

St. Joseph Congregation

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



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May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 Thursday, May 7th 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	A True Domestic Church
Monday, May 4th No Mass	<p>The readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter present us with themes of dwelling places and home. As Christian stewards, we recognize that this world is not our permanent home. We are pilgrims here, making our way through the stewardship way of life toward our true home — heaven.</p> <p>Yet, as we journey toward heaven, we are called to make our dwelling here — whether in a household of one or a full and busy family — a true “domestic church.” In other words, the stewardship way of life begins long before we set foot on parish grounds. Stewardship starts at home. It begins with our families — our domestic churches.</p> <p>The domestic church plays a key role in our sanctification because it is the primary place where we learn and practice selfless love of others. In our Gospel passage from John, Jesus speaks of heaven as a home filled with dwelling places. “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?” This is a beautiful image of the glory that awaits us and the personal love our Lord has for us — preparing a place for each one of us who remains faithful to Him.</p> <p>Let us respond to this great love by becoming good stewards of our earthly dwellings, making our homes true “domestic churches” where we honor God through prayer, care for one another, and generous hospitality.</p> <p>Let us never forget that stewardship starts at home!</p> <p><small>-copyright: Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.CatholicSteward.com</small></p>
Tuesday, May 5th 7:30am The Patriotic Rosary 8:00am Perpetual Help 8:15am Our Newly Confirmed	
Wednesday, May 6th 7:35am Rosary 8:15am Our First Communicants	
Thursday, May 7th No Mass	
Friday, May 8th 8:15am † Ardith Mizgalski	
Saturday, May 9th 3:00pm Reconciliation 4:00pm Our Parish Family	
Sunday, May 10th—Mother’s Day 7:00am Reconciliation 8:00am † Eleanore Chudada 10:30am Anna Fischer † Amy Podolak	

Readings of the Week	<p>Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26</p> <p>Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13b, 21; Jn 14:27-31a</p> <p>Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8</p> <p>Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11</p> <p>Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-12; Jn 15:12-17</p> <p>Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21</p> <p>Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21</p>
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Be
Filled WITH
THE
Holy Spirit

Congratulations to our newly confirmed!

Lillian Alberg

Nicholas Aquila

Brady Cavanaugh

Adam Cuellar

Kelsey Raddemann



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, 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.

Recycle Your Religious Items!

A Religious Recycle Group will be stopping by to collect religious items that need a new home. Items they take are anything Catholic such as Statues, Rosaries (Broken rosaries too), Crucifixes, Holy Medals, Holy Cards, Framed Pictures, Prayer Books and Bibles as well as used musical instruments.

Items they do not take- Outdoor Concrete Statuary, Religious Reading Books that would qualify as a Catholic Library Book, Pamphlets, Wax Candles, Angel Figurines (Saint Angels are fine), Christmas decorations. Please bring your items to the Parish Office no later than Friday, May 15th.

ST. BEN'S MEAL PROGRAM

Tuesday, May 12th is our day to provide food for the St. Ben's Meal Program. Your contribution to this wonderful mission is most appreciated.

We are in need of 8 casseroles, large enough to feed 20 people and 10 desserts. To help Mary and Bern Enright, please call or text them at 414-435-8617 or email at bernright@gmail.com before Sunday, May 10th to volunteer to provide a dish. If you work and find it hard to get a hot casserole delivered on time, consider dropping off your cold casserole the night before or in the morning on your way to work.

"The purpose of life is to contribute in some way to making things better." - Robert F. Kennedy

St. Ben's Upcoming Dates
(Please mark your calendar)

Jun 9 Deb & Mark Frederick
414-788-5100

fredfink5@att.net

July 14 Padge & George Haas
262-784-5952

georgepadge@hotmail.com

Aug 11 Michelle & Jim Canes
262-790-1757

canesmichelle5@gmail.com

Sep 8 Susan & Kevin Scott
262-781-1445

kevsuescott@wi.rr.com



From the Desk of Father Justin

Happy beginning of May to you all. The big news this weekend is that it was First Holy Communion weekend (at the 10:30 Mass) as well as Confirmation with and at Saint Agnes on Sunday at 2:00.

I offer my sincerest gratitude for all those receiving their Sacraments this weekend. It really is a tremendous blessing and it is my honor to be a part of it. For the rest of us, may we all use this weekend as a worthy reminder of our own commitment to the Lord and the Church. Let us renew our baptismal promises, our commitment to the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, and our communion with Christ in the Eucharist. Every day is a chance to refresh our awareness of faith and our relationship with Christ. Sundays are doubly appropriate... and this Sunday is doubled again in that way! As we celebrate our youth, let us reinforce our own faith that we all may be of one flock and that the older members of our community may always be ready to serve as guides and mentors to the younger ones.

Beyond Sunday, this is the first full week of May and therefore it's time for the Spring Assembly of Priests. For the first time, I'm electing to not attend the whole thing. I just got back from vacation a few weeks ago, I have work to tend to, and this is the first time I'm taking a break from the assembly. I'll join the guys for the whole three-day thing next year. So for now, know that I'll be gone for Monday - the most significant day. I'll be back in Tosa for Tuesday and Wednesday, meaning that Saint Joe's will be one of the only churches with a proper Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday, as most other priests will be taking some time for our annual fellowship gathering.

Finally, for now, please be aware that May is the time for me to replenish my membership to our various committees and councils. The processes for the trustee election and pastoral council election both begin this weekend, and we have hopefully wrapped up school committee nominations by this time. Finally, I could use a bit more help than usual with finance council and Christian Formation committee. Finance Council needs some fresh people, but the guys staying on are solid and should provide for an easy transition to the newer members. As for Christian Formation, we didn't manage to get too many new people last year and we could use fresh eyes when it comes to our efforts regarding any kind of formation efforts at the parish: whether it be child ministry, young adult outreach, or adult formation.

Please consider joining a council or a committee if you have 90 minutes to spare every month or two. I'm doing the best I can as priest and pastor, but as so many of you already know... I need all the help I can get!

May we always rejoice in the sacraments and in the community that is Saint Joseph Congregation. May God bless your weekend with good weather, rest, and time with friends, family, and loved ones!

Peace,
Father Justin

We share our gratitude for our Adult Minister, Dennis Sylva, as he concludes his time at St. Joe's in his current position. His faithful leadership has been a true gift to our parish community.

While this marks a transition, it is not a goodbye. Dennis will continue to lead the weekly St. Joseph Bible Study. His knowledge of Scripture is immense, and we are grateful he can continue to share his wisdom and insights with us.

Thank you, Dennis, for all you have done to guide our parishioners on their journey of faith and to deepen their relationship with Jesus. We are truly thankful for everything you have given to our community.

thank you

Go Getters Senior Club

Our next meeting will take place:

Thursday, May 7th, 2026

at 3:45pm

in the Parish Hall

Our speaker is Jessica Michna, who is known for her riveting portrayal of notable women of history. This time she is giving her impression of Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of *Little House on the Prairie*.



- The meal includes Jet's pizza and salad
- If you would like to attend, please call or text Alanna at 414-460-6588 or email her at awilgus@att.net by May 5th.
- Members are included and non-members may attend by paying \$8.00 at the door.
- If you are willing to bring a dessert, it would be much appreciated as always. Just let Alanna know when you RSVP.
- Please notify us if you need the elevator.



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
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.



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".

Upcoming Activities at St. Joseph's:

Monday, May 4

- 1:30pm-3:30pm: Senior Group Board Meeting
in St. John Rm
4:00pm-8:00pm: St. Vincent de Paul—Off-Site
5:00pm-7:00pm: Playpen Sports Academy in Field
6:30pm-8:00pm: Consoling the Heart of Jesus
Group Retreat in St. Joseph Rm
7:30pm-8:30pm: Elite AST Basketball AAU in Gym

Tuesday, May 5

- 8:00am-Noon: Mailing in Parish Ctr Conference Rm
9:00am-10:30am: St. Joseph Bible Study
in St. Joseph Rm
4:00pm-9:00pm: BARCEL Violin in Music Rm. Library,
& Art 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 6

- 6:30am-7:45am: St. Peters Stones Group
in St. Mary Rm
9:00am-11:00am: St. Faustina Small Group
in St. Matthew Rm
4:30pm-6:00pm: Softball Practice in Field/Gym
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, May 7

- 1:00pm-2:00pm: Catholic Financial Life Chapter 216
in St. Mary Rm
3:20pm-6:30pm: Senior Group in Hall & Kitchen
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
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 8

- Day School—VIP Day; Early Release at Noon
6:30pm-9:00pm: Sheepshead in Hall

Saturday, May 9

- 8:00am-Noon: BARCEL Violin in Music Rm
8:00am-1:00pm: Softball Games in Baseball Diamond
9:00am-Noon: Playpen Sports in Field
1:00pm-2:30pm: Handbell Rehearsal in Music Rm

Sunday, May 10—Mother's Day

- 4:00pm-6:00pm: Tosa West Basketball Training in Gym

ROSES FOR MOM

This Mother's Day, Pro-Life Wisconsin is joining with local churches to honor our moms and their saying "yes" to life!

Thank your mom for giving you life with a gift that supports life!

Roses will be offered after church on Mother's Day Weekend for a suggested donation of \$3 each.

The donations collected fund Pro-Life Wisconsin's efforts to cultivate a culture of life in Wisconsin.

For more information, visit us at PROLIFEWI.ORG.



Sheepshead Night at St. Joe's!

Friday, May 8th 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 May 6th

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

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.

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

HELP WANTED!



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Dr. Felicia Toy

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