



St. Joseph Congregation

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

May 24, 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 | Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00am-3:30pm, Friday 8:00am-12:00pm

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

Anointing of the Sick:

Anointing of the Sick will take place on 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, May 25th—Memorial Day

7:35am Rosary
8:15am † Shirley Louthan

Tuesday, May 26th

7:30am The Patriotic Rosary
8:00am Perpetual Help
8:15am † Rita & Lawrence Konkel

Wednesday, May 27th

7:35am Rosary
8:15am Clarice Hochhaus

Thursday, May 28th

No Mass

Friday, May 29th

7:35am Rosary
8:15am † David V. Foley Jr.

Saturday, May 30th

3:00pm Reconciliation
4:00pm Our Parish Family

Sunday, May 31st

7:00am Reconciliation
8:00am † Florence & Joe Wuerl
The Nancy Leknes (†) Family
10:30am John Fischer
Maya Novotny & Family

The Holy Spirit as Our Guide

Throughout our readings today for Pentecost Sunday, we see the powerful truth that the Holy Spirit gives us gifts and guidance in a deeply personal way. We are meant to use these gifts to build up the Body of Christ — each in our own unique way.

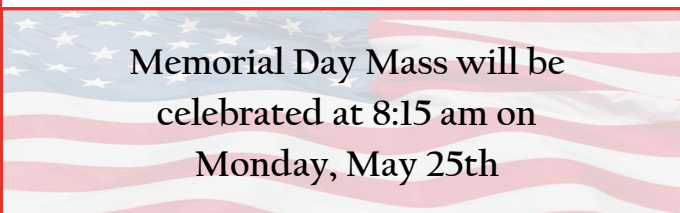
In our first reading from Acts, we hear of the dramatic outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. A strong driving wind filled the house, and tongues of fire came to rest on each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues.

Notice how personal this moment is. The Spirit came upon each individual, equipping them in a unique way to share the Gospel. The same is true for us today. Embracing the stewardship way of life means allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us in using the unique gifts He has given to each of us for the mission entrusted to us.

In our Gospel, Jesus sends His disciples forth: “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” This is our mission as well. But we are not sent alone. Jesus gives us His peace — “Peace be with you.”

As this Easter season comes to a close, let us be at peace and resolve to rely more fully on the Holy Spirit as our guide through the stewardship way of life.

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**Memorial Day Mass will be
celebrated at 8:15 am on
Monday, May 25th**

Readings of the Week

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;
Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Ps 100:2-5;
Mk 10:46-52

Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13; Ps 96:10-13; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25; Ps 63:2-6;
Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; (Ps)Dn 3:52-55;
2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

Prayer for Memorial Day

God of power and
mercy,

Keep in your mercy
those men and women
who have died in the
cause of freedom and
bring them safely into
your kingdom
of justice and peace.

Amen.

— Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

Reminder: The Parish Office will be closed at Noon on Fridays until after Labor Day weekend.



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 Bitztl, 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, Robert Traglia, 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.



Friends, Flip-Flops and Faith

Join us for Firstfruit's Summer Book Club.

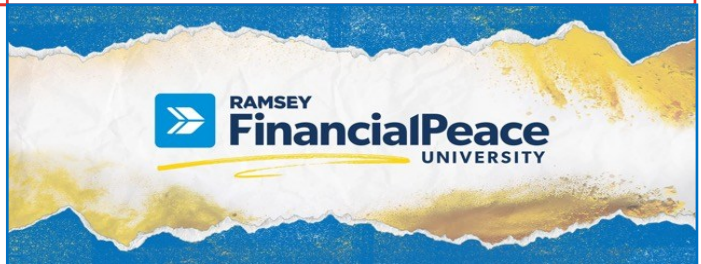
The book we will be discussing is *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* by Joanna Weaver.

Monday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm on July 13, 20, 27, Aug 3, 10, 17 in St. Joseph Room or weather permitting we will meet outside in the Rosary Garden.

Registration deadline is July 3.

Cost of book: \$10

To register contact Nikki in the parish office at 414-771-4626. For Questions contact Mary MacGillis at macmablum@yahoo.com or 414-378-8334.



Sign up to join the Financial Peace University summer series— information can be found on the St. Joseph website:

<https://www.stjoetosa.com/fpu>



A sign up can be found on that website (scroll to the bottom) or use the QR Code above.

Meetings will take place on Tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm beginning June 9th with location TBA.



From the Desk of Father Justin

As one final mention here in the bulletin, I am still looking for nominations for one trustee and the pastoral council. I know this isn't the most exciting part of parish life, and we've had a lot of other things taking up our attention in the past few weeks, but the pastoral council serves a very real role for the local parish. I would like the pastoral council to function as effectively as possible, and that means having dedicated people serve on it: people who love their faith and who want to lend a hand for the sake of the parish as a whole. In official terminology, it's a consultative body where representatives of parish come together for the purpose of helping the congregation move in one unified direction. For this final week before selecting our two new members, please contact me via email if you have any interest in serving in this way.

In a similar way, we are also going to bring in a fresh secretary trustee (as opposed to the financial trustee). A parish's trustees are an even more vital role than the parish council. Here in the state of Wisconsin, there are exactly four people who have very real decision-making power over a corporation: the president, a vice president, a secretary trustee, and a financial trustee. For a Catholic church, the president is always the archbishop and the vice president is always the pastor. The trustees offer their guidance and wisdom to that mix, which is extremely helpful because the archbishop can't manage literally every parish in his diocese, and very few pastors entered the priesthood with those kinds of business leadership skills. Therefore, the four-person combo of bishop, priest, and two business-savvy parishioners puts a parish in a good position for consistently reliable decision-making.

As a matter of fact, I'm curious about how corporations work in other states, and how they compare to us. The trustee model, after all, is relatively uncommon and practically unheard of in New England: we once had a major guest speaker (speaking on the administrative tasks of church pastors) from the east coast and had to be brought up to speed about how Wisconsin churches are different than the ones of his home state.

Once again, as I bring the public nomination process to a close, I invite you to email me if the role of trustee is of interest to you. I can address any other questions in that way, beyond the basics which I've explained here and in recent Mass announcements.

Thank you all for reading, and especially for those of you discerning the possibility of serving on the pastoral council or as a trustee!

Peace,
Father Justin



We invite you to march with us in the Elm Grove Memorial Day Parade! (Or cheer us on from the crowd!)

- * Parade begins at 10:30am on Monday, May 26th—we will meet in Elm Grove Village Park between 8:30am-9:00am. (Streets will close shortly after this time and you will be unable to get through.)
- * We will be in the **RED LOT** of the staging area (near the Wisconsin Hills Middle School Band.)
- * Please wear St. Joseph's apparel!
- * Contact Nikki with any questions or for more information—parishadmin@stjoetosa.com

-From our Bereavement Committee-

Hope in the Midst of Grief

Tuesday, May 26th at St. John Vianney Parish
in Brookfield

6:30pm-8:30pm in the Parish Center,
Room P201 (2nd Floor)

The support group, "Hope in the Midst of Grief" meets on the fourth Tuesday evening of each month. The group is led by Michelle Setzer, a bereaved parent and former bereavement coordinator. Anyone who wishes to heal from the loss of a loved one and grow in a supportive environment can participate. You do not need to be Catholic or a member of one of the supporting parishes. There is no charge, you do not need to register for the sessions, and all are welcome.

Feel free to contact Michelle Setzer at:
msetzer@hotmail.com or 414-795-6374.

Thank you!
for your donation

Your Human Concerns
Committee would like to
thank you for your
generous food pantry
donations,
benefiting Hope House!



Dear St. Joseph Parishioners, Knights of Columbus, & Friends,

Thank you so much for your generosity to help us go to Washington D.C. this past week. As you can see, we had a spectacular time and saw so many monuments, memorials and more. We could not have done this without your help and we are very grateful!

-The 8th Grade Class

Upcoming Activities at St. Joseph's:

Monday, May 25—Memorial Day

6:30pm-8:30pm: Consoling the Heart of Jesus Group Retreat
in St. Joseph Rm

Tuesday, May 26

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, May 27

6:30am-7:45am: St. Peters Stones Group in St. Mary Rm

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

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

6:00pm-8:00pm: Cub Scouts in Hall

6:30pm-7:30pm: Buildings & Grounds Committee
in St. Joseph Rm

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

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, May 28

Last Day of School for 3K & 8th Grade

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

6:00pm-7:00pm: Track Practice in Lower Parking Lot/Field

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

7:00pm-8:30pm: One on One Milwaukee Basketball in Gym

8:30pm-9:30pm: Tosa West Basketball Training in Gym

Friday, May 29

Last Day of School for 4K & 5K

Parish Office closed at Noon

10:30am-11:00am: 4K & 5K End of Year Performance in Hall

6:30pm-9:00pm: 8th Grade Graduation Mass & Reception in Church & Hall

Saturday, May 30

8:00am-1:00pm: Softball Games in Baseball Diamond

8:00am-4:00pm: Awake Organization Meeting in Parish Center

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

9:00am-Noon: Playpen Sports in Field

1:00pm-2:30pm: Handbell Rehearsal in Music Rm

5:00pm-7:00pm: Religious Formation in St. Joseph Rm

Sunday, May 31

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

Bishop James T. Schuerman invites
you to attend the

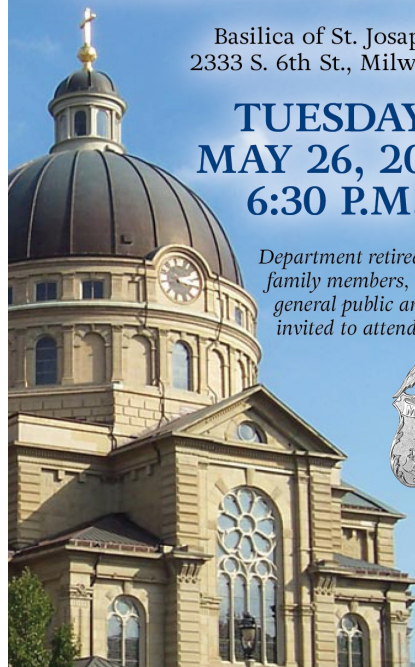
Blue Mass

for Law Enforcement,
First Responders and their families

Basilica of St. Josaphat
2333 S. 6th St., Milwaukee

**TUESDAY,
MAY 26, 2026
6:30 P.M.**

Department retirees,
family members, and the
general public are also
invited to attend.



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Sheepshead Night at St. Joe's!

Friday, June 5th 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm in the Parish Hall
\$10.00 per person (includes one raffle ticket)

Bring your friends, snacks, favorite beverages and
join us for a fun friendly night. All experience levels welcome.

Please return to the parish office by June 4th

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Would you be interested in participating monthly in a Sheepshead league @ St Joe's? ____



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,

Bryanna VanVreede, at
414-771-5577 or
vanvreedeb@stjosephschooltosa.com

Learn more about our day school
at stjosephschooltosa.com

HELP WANTED!



Adults and Junior High and older students are needed on Saturday, June
20th at 1:45pm to help close the Rummage Sale.

Also needed—pick up trucks or trailers.



Help us spread the word about the St. Joseph Rummage Sale! Share a post
on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, or any social media platform to help us
reach more people and make this event a success. Every post, share, and
mention helps — thank you for your support!

Contact Fran with questions or to volunteer—dntolly@aol.com

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