd begin, with respect to getting something like that going. Trunk or Treat would have made absolutely no sense for our parish, and things like this weekend's Open House would obviously be unthinkable. In short, our ability to get together as a community was a constant uphill battle, where I would be inviting parish families who lived in at least five different school districts. Our school, by contrast, is a secondary way for us to come together with a sense of commonality... boosting the primary way we get together - being a local neighborhood parish. We have a LOT to be thankful for here, that's for sure.

This week will feature a number of special events and efforts. We'll focus on various vocations for one day, some of us will go to a Mass with the Archbishop at Catholic Memorial High School, and Friday will feature the school talent show. I believe this year is going to show some real skill because the Catholic School Committee has made it clear that every participant is expected to audition. That includes Zippy and me. Naturally, Zippy was highly offended at the announcement. Don't worry: as a hamster, his long-term memory is 17.8 seconds, so he got over it pretty quickly.

In all seriousness, I really do enjoy this week of the school year in a particular way. If you're not affiliated with the school in a direct way, I encourage you to pay extra-close attention to the parish & school this week. In all things, may God bless you, now and forever!

Peace,
Father Justin

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| Sun, Jan 25 Celebrating our Parish |
| Mon, Jan 26 Celebrating our Community |
| Tues, Jan 27 Celebrating our Nation |
| Wed, Jan 28 Celebrating our Students |
| Thurs, Jan 29 Celebrating our Vocations |
| Fri, Jan 30 Celebrating our Teachers |





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Ladies from all grades, grab your favorite guy and join us as home & school presents this year's



Sweetheart Dance



Saturday, February 14th

St. Joe's Cafeteria

6:30-8:30 PM

\$10 per family

RSVP to Annie (olivaresfamof5@gmail.com) by 2/10

MONEY CAN BE TURNED IN TO THE OFFICE IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR FAMILY'S NAME ON IT.



Light snacks and refreshments provided.



TUESDAY, FEB. 10TH IS Culver's NIGHT!

Join us at the Culver's on 124th Street on Tuesday, Feb. 10th between 4:00-8:00 p.m. to help support the 8th grade trip to Washington DC.

We look forward to seeing you there!!



SVDP REVERSE COLLECTION



St. Joe's St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Conference will hold its annual *Reverse Collection* on the weekend of February 7-8. Next weekend (1/31 - 2/1) after all Masses SVDP members will hand out a list of needed items to support struggling individuals and families in our community.

Please return your donated items to any Mass the following weekend (February 7-8). See next week's bulletin for more details.

Donations from this collection will benefit:

- Tosa Cares Food Pantry,
- St. Vincent de Paul Milwaukee Meal Sites,
- St. Catherine's SVDP Conference in Milwaukee.
- St. Joe's SVDP Conference.

Your generous support helps us extend a caring hand to those in need within our community. **Thank You!**



St. Joseph Parishioners Your Help Is Needed!

We are looking for parish members interested in joining one of our usher teams. The commitment is one month on and two months off for a specific Mass time. We have teams that could use new members. Specifically, at the 10:30 AM Masses. Ushering is an extremely rewarding experience and it is an essential part to the Mass.

If you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact Phil Bain at 414-333-7538 or pjbainjr@gmail.com.

February Usher Teams

Usher teams 1, 4, and 7, you are scheduled for February ushering, starting the weekend of 01/31 & 02/01.

4:00 p.m. – Brian Foley, Richard Goldie, David Niles,
Dave Tarman

8:00 a.m. – Mary Diotte, Bob Haas, Rod Haines,
John Mahoney

10:30 a.m. – Patrick Ciriacks, Joe Garstecki,
Michael Gleissner, Tom Silman, Joan Staven

From our Bereavement Committee:

“Hope in the Midst of Grief”
Tuesday, January 27th

at St. John Vianney Parish in Brookfield
6:30pm-8:30pm in the Parish Center,
Room P201 (2nd Floor)

The 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 do not need to be Catholic or a member of one of the supporting parishes. There is no charge, you do not need to register for the session and all are welcome. This group meets regularly on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Feel free to contact Michelle Setzer at msetzer@hotmail.com or 414-795-6374.



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MENS RETREAT INFORMATION FOR FEBRUARY 19-22, 2026

Men, we are more than one half the way to filling up all 60 rooms at the Jesuit Retreat House in Oshkosh for our yearly time away for a silent retreat. Dates are still Thursday, February 19th for 7pm Supper through Sunday, February 22nd, 2026 after 11am Mass and lunch. The day after Ash Wednesday and the start to LENT 2026.

This will be here before you know it, time flies. I keep reflecting on why men might want to go on this great time away to be with Our God and Lord Savior. For me, it's easy. The goal of our life is getting welcomed into Heaven. Your 1st time in Heaven will be way greater than your best day ever! Exceeding any experience on earth like winning a lottery, having children, getting married, bowling a 300 game, winning a Super Bowl, getting a golf hole in one, being named Most wonderful person ever, etc.

Going on these silent retreats help you to create a PATHWAY TO HEAVEN. You are invited to join us. Go to the website at www.jesuitretreathouse.org and register with a \$100 deposit to hold yourself a lovely room. We are Group #009.

Questions? mark@frederickpkg.com

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form by February 13th.**

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Item Name: _____

Complete Item Description:

Item Value: _____

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DONOR INFORMATION

Donor Company: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

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If applicable, would you like an ad in the auction booklet?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please email your ad to Heather Nosbusch (nosbuschh@stjosephschooltosa.com)

RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR DONATED ITEM(S) TO THIS ADDRESS:



St. Joseph Parish
Attn: Heather Nosbusch
12130 W Center Street
Wauwatosa, WI 53222

For proper recognition, please submit your donation by February 13th.

Upcoming Activities at St. Joseph's:

Monday, January 26

- 9:30am-11:00am: First Fruits in St. Joseph Rm
12:30pm-3:00pm: Bereavement Committee Mtg
in St. Matthew Rm
5:30pm-8:30pm: Basketball Practice in Gym
6:00pm-8:00pm: Cub Scouts in Library
6:30pm-8:00pm: First Fruits in St. Joseph Rm

Tuesday, January 27

- 9:00am-10:30am: St. Joseph Bible Study in St. Joseph Rm
4:00pm-7:00pm: Basketball Practice in Gym
4:00pm-9:00pm: BARCEL Violin in Music Rm
6:30pm-8:30pm: Art & Environment in Church/Sacristy
7:00pm-8:00pm: Pilgrims on the Road to Emmaus
in St. John Rm
7:00pm-8:00pm: Tosa West Basketball Training in Gym

Wednesday, January 28

- 4:00pm-8:30pm: Basketball Practice in Gym
8:30pm-9:30pm: Tosa West Basketball Training in Gym

Thursday, January 29

- 3:30pm-7:00pm: Basketball Practice in Gym
5:30pm-8:00pm: Adult Choir in St. Joseph Rm
6:30pm-10:00pm: Dartball League in Hall
7:00pm-8:00pm: St. Joseph Bible Study—Online
7:30pm-9:00pm: One on One Milwaukee in Gym

Friday, January 30

- 4:00pm-5:30pm: Basketball Practice in Gym
4:30pm-8:00pm: 5K Parents Pre-Auction Party in Hall

Saturday, January 31

- 6:00am-8:00am: Men's Group in Hall & Kitchen
7:30am-4:00pm: BARCEL Violin in Library,
Teacher's Lounge, Music Rm
& Art Rm

Sunday, February 1

- 12:00pm-1:30pm: One on One Milwaukee Parent Mtg
in Hall
6:00pm-9:30pm: Spike Volleyball in Gym

Events Around the Archdiocese:

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The Rummage Sale is expanding its "aluminum can" collection to include BRASS and COPPER.

Aluminum cans cannot have contained food or been used for cooking.

We are also collecting burned out Christmas lights. Please leave outside the garage doors.

THE GREAT JEWELRY COLLECTION...

Thousands of pieces of jewelry are sold each year. Collect jewelry from family and friends and leave it in the Welcome Center or the Parish Office.





St. Joseph Catholic Church

Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

Welcome to St. Joseph Congregation.
We are blessed to have you worship
with us today!

We pray that our celebration of the Mass spiritually
feeds 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
Father Justin, Dennis Sylva, our Adult
Minister, or the parish office (414) 771-4626.

Learn more about us at stjoetosa.com



At St. Joseph Catholic School we offer a
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If you would like to schedule a
tour and see what our school offers
please contact our principal,
Bryanna VanVreede, at
414-771-5577 or
vanvreedeb@stjosephschooltosa.com

Learn more about our day school
at stjosephschooltosa.com

Items are collected for the Rummage Sale year-round, please see below for
where items can be left:

- ◆ Please leave children's clothing, toys, adults & children's books in the Welcome Center.
- ◆ Bikes can be left between the west parking lot garages with a note attached: "Rummage".
- ◆ To donate furniture contact Fran, dntolly@aol.com Subject: Rummage
- ◆ Help us recycle & make money for St. Joe's—Currently collecting crushed aluminum cans and Christmas Lights. Leave outside the 2 single car garages in west parking lot.
- ◆ Join the great jewelry collection! Thousands of pieces of jewelry are needed! Ask every one you know if they can donate! Please leave the jewelry in the Welcome Center or Parish Office.

Collecting items now
for the 2026 sale!



Thank you for your continued support of our annual Rummage Sale!!

2026 Dates: June 18th, 19th & 20th

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