

St. Joseph Congregation

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

And whoever
does NOT take
his cross
and follow me
is NOT worthy
of me.

Matthew 10:38



June 28, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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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, July 2nd from
6:30pm-7:30pm in the Chapel.

Anointing of the Sick:

Anointing of the Sick will take place on
Friday, July 3rd and Saturday, July 4th at the
8:15am Mass.

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

Mass Intentions		The Brilliance of Stewardship Living		
Monday, June 29th		Today's readings take us back to some basics of stewardship living and demonstrate the genius of this way of life. Our First Reading, from 2 Kings, shows us the necessity and power of hospitality. It recounts the story of a woman who showed loving hospitality to a visitor, inviting him to dinner with her family and arranging a room for him in their home so that he would have a comfortable place to stay during his travels through her town. She reached out to the man in a simple and practical manner to make him feel welcome and was rewarded in an extraordinary way. In our Second Reading, from the Letter to the Romans, St. Paul reminds us of the power of our Baptism and how this sacrament makes us disciples. What does that mean for us here and now? St. Paul tells us very clearly: "You must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus." We must live for Christ! Nothing less will do. Our Lord proclaims this same instruction in a rather shocking way in our Gospel passage from Matthew: "Whoever finds his life [by living for oneself] will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." But how do we lose our life? Precisely through loving actions towards others, loving them as if they were Christ. "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple... he will surely not lose his reward." The simple brilliance of stewardship living — only our infinitely creative and compassionate God could conceive it! -copyright: Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.CatholicSteward.com		
7:35am Rosary				
8:15am † Anne & Frank Lang				
Tuesday, June 30th				
7:30am The Patriotic Rosary				
8:00am Perpetual Help				
8:15am † Evelyn Wilk				
Wednesday, July 1st				
7:35am Rosary				
8:15am † Myra Nowinski				
Thursday, July 2nd				
No Mass				
Friday, July 3rd				
7:35am Rosary				
8:15am † Joseph Rehlinger				
Saturday, July 4th—Fourth of July				
8:15am For the United States of America in celebration of its 250th anniversary				
3:00pm Reconciliation				
4:00pm † Deceased Members of the Leow Family				
† Josef Bitzl and Family				
Sunday, July 5th				
7:00am Reconciliation				
8:00am Our Parish Family				
10:30am † Richard & Theresa Lesniak				
† George R. Schimmel				
Readings of the Week	Monday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19			
	Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27			
	Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16b-17; Mt 8:28-34			
	Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8			
	Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1b-2; Jn 20:24-29			
	Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17			
	Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30			
		<u>Patriotic Rosary</u> Please join us on Wednesday, July 1, at 6:30pm in our prayer garden (located on the west side of the parish center) Feel free to bring a lawn chair!		
		Please join us for our July 4th Mass at 8:15am. (Anointing of the Sick will also take place at this Mass)		
		The Parish Office will be closed Friday, July 3rd.		



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, 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, Honey Patcot, 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.

July Usher Teams

Usher teams 3, 6, and 9, you are scheduled for July ushering, starting the weekend of July 4th and 5th.

4:00 p.m. – Bruce & Kelly Cincotta, Brian Foley, Lee Neustedter, Dave Tarman

8:00 a.m. – Mike Hartmann, Larry Henderson, Mike & Tim Kucharski, Chris Solberg

10:30 a.m. – Damian Cuellar, Bob Haas, Bret Holmes, Mont Martin, Paul Melnick



Your Human Concerns Committee would like to thank you for your generous food pantry donations, benefiting St. Rose!



The 2027 Daily Mass Intention Record book is now available in the Parish Office.

The cost of a Mass intention is \$20 per Mass.

You may offer up to 6 Masses in a year for one person.



From the Desk of Father Justin

As a follow-up to last weekend's homily, I'm going to offer a three-part series on the Apostles' Creed here in the bulletin. The Creed is a part of our faith that rarely gets the attention it deserves, so this is one step toward shoring up that weak spot.

The essential starting point for these articles is the fact that the creed doesn't literally state every essential belief of the Catholic faith. It doesn't directly refer to the 10 Commandments, the Final Judgment, the necessity of baptism, or the essence of divine mercy. However, all those things and more are built into the creed... in an indirect way. The creed is a summary of the foundational and non-negotiable beliefs we hold as Catholics, with all other critical beliefs springing from the ones stated in plain English.

This article is part one: I believe in God the Father. God the Son and God the Holy Spirit will be parts two and three in the weeks to come.

The first part of the creed is remarkably short: "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth."

What does that little sentence directly state? It means that as Catholics, we believe that:

- there is one God, not a pantheon of deities.
- God is active, and is the maker of all that there is.
- we are to look to God as a child looks up to a father.

From that foundation, we are able to branch off to other matters of our faith somehow relating to God the Father.

-God is truth and God is love. He is the cornerstone of reality, and all truth and all love spring from Him.

-The world was made on purpose, for a purpose; human beings are a part of that purpose.

-As the maker of all things, He also rules over time itself. The future is not unknown to God the way that it is unknown to us.

-As the maker of all things, He also formed the angelic host: the servants and messengers of God.

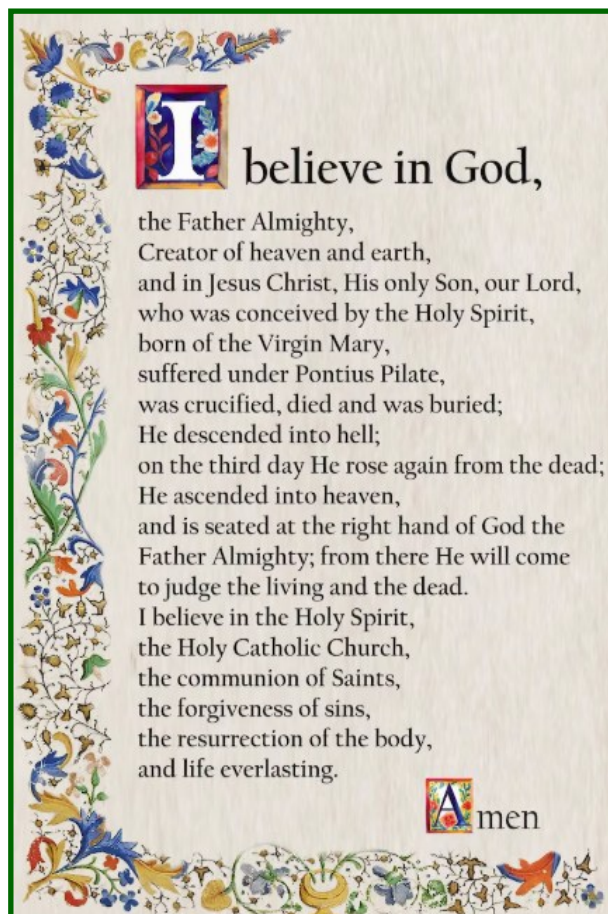
-Human beings are made in the image of God, most notably in our ability to know and love God as our Lord and creator.

-God the Father grants free will to both angels and humans, which accounts for the reality of sin and the fall of the angels.

Those six things are, while not explicitly stated in the creed, are nevertheless dogmatic beliefs of our faith, and they all stem from that one simple statement of faith: "I believe in God, the Father almighty."

Reflect on the start of the creed this week, and we'll move on to Jesus Christ in the next issue!

Peace, Father Justin



I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from there He will come
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Amen

OCIA 2026

Starting on July 12th.

**Are you or someone you
know interested in
Becoming Catholic?**

**We are also looking for
Catechists to help teach!**

Please consider joining us

**Contact Alex Burks at
DRE@Stjoetosa.com or call (414)771-
4626**



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.



Upcoming Activities at St. Joseph's:

Monday, June 29

No Events

Tuesday, June 30

6:30pm-8:30pm: Financial Peace University in Hall

Wednesday, July 1

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

5:00pm-7:00pm: Playpen Sports in Field

Thursday, July 2

No Events

Friday, July 3

No Events

Saturday, July 4

9:00am-10:00am: Father Justin's Table Talk in St. Joseph Rm

Sunday, July 5

No Events

Wishing all our
parishioners a safe
and blessed
4th of July!



St. Agnes and St. Joseph Present Vacation Bible School

July 27 - July 31
@ St. Agnes - Butler

9 am - Noon

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

I hope to
spot you
here!



VBS Cost

\$35 One Child
\$70 Two children
\$85 Family (3+)



VBS Registration

Use the QR Code above to register your child.
Children entering K3-5th grade are
welcome to join in the fun.



VBS Volunteer

VBS needs many volunteers both young and old
Students entering 6th grade through adults
Use the QR code (Left) to register to volunteer
Adults 18 and older must have Safe Environment Training.



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, Alex Burks—Director of Faith
Formation, 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
vanvredeb@stjosephschooltosa.com

Learn more about our day school
at stjosephschooltosa.com

Should you wish to advertise your business here,
please contact the Parish Office
at 414-771-4626 or parishadmin@stjoetosa.com

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