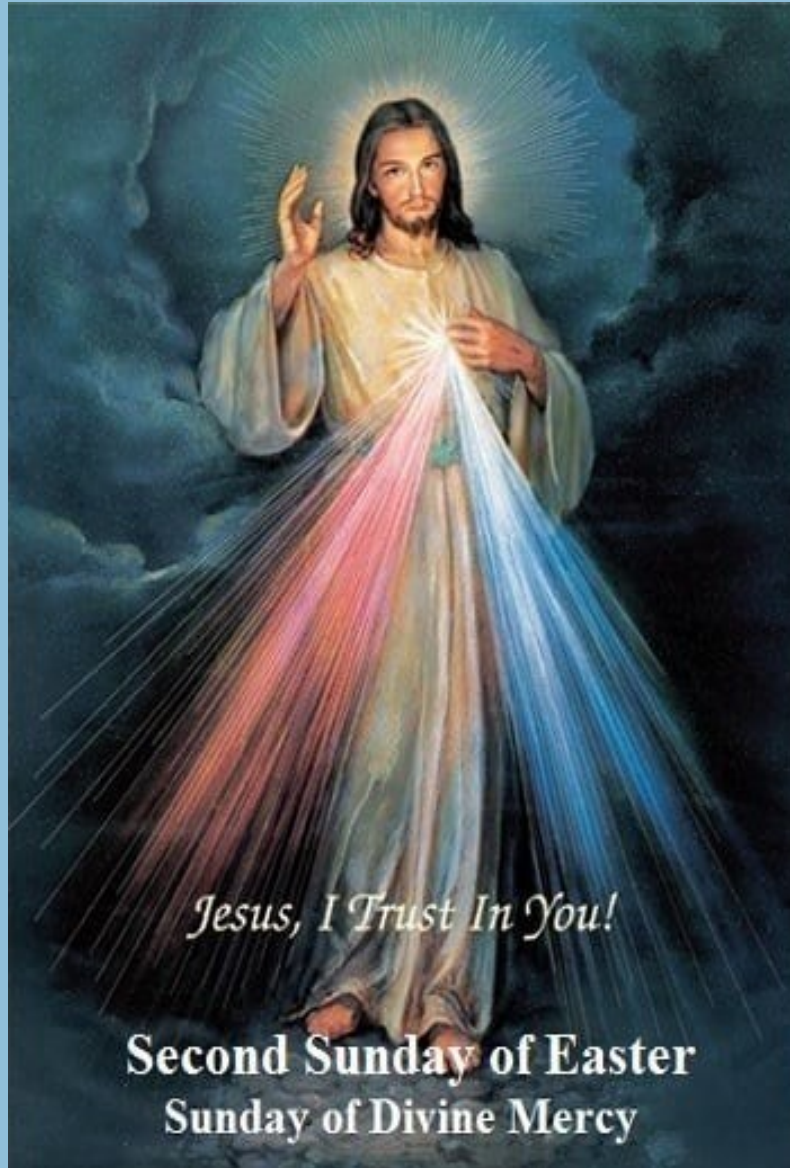


St. Joseph Congregation

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



April 12, 2026

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 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 the first Thursday of the month 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Chapel.

Anointing of the Sick:

Anointing of the Sick will take place 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	
Monday, April 13th No Mass	
Tuesday, April 14th	
7:30am	The Patriotic Rosary
8:00am	Perpetual Help
8:15am	Communion Services
Wednesday, April 15th	
7:35am	Rosary
8:15am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, April 16th No Mass	
Friday, April 17th	
8:15am	Communion Services Only
Saturday, April 18th	
3:00pm	Reconciliation
4:00pm	Our Parish Family
Sunday, April 19th	
7:00am	Reconciliation
8:00am	† Bob Kult
	† Eleanore Chudada
10:30am	† Richard & Theresa Lesniak
	Bart & Alison Wolf
	20th Wedding Anniversary

Beyond the Doubt

The Christian steward approaches life with an “Easter vision,” rooted in gratitude for the salvation our Lord has won for us through His death and Resurrection. Today’s readings on this Divine Mercy Sunday remind us that this vision is meant to shape our daily lives and that we can place complete trust in the mercy of God to lead us, step by step, toward heaven.

It can be difficult to keep our focus on heaven when earthly concerns — job stress, family struggles, health problems and political division — press in around us. At times, we can become like the Apostle Thomas in today’s Gospel, struggling to believe amid disappointment and uncertainty. Absent when Jesus first appeared to the other Apostles after the Resurrection, Thomas refused to accept their testimony that they had “seen the Lord.”

He insisted that he would not believe unless he placed his finger into the nail marks and his hand into Christ’s side. Yet Thomas’ doubts did not repel our Lord — they drew Him near in an extraordinary way. Jesus saw beyond the doubt to the pain beneath it. He did not condemn Thomas, but calmed his fears and invited him to touch His Sacred Wounds.

What amazing grace.

When we are tempted to doubt, we need only seek the Lord — in prayer, in the sacraments and through the encouragement of our Christian community. Just as He did for Thomas, our Lord will mercifully restore our Easter vision and fill us with His joy and peace.

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Readings of the Week

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35



“I would like to say to all, trust in the Lord, be apostles of Divine Mercy and follow the invitation and examples of Saint Faustina. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever”.

-Pope John Paul II

Jesus, I trust in You



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.

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.

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, 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 Norstrom, 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.



Food Pantry Needs

Your Human Concerns Committee would like to remind you that next weekend, **April 18th & 19th**, we will have our food collection benefiting **House of Peace**.

Donations can be left in the Welcome Center. Items must be non-perishable.

Please donate generously!



Church News

Get the St. Joseph bulletin delivered to your email inbox each Sunday morning!

These messages include a link to the bulletin, which can be read online or downloaded, along with an audio recording of the Sunday homily.

To take advantage of this service, send an email message to david.niles@stjoetosa.com.



From the Desk of Father Justin

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday to you all!

I happen to be out of the country at the moment. I'm enjoying my first visit to Italy – a long time coming, given my nearly 12 years of priesthood. It's 1/3 vacation, 1/3 continuing education, and 1/3 pilgrimage. Good food and a bit of tourism, a chance to work on my language skills (Italian in this case, obviously), and a chance to see some holy places that mean a great deal to my personal spirituality.

That brings me nicely along to Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy Sunday is one of the newest and powerful loves I have within the specifics of the Catholic Faith. Brought about by Saint Maria Faustina, Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday following Easter. It is a day when all Catholics have a unique opportunity to enter into the absolute beauty of God's love and mercy, provided they take the time for some devotionals, go to Sunday Mass, and make a good confession in a reasonably prompt fashion.

Heading out of town for this specific weekend was far from my first choice because a pastor should celebrate this Sunday with his people. I'm sorry that this was my only viable time to get away for a bit: it was either this or miss the parish auction and the school play. The right choice was pretty obvious when the two options were placed side-by-side. The plus side is that I have the privilege of attending Sunday Mass in Rome, at a little church by the name of La Chiesa di Santo Spirito. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for a priest in active ministry, and I'm going to take full advantage of it.

Please know that you're all with me in spirit and you're most certainly in my prayers this Sunday of all days. Please do your best to enter into the Mystery of Faith to the very best of your ability as we shift from the Octave of Easter to the later weeks of the Easter Season. Rejoice in the promise of salvation in Jesus Christ and trust always in the Lord's mercy. The sins we incur throughout life are absolutely nothing in the face of his tremendous love for us.

I'll be sure to share some notable Italian moments next week. For now, pray well. Trust in the Lord's mercy as you ask him to forgive you your trespasses as you forgive those who trespass against you.

In the words of Bishop Sklba: no matter where you go, and no matter what you do, may God be with you!

-Father Justin



Have you ever wanted to go on pilgrimage? If so, lace up your shoes and plan to walk all or part of the Green Bay Area annual 22 mile *Walk to Mary* on May 2. The Walk starts at the National Shrine of St. Joseph in De Pere and ends at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion where Mary appeared to Adele Brice who was recently declared a Servant of God. Walk with family and friends and meet other pilgrims along the way or just visit one or both shrines. What a great way to honor Our Lady in Her Month of May. To learn more about the Walk or to register go to walktomary.com. To learn more about the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion and scheduled Shrine events go to championshrine.org.



Congratulations to all those involved in the Middle School musical, Cinderella Jr! We are so proud of all of our students and appreciate all the hard work put in by students, parents, grandparents, and especially Mrs. Loth, Mrs. Greco, Mrs. Marshall and Ms. Thompson!



Cub Scouts, Scouts, and family members collected food for those in need! They handed out flyers requesting donations and the following week collected the food and delivered it to a local pantry!





All Men & Women Invited!

CONSOLING *the*
Heart of Jesus

A 10-Week Spiritual Journey

— 6:30 to 8 PM —

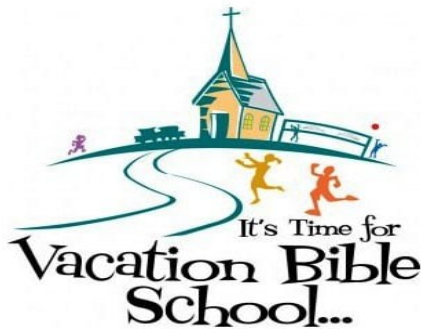
April 20, 27 | May 4, 11, 18, 25 | June 1, 8, 15, 22

This group retreat on the devotion to the Sacred Heart, follows Fr. Michael Gaitley's book *Consoling the Heart of Jesus* and its accompanying group-retreat program on Divine Mercy. Discover God's infinite mercy and learn how to console *His Heart* by accepting His love and trusting in Him completely.

📍 Parish Center – St. Joseph Room (Upstairs)

For questions or to join contact
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eallbright@gmail.com





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at St. Agnes Parish in Butler

An adventure you'll fall for!



New friends 🍃 Amazing experiments 🍃 Creative games
Super-fun snacks 🍃 Surprising adventures 🍃 Incredible music

Location: St. Agnes Parish & School, Butler

Save these dates: July 27 – 31, 2026

Each day's fun happens from: 9 a.m. – 12 noon

For more information, call: 262-781-6998

Register online here:





Join us for our annual parish rummage sale!

June 18th
9am to 5pm

June 19th
9am to 5pm

June 20th
9am to 2pm

Rummage Donations Received

June 6th to June 15th
9am to 3pm
NO SUNDAY HOURS

- * Please leave **children's clothing, toys, adults & children's books** in the Welcome Center.
- * To donate **furniture** contact Fran, 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. Leave 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”.

Play and Pray Donuts and Open Gym



April 19th

following 10:30 Mass



What is a Play and Pray Sunday?

Volunteers will lead a short reflection on Sunday readings by the gym for your kids while they enjoy their DONUTS!!!

All parish members have a chance to take a moment after mass to pray quietly and thank the Lord for his blessings

The gym will be open for the kids to burn off all their energy!

After your prayer join us for fellowship time in the parish hall!



Upcoming Activities at St. Joseph's:

Monday, April 13

- 5:00pm-7:00pm: Playpen Sports Academy in Field
5:00pm-7:00pm: Christian Women Rummage Sale Mtg
in Hall
5:45pm-7:30pm: Metro Volleyball Conference Mtg
in St. John Rm
7:30pm-8:30pm: Elite AST Basketball AAU in Gym

Tuesday, April 14

- 9:00am-10:30am: St. Joseph Bible Study in St. Joseph Rm
4:00pm-9:00pm: BARCEL Violin in Music, Library & Art Rm
6:30pm-8:30pm: Prayer & Worship Committee
in St. Mary Rm
7:00pm-8:00pm: Pilgrims on the Road to Emmaus
in St. John Rm
7:00pm-8:30pm: One on One Milwaukee Basketball in Gym
7:00pm-9:00pm: Catholic Financial Life Chapter 63 in Hall
8:30pm-9:30pm: Tosa West Basketball Training in Gym

Wednesday, April 15

- 6:30am-7:45am: St. Peters Stones Group
in St. Mary Room
9:00am-11:00am: St. Faustina Small Group
in St. Matthew Rm
3:15pm-4:00pm: Girl Scouts Troop 37999 in Library
3:15pm-4:15pm: Spanish Club in Spanish Rm
5:00pm-7:00pm: Playpen Sports in Field
7:30pm-8:30pm: Elite AST Basketball AAU in Gym
8:30pm-9:30pm: Tosa West Basketball Training in Gym

Thursday, April 16

- 1:00pm-2:00pm: Catholic Financial Life Chapter 216
in St. Mary Rm
3:15pm-4:30pm: Girl Scouts Troop 37642 in Library
6:00pm-7:00pm: Home & School Committee
in Teacher's Lounge
6:30pm-8:00pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal in Church
6:30pm-8:00pm: School Committee in Library
6:30pm-8:30pm: Buildings & Grounds Committee
in St. Joseph Rm
7:00pm-8:00pm: St. Joseph Bible Study Online
7:00pm-8:30pm: One on One Milwaukee Basketball
in Gym
8:30pm-9:30pm: Tosa West Basketball Training in Gym

Friday, April 17

No Events

Saturday, April 18

- 8:00am-Noon: BARCEL Violin in Music Rm
9:00am-Noon: Playpen Sports in Field
10:00am-Noon: First Communion Retreat in Church & Hall

Sunday, April 19

- Donut Sunday
11:30am-12:30pm: Pray & Play in Gym
4:00pm-5:30pm: Adult OCIA Confirmation in St. Joseph
4:00pm-6:00pm: Beyond Baptism—Offsite
4:30pm-6:00pm: Softball Practice in Field (Gym if needed)
4:00pm-6:00pm: Tosa West Basketball Training in Gym
5:30pm-8:00pm: Metro Volleyball Conference in Hall

Around the Archdiocese of Milwaukee:

Mass of Atonement

MONDAY, APRIL 20

ROSARY FOR HEALING
AND PROTECTION: 5:15 P.M.

MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP GROB: 6 P.M.

St. John the Evangelist

701 N. Lake Ave., Twin Lakes

*Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory
of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins,
for your name's sake. (Psalm 79:9)*

As we gather once again for the annual Mass of
Atonement, I invite you to join with me in turning
to our loving God in prayer. In our time together, we
will not only seek the grace of conversion for our
own hearts but ask for renewed spirits to continue the
work of healing within the Church on behalf of our
sisters and brothers most deeply affected by abuse.
May we actively participate in God's healing action.

- Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob



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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



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

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

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