



" and should not you have had

pity

on your fellow servant, as I had

pity

on you?"

-Matthew 18:33

September 13, 2026

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Joseph Congregation

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

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-Friday 8:00am-3:30pm

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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		Extend Mercy and Forgiveness
Monday, September 14th 7:35am Rosary 8:15am † Myra Nowinski		Today's readings invite us to examine the state of our hearts — our thoughts, attitudes, and emotions. In our First Reading from Sirach, we hear about the destructive power of anger: "Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord?" All of us have been hurt by others at some point, some more deeply than others. While our emotions are gifts from God, we are called to steward them well rather than allowing them to control us. How do we do that? Sirach gives us the answer: "Remember your last days, set enmity aside... Remember the Most High's covenant and overlook faults." Instead of dwelling on past hurts, we choose gratitude. We remember God's countless blessings, His unfailing mercy, and His faithful love, placing our trust in Him. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of who we are before God through the parable of the unforgiving servant. A king forgives a debt so enormous it could never be repaid, yet the servant refuses to extend that same mercy to someone else. The story should sound familiar. God has given us life, forgiven our sins through His Son, and opened the way to eternal life. We could never repay such a gift. The only fitting response is to offer Him our whole lives and to extend the same mercy and forgiveness He has shown to us. That is the freedom and joy found in the stewardship way of life. -copyright: Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.CatholicSteward.com
Tuesday, September 15th 7:30am The Patriotic Rosary 8:00am Perpetual Help 8:15am Miguel & Jenny Colon		
Wednesday, September 16th 7:35am Rosary 8:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory		
Thursday, September 17th No Mass		
Friday, September 18th 7:35am Rosary 8:15am John C. Philipp		
Saturday, September 19th 3:00pm Reconciliation 4:00pm † Larry Maloney † William Benes		
Sunday, September 20th 7:00am Reconciliation 8:00am Our Parish Family 10:30am † Jeffrey Bakula † Marjorie Bakula		
Readings of the Week	Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17	<i>Congratulations on your Baptism!</i> <i>Clara Frances</i> daughter of Michael & Elizabeth B. 
	Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35	
	Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35	
	Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50	
	Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1b-d, 6-7, 8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3	
	Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14; Lk 8:4-15	
	Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a	
Eternal rest grant unto her...		
Our parishioner,		
Carol McManus		
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, Sandra Payst, Karen Peltier, Dale Peterson, Luis Rodriguez, Dan Rooney, Carol & Lee Smaglick, Dio Sylva, Tim Taff, Betty Weinzierl, Peter Wenzel, & 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.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

September 15th



Please join us for a candlelight rosary
Tuesday, September 15th
at 6:30pm in the Chapel
to commemorate the
Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows

Attention Liturgical Ministers!

The fall schedule is complete! You should have received an email from Lisa with your assigned Mass times, as well as the full schedule for fall.

If you did receive an email, please take a moment and login to your Ministry Scheduler Pro account to view your assignments.

This schedule runs through the weekend of December 5/6. Please watch your email and the bulletin in early November for information on the winter schedule.

Thank you for your time and continued help.



Your Human Concerns Committee would like to remind you that next weekend, September 19th & 20th, we will be having our food collection benefiting St. Rose.

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

Please donate generously.



From the Desk of Father Justin

Happy weekend to all you. I hope you enjoyed your Labor Day Weekend as a one-last-hurrah of summertime.

We started the school year with a novena of morning rosaries for the school's sake. With the first day of school being September 1st, that was easy math for me. I made it my mission to get to church at 7:10 for ten minutes of quiet prayer, followed by a rosary in the chapel at 7:20. We were always done in plenty of time for the kids to arrive at school as early as 7:45.

In truth, I very much enjoyed the additional "thing" during the morning. It was nice to get my daily rosary said first thing in the morning, and I found that it was easier to really be present to the liturgy once Mass began 30 minutes later. While I'm not quite prepared to do 7:20 rosaries in perpetuity for the rest of my active priesthood, I am very open to leading other rosary novenas in this way in the near future.

There are people who pray a rosary in the church before Mass, and I have no intention of disrupting that. It's a lot more appealing to have occasional nine-day rosary goals with a select group of people for a specific purpose.

I'll talk things over a bit more with the Prayer and Worship Committee, and see what happens when we put our heads together. As nice as it is to pray a rosary alone while walking outside (especially while we still have some good weather to work with), it is also good to make the effort for some early morning chapel time.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our back-to-school novena – whether you were physically with me in the chapel, or praying a rosary in solidarity with us in the comfort of your own home.

Thanks for reading, everyone, and may you all have a great start to autumn!

Peace,
Father Justin

St. Joseph Catholic School Strategic Planning



What?

We are creating a 3-5 year strategic plan for the future of our school.

When?

This will take place during the 2026-2027 school year.

Who?

We partnered with Marquette University to bring on a facilitator of the process, as well as a Steering Committee of nine school and parish stakeholders chosen by Father Justin and Bree Van Vreede.

Why?

Focus on a vision and future for the school to increase enrollment.

Your Involvement?

We will be surveying parishoners, parents, staff, and students. We will be holding focus groups for various stakeholders to gain insight on perceptions of the school.

BIERGARTEN

St. Joseph Catholic Church

DATE: Saturday, September 19th

TIME: 5:00 PM (After Evening Mass)

LOCATION: Lower East Parking Lot

- Beer, Wine, Brats, Pretzels & Burgers
- Music By Brew City DJs
- Kids Bouncy Houses & Games
- Sheepshead & Hammerschlagen



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St. Vincent de Paul Awareness Month SVDP Supports Tosa Cares!

**TOSA
CARES**

This is the third in a series of bulletin articles highlighting the work of the St. Joe's St. Vincent de Paul Conference (SVDP), so you the parishioners of St. Joseph can see the impact your support and involvement make possible.

This article describes our St. Vincent de Paul Conference's support of the Tosa Cares Food Pantry. Located inside Mt. Zion Lutheran Church at (12012 W. North Avenue), Tosa Cares is one of the few food pantries located in our part of Milwaukee County. It serves people from all over the greater Milwaukee area and is a vital resource for our Vincentsians when we make home visits to local families needing assistance.

In addition to food, Tosa Cares provides families clothing, back to school supplies and personal care items. Tosa Cares is entirely run by volunteers, and is supported by several area churches, organizations, and individuals.

The St. Joseph's SVDP Conference supports Tosa Cares through our volunteer efforts and our various fundraisers during the year (Reverse Collection, Back to School Collection, and Thanksgiving Brown Bag Collection).

Tosa Cares began in 2008 initially serving four households. Today, Tosa Cares serves nearly 350 households per distribution cycle.

St. Joseph's Parish plays a significant part in supporting the food pantry so that it can continue to meet this need. Thank you so very much for your continued support of SVDP and Tosa Cares.



DONUT SUNDAY Next Weekend (9/20)

As part of SVDP Awareness Month and in appreciation of your support, members of St. Joe's SVDP will host Donut Sunday after 8:00 & 10:30 AM Masses next weekend.



Knights of Columbus
Bishop Leo Brust Council #3702



Pancake Breakfast

To Support Holy Family Children's Home in Kenya

Sunday, September 27, 2026

8:00 AM -12:00 PM

St. Joseph Parish Hall

The breakfast includes: pancakes, sausages, apple sauce, coffee, juice, milk, butter, syrup, and seconds!

- Under 10 years \$6.00
- 10 years and over \$10.00
- Family (3 or more) \$30.00

Enjoy a warm breakfast after Sunday Masses.

All proceeds will help support Sister Merin's work with the Holy Family Children's Home in Kenya



October Baby Shower

To benefit the
Women's Care Center of Milwaukee
Crib Club Wish List



High need items:

- Diapers (sizes 4 to 6), Pull Ups
- Baby wipes (unscented)
- Clothing – preemie to 5T (All seasons, including onesies and socks)
- Baby toiletries (shampoo, lotion, diaper rash cream)

Throughout the month of October, we will have collection boxes available in the **school hall** and in the **Welcome Center**.

Please place your **new, unwrapped items** in these collection boxes. Items will benefit the Women's Care Center Crib Club Store, which provides baby essentials free of charge to moms in need.

Two additional options for donations:

\$25 Gift cards (Pick 'N Save or Visa)
--Please drop off at the Parish Office

Visit their Amazon Gift Registry



Gift Registry items are delivered directly to the Women's Care Center of Milwaukee

Other needed items:

- Baby sleepers (sleep sacks)
- Baby and toddler books
- Baby bottles, pacifiers, teething toys
- Band-Aids, Neosporin
- Baby manicure kits
- Feeding supplies (sippy cups, spoons, bibs)
- Burping pads
- Baby carriers/ slings
- Diaper bags and receiving blankets
- Breast pads and nursing pillows (boppy pillows)
- Umbrella strollers
- Baby bouncers and swings
- High chairs

Bless you for your generosity!

--The Respect Life Committee

WOMEN'S CARE CENTER



Upcoming Activities at St. Joseph's

Monday, September 14

1:30pm-3:30pm: Senior Club Board Meeting
in St. John Rm
3:30pm-7:00pm: Volleyball Practice in Gym
6:30pm-8:00pm: St. Vincent de Paul in Library
6:30pm-8:00pm: First Fruits Fall Kick Off
in St. Joseph Rm

Tuesday, September 15

3:30pm-8:00pm: Volleyball Practice in Gym
4:00pm-9:00pm: BARCEL Violin in Music Room,
Library & Spanish Rm

Wednesday, September 16

6:30am-7:30am: St. Joseph Living Stones
Bible Study in St. Joseph Rm
9:00am-10:30am: St. Faustina Small Group
in St. Matthew Rm
3:30pm-6:30pm: Volleyball Practice in Gym
6:30pm-8:00pm: One on One Milwaukee
Basketball in Gym
6:30pm-8:00pm: Pastoral Council in St. Joseph Rm

Thursday, September 17

6:30am-8:00am: Men's Group in St. Joseph Rm
3:30pm-8:00pm: Volleyball Practice in Gym
3:45pm-6:00pm: Senior Group in Hall/Kitchen
6:30pm-8:00pm: Men's Group in St. Joseph Rm
6:30pm-8:00pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal in Church

Friday, September 18

5:30pm-9:30pm: Boys Volleyball Games in Gym

Saturday, September 19

8:00am-Noon: BARCEL Violin in Music Rm
9:00am-Noon: Play Pen Sports in Field
8:30am-10:00am: Art & Environment
in Church & Sacrsity
5:00pm: Biergarten in Lower Parking Lot

Sunday, September 20

Donut Sunday
11:30am-Noon: Pray & Play in Gym
4:00pm-8:00pm: Knights of Columbus in Field

We are currently collecting
ONLY jewelry, aluminum
cans, bikes, books,
furniture or eBay items.

**RUMMAGE
SALE NEWS**

If you have something we can sell on eBay or
want to donate Furniture contact Fran at
Dntolly@aol.com with Subject: Rummage Sale.

- Jewelry can be left in the Welcome Center or Parish Office.
- Leave aluminum cans outside the single car garages - NO PLASTIC.
- Leave bikes between the garages. Label them RUMMAGE.
- Books can be left in the Welcome Center.

**Many thanks for all who support this
important fundraiser.**

Around the Archdiocese of Milwaukee



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PUNT, PASS & KICK COMPETITION!

Hosted by Knights of Columbus - Council 3702

Sunday, September 20, 2026 • 4-6 PM

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12130 W Center St, Wauwatosa, WI

PUNT! PASS! KICK!

BOYS & GIRLS AGES 8-12

WIN PRIZES FOR EACH AGE GROUP!

EVENT IS FREE!

BUILD SKILLS & HAVE FUN!

OFFICIAL RULES
Questions? Contact Bob Steldt, rsteldt@gmail.com

SIGN UP HERE!

SCAN TO REGISTER!



Play and Pray Donuts and Open Gym

September 20th

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!



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,
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414-771-5577 or
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Learn more about our day school
at stjosephschooltosa.com

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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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