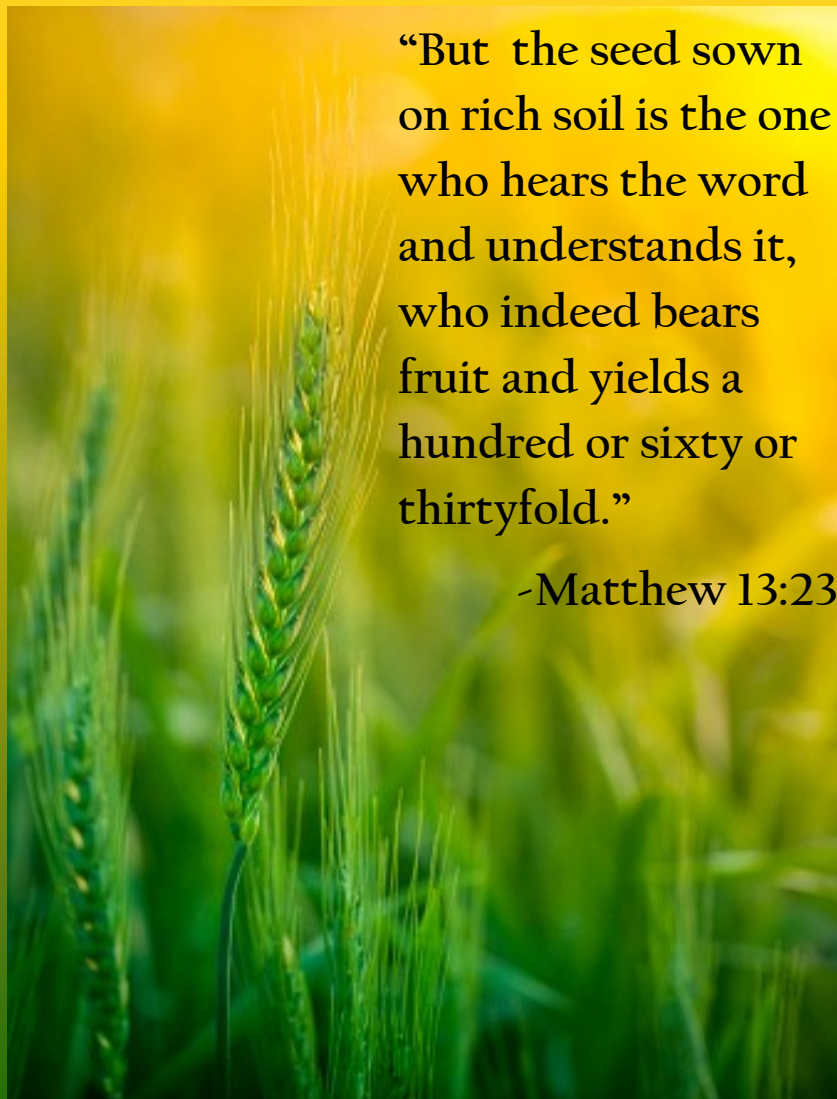


St. Joseph Congregation

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

July 12, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”

-Matthew 13:23

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 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		Good Soil
Monday, July 13th		In today's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus shares the familiar Parable of the Sower. It is a powerful image for the stewardship way of life, demonstrating the gradual but transformative effect that a life centered on God can have on us over time. In the parable, some seed falls on a path where birds quickly carry it away. Other seed falls on rocky ground, where it begins to grow but cannot develop deep roots. Still more seed falls among thorns that eventually choke the young plants. Finally, some seed falls on rich, fertile soil and produces an abundant harvest. Jesus explains that the seed is the Word of God, generously scattered for all to receive. The question is whether our hearts are prepared to receive it and allow it to take root. This is where the stewardship way of life comes in. When we offer our time, talent, and treasure to God and place Him first in our lives, we help create the "good soil" needed for the Kingdom to flourish within us. Stewardship removes the "rocks" of mistrust as we grow in confidence that God will provide for our needs. It clears away the "thorns" of worldly concerns that can distract us from what matters most. Through prayer, the sacraments, and generous service, the soil of our lives is continually nourished and renewed. Let us deepen our commitment to this way of life, allowing the Divine Sower to do His work within us. In time, He will produce an abundant harvest through our lives. -copyright: Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.CatholicSteward.com
7:35am	Rosary	
8:15am	Holy Souls in Purgatory	
Tuesday, July 14th		
7:30am	The Patriotic Rosary	
8:00am	Perpetual Help	
8:15am	Joseph Philipp	
Wednesday, July 15th		
7:35am	Rosary	
8:15am	† Robert Willson	
Thursday, July 16th		
No Mass		
Friday, July 17th		
7:35am	Rosary	
8:15am	Thomas Philipp	
Saturday, July 18th		
3:00pm	Reconciliation	
4:00pm	† Larry Maloney	
	† William Benes	
Sunday, July 19th		
7:00am	Reconciliation	
8:00am	Our Parish Family	
10:30am	Michael Philipp	
	† Deceased Members of the Salmon Family	
Readings of the Week	Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34—11:1	
	Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24	
	Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27	
	Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14b, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30	
	Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; (Ps) Is 38:10-12d, 16; Mt 12:1-8	
	Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21	
	Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30	
 <i>Congratulations on your Baptism!</i> <i>Aralanna Reilly</i> daughter of Shelly N. & Nicolas H.		
 FOOD Pantry Your Human Concerns Committee would like to remind you that next weekend, July 18th & 19th we will have our food collection benefiting House of Peace. Donations (must be non-perishable) can be left in the Welcome Center. Please donate generously!		



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.

ST. BEN'S MEAL PROGRAM

Tuesday, July 14th 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 Padge and George Haas, please call them at 262-784-5952 or email at georgepadge@hotmail.com by Sunday, July 12th 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.

"No one has ever become poor by giving."
– Ann Frank

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

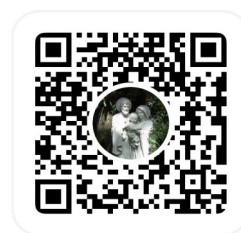
Aug 11 Michelle & Jim Canes 262-790-1757
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Sep 8 Susan & Kevin Scott 262-781-1445
kevsuescott@wi.rr.com

Oct 13 St. Joseph's Day School

Nov 10 St Joseph's Child Ministry

Join the St. Joseph community on the Hallow app:
<https://hallow.app.link/KsEw6tzWf4b>
where you can connect with fellow parishioners, share prayers, and find reflections.



St. Joseph
Wauwatosa, WI



From the Desk of Father Justin

As my final follow-up to the homily three weekends ago, this concludes 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 creed doesn't literally state every essential belief of the Catholic faith; that would take forever. 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 spring from the ones stated in plain English.

This article is part three: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

This third part squeezes a lot of our faith in one place, and I think it's a shame that we breeze past it all so quickly. After all, it's one paragraph that can easily be said in a single breath.

What does the third section directly state? It means that as Catholics, we believe that:

- The Holy Spirit is every bit as important to our faith as our Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.
- The Catholic Church is not a mere institution or one branch of Christianity among many, but rather is the Body of Christ and the Sacrament of Salvation.
- Saints are real and perpetually intercede for us during our earthly lives. Saints are not absolutely detached from the world, but continue to interact with it in a mysterious and spiritual way – always in aid of Christ's mission of salvation of souls.
- Forgiveness of sins is a critical way in which Christ is active in the world: he forgives us our sins, but expects us to forgive others in turn.
- Our bodies matter. Eternal life does not involve our souls permanently detached from our bodies like ghosts. Rather, our bodies make us who we are as well as our minds and spirits.
- We share in the eternal divinity of God by way of Jesus Christ. We are not finite beings but rather we are created beings who have a share in eternal life with one another and God Himself.

From that foundation, we are able to branch off to other matters of our faith somehow relating to all those things.

- The Holy Spirit is called the “paraclete” or “advocate”. It is the Holy Spirit that comes to our defense against the spirit of the world. At the final judgment, the Holy Spirit will speak on our behalf before the Heavenly Father.
- The Holy Spirit marks us with an indelible seal (that is, a permanent seal upon our souls) upon Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. No one is baptized twice because your first baptism can never be invalidated; it can only be neglected.
- The Church is the Temple of the Holy Spirit. We believe the Church is truly Holy because the Holy Spirit dwells with us... no matter how mean or foolish the Pope happens to be, or how popular Catholicism happens to be in the public eye of the world.
- The four marks of the Church are as follows: one, holy, catholic (universal), and apostolic. Those marks are worthy of a bulletin article of their own.

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-Just as we are in communion with one another in life, we are in communion with the blessed dead... and it's a two-way communication through intercessory prayer.

-The Virgin Mary is our helper, benefactress, and the mediatrix of mercy. She does not obscure or diminish Christ but rather she shows His power through her cooperation and love for all her children. Mary cooperates with Christ, just as all of us are called to cooperate.

-There is no sin that cannot be forgiven in a true life of faith. The "unforgivable sin", which so often gets plenty of attention, is essentially the lack of desire to be forgiven. The active choice to remain in sin is the sin against the Holy Spirit.

-One day, we will all enjoy the fullness of resurrection with glorified bodies. The question of "how does that work?" exceeds our imagination and understanding. However, none of the blessed dead will be denied their glorified body – not by cremation, burial at sea, or nuclear explosion.

-Finally, "life everlasting" is another bit of the creed that deserves its own bulletin article. For today, know that there are four last things: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. The phrase "life everlasting" refers to the complete process: all of us will one day die, experience the final judgment, and go on to our proper place – which will indeed be everlasting, as we shift from beings in time to beings in eternity.

Those things are all dogmatic beliefs of our faith, and they all stem from that simple statement of faith: "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."

I know our faith can be hard to understand. There's so much to know and to learn! By while it can be daunting to be an active Catholic, know that there's a great deal of wisdom, beauty, hope, and enlightenment waiting for you in the pages of the catechism. As we continue to grow as people throughout life, may we also progress and grow in faith and in devotion to God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Catholic Church.

Peace,
Father Justin

Many thanks to everyone who helped
the Rummage Sale make \$46,000!

If you have something we can sell on eBay,
Please contact Fran at Dntolly@aol.com.

We are currently collecting
ONLY jewelry (leave in the
Parish Office or Welcome Center)
and aluminum cans (leave
outside the single garage doors).



Upcoming Activities at St. Joseph's:

Monday, July 13

6:30pm-8:00pm: St. Vincent de Paul in Library
6:30pm-8:00pm: First Fruits—Summer Book Club in St. Joseph Rm

Tuesday, July 14

6:30pm-8:00pm: Art & Environment in Church & Sacristy
6:30pm-8:30pm: Financial Peace University in Hall

Wednesday, July 15

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

Thursday, July 16

8:30am-9:45am: Sandwich Ministry in Kitchen
6:00pm-8:00pm: Boy Scouts in Youth Den

Friday, July 17

No Events

Saturday, July 18

9:00am-Noon: Playpen Sports in Field
5:00pm-Midnight: Boy Scouts in Hall

Sunday, July 19

Midnight-3:00pm: Boy Scouts in Hall

St. Agnes and St. Joseph Present Vacation Bible School

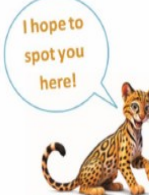
July 27 - July 31

@ St. Agnes - Butler

9 am - Noon

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*Super-fun snacks
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\$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.



Singles Night August 1, 2026

4:30 PM Mass
5:30 PM Happy Hour
6:30 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Entertainment
9:00 PM Social Hour

Event for singles aged 23-39



Visit our website at
stjohnv.org/catholiccatch
for info & registration

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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
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3K—8th grade.*

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