

5th Sunday of Lent

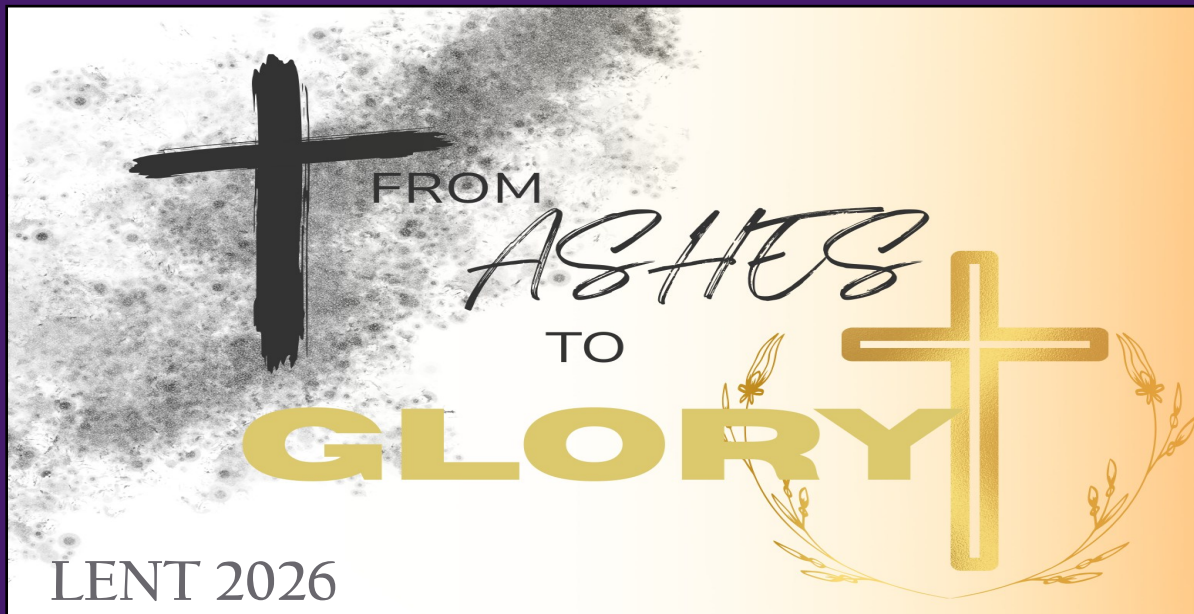
“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”

March 22, 2026



## 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

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.

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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 Saturday of the month at the 8:15am Mass.

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

Mass Intentions	
<b>Monday, March 23rd</b>	
7:35am	Rosary
8:15am	† Geraldine Kelly
<b>Tuesday, March 24th</b>	
7:30am	The Patriotic Rosary
8:00am	Perpetual Help
8:15am	† Shirley Louthan
<b>Wednesday, March 25th</b>	
7:35am	Rosary
8:15am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>Thursday, March 26th</b>	
No Mass	
<b>Friday, March 27th</b>	
7:35am	Rosary
8:15am	The sick of our Parish
<b>Saturday, March 28th</b>	
3:00pm	Reconciliation
4:00pm	Our Parish Family
<b>Sunday, March 29th—Palm Sunday</b>	
7:00am	Reconciliation
8:00am	† Bob Kult
10:30am	† Hugo & Anna Cossentino
	† Josephine & Bernardo Cossentino

Readings of the Week

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or Dn 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; (Ps) Jer 31:10-12d, 13; Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

**Intensify Our Lenten Resolutions**

At this point in our Lenten journey, it is tempting to grow weary of the spiritual disciplines we have taken on. Today's readings inspire us to remain faithful, in grateful response to a God who loves us so much.


In our first reading, the prophet Ezekiel speaks God's own words to us. "I will put my spirit in you that you may live... I have promised and I will do it, says the Lord." Our God wants to be so closely united to us that we are one with Him. And He has promised He will do it. But only if we make room for Him by making Him THE priority of our lives. Putting God first is a grateful response that is very pleasing to Him.

How can we do this? Our second reading, from Romans, tells us. "Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh... you are in the spirit if only the Spirit of God dwells in you."

The disciplines of Lent and a stewardship way of life are wonderful gifts that free us from too great an attachment to "the flesh." The sacrifices we make as Christian stewards are not meant to restrict our freedom and joy. Quite the contrary. They are tools to help us find the real freedom and joy that only come when we make room in our lives for God.

As we journey closer to the Passion of our Lord, let us intensify our Lenten resolutions and our stewardship way of life, inviting the Holy Spirit to take over more and more of our lives. By Easter, we will be freer to rejoice in Him and truly pleasing to God.

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**PALM SUNDAY**  
**Blessed is the king  
 who comes in the  
 name of the Lord.**  
 Luke 19:38

**Sunday,  
 March 29th**



**Early Bulletin Deadline!**

All bulletin articles for the  
**April 12th** bulletin  
will be due by Noon on March 30th.



### 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

### Ministry of the Sick Please take a moment to pray...

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

AnneLiese Bitzl, Connie Borden, Christine Brady, Chris Burk, Phil Cashill, Margaret Christman, Dennis Cimpl, Marian Cochrane, Katy Connors, Mary Diotte, JoAnn Doyle, Donna Drake, Laura Dundon, 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, Joy Kasun, 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, Dale Peterson, Luis Rodriguez, Dan Rooney, Paul Siverling, 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.

### Financial Update

July to February 2026; 8 months fiscal year to date

July to June

Month of February 2026

Regular	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	vs YTD Budget	Annual Budget	Actual	Budget	vs Budget
Total Revenue	\$ 1,896,033	\$ 1,829,742	\$ 66,291	\$ 2,619,345	\$ 325,632	\$ 310,177	\$ 15,455
Total Expenses	\$ 1,815,682	\$ 1,800,491	\$ 15,191	\$ 2,804,418	\$ 171,700	\$ 206,011	\$ (34,311)
Operating Profit	\$ 80,351	\$ 29,251	\$ 51,100	\$ (185,073)	\$ 153,932	\$ 104,166	\$ 49,766
<b>1 times</b>	\$ 385,064				\$ 72,000		

**Fiscal Year to Date (YTD)** - For the period July to February 2026, 8 months fiscal year to date, the parish had revenues of \$1,896,033, ahead of budget by \$66,291, primarily a result of the offertory revival program's favorable collections of \$88,196 offset by less tuition revenue of \$51,826, mostly Private. Over the same time frame, actuals expenses were \$1,815,682, which were slightly more than budget by \$15,191. At the bottom line, operating profit was \$80,351, \$51,100 better than expected.

**February** - For the month, our actual revenues of \$352,632 were better than expected by \$15,455 as a result of improved collections. Monthly expenses were \$171,700, better than expected by \$34,311, improvement was across all major expense categories. Overall, operating profit was \$153,932, or \$49,766 better than expected.

**1 times** - There were \$385,064 of 1 time favorable items during the first eight months of the fiscal year, including three significant capital contributions totalling \$197,000, five bequests totalling \$143,587 and fundraising of \$37,260 from the Summerfest work. We received a \$72,000 capital contribution in the month of February.



## From the Desk of Father Justin

Once more, like the week of our parish auction, I'm writing a bulletin article of my appreciation before the event itself. By the time you read this, Saint Joseph's Day has come and gone. But as these articles are due on Tuesday morning, these words are going on the page prior to Thursday's celebrations.

A patronal feast day is always a nice reason to come together: a chance to appreciate not only our worldwide Catholic faith but our own unique corner of the church – our parish of Saint Joseph Congregation. It really is something worthy of appreciation and celebration: it's a mix of so many things. Some things unite us to all Christians around the world regardless of color, class, language, or nationality. The "mere Christianity" as described by C.S. Lewis: if we're disciples of Christ, we must be ultimately on the same team in spite of our differences. Some things make us distinctly Catholic, primarily our practicing of the Sacraments. As we celebrate Saint Joe's, we celebrate our Eucharistic sacrifice as the same one that occurs at every hour of every day in Catholic churches around the world. And finally, we also celebrate the things that make us unique. For instance, there are the little things such as our 10:30 children's Liturgy of the Word. I personally feel that no two "children's Liturgy of the Word" are precisely the same. Of course, a parish is the people, and in that way, Saint Joe's is plainly different from any other place as people are not interchangeable. Just as there is only one of you (the reader), there is only one collection of people that makes up Saint Joe's in Tosa.

Thank you, all of you, for making up this assembly of faith. It is my honor to be here and serve as pastor, in spite of the challenges and difficult tasks along the way. It's worth it because it's work that leads to redemption and salvation. The work done in a parish is the most important work of all... even if it doesn't always feel that way. As we approach the third scrutiny this weekend: the promise and reality of eternal life in Christ, let us always remember the primary purpose of our faith: to know and love Christ with all our hearts and all our strength, and to love one another and our neighbor as ourselves. For that is nothing less than the road to the Kingdom of God, unbounded by time, space, sin, or death.

Whether you made it to Mass on Thursday or not, may God bless you for your devotion, and may Saint Joseph Congregation always be your spiritual home – especially when you need the grace of the Holy Spirit the most.

Peace,  
Father Justin



PALM SUNDAY



HOLY THURSDAY



GOOD FRIDAY



HOLY SATURDAY



EASTER SUNDAY

March 28/29th

4:00pm (Vigil)  
8:00am  
10:30am

April 2nd

7:00pm  
Night Prayer  
9:15pm in library  
*Church doors will be  
locked beginning  
at 10pm*

April 3rd

Morning Prayer  
8:15am in Chapel  
Passion of the  
Lord  
1:30pm  
Stations of the Cross  
following the service  
*Church doors will be  
unlocked at Noon*

April 4th

Morning Prayer  
8:15am in Chapel  
Blessing of  
Easter Food  
10:00am in Chapel  
Easter  
Vigil  
8:00pm

April 5th

8:00am  
10:30am



- † March 25<sup>th</sup>  
12-hours of Reconciliation  
at St. Dominic Church
- † March 27<sup>th</sup>  
Stations of the Cross  
6:30pm in Church
- † March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>  
Palm Sunday  
Mass at 4:00pm (Vigil), 8:00am & 10:30am

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of MILWAUKEE


*Pray, Reconcile & Rejoice*  
**DAY of**  
*Reconciliation*

**On Wednesday, March 25, 2026,**  
area priests will be available for the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11 parishes  
throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Scan the QR code or visit  
[qrc0.de/Reconciliation](http://qrc0.de/Reconciliation) for  
the full event schedule.

 Many thanks to all of you!

We are very appreciative of everyone who took the time to donate to our various almsgiving during our Lenten season. We collected a large amount of items to benefit MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary, Repairers of the Breach, Capuchin Community Services, and St. Rose Food Pantry!

**LENTEN  
FASTING &  
ABSTINENCE** 

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on and all Fridays of Lent.


Fasting is to be observed on Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age and are under 59 years of age. Those who are bound to this are to take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if needed to maintain strength according to one's needs but eating between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves for these prescribed minimal penitential practices

*Eucharist to the Homebound*

If you are planning to take communion to a loved one after Mass -

Before Mass, please leave your pyx (if you have one or we have pyx for you to use) on the table in the Center Street entrance. There you will find paper for you to write your name and number of hosts needed.

After Communion, Father will fill your pyx and call you forward. You will receive your pyx and a blessing to go forth.



Correction: Last week's bulletin referred to incorrect dates for the completion of our parish and school. The school building opened in August 1964, and the church was completed in 1970, with the first Mass celebrated on Thanksgiving Day of that year.

## Upcoming Activities at St. Joseph's:

### Monday, March 23

All day—Middle School Play set-up in Hall

12:30pm-3:00pm: Bereavement Committee  
in St. Matthew Rm

4:30pm-6:00pm: Softball Practice in Gym/Field

6:00pm-7:00pm: AST Elite Basketball AAU in Gym

7:00pm-9:00pm: Tosa West Basketball in Gym

### Tuesday, March 24

All day—Middle School Play set-up in Hall

9:00am-10:30am: St. Joseph Bible Study in St. Joseph Rm

4:00pm-9:00pm: BARCEL Violin in Music Rm

7:00pm-8:00pm: Pilgrims on the Road to Emmaus  
in St. John Rm

7:00pm-9:00pm: Tosa West Basketball Training in Gym

### Wednesday, March 25

All day—Middle School Play set-up in Hall

9:00am-11:00am: St. Faustina Small Group in St. Matthew Rm

3:15pm-4:15pm: Math Club in Classroom III

4:30pm-6:00pm: Softball Practice in Gym/Field

6:00pm-7:00pm: AST Elite Basketball AAU in Gym

7:00pm-9:00pm: Tosa West Basketball Training in Gym

### Thursday, March 26

9:30am-11:00am: Well Time in St. Mary Rm

1:00pm-2:00pm: Catholic Financial Life  
in St. Mary Rm

6:00pm-8:00pm: Cinderella Jr. Middle School  
Play in Hall

6:30pm-7:30pm: Stewardship Committee in St. Joseph Rm

6:30pm-8:00pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal in Church

7:00pm-8:00pm: St. Joseph Bible Study—Online



### Friday, March 27

6:00pm-8:00pm: Cinderella Jr. School Play in Hall

### Saturday, March 28

6:00am-8:00am: Men's Group in Hall & Kitchen

8:00am-Noon: BARCEL Violin in Music Rm

8:30am-10:30am: Art & Environment in Church

10:00am-1:00pm: Holy Week Rehearsal in Church

6:00pm-8:00pm: Cinderella Jr. Middle School Play in Hall

### Sunday, March 29—Palm Sunday

All day—Middle School Play take-down in Hall

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



## RUMMAGE SALE

### DATES!

#### Move In and Set Up

May 30 to June 5

#### Donations Received

June 6 to June 15

9am to 3pm

**NO SUNDAY HOURS**

#### Sale Dates

June 18, 9am to 5pm

June 19, 9am to 5pm

June 20, 9am to 2pm

- ◆ Please leave children's clothing, toys, adults & children's books in the Welcome Center.
- ◆ To donate furniture contact Fran, [dntolly@aol.com](mailto:dntolly@aol.com) Subject: Rummage
- ◆ **New this year— A "Women's Boutique", we need quality women's clothing!**
- ◆ The Rummage Sale is expanding its "aluminum can" collection to include **BRASS and COPPER. Aluminum cans cannot have contained food or been used for cooking.**
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ Currently collecting **FUR OR LEATHER COATS** and **STERLING SILVER**. Leave in the Welcome Center.
- ◆ **BIKES, BIKES, BIKES**—We would like to sell 60 bikes again this year—adult or kids—leave between the garages labeled "Rummage Sale".

## St. Joseph Catholic School Presents:

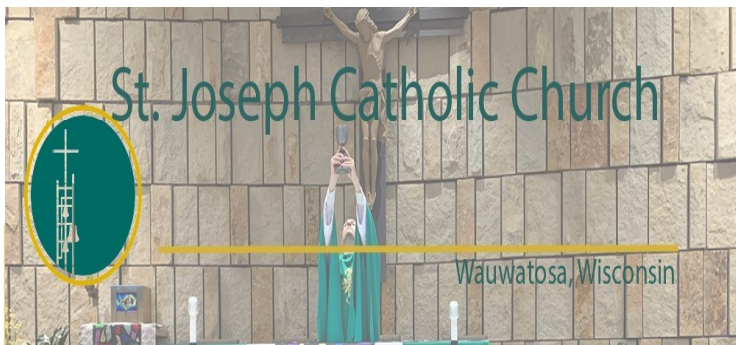
RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S

# Cinderella Jr.!

Tickets are \$10  
at the door!

Performances: March 26, 27 & 28 • 6:00 PM  
Parish/School Hall





# St. Joseph Catholic Church

Wauwatosa, Wisconsin



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

*We pray that our celebration of the Mass spiritually  
feeds you and that you feel welcome among us.*

Have questions about St. Joseph  
Congregation or the Catholic Church?  
We're happy to answer! Just contact  
Father Justin, Dennis Sylva, our Adult  
Minister, or the parish office (414) 771-4626.

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



## The Rummage Sale needs your help!

Do you know a charity that could pick up  
furniture at 2:00 PM on June 20th  
(the closing day of the rummage sale)?

Please contact Fran if you know of anyone  
who can assist: [dntolly@aol.com](mailto:dntolly@aol.com)

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Dr. Felicia Toy

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