

St. Joseph Congregation

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

The Parable of the Wheat & the Weeds



Matthew 13:24-30

July 19, 2026

Sixteenth 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.

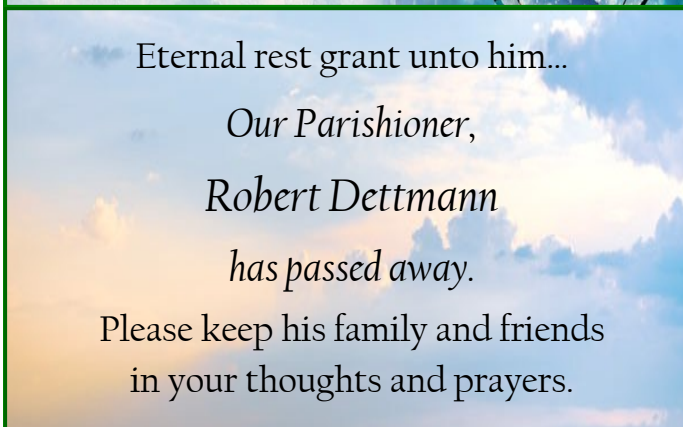
Confession offered as well.

Holy Hour/Adoration will take place on 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		Helping Build His Kingdom	
Monday, July 20th		Today's Gospel passage from Matthew contains several parables that offer both challenge and encouragement to the Christian steward as Jesus describes the Kingdom of Heaven and our role in helping to build it. First, He compares the Kingdom to a field where both wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. Only then are they separated — the wheat gathered into the sower's barn and the weeds destroyed. It is a sobering reminder that our choices matter and that God, in His justice, will one day call each of us to account for how we have lived and used the gifts He has entrusted to us. But Jesus also offers great encouragement. He compares the Kingdom to a mustard seed, the smallest of seeds, which grows into a large plant. He also compares it to a small amount of yeast that quietly transforms an entire batch of dough. These images are especially consoling for Christian stewards. So often, the prayers we pray, the service we offer, and the gifts we share can seem small compared to the needs around us. Yet Jesus reminds us that God works powerfully through even the smallest acts of faithfulness. God sees and treasures our offerings of time, talent, and treasure. When placed in His hands, they can bear far more fruit than we could ever imagine. In gratitude for all He has given us, let us remain faithful to the mission entrusted to our care for the building of His Kingdom. -copyright: Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.CatholicSteward.com	
7:35am Rosary			
8:15am † Mae Wacker			
Tuesday, July 21st			
7:30am The Patriotic Rosary			
8:00am Perpetual Help			
8:15am Daniel Philipp			
Wednesday, July 22nd			
7:35am Rosary			
8:15am † Dan Pitterle			
Thursday, July 23rd			
No Mass			
Friday, July 24th			
7:35am Rosary			
8:15am Daniel & Tuyen Philipp			
Saturday, July 25th			
3:00pm Reconciliation			
4:00pm † Joseph Rehlinger			
† Otto & Joan Wendler			
Sunday, July 26th			
7:00am Reconciliation			
8:00am † Dan Pitterle			
† Joe Wuerl			
10:30am Our Parish Family			
Readings of the Week	Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42		
	Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50		
	Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18		
	Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7b, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17		
	Friday: Jer 3:14-17; (Ps) Jer 31:10-12d, 13; Mt 13:18-23		
	Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126: 1b, 2-6; Mt 20:20-28		
	Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46		
Congratulations on your Baptism! Avalanna Reilly daughter of Shelly N. & Nicolas H. 			
Eternal rest grant unto him... Our Parishioner, Robert Dettmann has passed away. Please keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. 			



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, Chris Kurth, Julian Lombard, Mark Mayer, Sue McCauley, Tom McElwee, Margaret Mehigan, Theresa Motto, Shawn Munch, Lee Neustedter, Loren Norstrem, Honey Patscot, 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.

3 YEAR OLD WRAP AROUND TEACHER NEEDED

Wednesdays only! 11 am - 3 pm

We are looking for someone who provides a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment for 3-year-old children by supervising lunch, supporting rest/nap time, and facilitating age-appropriate indoor and outdoor play. Ensures children's well-being while promoting positive behavior and a caring classroom atmosphere.

INQUIRE NOW

Email Bryanna Van Vreede at vanvreedeb@stjosephschooltosa.com for more information.





In Memoriam: Zippy the Hamster

May 2024 – July 4th, 2026

“250 years! We did it, America!”

-Zippy's final thoughts, probably

It's with a heavy heart that I inform you all that my hamster died on the 4th of July. He was well over two years old, which is sincerely a ripe old age. I got him almost immediately after arriving here in Tosa, and his full name was Don Rapido Hijo de Justino Miquel Rodriquez San Juan Baptisto Santa Maria de Guadalupe Lopez Vegas Jr, El Presidente de la fraternidad de los roedores religiosos. Of course, to most, he was known as Zippy.



Zippy did a great job being a little fuzzball of a conversation starter/ice breaker. He'd sometimes be at my place, but most of the time he was in my office where I could introduce him to new people. Occasionally, I'd bring him into the school or the narthex of the church where other people could see him. After our first school year, I think most kids thought of Zippy as the unofficial school mascot.

Always a patriotic hamster, he was grateful for being around in 2024 and exercising his right to vote. Frankly, the fact that he died on the 4th of July is eerily appropriate.



He was not always an ideal pet because he wasn't a very cuddly hamster – he was fun to watch in his cage (especially on his wheel), but he didn't like being held for long, and never stayed still for long. However, the #1 thing I could do to keep Zippy in one place for a few minutes was to pray my rosary with him. In all seriousness, if I prayed a rosary at home, I'd lie on my bed with Zippy in my hand as I spoke the prayers out loud. Zippy would sit there in my hand for about two decades of the rosary before

returning to his hyper-active state-of-being. He truly deserved his title as the president of the fraternity of religious rodents.

Thank you to the members of the office staff, school staff, as well as the dozens of kids who took care of Zippy for the weeks when I was out of town. I always appreciated that, knowing that Zippy would get at least some attention while I was away for more than a couple of days.

I intend to get another hamster in late July, who will hopefully be acclimated to my office in time for the start of the school year.



Until next week,
(when I'll have a more typical bulletin article),
Father Justin



Back to School Collection

The annual St Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Back to School Collection is next weekend,
July 25/26.



The collection will benefit families needing assistance at Tosa Cares food pantry and St. Catherine's Milwaukee (51st & Center).

There are three ways to donate. They are:

- Bring your purchased items or cash/check donation to Mass next weekend, July 25/26.
- Shop on-line at YouGiveGoods. Items will be shipped directly to us. It's easy, just go to: <https://yougivegoods.com/drive-landing/38drvhqntdz846ua68eju15gd> Or scan the QR code:



- Make a financial contribution at our parish website; select "Donate Now" and scroll down and select St. Vincent de Paul.

ITEMS NEEDED for this year's collection include:

Filler Paper (Narrow or wide ruled)

Pencils

Pens

Pocket Folders

Colored Pencils

Highlighters

Backpacks

Notebooks (Narrow or wide ruled)

Erasers

Broadline Markers

Blunt tip (child) scissors

Lutheran Home has been serving the community of Wauwatosa since 1906. For the past 120 years our staff, families, and volunteers have helped provide an outstanding environment of care for our residents.

Spiritual care is an important part of our mission. For residents who are Roman Catholic we hold Mass in our chapel twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Thursday. Mass is celebrated by the priest from St Pius X. Father Edward and Father Silas have now stepped in to celebrate the Mass upon the retirement of Father Paul Portland. The service begins at 10am, with transportation of the residents beginning at 9:30am.

We are in need of volunteers to help transport our residents from our Memory Care area, known as Elaine's Hope. Currently this is the largest group in the complex that participates in Mass. We are looking for volunteers who can do the following:

- o Serve a two hour volunteer block of time, once or twice a month, 9:15am – 11:15am
- o Push a resident and wheelchair, with a combined weight up to 200lbs
- o Walk 4-5 round trips between Elaine's Hope and the Chapel
- ✦ Distance between the two spaces is approx. 1 city block.
- ✦ Welcome people to the service, help to seat them and get them comfortable
- ✦ Assist in returning the residents to Elaine's Hope once the Mass is over.

Volunteers Needed!



This is our most pressing need. Our next Mass is Thursday July 23.

Interested individuals can contact Chaplain Derek Wolter at derek.wolter@thelutheranhome.org, or by telephone at 414-258-6170, ext 349.

Upcoming Activities at St. Joseph's:

Monday, July 20

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

Tuesday, July 21

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

Wednesday, July 22

No Events

Thursday, July 23

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

Friday, July 24

No Events

Saturday, July 25

No Events

Sunday, July 26

4:00pm-5:30pm: Adult Confirmation OCIA
in St. Joseph Rm

RUMMAGE SALE NEWS



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).

Around the Archdiocese of Milwaukee:



JULY 19 – JULY 25

CELEBRATE NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has great resources to
help answer "everything you wish you already knew"
about Natural Family Planning.

Visit www.archmil.org/naturalfertilitycare
to download a FREE NFP book,
sign up for an NFP workshop and learn more!

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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
stjohnnv.org/catholiccatch
for info & registration

St. John Vianney Parish
1755 N Calhoun Rd. Brookfield



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
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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.



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