

St. Joseph Congregation

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



"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

August 9, 2026

Nineteenth 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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Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

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

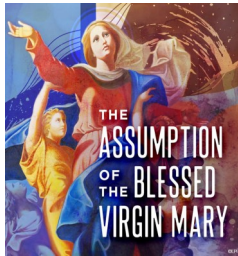
Confession offered as well.

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		The One Who Never Fails Us	
Monday, August 10th		Stewardship spirituality invites us to surrender control of our lives to God in grateful recognition that everything we have is a gift from Him.	
7:35am Rosary		Today's readings remind us that God is always in control of His creation and His people. They also reveal what can happen when we fully entrust our lives to Him — in other words, when we embrace the stewardship way of life.	
8:15am † Hank Jaskulski		When we take our eyes off God, we lose sight of the fact that all is gift. We begin to rely on ourselves instead of trusting in Him, and we fail to make our lives a grateful response to His generosity.	
Tuesday, August 11th		Peter experiences this in today's Gospel from Matthew. Jesus sends the disciples ahead of Him by boat. Later that evening, Jesus comes to them, walking on the water, and invites Peter to join Him. Peter steps out of the boat and begins walking toward the Lord. But when he notices the strong wind around him, instead of keeping his eyes on Christ, he begins to sink.	
7:30am The Patriotic Rosary		Imagine if Peter had never looked away from Jesus. What an extraordinary adventure he would have experienced walking on the water with his Lord. The same is true for us. When we take our eyes off Christ, His countless blessings, and His faithful love for us, we begin to sink as well.	
8:00am Perpetual Help		But when we embrace the stewardship way of life, loosening our grip on our time, talents, and treasure and placing our trust in God, life becomes a great adventure rooted firmly in the One who never fails us.	
8:15am Claudette Nowell-Philipp		-copyright: Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.CatholicSteward.com	
Wednesday, August 12th		 <u>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u> (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year) Mass will be: Saturday, August 15th at 8:15am	
7:35am Rosary			
8:15am † Stephen Myers			
Thursday, August 13th			
No Mass			
Friday, August 14th			
7:35am Rosary			
8:15am † Marie Fitzpatrick			
Saturday, August 15th—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
8:15am † Stephen C. Keller			
3:00pm Reconciliation			
4:00pm Our Parish Family			
Sunday, August 16th			
7:00am Reconciliation			
8:00am † Dr. Benjamin W. Louthan			
† Carl & Carol Dirnbauer			
10:30am † Marian Wendler			
Maya Novotny & Family			
Readings of the Week	Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26		Please keep the family and friends of those who have recently passed away in your thoughts and prayers. <i>Louis Geracie</i> <i>Helen Kokolus,</i> mother & grandmother to the Hersey Family Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord
	Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14		
	Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20		
	Thursday Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21—19:1		
	Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63 (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12		
	Saturday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56		
	Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28		
		 Early Bulletin Deadline! All bulletin articles for the August 22/23 bulletin <u>will be due by Noon on August 10th.</u>	



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, Karen Peltier, Dale Peterson, Luis Rodriguez, Dan Rooney, Paul Siverling, Carol & Lee Smaglick, Tim Taff, Robert Traglia, Betty Weinzierl, 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.

Parish Leadership Update: Welcome to Our New Trustee

Hello,

My name is Arleen Lemmon. As Sandy Schmitt steps down from her term as St. Joe's Trustee-Secretary, I am excited to announce that I will be serving as your new Parish Trustee-Secretary.

I have been an active member of St. Joseph's Parish for 25+ years. I chaired the auction for two consecutive years. I taught 2nd grade religious education with my daughter for several years, which was very rewarding.

I was a member of the Stewardship Committee for several years, and I am currently a Eucharist Minister. I encourage you to prayerfully consider becoming a member of this ministry.

I retired in July of 2023. My career was in Mortgage Banking-Operations, which provided me with an extensive background in business operations, budgeting, auditing, financial & market conditions, employee management and Human Resources.

I have two beautiful grown daughters, Casey & Kayla. They both work for the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Both girls are married to wonderful men; Frederick Jr. & Christopher. Between both families, I currently have four adorable grandchildren; Frederick III, Amelia, Cillian & Seton.

I look forward to assisting in moving the parish forward, and in working with the various committees within St. Joseph's parish and school.

God Bless You,

Arleen Lemmon





From the Desk of Father Justin

Last week, July 27th to 31st, we had Vacation Bible School at Saint Agnes. It was a lovely time with a decent assortment of kids and youth from both Saint Agnes and Saint Joseph. I've always loved Vacation Bible School, as it was the first real thing I was responsible for when I was ordained as a transitional deacon. There's something absurd and wonderful about being welcomed into the clerical state of the Catholic Church, and the first thing I was responsible for was making "bricks" out of paper grocery bags, masking tape, and a black sharpie.

Things have not changed all that much in twelve years: Vacation Bible School has always been something churches do on a budget, with as much innovation as we can muster. This year, I spent about \$4 on balloons and maybe another \$7 on this and that... the rest of our materials were "borrowed" from the church or things I had lying around the apartment. And you know what? I loved it! I loved piecing together things from scratch for the sake of spending time with the kids. I do not believe that I would have been happier if some top-of-the-line decorations were provided for us at a premium cost. The fact that we have to make do with simple materials is a part of the charm of the whole thing. Necessity is the mother of innovation, as the saying goes. When it comes to spending time with the kids with something requiring imagination, the power of that statement is probably doubled.

Alex and I were in Bible Adventures, where we belonged. This year, we had five days to work with and we covered the following: 1) some basics with the kids about God creating the world in six days, 2) God knowing ourselves better than we know ourselves, 3) David fleeing King Saul (before he became King David), 4) Jesus dying on the cross, and 5) eternal life in heaven. I dearly love Genesis, chapter 1, so that first day was special to me. Otherwise, I am dearly grateful to the kids for doing so well on Thursday. Thursday for VBS is always Jesus on the cross. Maybe it was mostly in my head, but I feel that the kids were focused on the lesson-at-hand and were sincerely invested in who Jesus is and why the cross matters. That's not something that can easily be done on an average Sunday, so I am always thankful for the chance to cut to the important parts of our faith with the kids while they have the chance to really enter into the truth and the mystery of faith.

Thank you to everyone who helped out and/or participated, and especially to our hosts at Saint Agnes. Well done, and thanks for doing so much of the heavy lifting!

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>





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

SPRED REPRESENTATIVES 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

No Parking Areas During Roofing Project



Work is beginning on the "95" roof project on the north side of the school building. As trucks will be entering and exiting the area, please refrain from parking on the north side of the parking lots so the construction company has access to the areas needed and the necessary space to position their equipment.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this project!



Your Human Concerns Committee would like to remind you that next weekend, August 15th & 16th we will have our food collection benefiting Hope House.

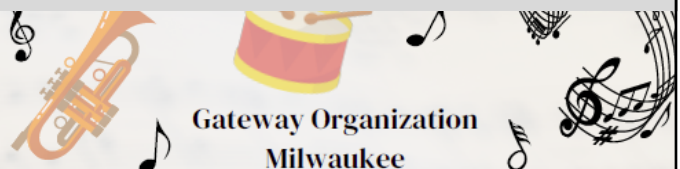
Donations (must be non-perishable) can be left in the Welcome Center.

Please donate generously!

Exciting News for our Day School Families!

Students in grades 3-8 can participate in band and/or orchestra lessons throughout the school year!

To learn more or register, please see the information on the flyer.



Band & Orchestra

- Students receive 30 weekly private lessons and 30 weekly group classes* throughout the school year.
 - Availability of group classes depends on final enrollment numbers.
- Students participate in combined school concerts, solo festivals, and school performances.
- Tuition is \$520 for the school year. Need-based partial scholarships are available, as are a limited number of scholarship instruments for a \$50 maintenance fee.
- Band lessons are available to students in grades 4-8 interested in playing flute, clarinet, saxophone, French horn, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, or percussion.
- Orchestra lessons are available to students in grades 3-8 interested in playing violin, viola, cello, or double bass.

For more information visit gatewayorganizationmilwaukee.org or email molly.c.lieberman@gmail.com

CULTIVATING CREATIVE CHANGE

Upcoming Activities at St. Joseph's:

Monday, August 10

1:30pm-3:30pm: Senior Club Board Meeting
in St. John Rm

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

Tuesday, August 11

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

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

6:30pm-8:00pm: Prayer & Worship Committee
in St. Mary Rm

Wednesday, August 12

No Events

Thursday, August 13

8:30am-9:45am: Sandwich Ministry in Kitchen

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

6:30pm-8:00pm: School Committee—Offsite

Friday, August 14

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

6:0pm-8:00pm: Boy Scouts Court of
Honor Ceremony in Hall

Saturday, August 15

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

9:30am-10:00am: Art & Environment
in Church & Sacristy

Sunday, August 16

Donut Sunday

11:30am-12:30pm: Pray & Play in Gym

5:30pm-7:30pm: Metro Volleyball Conference
in Hall



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).

Play and Pray Donuts and Open Gym



August 16th

following 10:30 Mass



What is a Play and Pray Sunday?

Volunteers will lead a short reflection on Sunday readings by the
gym for your kids while they enjoy their DONUTS!!!

All parish members have a chance to take a moment after mass to
pray quietly and thank the Lord for his blessings

The gym will be open for the kids to burn off all their energy!

After your prayer join us for fellowship time in the parish hall!



**GOOD
FOOD
GREAT
FELLOWSHIP
STRONGER
FAITH**



Donut Sunday

August 16th

Join us after the 8:00 AM
and 10:30 AM Masses in the
Parish Hall



Pray & Play after the
10:30 AM Mass

Donuts, hard rolls, juice and coffee ♥ Sponsored by the Men's Group & First Fruits Women's Group

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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





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.



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