

# Easter

April 5, 2026



*May the GLORY of the risen Lord  
fill your heart with joy!*

## 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.

St. Joseph Catholic School  
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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, April 9th 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Chapel.**

Anointing of the Sick:

**Anointing of the Sick will take place on Friday, April 10th at the 8:15am Mass and Saturday, April 11th at the 8:15am Mass.**

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

Mass Intentions	
<b>Monday, April 6th</b> No Mass	
<b>Tuesday, April 7th</b> 7:30am The Patriotic Rosary 8:00am Perpetual Help 8:15am Communion Services	
<b>Wednesday, April 8th</b> 7:35am Rosary 8:15am Theresa Nguyen & Ronald Jones	
<b>Thursday, April 9th</b> No Mass	
<b>Friday, April 10th</b> 8:15am Laly & Napoleon (†) Quejada Wedding Anniversary	
<b>Saturday, April 11th</b> 8:15am † Thomas Heun 3:00pm Reconciliation 4:00pm † Jerry & Joanne Olski † Harold & Florence Schneider	
<b>Sunday, April 12th</b> 7:00am Reconciliation 8:00am Our Parish Family 10:30am † Lori Kurz † Tom & Julie Novotny	

Readings of the Week

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15b, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15

**Sunday:** Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

**The Most Powerful Testimony**

The great feast of Easter has begun, Christian stewards. Let us rejoice and be glad! Just as we embraced the discipline and fasting of Lent, let us fully embrace the joy and feasting that the next 50 days offer. We are called to be good stewards of the Easter season.

Our first reading, from Acts, gives instruction on how to do this. Here, St. Peter says that our Lord, “commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead... that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

How do we ordinary people preach and testify to all God has done? We do so through how we live our ordinary lives — through the intentional use of our time, talent, and treasure for the kingdom of God. Putting God and others ahead of ourselves in every aspect of our lives is the most eloquent preaching we can do. Boldly and joyfully embracing a stewardship way of life is our most powerful testimony.

As Christian stewards, we are the modern-day witnesses of an incredible miracle prompted by unfathomable love — the death and Resurrection of our Savior for us. Let us rejoice and be glad and let’s make sure our lives are a testimony to this amazing grace!

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We extend a heartfelt thank you to our parishioners and guests for joining us in the joyful celebration of Easter Mass! It is a true blessing to gather together in faith and hope as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.

If you are new or looking to get more involved, we invite you to visit our website ([www.stjoetosa.com](http://www.stjoetosa.com)) to learn more about our parish and opportunities to connect and serve.

May the joy of Easter continue to fill your hearts and homes in the weeks ahead. We look forward to seeing you again soon!





### 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...*

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, Aggie Green, 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.

*We are overjoyed to welcome those who were baptized and confirmed during this year's Easter Vigil. Through the waters of baptism and the sealing of the Holy Spirit, you have been fully initiated into the body of Christ and our parish family.*



*Your journey of faith is an inspiration to us all. We look forward to walking alongside you as you continue to grow in grace and share your unique gifts with our community.*



## *From the Desk of Father Justin*

Happy Easter to you all. He is risen, alleluia alleluia!

This glorious day is what it's all about. This is the critical pinpoint moment that is The Mystery of Faith: the resurrection of Christ. We only understand Christmas through the lens of Easter. We understand the reality of sin, suffering, and the struggle of good over evil... only with the truth of Easter Sunday firmly in our hearts and minds.

What exactly makes Easter so critical, you ask? I'll tell you right now: it doesn't have anything to do with bunnies or chocolate eggs. Pastel colors, spending time with family, and appreciating the natural beauty of spring are all lovely things... but they have very little to do with what Easter really is. After all, I had a great and powerful Easter experience in 2007 while in Africa, and I had none of the things mentioned above.

No. Easter is the definitive moment when Jesus makes it clear to the world that He is exactly who He claims to be. When you enter into the mystery of Easter, when you *live* the mystery of Easter as a true disciple, you possess a definitive reason to believe and understand the following:

- Life is difficult and painful, even for God.
- Death does not win in the end.
- Christ, specifically, is more powerful than death itself.
- He died not for any fault of his, but for yours and mine: he was as literal a sacrifice as there can be.
- What comes after our earthly life is not less than our current life; what comes next is more than our current life.
- The gifts and glories of Christ are free gifts, but they must be accepted with gratitude.
- Easter is not the end of everything but rather the start of a new chapter of history: there is still more to do and we are called to be a people active in the world.

Go ahead and think about how difficult it would be for us, as Christians, to understand anything on that list if we were deprived of Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension. Imagine that Christ said some wise stuff, healed a few sick folks, had a Last Supper with his friends, and then just quietly left Jerusalem. The story takes a very different tone, doesn't it?

I'll say it again. When you have absolutely no conception of what Easter is and why it's important, that fact will shape the way you see the world. The world is dark and violent, human nature is not to be trusted, and a human life has no particular value apart from the labor it's capable of producing. Forgiveness is for the weak and morality is relative. When you understand Easter, you also better understand the world. The world is good and life is a precious gift. Human nature is flawed yet redeemed. A human being automatically has value and dignity. Forgiveness is the mark of a truly wise person. Morality is not relative but is defined by our participation of God's law and His love.

I love Easter, and I hope you do too. Easter is an invitation to enter into a true relationship with God through Christ and the Holy Spirit, and that relationship can and will shape every moment and every decision of our lives for the better. Christ's love is a free gift, but it must be willingly accepted. May you spend this great day, and the following week, in a spirit of gratitude toward Christ... and also with a spirit of love, compassion, and forgiveness for those you share your life with.

Happy Easter to each and every one of you,

Father Justin

Our church is decorated with Easter flowers that were gifted in  
memoriam for the following people:

Thank you for your generosity.

In Memoriam we remember:

\*Mike Mantey

\*Rhea Navis

\*James & Merel Green

\*Departed of the Bukowski Family

\*Deceased members of the Fitzgerald and DePons Families

\*Tom Wisniewski

\*Dr. John & Marion Wisniewski

\*Jim & Helen Powers

\*Deacon Art & Brian McManus

\*Finnegan Eisner

\*Michael Grynowicz

\*Murphy/Verhagen Family

\*Dermody/Kresse Family

\*Malson & Patin Families

\*Birschbach/Puls Families

\*Dick Papen

\*Jim Schrader

\*Gladys Coyne

\*William, Marjorie & Jeffrey Bakula

\*My Parents—Jim & Dorothy Roettgers

\*Allen & Marcella Egide

\*Edward VanCaster

\*Louis VanCaster

\*Bob & Lois Stevenson

\*Delores McCarthy & Family

\*John & Ann Van Gilder

\*Janet & Bill Keller

\*Donald Filtz

\*Mike Nunemaker

\*Eleanore & John Chudada Jr.

\*Betty & Owen McCrudden

\*Genevieve & Herb Scholz

\*Jo Mooney

\*John Christman

\*Catherine & William Graham

\*Beccavin & Nolan Families

## Upcoming Activities at St. Joseph's:

### Monday, April 6

- 4:00pm-8:00pm: St. Vincent de Paul—Offsite  
5:00pm-7:00pm: Playpen Sports Academy in Field  
7:30pm-8:30pm: Elite AST Basketball AAU in Gym

### Tuesday, April 7

- 8:00am-Noon: Mailing in Parish Center Conference Rm  
9:00am-10:30am: St. Joseph Bible Study in St. Joseph 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  
8:30pm-9:30pm: Tosa West Basketball Training in Gym

### Wednesday, April 8

- 6:30am-7:45am: St. Peters Stones Group in St. Mary Room  
9:00am-11:00am: St. Faustina Small Group in St. Matthew Rm  
5:00pm-7:00pm: Playpen Sports in Field  
6:30pm-8:30pm: Buildings & Grounds Committee  
in St. Joseph Rm  
7:30pm-8:30pm: Elite AST Basketball AAU in Gym  
8:30pm-9:30pm: Tosa West Basketball Training in Gym

### Thursday, April 9

- 8:30am-9:45am: Sandwich Ministry in Kitchen  
9:30am-11:00am: Well Time in St. Mary Rm  
6:30pm-8:00pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal in Church  
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 10

- 6:30pm-9:00pm: Sheepshead in Hall

### Saturday, April 11

- 6:00am-8:00am: Men's Group in Hall & Kitchen  
8:00am-Noon: BARCEL Violin in Music Rm  
9:00am-Noon: Playpen Sports in Field  
4:00pm-6:00pm: Tosa West Basketball Training in Gym

### Sunday, April 12

- 9:00am-10:15am: Religious Education Classes  
10:30am-11:30am: Youth Mass  
4:00pm-5:30pm: Religious Education Confirmation  
in St. Mary Rm  
4:00pm-5:30pm: Adult OCIA Confirmation in St. Joseph Rm  
4:00pm-6:00pm: Tosa West Basketball Training in Gym



Join us at 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](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. 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”.



## 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  
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Learn more about our day school  
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## 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)

### Restaurant And Lounge Open For Lunch And Dinner

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