

St. Joseph Congregation

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



**"And so I say to you,
you are Peter,
and upon this rock
I will build my church,
and the gates of the
netherworld shall not
prevail against it.
I will give you the keys to
the kingdom of heaven."**

-Matthew 16:18

August 23, 2026

Twenty-First 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 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		But Who Do You Say That I Am?
Monday, August 24th		Today's Gospel from Matthew invites us to examine whether our lives truly give God the glory He deserves. It begins with a question Jesus asks His disciples. First He asks, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They offer several responses. Then Jesus makes the question personal: "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answers without hesitation: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus asks each of us that same question today. As Christian stewards and disciples, we would likely answer just as Peter did. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. But does the way we live reflect that profession of faith? If we truly believe Christ came to save us from our sins and lead us to heaven, then our lives should proclaim that truth as clearly as our words. Do my priorities and ambitions reflect that Christ is my Savior? Does the way I use my time, talents, and treasure show that I am His disciple? Every blessing God has entrusted to us is meant to be used for His glory. The greatest praise we can offer Him is a life lived in grateful response to His unfathomable love. That is the beauty and power of the stewardship way of life. -copyright: Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.CatholicSteward.com
7:35am	Rosary	
8:15am	Steve Srok	
Tuesday, August 25th		
7:30am	The Patriotic Rosary	
8:00am	Perpetual Help	
8:15am	Michelle Jermier	
Wednesday, August 26th		
7:35am	Rosary	
8:15am	For teachers and catechists	
Thursday, August 27th		
No Mass		
Friday, August 28th		
7:35am	Rosary	
8:15am	† Mary Lou Peschel	
Saturday, August 29th		
3:00pm	Reconciliation	
4:00pm	† Cynthia Gallagher Stephanie Srok	
Sunday, August 30th		
7:00am	Reconciliation	
8:00am	Our Parish Family	
10:30am	† Philomena O'Hanlon † Emil & Jo Knaus Family	
Readings of the Week	Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51	Eternal rest grant unto her... <i>Our Parishioner,</i> <i>Stanley Kohlmann</i> <i>has passed away.</i> Please keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. <u>Attention Liturgical Ministers!</u> Work will soon begin on the fall schedule. Please take a moment and login into Ministry Scheduler Pro and update your online information with any vacations or changes to your ministry. This schedule will begin with the weekend of September 19/20 and will run though the beginning of December. All updates need to be completed by Friday, August 28th to be included in this schedule. Thank you for your continued time and help.
	Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26	
	Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32	
	Thursday 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51	
	Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13	
	Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mk 6:17-29	
	Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27	



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.

"The big feasts did not come along so often but there was one most dear to meIt came every week, Sunday, Our Lord's own day, a wonderful day...."

St. Therese of Lisieux in her autobiography "The Story of a Soul" writes of her love for Sunday, the most important feast day to her and the most important day of the week to go to Mass to spend time in the divine presence of God offering praise and thanksgiving and imploring his help especially on His Holy Day (either Saturday Vigil or Sunday). He is always lovingly waiting for us all. Join us at Mass!



The 2027 Daily Mass Intention Record book is 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.

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, Sandra Payst, Karen Peltier, Dale Peterson, Luis Rodriguez, Dan Rooney, Paul Siverling, Carol & Lee Smaglick, Tim Taff, Robert Traglia, Betty Weinzierl, Peter Wenzel, Ann Marie Wick & Karin Yeatman



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.

-From our Bereavement Committee-

Hope in the Midst of Grief

Tuesday, August 25th
6:30pm-8:30pm

at St. John Vianney Parish
in Brookfield
in the Parish Center,
Room P201 (2nd Floor)

The support group, "Hope in the Midst of Grief" meets on the fourth Tuesday evening of each month. The group is led by Michelle Setzer, a bereaved parent and former bereavement coordinator. Anyone

who wishes to heal from the loss of a loved one and grow in a supportive environment can participate. You do not need to be Catholic or a member of one of the supporting parishes. There is no charge, you do not need to register for the sessions, and all are welcome.

Feel free to contact Michelle Setzer at:
msetzer@hotmail.com or 414-795-6374.



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



From the Desk of Father Justin

The deacons preached for me last weekend, which I'm always grateful for - it's nice to take a bit of a break on homily writing from time to time. However, I've been on a bit of a roll in terms of keeping Biblical continuity in mind. By that I mean that for three weeks in a row, we've been following the Gospel of Matthew (chapter 15) page-by-page. First we had the feeding of the 5000, then Christ walked on water, and last week we heard a woman begging Jesus to help her daughter.

This is a clear-cut case of the Gospel story being a continuous witness to Christ, rather than a series of unaffiliated stories. So what in the world did last week have to do with the loaves and the fishes? Or walking on water? If anything, it looks like Jesus getting back to his usual work of expelling demons, healing the sick, and proclaiming the Kingdom of Heaven.

Well, dear reader, the answer lies in the words of the disciples. "Hey Jesus, send this woman away because she's calling out after us and she's starting to get on our nerves. Who does she think she is?" I may be paraphrasing a bit, but that was their attitude. They saw this woman as beneath the attention of Jesus. At first glance, that might seem like a typical patriarchal response from a bunch of guys who weren't in the mood to deal with a woman in need. But the odd thing is that the disciples didn't react this way to women in need earlier in the Gospel of Matthew. Why was this encounter different from the dozens of other people in need of Christ?

My personal theory, if you'll be willing to hear it out, is because the disciples saw some strange stuff in the last day or two. In particular, they got caught in a storm on the Sea of Galilee and saw Jesus walking on water. That was a "life or death" situation for them, and they saw a side of Jesus that very few others witnessed. After all, thousands of people were fed with the loaves and the fishes, but only a dozen or two people were on that boat on that fateful night. I believe that in last weekend's Gospel, the disciples had begun to fall into the trap of the "we're in the in-crowd" thinking. No longer did they share their experiences of Jesus with hundreds or thousands of people. They knew Jesus in a way that practically no one else could comprehend. And I'll bet that filled them with a decent amount of arrogance, as if they were now the elite of Jesus' followers.

What if my theory is at least partially true, with respect to their way of thinking? Perhaps they tried to dismiss this woman because they were trying to shield Jesus from the usual rabble? After all, wouldn't that be like bumping into a major celebrity on the street and asking for a ride to the hospital? Surely they have bodyguards for exactly such occasions.

Naturally, there's a twist to the story. Not only does Jesus do the opposite of what the disciples think is best, he celebrates her as being among the most blessed of all people! She trusted in him and approached him in humility and in need, and she didn't need to see a miracle with her own eyes. Her trust in him was deeper and purer than that... and Jesus saw her faith for what it was and thanked her for it.

I'll close by fast-forwarding to the final chapters of the Gospel of John where we hear the same essential idea repeated after the Resurrection:

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." -John 20: 28-29

Peace,
Father Justin



Registration
Form

Sign Up for
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION!



Deadline:
on Or before
September 4th



First Class:
September 13th



Or see our website for more information | <https://www.stjoetosa.com/child-youth-ministry>

BIERGARTEN

St. Joseph Catholic Church



Join Us for a Fun-Filled
Biergarten Event!



DATE: Saturday, September 19th

TIME: 5:00 PM (After Evening Mass)

LOCATION: Lower East Parking Lot

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Beer, Wine, Brats, and Burgers
- Music By Brew City DJs
- Meat Raffle
- Bouncy House & Games



Cash & Credit Card Payments Accepted
1 Ticket = \$1.00



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Joe's Biergarten

**MEAT
RAFFLE**



**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 19**
8:00 PM DRAWING

TICKET PRICES:

\$10 SINGLE TICKET
\$25 FOR 3 TICKETS

*9 Chances
to Win!*

PURCHASE TICKETS
in the parish office
in the school office
after Masses in Sept
at the Biergarten

Upcoming Activities at St. Joseph's:

Monday, August 24

12:30pm-3:00pm: Bereavement Committee in St. Matthew Rm

Tuesday, August 25

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

Wednesday, August 26

No Events

Thursday, August 27

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

5:30pm: Back to School Picnic in Lower Parking Lot

Friday, August 28

4:00pm-10:00pm: Auction Winners Dart Ball in Hall

6:00pm: St. Joseph Table in Chapel & Upper Parking Lot

Saturday, August 29

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

6:00pm: St. Joseph Table in Chapel & Upper Parking Lot

Sunday, August 30

No Events

We invite all St. Joe's
School Families
to our Welcome Back
Picnic on Thursday,
August 27th at 5:30pm
in the Lower
Parking Lot.

Welcome
Back to School



Firstfruits
WOMEN
GROWING
IN FAITH

All Women Welcome!

Firstfruits Fall Kick-Off

Women of St. Joe's mark your calendars! We are kicking off our second year of Firstfruits on **Monday, September 14** from **6:30-8:00pm** in the St Joseph Room of the Parish Center.

The gathering will include time for fellowship, prayer and an inspiring talk.

Back by popular demand, Jacque Kelnhofer, who facilitated our Lenten mini-retreat last winter, will lead us in prayer and inspire us as she shares her thoughts on finding intimacy with God in our fast-paced world.

You won't want to miss it. Bring a friend! ♥

To register, please contact Nikki in the Parish Office at 414-771-4626.
For questions, contact Mary MacGillis at macmablum@yahoo.com or 414-378-8334.



Joseph's Table

Young Adult Mass + BBQ

August 28

6 PM Mass in
St. Joseph Chapel

Barbeque and fellowship
to follow!

St. Joseph Catholic Church
12130 W. Center Street

Ages 18 to 30ish Welcome

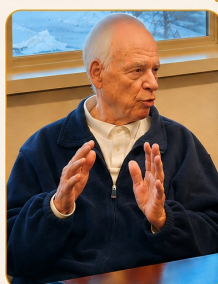
Come to Joseph's Table and bring
a friend!

RSVP Encouraged



Men's Group

★ NEW DAY AND TIME(S) ★



To serve both working and retired men, the new and convenient weekly meetings for the **Men of Saint Joseph-Tosa** group-- starting September 10th-- will be **THURSDAYS, from 6:30-8:00am and 6:30-8:00pm, in the Saint Joseph Room.** Enter at the parish office door and take either the stairs or the elevator to the 2nd floor.



✝ All men of Confirmation age and up are welcome!

Each meeting includes a featured Saint (there are thousands), a professional explanation of the upcoming weekend's Gospel "context and meaning" provided by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops <new this year>, and discussion we'll present two series about male integrity at work, and about how vital men are in God's plan for families .. not to be missed.



NOTE: The same content is provided at both the morning and evening meetings. Free will offering to cover coffee, light refreshments and supplies. Our group enjoys a lot of fun, camaraderie, friendship and community. Now in our 12th year, it's a valuable, worthwhile group. Join us by just showing up!

Bring a father, son, brother, nephew, buddy.



Questions:
Duane Filtz
at 262-993-4858.



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 PLASTIC** (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
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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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