

# St. Joseph Congregation

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

JESUS TOLD HIS DISCIPLES  
A PARABLE TO SHOW THEM

*they should always  
pray & not give up.*

LUKE 18:1

October 19, 2025

*Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Mass Schedule:

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

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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.

### 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 the first Thursday of the month.

### Anointing of the Sick:

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

*Anointing may also be done by appointment.*

*Please call the Parish Office.*



St. Joseph Bereavement Ministry invites you, your family, and friends, to join us as we remember our loved ones who have died.

## **Mass of Remembrance**

**Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 10:00am**

All are welcome to join us!



### **HUMAN CONCERNS COAT COLLECTION**



When cleaning out your closets or purchasing new winter outerwear, keep in mind that during October through March, gently used winter coats, jackets, scarves, gloves, mittens and hats are collected on a clothes rack, which will be in the Welcome Center. These articles are donated and delivered to those in need in and around our community. The items should be clean and in good condition.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

| Mass Intentions      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Be Persistent in Prayer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Readings of the Week | <b>Monday, October 20th</b><br>7:35am      Rosary<br>8:15am      † Polly Crandall                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>The four pillars of parish stewardship are hospitality, prayer, formation, and service. Today's readings show us the immense value of prayer and the privileged place it must have in our individual lives and in our parish community.</p> <p>Our Lord Himself calls us to prayer — and persistence in prayer — in the Gospel passage from Luke. Jesus tells the parable of the nagging widow who finally wears down the judge with her unrelenting persistence in her pursuit of a just ruling from him on her behalf. Jesus goes to great lengths to describe this judge, saying he “neither feared God nor respected any human.” Yet even this corrupt judge responds with a just judgment because of the widow’s persistence.</p> <p>Jesus uses this outlandish example to draw a vivid contrast between a reluctant, dishonest judge and our loving, all-merciful Father. If even a bad judge will give a good result in response to a persistent request, how much more (infinitely more) eagerly and perfectly will our good Father respond to our persistent prayers to Him.</p> <p>If he delays in responding, if he provides a different response from the one we were expecting, we can remain confident and trusting in His goodness, knowing that His response, whenever it comes and in whatever form, will be the very best one for us.</p> <p>Our job then, as Christian stewards, is simply to remain faithful to our relationship with God through prayer. We must lean on each other in our communities — family and parish — as we support each other in prayer. A strong pillar of prayer will make all our other stewardship efforts fruitful.</p> <p>-copyright: Catholic Stewardship Consultants,<br/> <a href="http://www.CatholicSteward.com">www.CatholicSteward.com</a></p> |
|                      | <b>Tuesday, October 21st</b><br>7:30am      The Patriotic Rosary<br>8:00am      Perpetual Help<br>8:15am      † Aloys Hospel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                      | <b>Wednesday, October 22nd</b><br>7:35am      Rosary<br>8:15am      Holy Souls in Purgatory                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                      | <b>Thursday, October 23rd</b><br>No Mass                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                      | <b>Friday, October 24th</b><br>7:35am      Rosary<br>8:15am      † Barb Searing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                      | <b>Saturday, October 25th</b><br>3:00pm      Reconciliation<br>4:00pm      Our Parish Family                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                      | <b>Sunday, October 26th</b><br>7:00am      Reconciliation<br>8:00am      † Art Fink<br>† Joan Zidek<br>10:30am    † Ginny & Don Wheir<br>† Fahed Raad                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                      | <b>Monday:</b> Rom 4:20-25; (Ps) Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21<br><b>Tuesday:</b> Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38<br><b>Wednesday:</b> Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48<br><b>Thursday:</b> Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53<br><b>Friday:</b> Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Lk 12:54-59<br><b>Saturday:</b> Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9<br><b>Sunday:</b> Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14 |  <p><i>Congratulations on<br/>your Baptism</i></p> <p><b>Grace Joanna</b></p> <p>Daughter of<br/>Jeffrey &amp; Christine<br/>Stefanik</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |



### 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*

Michelle Adams, Loretta Bannach, Connie Borden,  
Christine Brady, Chris Burk, Phil Cashill,  
Margaret Christman, Dennis Cimpl, Marian Cochrane,  
Katy Connors, Donna Drake, Marge Fandre,  
Jane Foxgrover, Jeanne Fuchs, Josefina Gallegos,  
Cameron Gonring, Amy Grahovac, Jenny Grosschadl,  
Diane Haase, Bruce Henning, Barb Hesselbein,  
Alex Holmes, Charles Jacoby, Jim Janette,  
Janice Kampschroer, Joyce Keller, Janet Klein,  
Don Kresse, Richard Kroscher, Doug Kruse,  
Mark Mayer, Sue McCauley, Tom McElwee,  
Margaret Mehigan, Shawn Munch, Loren Norstrom,  
Luis Rodriguez, Dan Rooney, Carol & Lee Smaglick,  
Rita Stevens, 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.

### *Belize Buzz*

As we celebrate World Mission Sunday next weekend, we take a moment to update you all on our twinning parish, St. Peter Claver, in Punta Gorda, Belize.

The 3,800 mile cross country bike ride to fund Catholic Education in Belize is completed!! Father Matt Ruhl, pastor of our twinning parish, and his 3 companions finished the ride October 1st. The Santa Monica pier in California was the final stop. Father was smiling as he finished. See the picture. He and his fellow riders raised their bikes overhead and stepped into the Pacific Ocean.

Donations can continue. It was just a year ago St. Joe's helped to raise funds for the ride at the "Beer, Brats and Belize dinner. Contributions can continue to be made to the website: [lighthouseridebelize.org](http://lighthouseridebelize.org) or the Jesuits in St. Louis, MO.



**Lighthouse Ride Belize**  
Cycling For Catholic Education in Belize







*From the Desk of Father Justin*

As I've been saying for a while, this weekend is a rather significant one for our church and school "togetherness," with our Catholic Schools Walk and Trunk or Treat falling on the same day. Our school theme is "We Are One," which is certainly consistent with all that's going on now. Good times.

All that brought to mind the fact that we're sprucing up our mission statement for the parish. While we continue to peck away at the exact wording and phrasing, we're certainly to stick to the idea that our parish is comprised of four things: prayer/liturgy/sacraments, formation, service, and community. The first one is tricky to pin down, because prayer can be done by anyone and in a variety of ways. Liturgy is anything that is group worship (involving two or more people), and the Sacraments are essentially the seven major ways we express and celebrate our faith as Catholics. For our mission statement, it's been hard to pin one down over the other two.

In any case, formation is anything that involves religious education. That includes everything we do in the school, religious education on Sundays, and anything we offer for an adult to deepen their faith and understanding of God. Service is the collection of good works we do, as a response to our faith. Finally, community sums up all that we do, where we celebrate and rejoice in one another's company: after all, being together is a good thing, even if we're not doing any kind of good works or learning anything new.

So that brings me to the question for you all to ponder for the rest of the day. Of these four things that make up the reality of a Catholic parish, which one is most important to you? I realize that true and healthy faith requires all four things in some capacity, but surely we all gravitate to one over the other three. Are you the kind of person who deeply links your faith to your prayer life or Sunday Mass? Is your greatest thrill as a Catholic the deepening of your knowledge of God, Christ, and the history of the Church? Or perhaps you're one of the many people who's best when you're "praying with your hands," and expressing your love for Christ in what you do for others. Finally, for some folks, it's all about being together and loving one another as Christ commanded us.

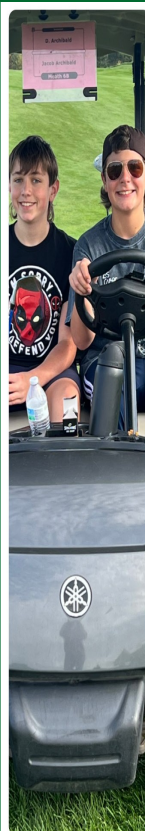
I can't tell you what my personal answer is. If I wrote down my answer this instant, I'd probably want to change it later tonight. Nevertheless, I believe it's a worthy thing for all of us to bring to our prayer life. What part of Christian life is most in-line with you, as an individual? Think it over, but never forget that all four things have their time and place in our lives!

Peace,  
Father Justin

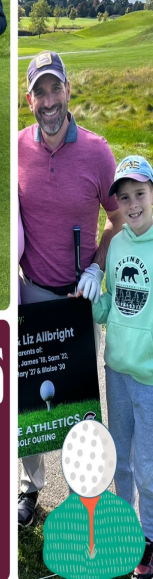


Have you noticed our new presider chair and accompanying side chairs in the sanctuary? These beautiful chairs were gifted to us with money from the Knights of Columbus in memory and in honor of our late pastor Fr. Jerry Hudziak. They were ordered in January and just arrived. They will always be a gentle reminder of a wonderful man and priest. We are grateful to the Knights of Columbus for this most generous gift!

Thank you to all who attended and supported the 2025 Golf Outing to support our St. Joe's Athletic Association!



**St. Joseph  
Athletics  
Association  
Golf Outing  
2025!**





# October Baby Shower

## To benefit the Women's Care Center of Milwaukee Crib Club Wish List



### High need items:

- Diapers (sizes 4 to 7), Pull Ups
- Baby wipes (unscented)
- Clothing – preemie to 5T  
(All seasons, including onesies and socks)
- Baby toiletries  
(shampoo, lotion, diaper rash cream)

Throughout the month of October, we will have collection boxes available in the school hall and in the Welcome Center. Please place your **new, unwrapped items** in these collection boxes. Items will benefit the Women's Care Center Crib Club Store, which provides baby essentials free of charge to moms in need.

Additional option for donations:

- \$25 Gift cards (Pick 'N Save or Visa)

Please drop off at Parish Office or email Lynne Herro: [lynneherro@gmail.com](mailto:lynneherro@gmail.com) with gift card questions.

### Other needed items:

- Baby sleepers (sleep sacks)
- Baby and toddler books
- Baby bottles, pacifiers, teething toys
- Band-Aids, Neosporin
- Baby manicure kits
- Feeding supplies (sippy cups, spoons, bibs)
- Burping pads and receiving blankets
- Baby carriers/ slings
- Diaper bags
- Breast pads and nursing pillows (boppy pillows)
- Umbrella strollers
- Baby bouncers and swings
- High chairs

Bless you for your generosity!

--The Respect Life Committee

Amazon Gift Registry



Gift Registry items are delivered directly to the Women's Care Center of Milwaukee

WOMEN'S CARE CENTER





## Upcoming Activities at St. Joseph's:

### Monday, October 20

9:30am-11:00am: First Fruits in St. Joseph Room  
 3:00pm-8:00pm: Volleyball Practice in Gym  
 6:30pm-8:00pm: First Fruits in St. Joseph Room

### Tuesday, October 21

9:00am-10:30am: St. Luke Bible Study in St. Joseph Rm  
 3:00pm-9:00pm: Volleyball Practice in Gym  
 4:00pm-9:00pm: BARCEL Violin in Music Rm  
 6:30pm-8:00pm: Endowment Committee in St. Joseph Rm  
 6:30pm-8:00pm: "Who Are We Called to Be?" Speaker  
 in Church  
 7:00pm-8:00pm: Pilgrims on the Road to Emmaus  
 in St. John Rm

### Wednesday, October 22

8:00am-11:00am: St. Faustina in St. Matthew Rm  
 3:00pm-9:00pm: Volleyball Practice in Gym  
 3:15pm-4:15pm: Math Club in Classroom III  
 3:15pm-4:00pm: Girl Scout Daisies 37999 in Library  
 5:00pm-7:00pm: Playpen Sports in Field

### Thursday, October 23

3:00pm-7:00pm: Volleyball Practice in Gym  
 5:00pm-10:00pm: Volleyball Tournament in Gym  
 6:30pm-8:00pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal in Church

### Friday, October 24

5:30pm-9:30pm: Volleyball Games in Gym

### Saturday, October 25

6:25am-8:00am: Men's Group in Hall  
 8:00am-Noon: BARCEL Violin in Music Room  
 8:30am-10:30am: Art & Environment in Church  
 8:30am-1:30pm: Volleyball Games in Gym  
 8:30am-9:30am: 4th Grade Girls vs. St. Jude  
 9:30am-10:30am: 4th Grade Girls vs. Corpus Christi  
 10:30am-11:30am: 5th Grade Girls vs. St. Jude  
 12:30pm-1:30pm: 8th Grade Girls vs. St. Margaret Mary  
 9:00am-Noon: Playpen Sports in Field

### Sunday, October 26

9:00am-10:15am: Religious Education Classes  
 1:00pm-6:00pm: Volleyball Tournament in Gym  
 4:00pm-5:30pm: Religious Education Confirmation  
 Classes in St. Mary Rm  
 4:00pm-5:30pm: Adult Confirmation OCIA  
 in St. Joseph Rm  
 6:00pm-7:30pm: Handbells in Music Rm

## News/Events around the Archdiocese of Milwaukee:

# MASS OF *Thanksgiving*



## CELEBRATION OF ARCHBISHOP JEFFREY S. GROB RECEIVING THE PALLIUM IN ROME

With grateful hearts, let us come together  
 in thanksgiving to God for the unity of the  
 Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the Holy See  
 made visible in this sign bestowed by Pope Leo XIV.

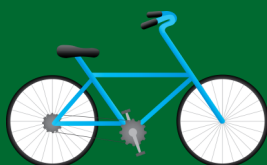
## Monday, November 3, 2025

### 6 p.m. Mass

CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
 812 N. Jackson Street, Milwaukee, Wis.

*Reception following Mass in Atrium*

The Rummage Sale is expanding its "aluminum can collection" to include  
 BRASS and COPPER. Please leave outside the garage doors.



SPECIAL BIKE COLLECTION...leave BIKES between  
 the garages...our goal is 70 bikes. Ask everyone you  
 know to donate their old bikes so they can be repaired  
 and cleaned.





**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](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, Bryanna VanVreede, at 414-771-5577 or [vanvredeb@stjosephschooltosa.com](mailto:vanvredeb@stjosephschooltosa.com)

**Learn more about our day school at [stjosephschooltosa.com](http://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](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**

**Restaurant And Lounge Open For Lunch And Dinner**  
**Stop by our Lounge for Sandwich Or**  
**Enjoy a Steak In Our Dining Room!**  
**3041 North Mayfair Rd**  
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 Dr. David J. Foti

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 Dr. Felicia Toy

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