

St. Joseph Congregation

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

*"The kingdom of heaven is like a
treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and sells
all that he has and buys that field."*

-Matthew 13:44

July 26, 2026

Seventeenth 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

St. Joseph Catholic School
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School Office 414-771-5577

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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, August 6th from
6:30pm-7:30pm in the Chapel.

Anointing of the Sick:

Anointing of the Sick will take place on
Saturday, August 1st at the 8:15am Mass and
Friday, August 7th at the 8:15am Mass.

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

Mass Intentions		No Greater Source of Joy		
Monday, July 27th		The stewardship way of life could be described as a daily pursuit of the Kingdom of Heaven. In today's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus uses a series of parables to help us understand the incomparable value of that Kingdom. First, He reminds us that living for Him and for His Kingdom will require sacrifice. Yet the joy that comes from following Christ makes any sacrifice worthwhile. Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." He then compares the Kingdom to "a merchant searching for fine pearls." When the merchant finds a pearl of great price, he gladly sells everything he has to obtain it. In both parables, the Kingdom is something precious that must be sought and recognized. We must intentionally look for it amid the distractions and noise of the world. Yet Jesus also reminds us that the Kingdom is meant for everyone. He compares it to a net cast into the sea that gathers fish of every kind. At the same time, He reminds us that each of us will one day be judged. The angels "will separate the wicked from the righteous." It is a powerful reminder that our choices matter. Let us pray for the wisdom to recognize the Kingdom of Heaven in our midst and to pursue it above all else. There is no greater treasure, and no greater source of joy, than a life lived as a faithful disciple of Jesus. -copyright: Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.CatholicSteward.com		
7:35am	Rosary			
8:15am	Jon Abolins			
Tuesday, July 28th				
7:30am	The Patriotic Rosary			
8:00am	Perpetual Help			
8:15am	† Deceased Members of the Leow Family			
Wednesday, July 29th				
7:35am	Rosary			
8:15am	† Shirley Louthan			
Thursday, July 30th				
No Mass				
Friday, July 31st				
7:35am	Rosary			
8:15am	Holy Souls in Purgatory			
Saturday, August 1st				
8:15am	† Joseph Rehlinger			
3:00pm	Reconciliation			
4:00pm	Our Parish Family			
Sunday, August 2nd				
7:00am	Reconciliation			
8:00am	† George R. Schimmel			
	† Donald & Irene Fahey			
10:30am	† Ray & Della Rakers			
	† Julie Nunemaker			
Readings of the Week	Monday: Jer 13:1-11; (Ps) Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35			
	Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43			
	Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42			
	Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6b; Mt 13:47-53			
	Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58			
	Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12			
	Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21			
				
Austin Berna & Caelynn Edwards				
The Anderson Family				
The Nagorski/Negron Family				
Mark & Deborah Strzyzewski				
Andrew Feldmann & Maggie Dalton				
Vince Schimborski & Hannah Moran				
The Yadgir Family				
The Mateske Family				
Alicia Martin				
We are happy to welcome our newest members to St. Joseph Congregation!				



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.

Financial Update

July to June 2026; full fiscal year - preliminary

July to June

Month of June 2026

Regular	FY Actual	FY Budget	vs FY Budget	Annual Budget	Actual	Budget	vs Budget
Total Revenue	\$ 2,665,883	\$ 2,598,345	\$ 67,538	\$ 2,598,345	\$ 127,872	\$ 157,638	\$ (29,766)
Total Expenses	\$ 2,701,470	\$ 2,724,718	\$ (23,248)	\$ 2,724,718	\$ 213,846	\$ 265,552	\$ (51,706)
Operating Profit	\$ (35,587)	\$ (126,373)	\$ 90,786	\$ (126,373)	\$ (85,974)	\$ (107,914)	\$ 21,940
1 times	\$ 450,784						

Fiscal Year - Results are preliminary. For the 12 months of July 2025 to June 2026, the parish had revenues of \$2,665,883, ahead of budget by \$67,538, primarily a result of the offertory revival program's favorable collections of \$150,603 offset by \$109,578 school tuition shortfall of which \$52,555 was private and \$57,023 was Choice. Over the same time frame, actuals expenses were \$2,701,470, which were less than budget by \$23,248 primarily from lower salary and benefits of \$83,726 partially offset by higher buildings and grounds expense of \$40,003. Operating deficit was \$35,587, \$90,786 better than expected.

June - For the month, our actual revenues of \$127,872 were worse than expected by \$29,766 primarily as a result of lower net fundraising revenue of \$20,575 from final recording of annual Auction expenses which reduce net revenue. Monthly expenses were \$213,846, better than expected by \$51,706, from lower than expected expenses in all areas. Overall, operating deficit of \$85,974 was \$21,940 better than expected.

1 times - There were \$450,874 of 1 time favorable items during the fiscal year, including three significant capital contributions totalling \$197,000, six bequests totalling \$216,524 and fundraising of \$37,260 from the Summerfest work.



From the Desk of Father Justin

Today's article is based on a short talk I intend to give at the young adult "Good News and Brews" event on Monday, July 27th. I'll be presenting on mercy in general, but I stumbled upon something of a subtopic that is worth our bulletin article space today.

That subtopic is, in short, a warning against pseudomercy. As Christians, our faith is defined to a great degree by our belief in mercy: its reality within God Himself, its power in our personal lives, and our mission to extend that mercy into the world. A Christian-presenting faith absent of mercy is not a Christian faith at all. In short, mercy is the lifeblood of our faith, hope, and love.

That means that our mercy has to be real. That mercy has to start with the Father, be shaped by Christ, and fueled by the Holy Spirit. It must address others as real people equal to yourself with respect to human dignity. It must be offered and desired with authenticity and sincerity. It must not "cancel out" justice but rather fulfill it.

When mercy comes from somewhere other than God, or when mercy is attempted with a major shortcoming, it can fairly be called pseudomercy. Pseudomercy is not real mercy nor its total absence. Rather, is a sort of mercy simulation - a poor substitute that lacks the depth and reality of true divine mercy.

Pseudomercy tends to be the result of "soft spirituality", where a person's faith is built on the foundation of niceness and tolerance. Of course, you should be nice when possible, and tolerance is certainly a positive quality in most cases. But if you see a man beating a small child on the sidewalk, should you respond to him nicely and tolerate his point of view? That is obviously a comically blunt example, but it reveals the true face of "soft spirituality", where we try as hard as we can to not get in anyone's way... or say or do anything that might get us into trouble or disrupt the social order. Bad people can easily take advantage of the soft spirituality of others.

Nearly all of us have at least a dash of "soft spirituality" in this day and age, and for good reason. We need to pick our battles as we live our faith in the modern world, and that means that there are times when it's better to keep our mouth shut and stay out of the issue-of-the-moment. But when that need for social consensus becomes more important than an authentic witness of Christ, our sense of mercy may become so watered down that it is no longer an expression of the divine love of God.

What do these acts of pseudomercy look like, in that case? Given that they're acts of performative kindness, rather than authentic love, they undercut our human need for justice. That kind of artificial forgiveness is a failure to show mercy to the victim, but also fails to address the spiritual needs of the offender. No matter who we are, we must always answer for our sins and the harm we do to others. Offering certain people an "easy out" from consequences does not properly serve that person in the long run and therefore is not true mercy in the Christian sense of the word.

Have you ever chosen to not discipline a child even though your gut told you it was very much warranted and necessary? Billy has been having a really rough time at school and has been blowing up over minor things lately. Even though you caught him pocketing a \$20 out of your wallet, you're too exhausted for another fight with him - and you know that if you call him out on it, he will absolutely make it another fight. So you decide to look the other way and cut the kid a break. After all, it's just money.

That's a temptation that happens every day, in some capacity. Our desire to avoid conflict is exactly what this whole idea is about. It's a pseudomercy to give your children a "free pass" from consequences in order to be the "nice parent"... or at least a nicer parent than you typically are.

I figured this lesson was a bit too deep for a Sunday homily, but hopefully gives some of you a little something extra to think about this weekend. God bless you all, and thanks for reading!

Peace,
Father Justin



**WE HAVE RECIEVED A LOT OF INTEREST IN
SPECIAL RELIGIOUS ED. CATECHESIS HERE AT ST.
JOSEPH'S AND WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE
THAT WE ARE OFFICALLY MOVING FORWARD
WITH SPRED!**

**SPRED REPRESENTITIVES WILL BE AT BOTH
SUNDAY MASSES ON SUNDAY AUGUST 23RD TO
ANSWER QUESTIONS AND FORMALLY BEGIN THE
PROCESS OF BEGINNING SPRED AT ST. JOSEPH'S**

**IF YOU INTERESTED IN SPRED AS A PERSPECTIVE
STUDENT OR CATECHIST, PLEASE FILL OUT THE
GOOGLE FORM BELOW**



Early Bulletin Deadline!

All bulletin articles for the August 22/23 bulletin
will be due by Noon on August 10th.

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.



St. Joseph School is partnering with the YMCA to offer **Before and After School Care**



The West Suburban YMCA and the St. Joseph School have joined together to provide Before & After School Enrichment programming. This program provides an opportunity for fun while keeping kids safe and engaged through research-based core components. Our affordable program and flexible schedule give families peace of mind that their child is a part of a great program before and/or after school.

Financial Aid Available

Hours:
6:30 a.m. - 7:55 a.m.
3:10 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



Back to School Collection This Weekend



Thank you for your generous donations!

If you forgot to bring your items this weekend,
you may still help our clients by giving in any of
the following ways:

- Bring your donated items to the Parish Center during normal business hours or mail a check (payable to St. Vincent de Paul) to the Parish Center.
- Shop on-line at YouGiveGoods by July 31st. It's easy, just go to:
<https://yougivegoods.com/drive-landing/38drvhqntdz846ua68eju15gd>
or scan the QR code. When you shop online, YouGiveGoods will email you a tax-deductible receipt and all donations will be shipped directly to our St. Vincent de Paul Conference.
- Make a financial contribution at our parish website; select "Donate Now" and scroll down and select St. Vincent de Paul, or scan the QR code



Your Generosity is Greatly Appreciated!

August Usher Teams

Usher teams 1, 4, and 7, you
are scheduled for August
ushering, starting the
weekend of 08/01 & 08/02.

4:00 p.m. – Brian Foley,
Richard Goldie, David Niles,
Dave Tarman

8:00 a.m. – Mary Diotte,
Bob Haas, John Mahoney, and
Fill-ins

10:30 a.m. – Patrick Ciriacks,
Joe Garstecki,
Michael Gleissner, Tom Silman,
Joan Staven

- Praying together and for each other -

Prayer is a beautiful way to share God's love with others,

especially during times of great rejoicing and great struggle.



You are always welcome to have your name placed in our
bulletin to allow your parish family and friends to pray with
and for you.

*There is another form of group prayer here at St. Joseph's -
our Prayer Tree.*

You are encouraged and welcomed to call the office to put anyone on our
prayer tree. You may use a first name or be anonymous .

These prayers go out to a strong group of "Pray-ers"....

Either through an email list or by a phone tree.

Also- you are welcome to join us as a "Pray-er"



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

Building and Grounds



*Helps maintain & improve the
St. Joseph campus*

What We Do:

B&G helps ensure that the property and grounds are maintained and necessary improvements are made as needed. Our responsibilities include a wide range of items from technology and building infrastructure, to HVAC, drainage, and exterior maintenance. We research, evaluate and develop solutions which are then recommended to the Finance Committee.

- Main Activities:**
- Identify and recommend solutions for needed repairs
 - Help problem solve and prioritize campus wide needs
 - Research and recommend improvements to the campus
 - Share recommendations with Finance

Who We Are:

Leader: Carol Polivka, Phone: 414-379-1616
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Members:

Rita Esselman	Mike Kucharski	Katherine Toman
Steve Eisner	Thomas Silman	Matt Adams
Jerry Kohlmann	Andy Smith	

We welcome help with the many projects we undertake. Opportunities include things like painting, gardening, mulching, and repair work. Our volunteer form can be found on the parish website. [Click here](#) or scan the QR Code to volunteer!



Join Us In Building Up the Church!

Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob Invites You to the 2026



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**WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 | 7 P.M.**

Brookfield Conference Center
325 S. Moorland Road, Brookfield, WI 53005

(Join us for appetizers and a drink at 6 p.m.)

Register at: archmil.regfox.com/pallium-lecture-2026



*Free and open to the public,
but registration is required.*

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, which can be left
in the Parish Office or Welcome Center and
aluminum cans **ONLY**— please **NO PLASTICS**.

Leave aluminum cans outside the single garage doors.

Upcoming Activities at St. Joseph's:

Monday, July 27

12:30pm-3:00pm: Bereavement Committee
in St. Matthew Rm
6:30pm-8:00pm: First Fruits
Summer Book Club
in St. Joseph Rm

Tuesday, July 28

5:00pm-7:00pm: Play Pen Sports in Field
6:30pm-8:30pm: Financial Peace University
in Hall

Wednesday, July 29

5:00pm-7:00pm: Play Pen Sports in Field

Thursday, July 30

No Events

Friday, July 31

No Events

Saturday, August 1

9:00am-10:00am: Father Justin's Table Talk
in St. Joseph Rm
9:00am-Noon: Play Pen Sports in Field

Sunday, August 2

No Events

Around the Archdiocese of Milwaukee:

JUBILEE celebration

FOR COUPLES CELEBRATING
THEIR 25TH (SILVER) ANNIVERSARY,
50TH (GOLDEN) ANNIVERSARY
AND THOSE MARRIED OVER 50 YEARS

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 3, 2026
10 A.M.**

Mass celebrated by Archbishop Grob
Photo opportunity & celebration to follow

Lumen Christi Catholic Church
2750 W Mequon Rd. | Mequon

Questions? Call or email Beth Ulaszek
at 414-758-2226 or ulaszekb@archmil.org

Can't make it to the celebration on Oct. 3? Register to
receive a certificate recognizing your marriage milestone!



Register by Monday, September 14:
archmil.regfox.com/jubilee-anniversary-mass-2026



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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
parishadmin@stjoetosa.com

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

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