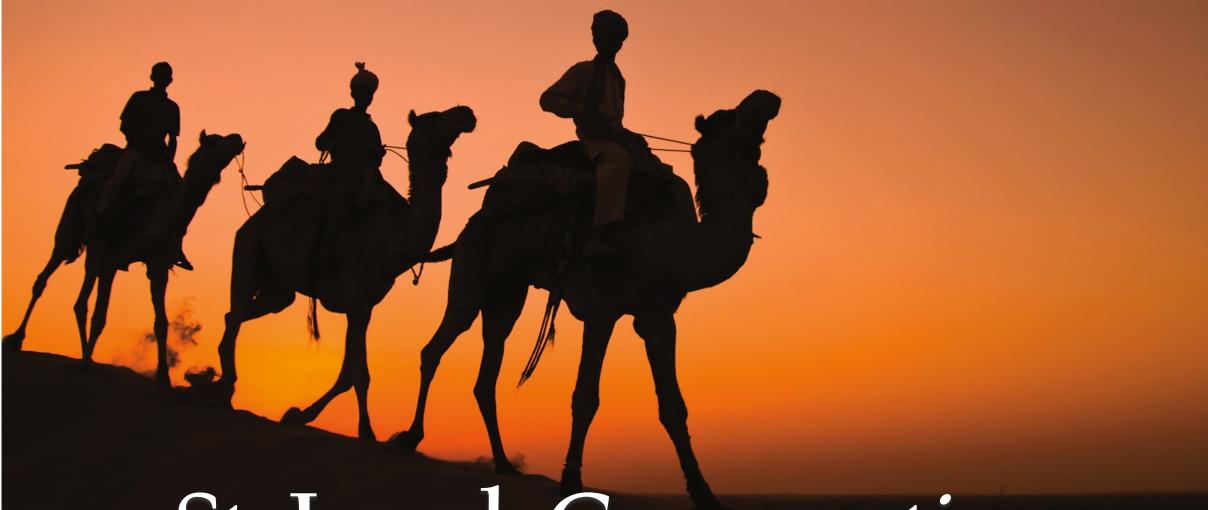


January 4, 2026

# The EPIPHANY of the Lord

*When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."*

*Mt 2: 1-2*



## St. Joseph Congregation

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

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Mass Schedule:

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

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Parish Office: 414-771-4626 | Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-3:30pm

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**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.

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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.

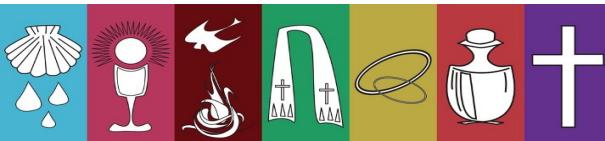
Holy Hour/Adoration will take place on the first Thursday of the month from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Chapel.

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	God's Manifestations in Our Lives
<b>Monday, January 5th</b> 8:15am Communion Services	As our celebration of Christmas continues, today we observe the great feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. The word “epiphany” comes from Greek and means manifestation or appearance. The stewardship way of life is one in which we live in grateful response to God’s countless manifestations in our lives.
<b>Tuesday, January 6th</b> 7:30am The Patriotic Rosary 8:00am Perpetual Help 8:15am Communion Services	Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, has much to teach us about stewardship, through the actions of the magi. As good stewards, the magi were watching for manifestations of God’s presence in their lives. “We have seen the star at its rising,” they say. Good stewards are keenly aware of the “star” of God’s presence and His gifts in their lives. It is this awareness that fills them with gratitude and the desire to both worship God and share His gifts with others.
<b>Wednesday, January 7th</b> 8:15am Prayer Service	The magi, upon seeing the manifestation of God’s presence in their lives, “were overjoyed.” Good stewards, who live with the awareness of God’s presence and gifts to them, simply can’t help but be filled with joy. Not necessarily the fleeting and superficial kind of joy the world promises through wealth or power, but rather the deep, unalterable joy only God can give.
<b>Thursday, January 8th</b> No Mass	Finally, the magi were so filled with awe upon encountering the newborn Jesus, they prostrated themselves before him and “opened their treasures and offered him gifts.” This is precisely why good stewards generously share their material gifts — as a loving act of worship to an extravagantly loving God.
<b>Friday, January 9th</b> 8:15am Communion Services	Let us rejoice in God’s manifestations in our lives and be watchful for the new ways He is calling us to share ourselves and our gifts in gratitude to our King in the year ahead.
<b>Saturday, January 10th</b> 4:00pm † Jerry & Joanne Olski † Harold & Florence Schneider † George R. Schimmel	<small>copyright: Catholic Stewardship Consultants, <a href="http://www.CatholicSteward.com">www.CatholicSteward.com</a></small>
<b>Sunday, January 11th</b>	
7:00am Reconciliation	
8:00am Our Parish Family	
10:30am Peter (†) & Thora Ford Sarah Philipp	
<b>Readings of the Week</b>  <b>Monday:</b> 1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Ps 2:7b-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25	
<b>Tuesday:</b> 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44	<b>Eternal rest grant unto them...</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b> 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52	<b>Our parishioner,</b>
<b>Thursday:</b> 1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a	<b>Shirley Louthan</b>
<b>Friday:</b> 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16	<b>has passed away.</b>
<b>Saturday:</b> 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30	<b>Please keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.</b>
<b>Sunday:</b> Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17	



## 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 Foxgrovier, 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.



## WE ARE HIRING! SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT!

St. Joseph Catholic School in Wauwatosa is seeking a warm, organized, and enthusiastic Administrative Assistant to join our school community. This position is often the first point of contact for students, families, and visitors and plays a vital role in supporting the daily life of our Catholic school.

### The ideal candidate will:

- Previous administrative or office experience preferred
- Enjoys working with children and interacting with families
- Organized, dependable, and a self-starter with a positive attitude
- Creative, flexible, and willing to take initiative
- Comfortable using technology (Google Workspace, email, basic design tools, school databases, etc.)
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Supportive of the mission and values of the Catholic Church

Interested candidates, please send an email with the following items: cover letter, resume, and a list of references to the school principal, Bryanna Van Vreede, [vanvreede@stjosephschooltosa.com](mailto:vanvreede@stjosephschooltosa.com)



## From the Desk of Father Justin

Welcome, one and all, to the new year. For those of you who celebrated New Year's Eve, I hope it was a lovely celebration. I'm more of a "prayerfully think about the past year after dinner and go to bed at 10:00" kind of guy, which isn't a quality I share with the rest of the family. For the last few years, December 31<sup>st</sup> is the night when I can count on getting two dozen group texts from family, with at least half of them saying the exact same thing. It's a rare night when it's a good idea go to bed with the "silence notifications" option activated. I'm just sayin'. Nevertheless, I do hope the occasion was a good one for those of you who do in fact celebrate the evening in the customary way.

For my article today, I just wanted to say that my Christmas prediction came true with very little delay. I said during my Christmas homily that the future always offers fresh problems and sufferings that we have to deal with (along with fresh joys and blessings), and we will all have a new batch of problems to handle in 2026. Well, wouldn't you know it? They came early for a lot of people. Every year, there's always a degree of sickness or bad news that comes out at Christmastime. However, this year was a bumper crop of sickness, injuries, and various sorts of hospitalizations. Between Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, we had folks in need of stitches, heart trouble, cancer complications, seizures (or seizure near-misses), and more than a few cases of the good old-fashioned flu.

For those of you who asked for prayers of healing, I really did my best - there were a lot of you this year. It's a real shame that so many people had a challenging holiday season, and in this article today, I ask for your collective prayers for those still in need of some sort of recovery now that we're firmly into January.

As we begin the Year of Our Lord 2026, I am in no way surprised that it began with a hefty dose of sickness and injury. Life can be like that sometimes. Even so, I unironically wish you all a happy new year. We will all have setbacks, frustrations, and unpleasantness this year, because that's life. Some of you literally started off the year in the hospital. Nevertheless, as people of faith, may we always look forward in hope to what the future offers us, and how we best may contribute to the well-being of one another.

May the Lord bless you, now and always, no matter what the future may bring!

Peace,  
Father Justin

## ST. BEN'S MEAL PROGRAM

Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 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 8 casseroles, large enough to feed 20 people and 8 desserts. To help Tom and Kathy Powers, please call or text at 262-510-5732 or email at [kpow444@msn.com](mailto:kpow444@msn.com) before Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> to volunteer to provide a dish. 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.

*"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?"*

– Martin Luther King

### St. Ben's Upcoming Dates (Please mark your calendar)

Feb 10 Julie Burish  
Mar 10 Child Ministry  
Apr 14 St. Joe's Day School  
May 12 Michelle & Jim Canes

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## A Women's Christmas 2026

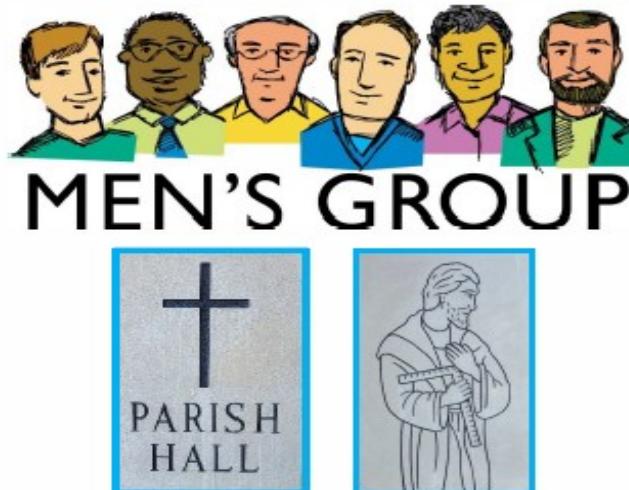
After the long Advent wait, how quick we are to dismantle anything Christmas after December 25<sup>th</sup> and focus on the new year. But Christmas season doesn't really end until the Feast of the Epiphany. There is a custom, rooted in Ireland, of celebrating Epiphany as Women's Christmas—a day for women to relax after the busyness of the

holidays and to both celebrate with friends and spend time in reflection before diving into the responsibilities of the new year.

In this spirit, Firstfruits invites you to join us for our own Women's Christmas, a four-session "retreat" with an invitation to rest, to reflect, and to contemplate where you are in your unfolding spiritual path. Using the theme "The Map You Make Yourself," we'll share Scripture readings, poetry and the writings of Jan Richardson, along with questions that help us look at the pieces of our sometimes-fragmented spiritual lives and recognize and honor them in a new way, perhaps creating our map for 2026 as we go.

Mondays: January 12th- February 2nd ~ 9:30-11:00am or 6:30-8:00pm ~ St. Joseph Room

To register, contact Nikki in the Parish Office at 414-771-4626 or [parishadmin@stjoetosa.com](mailto:parishadmin@stjoetosa.com)  
For questions contact Mary MacGillis at [macmabluum@yahoo.com](mailto:macmabluum@yahoo.com) or 414-378-8334



**First Video and Breakfast Sunrise Meeting of 2026**  
**Saturday, January 17th - 6:00am - St. Joe Tosa**

We start our "Winter Semester" with a **NEW** 10-episode video series

Produced by: **The Augustine Institute, Dr. Edward Sri**

**"SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith Explained"** .. (on FORMED)

Watch the trailer here: <<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/586647>>

LOGIN ID (if needed): [andysmithbrookfieldwi@gmail.com](mailto:andysmithbrookfieldwi@gmail.com) PSWD: PFGolden60!!

### **As usual, needed for each meeting:**

- a. Breakfast lead – (Main dish for 25 men)
- b. Breakfast assist – (Cooks bacon, makes coffee, slices fruit, sets serving table)
  - c. Leadership Team sets up the room and AV
  - d. 1<sup>st</sup> Presenter shares a Saint Bio (Saint of your choice)
  - e. 2<sup>nd</sup> Presenter shares a Reflection (on one of Sunday's Mass Readings)  
Readings for Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> found at <<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>>

Let us know if you will take one of the above roles .. <<mailto:andysmithbrookfieldwi@gmail.com>>

**Coffee-- 6:00am .. Hot Breakfast-- 6:15am .. Meeting starts-- 6:25am .. Done by 8:00am**

## Upcoming Activities at St. Joseph's:

### Monday, January 5

St. Joseph School Resumes

4:00pm-8:00pm: St. Vincent de Paul—Offsite  
5:30pm-8:30pm: Basketball Practice in Gym

### Tuesday, January 6

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, Library & Art Rm  
6:30pm-7:30pm: Finance Council in St. Joseph Rm  
7:00pm-8:00pm: Pilgrims on the Road to Emmaus in St. John Rm  
7:00pm-8:00pm: St. Joseph Bible Study—Online

### Wednesday, January 7

4:00pm-8:30pm: Basketball Practice in Gym  
6:00pm-8:00pm: Cub Scouts in Hall  
6:30pm-8:30pm: Buildings & Grounds Committee in St. Joseph Rm

### Thursday, January 8

8:30am-9:45am: Sandwich Ministry in Kitchen  
3:30pm-7:00pm: Basketball Practice in Gym  
6:00pm-7:00pm: Home & School Committee in Teacher's Lounge  
6:30pm-8:00pm: School Committee in Library  
6:30pm-10:00pm: Dartball League in Hall  
7:30pm-9:00pm: One on One Milwaukee in Gym

### Friday, January 9

4:00pm-5:30pm: Basketball Practice in Gym  
6:30pm-9:00pm: Sheepshead in Hall

### Saturday, January 10

8:00am-Noon: BARCEL Violin in Music Rm  
8:15am-11:15am: Basketball Games in Gym  
8:15am: 5th Grade Girls vs. SJV  
9:15am: 8th Grade Boys vs. Heritage Christian  
10:5am: 8th Grade Boys vs. Heritage Christian  
8:30am-10:30am: Art & Environment in Church  
10:00am-11:30am: First Reconciliation Retreat in Hall

### Sunday, January 11

8:00am-12:30pm: Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast in Hall & Kitchen  
9:00am-10:15am: Religious Education Classes  
10:30am-11:30am: Youth Mass in Church  
11:30am-1:30pm: Art & Environment in Church  
Noon-1:30pm: One on One Milwaukee Basketball in Gym  
4:00pm-5:30pm: Religious Education Confirmation Classes in St. Mary Rm  
4:00pm-5:30pm: OCIA Adult Confirmation in St. Joseph Rm  
6:00pm-9:00pm: Spike Milwaukee Volleyball in Gym

## St. Joe's Santo Ingrilli Memorial



### Saturday, January 17, 2026

Doors open at 5:30pm

Event begins at 6:30pm

Grab 8 friends, dress up, bring your tastiest food, your Simon Says skills and your knowledge of a little bit of everything for the Santo Ingrilli Memorial Trivia Night!!

A suggested donation of \$20 per person supports the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C.

\$40 Helper Pack will be available!

Contact Nancy Loth to Sign up your team!  
[lothn@stjosephschooltosa.com](mailto:lothn@stjosephschooltosa.com)

Parish Life Presents

## SOUP & CHILI COOK-OFF

JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>  
5PM  
PARISH HALL



ENJOY DELICIOUS SOUPS AND CHILIS  
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Sign up via QR code or by calling the parish office by January 12<sup>th</sup> and pay \$7 per person or \$35 max per family at the door.  
Admission cost for walk ins: \$8 per person or \$40 max per family

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We are blessed to have you worship  
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We pray that our celebration of the Mass spiritually  
feeds you and that you feel welcome among us.

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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](http://stjoetosa.com)



At St. Joseph Catholic School we offer a  
faith filled academic experience for  
children 3K—8th grade.

If you would like to schedule a  
tour and see what our school offers  
please contact our principal,  
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414-771-5577 or  
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Learn more about our day school  
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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](mailto: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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