

St. Joseph Congregation

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



Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.

Matthew 14:19

August 2, 2026

Eighteenth 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:

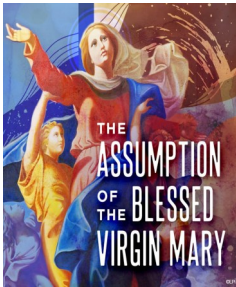
Adoration will take place every Monday immediately following the 8:15am Mass until 9:30am.
Confession offered as well.

Holy Hour/Adoration will take place on
Thursday, August 6th from
6:30pm-7:30pm in the Chapel.

Anointing of the Sick:

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

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

Mass Intentions		The Amazing Love of God	
Monday, August 3rd		Today's readings should inspire the Christian steward with deepened gratitude for our God, who loves us with both fierce and tender love. We must make an intentional response each day, returning love for Love.	
7:35am	Rosary	In our Second Reading from Romans, St. Paul reminds us that nothing and no one can separate us from the love of Christ. No anguish, distress, persecution, famine — and we might add illness, financial hardship, family struggles, or uncertainty about the future — nothing can keep our God from loving us. God holds us securely in the palm of His hand.	
8:15am	Tuyen Bui Philipp	And yet, this reassurance is only the beginning of God's gifts to us. Our Gospel from Matthew recounts the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. This miracle foreshadows the gift of the Eucharist, where Christ feeds us not simply with bread, but with His own Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.	
Tuesday, August 4th		Notice how the Gospel begins. "His heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick." What generous and compassionate love our Lord shows.	
7:30am	The Patriotic Rosary	But even that is not enough for Him. He remains with the people, teaching and ministering to them until evening. When the disciples suggest sending the crowds away to find food, Jesus instead invites them to become part of His plan. He tells them to feed the people, then miraculously multiplies the few loaves and fish they offer.	
8:00am	Perpetual Help	What a privilege it was for the disciples to participate in Christ's work. That same privilege is ours as Christian stewards. Let us respond with grateful hearts to such amazing love.	
8:15am	† Mae Wacker	-copyright: Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.CatholicSteward.com	
Wednesday, August 5th		 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)</i> Mass will be: Saturday, August 15th at 8:15am	
7:35am	Rosary		
8:15am	Janine Sherman		
Thursday, August 6th			
No Mass			
Friday, August 7th			
7:35am	Rosary		
8:15am	† Dorothy & Jerry Frederick		
Saturday, August 8th			
3:00pm	Reconciliation		
4:00pm	† Berthy Vancaster The Dermody/Kresse Families		
Sunday, August 9th			
7:00am	Reconciliation		
8:00am	Our Parish Family		
10:30am	† Lori Kurz † William Benes		
Readings of the Week	Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36		
	Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-23, 29; Mt 15:1-2, 10-14		
	Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; (Ps) Jer 31:10-12b, 13; Mt 15:21-28		
	Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9		
	Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; (Ps) Dt 32:35c-36b, 39abcd; Mt 16:24-28		
	Saturday: Hb 1:12—2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20		
	Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33		
		Eternal rest grant unto her... Our Parishioner, Jean Miller has passed away. Please keep her 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 Pat Scot, 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.

SVDP Back to School Collection



Your generosity equips local students for a successful year ahead.

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference (SVDP) at St. Joe's extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated to this year's Back to School Collection.

For families facing tough financial choices, your kindness prevents them from having to sacrifice necessities for school gear. Because of your compassion, children served by these vital ministries will start school with needed supplies to thrive:

- Tosa Cares Food Pantry
- St. Catherine's SVDP:

We are deeply grateful for your continued support of SVDP's mission to provide a helping hand to our neighbors in need.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



Loading supplies into Cars.



Early Bulletin Deadline!

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



From the Desk of Father Justin

As per my update last week, we're opening up our position for Director Of Liturgical Music. We're pretty much back to Square 1, in terms of prospects, as we thought we had our guy set a week and a half ago.

That being said, I'd like to also clarify that, unlike a year ago, we've got our system down. I have an interview team for prospective hires, we know which questions to ask, we know which parts of the job are essential and which are negotiable. Our general pay scale is set, and we're all satisfied that the money offered is reasonable and competitive. What's more, to reiterate the other portion of my Mass announcement, I have a very specific message for anyone who applies to Saint Joseph Congregation (for any remotely long-term position). "Here at Saint Joe's, we're looking to build up a community, and we want all of our hires to understand that this is not 'just another job'. As we want to invest in you, we're looking for someone to invest in us." Although that message didn't land the way I'd hoped this time, I do believe that this is an essential part of what it means to hire the right person for work on the parish level.

We're doing well with respect to other matters of human resources and staffing, so please continue to offer your prayers for our big open position of Director Of Liturgical Music. Thank you all for that, and may we always trust in the Lord and do the right thing in spite of setbacks and disappointments along the way. As Matthew Kelly wrote recently in The Forgotten Way, "we will only have as much hope as we have patience." That quote is more profound than it seems at first glance, because when you really think about it, you realize just how much that quote is secretly challenging you. How much hope VS patience do you tend to have, in a typical situation? At the very least, that's something to bring into your prayer life in the near future.

On that general note, over the past 3 years Dan, as the Interim Director of Liturgical Music, has strived to make sure that the music of St Joseph is of the utmost quality, engaging, and singable. When he came on board, he was told that we are a singing community which he learned early on was true. Therefore he, as part of the interviewing team and a person who has grown to love this community, wants our DLM to have that same kind of passion to carry on this mission and as a full-time staff member do way more than Dan has been able to do as a part-time person.

Thanks for reading, as always. I look forward to updating you all on Vacation Bible School for next week's bulletin!

Peace,
Father Justin

P.S. I appreciate all the "RIP Zippy" comments I've gotten this month. I got my new hamster two weeks ago, and Princess Mushy Snugglebites is pretty great. I'll let her hang out in the narthex (in her cage, of course) shortly before school starts. I figure another week or two of relative calmness will be good for her, before she starts her job as school mascot.





**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**



ST. BEN'S MEAL PROGRAM

Tuesday, August 11th 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 Michelle and Jim Canes, please call or text them at 414-477-0599 or email at canesmichelle5@gmail.com before Sunday, August 9th 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.

"Be kind to people, not because they're nice, but because you are."
Stephen Colbert

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

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		
Dec 8	Anne Weers	414-588-9273	aweers@wi.rr.com

Upcoming Activities at St. Joseph's:

Around the Archdiocese of Milwaukee:

Monday, August 3

4:00pm-8:00pm: St. Vincent de Paul—Offsite
6:00pm-7:30pm: Finance Council

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in St. John Rm

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

Tuesday, August 4

8:00am-Noon: Mailing in Parish Office
Conference Rm

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

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

Wednesday, August 5

9:00am-10:30am: St. Faustina Small Group
in St. Matthew Rm

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

6:30pm-8:00pm: Buildings & Grounds
Committee in St. Joseph Rm

Thursday, August 6

6:00pm-7:00pm: Home & School—Off-site

Friday, August 7

No Events

Saturday, August 8

8:30am-10:00am: Art & Environment
in Church & Sacristy

9:00am-Noon: Play Pen Sports in Field

Sunday, August 9

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



An annual event to foster conversation and engage the broader culture through the Catholic intellectual tradition.

"Be Not Afraid: The Future of the American Catholic Presbyterate"



Presented by
Stephen P. White

*Executive Director of the Saint John Paul II
National Shrine in Washington, D.C.*

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.)

Free and open to the public, but registration is required.
Register at: <https://archmil.regfox.com/pallium-lecture-2026>



Get the St. Joseph bulletin delivered to your email inbox each Sunday morning!



These messages include a link to the bulletin, which can be read online or downloaded, along with an audio recording of the Sunday homily. To take advantage of this service, send an email message to david.niles@stjoetosa.com.



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—NO PLASTICS (leave outside the single garage doors).



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
vanvreedeb@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.



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