

*December 28, 2025*



## St. Joseph Congregation

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

# *THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH*

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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School Office 414-771-5577

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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 Thursday, January 1st at 6:30pm in the Chapel.

Anointing of the Sick:

Anointing will take place on Friday, January 2nd and Saturday, January 3rd at the 8:15am Mass.

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

Mass Intentions		Family is the “Domestic Church”
Monday, December 29th		<p>As we continue our celebration of the Christmas season, today’s feast of the Holy Family invites us to reflect on the gift and calling of family life. The Church calls the family the “domestic church,” the place where our faith takes root — and where the stewardship virtue of hospitality begins.</p> <p>Why is hospitality vital to family life? Because our homes should be a place of love, welcome, and restoration. We can’t expect to grow in prayer, service, or faith if our home atmosphere is disconnected or tense. Though no family is perfect, we must intentionally create homes where everyone feels loved and valued.</p> <p>Our readings offer practical wisdom. In the Book of Sirach, we hear about the blessings that come when children respect their parents — and when adult children lovingly care for their aging parents. Respect and tenderness build a home filled with unity and peace.</p> <p>St. Paul’s Letter to the Colossians offers even more insight. He reminds us that each family member is “God’s chosen one,” and urges us to “put on” compassion, kindness, humility, and patience — even when we may not feel like it. These small, daily acts of love foster true hospitality at home, which then extends to the wider community.</p> <p>The Holy Family, too, knew hardship. As today’s Gospel reminds us, they faced danger, displacement, and uncertainty. Yet Mary and Joseph remained faithful, trusting in God’s plan. They are powerful intercessors for our own families today.</p> <p>On this feast, may we recommit to making our homes places of love and welcome. Let’s honor God through the way we treat each other at home — with patience, forgiveness, and care.</p> <p>Happy Feast of the Holy Family to all who live the stewardship way of life!</p> <p>-copyright: Catholic Stewardship Consultants, <a href="http://www.CatholicSteward.com">www.CatholicSteward.com</a></p>
8:15am      † Larry Melig and † Jack Michl		
Tuesday, December 30th		
7:30am      The Patriotic Rosary		
8:00am      Perpetual Help		
8:15am      † Janet McKendry		
Wednesday, December 31st		
5:00pm      † Mary Peschel		
Thursday, January 1st—Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God		
9:00am      † Robert & Dolores Ostrowski		
Friday, January 2nd		
8:15am      † Robert & Dolores Ostrowski		
Saturday, January 3rd		
8:15am      † Deacon Art & Brian McManus		
4:00pm      Our Parish Family		
Sunday, January 4th		
7:00am      Reconciliation		
8:00am      † Robert & Dolores Ostrowski		
10:30am      † Michael Gryniewicz		
† Marian Wendler		
Readings of the Week	Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35	
	Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40	
	Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18	
	Thursday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21	
	Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28	
	Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98:1, 3c-6; Jn 1:29-34	
	Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12	
		
<u><a href="#">Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</a></u>		
Vigil—Wednesday, December 31st 5:00pm		
Mass—Thursday, January 1st 9:00am		
The parish office will be open until Noon on December 31st and closed on January 1st		





### 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, 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.

### January Usher Teams

*Usher teams 3, 6, and 9, you are scheduled for January ushering, starting the weekend of January 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.*

4:00 p.m. – Bruce & Kelly Cincotta, Brian Foley, Lee Neustedter, David Niles, Dave Tarman

8:00 a.m. – Mike Hartmann, Larry Henderson, Mike & Tim Kucharski, Chris Solberg

10:30 a.m. – Damian Cuellar, Bob Haas, Bret Holmes, Mont Martin, fill-ins

Eternal rest grant unto them...

*Our parishioners,  
Joseph Rehlinger  
&  
Robert Kult  
have passed away.*

Please keep their families and friends  
in your thoughts and prayers.

Your Human Concerns  
Committee would like to  
thank you for your generous  
food pantry donations,  
benefiting St. Rose.





### *From the Desk of Father Justin*

The Sunday after Christmas is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This is often an appropriate progression of the story following the glory of Christmas. While Mary and Joseph are a family on their own, The Holy Family is whole and complete upon the birth of Jesus. A few days ago for Christmas, my homily was all about how the future can seem truly terrifying at times. The pregnancy of Mary was a complicated development for both Mary and Joseph, and the future must have seemed daunting. However, they confronted that reality and welcomed Jesus into the world as husband and wife.

What happens next? Well, there are wise men and angels singing to shepherds and a few other moments that don't take all that much time. The next "major plot point" of the story is the flight to Egypt, where the family remains for some time. We don't know too much about their time there, but we know that they spent it as a family. As foreigners in a country with a very different culture and extremely few who shared their Jewish faith, their family togetherness was more important than ever. Truly, who did they have apart from one another?

Therein lies one of the great advantages of a healthy family life. Yes, we fight and bicker with family. If I didn't experience that myself, it's made perfectly clear in the confessional. As a matter of fact, I'll cast my vote for "fighting with siblings and/or dishonoring parents" as the most common sin brought up in the Sacrament: you can expect that particular sin to come from an eight-year-old as easily as an eighty-year-old!

Still, for all the fighting and disagreements along the way, a good family shines through when they need each other the most. When friendships or marriages end, when we get laid off from our job, or when we're just having a tough time, we turn to family. We gather as family in times of mourning as well as times of celebration. When people write books, who are most often dedicated to if not family?

As we celebrate the relatively short Season of Christmas (January 11<sup>th</sup> is the return to Ordinary Time), may you be grateful for your family – no matter how old you are or how far around the world you all may have scattered as the years have passed by. Forgive each others' failures and flaws. Appreciate one another as best as you can, for we are all made in the image of God. And do what you can to keep your family together as a foundation stone for your life. For amen amen, I say to you: when the winds blow and the rains come, the house that remains standing is the one built on solid rock.

Peace,  
Father Justin



*We are happy to welcome our newest member's to St. Joseph's:*

*Rhett & Michelle Nowotny*

*Peter & Jill Machi*

*The VanVreede Family*

*The Konopa Family*





# 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](mailto:vanvreedeb@stjosephschooltosa.com)

## 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)





# 2026 -2027\*

## Enrollment opens soon!

**Enrollment opens for current families on Monday, January 26th**

**Enrollment for new families begins, Monday January 2nd**



- Whole-Child Education
- Academic Rigor
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- Extra-Curricular Activities
- After School Care

**Schedule a tour today!**



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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.  
For questions contact Mary MacGillis at [macmablum@yahoo.com](mailto:macmablum@yahoo.com) or 414-378-8334

## WE ARE MEN OF THANKS

Our parish men's group,  
"Men of Saint Joseph-Tosa,"  
thanks all the men ages 20s-80s who attended our September-to-December  
Saturday morning breakfast meetings!



Our Winter semester starts **Saturday, January 17th, 6:15-8:00am**, Parish Hall, always with hot breakfast and a great video program. ALL MEN of the parish are welcome. Just show up! Our goal: 30 men!



St. Joseph Christian Women  
Invite you to attend "Ladies Night Out"



Join us for an evening of Good Friends, Good Food and Fun Opportunities!

**DATE: Wednesday, January 7th, 2026**  
**PLACE: Alioto's Restaurant – 3401 Mayfair Road**  
**TIME: 5:30 - Wine & Cheese Social**  
**6:30 - Dinner**

**MENU (Please select ONE)**

Chicken Parmesan  
with Pasta

Slow Roasted 12oz NY Strip Steak  
with a Baked Potato

Salmon  
with Angel Hair Pasta

*All dinners include a salad, Italian bread, coffee, tea or milk and a holiday dessert.*

**Cost: \$40.00 per person Advanced Reservations Only**  
**Deadline: Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**

**Checks Payable to: St. Joseph Christian Women**

Send to: Linda Slawinski (262-781-2515) 3180 San Juan Trail Brookfield, WI 53005

Cash Donations or Gift Cards may be dropped off at the Parish Office.

Thank you for your generosity!!

*Keep above portion as your reminder*

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Circle ONE Entrée Choice: Chicken Steak Salmon**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats at \$40.00 per person (Tables of 8 people)

I would like to sit with: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Parish Life Presents

# SOUP & CHILI COOK-OFF

**JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>  
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 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**

**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 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TRIP.**

**QUESTIONS?  
CONTACT ERIN MURPHY  
EPITTERLE@YAHOO.COM**



## Upcoming Activities at St. Joseph's:

### Monday, December 29

No Events

### Tuesday, December 30

No Events

### Wednesday, December 31

Parish Office Closing at Noon

### Thursday, January 1

Parish Office Closed

### Friday, January 2

No Events

### Saturday, January 3

9:00am-10:00am: Father Justin Table Talk in St. Joseph Rm

9:00am-11:00am: Art & Environment in Church

7:00pm-9:00pm: Layton Study Center in Gym

### Sunday, January 4

11:30am-1:30pm: Art & Environment in Church

Noon-1:30pm: One on One Milwaukee Basketball in Gym

3:30pm-4:30pm: St. Jude 4th Grade Open Gym in Gym

6:00pm-9:00pm: Spike Milwaukee Volleyball in Gym



## SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, January 11, 2026

The Knights of Columbus will host a very delicious pancake breakfast after the 8:00am and 10:30am Masses in the Parish Hall.

**Dave & Buster's Power Cards to Support St Joseph 8th Grade DC Trip**

50% Donated Back

SCAN

Great Christmas gifts for kids! They can burn some energy indoors over the winter months!

**Deadline to order January 15th**  
<https://grouprai.se/davebusters67636s>

GroupRaise + DAVE & BUSTER'S



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







**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**  
**414-476-6900**  
**Banquet Facilities Available**



  
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 Dr. Felicia Toy

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