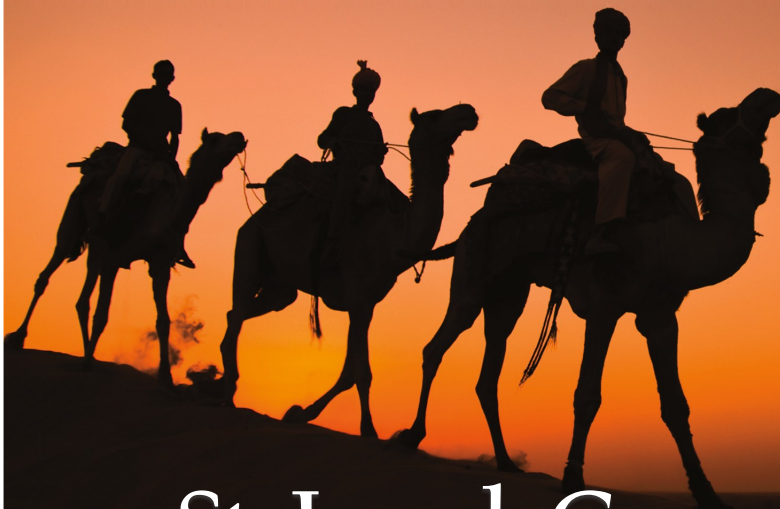


January 4, 2026

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.

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 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.

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Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:



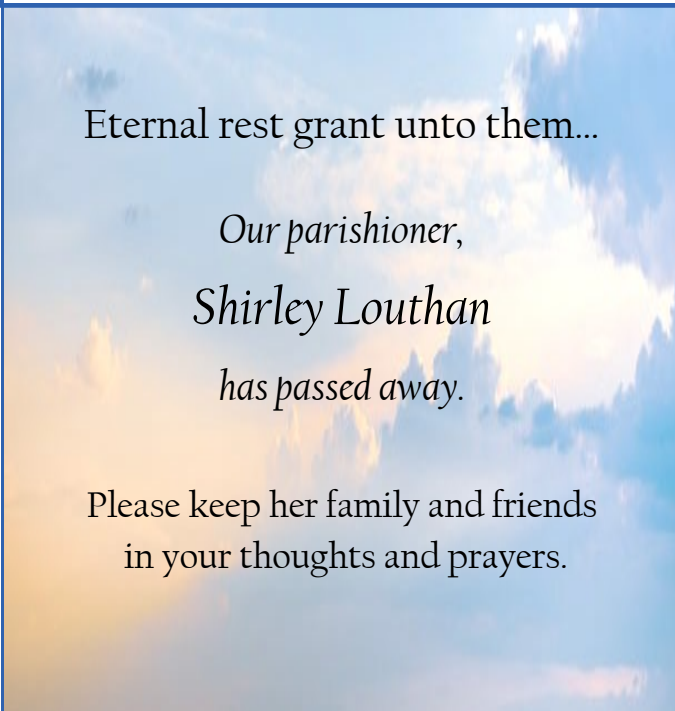
Adoration will take place every Monday immediately following the 8:15am Mass until 9:30am.
Confession offered as well.

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
Monday, January 5th 8:15am Communion Services		<p>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.</p> <p>Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, has much to teach us about stewardship, through the actions of the magi.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>-copyright: Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.CatholicSteward.com</p>
Tuesday, January 6th 7:30am The Patriotic Rosary 8:00am Perpetual Help 8:15am Communion Services		
Wednesday, January 7th 8:15am Prayer Service		
Thursday, January 8th No Mass		
Friday, January 9th 8:15am Communion Services		
Saturday, January 10th 4:00pm † Jerry & Joanne Olski † Harold & Florence Schneider † George R. Schimmel		
Sunday, January 11th 7:00am Reconciliation 8:00am Our Parish Family 10:30am Peter (†) & Thora Ford Sarah Philipp		
Readings of the Week	Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Ps 2:7b-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25	 <p>Eternal rest grant unto them...</p> <p><i>Our parishioner,</i></p> <p>Shirley Louthan</p> <p><i>has passed away.</i></p> <p>Please keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.</p>
	Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44	
	Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52	
	Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a	
	Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16	
	Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30	
	Sunday: 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 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.



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, vanvreedeb@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 31st 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 13th 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 before Sunday, January 11th 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	262-347-8652	jaburish29@gmail.com
Mar 10	Child Ministry	414-771-4626	marynikl@stjoetosa.com
Apr 14	St. Joe's Day School		matuszakj@stjosephschooltosa.com
May 12	Michelle & Jim Canes	262-790-1757	canesmichelle5@gmail.com



A Women's Christmas 2026

After the long Advent wait, how quick we are to dismantle anything Christmas after December 25th 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

For questions contact Mary MacGillis at macmablum@yahoo.com or 414-378-8334



MEN'S GROUP



***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 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. 1st Presenter shares a Saint Bio (Saint of your choice)
- e. 2nd Presenter shares a Reflection (on one of Sunday's Mass Readings)
Readings for Sunday the 18th 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 Confirma-
tion 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

Parish Life Presents

SOUP & CHILI COOK-OFF

**JANUARY 24TH
5PM
PARISH HALL**



ENJOY DELICIOUS SOUPS AND CHILIS
PREPARED BY OUR 17 TALENTED CHEFS.
CAST YOUR VOTE AND HELP CROWN THE WINNERS!

Sign up via QR code or by calling the parish office by January 12th
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

Children 3 and under free.

Accepting cash, check or card.

BEER AND WINE AVAILABLE
FOR FREE WILL DONATION

HOT DOGS WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR KIDS
AT NO ADDITIONAL COST

WATER, SODA AND DESSERTS
FOR SALE
TO SUPPORT THE 8TH GRADE TRIP.

QUESTIONS?
CONTACT ERIN MURPHY
EPITTERLE@YAHOO.COM





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 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, Bryanna VanVreede, at 414-771-5577 or vanvredeb@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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