

St. Joseph Congregation

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



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14, 2025

Mass Schedule: Monday-Wednesday, Friday 8:15am | Saturday (Vigil) 4:00pm | Sunday 8:00am, 10:30am

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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.



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 the first Thursday of the month.

Anointing of the Sick:

Anointing will take place the first Friday and first Saturday of the month during the 8:15am Mass.

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

Prayer for St. Joseph Congregation



Lord Jesus Christ, we love you, we adore you and we hope in you. We ask for our mercy and love to be abundant within St. Joseph Parish. We humbly, yet boldly pray that Your Holy Spirit shower us with wisdom clarity and courage as we discern Your call and Your Will for the revitalization and future of St. Joseph Parish.

Enkindle in us a fire to love, know and serve You like we've never done before and let that fire spread to one another inside and outside the boundaries of St. Joseph. Through intentional reading and praying with Scripture, and by frequent participation in the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation, may we grow deeper in understanding and love of the treasures of the Catholic Church, so that we may never wander from You.

Amen.

Mass Intentions		The Cross is Vital to Our Salvation	
Monday, September 15th		<p>One of the aspects of our stewardship should be a desire to understand and appreciate the significance of many of the celebrations, feasts, and solemnities we as Catholics observe and experience. Today's Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by St. Helena; the construction and dedication of churches by Helena's son the Emperor Constantine on the site of Mt. Calvary where Christ was crucified; and the return of the Cross to Jerusalem by the Emperor Heraclius II.</p> <p>As Catholics, we need to remember the Cross every time we make the Sign of the Cross. We make that sign often and almost always at the beginning and the end of our prayers. However, that sign in itself is a prayer. Sometimes we do it automatically without really considering its meaning and importance. Rather than a hurried sign, we should make the Sign of the Cross with reverence, respect, and the constant reflection of how vital the Cross is to our salvation. Stewardship invites us to practice our faith with this deference and appreciation to the Lord, truly in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>-copyright: Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.CatholicSteward.com</p>	
7:35am Rosary			
8:15am John Charles Philipp			
Tuesday, September 16th			
7:30am The Patriotic Rosary			
8:00am Perpetual Help			
Communion Services Only			
Wednesday, September 17th		<div><div></div><div><p>Our parishioner, Marian Wendler has passed away</p><p>Please keep her family in your thoughts & prayers.</p></div></div>	
7:35am Rosary			
8:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory			
Thursday, September 18th			
No Mass			
Friday, September 19th			
7:35am Rosary			
8:15am In Thanksgiving for Deacon Jose Gonzalez			
Saturday, September 20th			
3:00pm Reconciliation			
4:00pm † Jeff Bakula			
† George R. Schimmel			
Sunday, September 21st			
7:00am Reconciliation			
8:00am Our Parish Family			
10:30am † Fr. Jerry Hudziak			
† Florence Wuerl			
Readings of the Week	Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35		
	Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3b, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17		
	Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35		
	Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50		
	Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3		
	Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15		
	Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13		
		<div><p>Congratulations on your Baptism</p><p>Declan Thomas</p><p>Son of Dustin & Bryanna Van Vreede</p></div>	



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.



Attention Liturgical Ministers

The fall schedule is ready! Please take a moment and check your email or your paper copy for your fall schedule which will include your individual assignments. This schedule runs from Sept. 20/21 through the holy day, on Monday, December 8th.

Please watch your email and the bulletin in mid-November for information on the winter schedule (which will include Christmas Masses).

Thank you for your time and help!



Your Human Concerns Committee would like to remind you that next weekend, **September 20th & 21st** we will have our food collection benefiting St. Rose.

Donations can be left in the Welcome Center. Please donate generously!

Ministry of the Sick

Please take a moment to pray...

Heavenly Father, Lay Your healing hands on those who are sick

Michelle Adams, Loretta Bannach, Josef Bitzl, Connie Borden, Christine Brady, Mary Ann Bunzel, Chris Burk, Phil Cashill, Margaret Christman, Dennis Cimpl, Marian Cochrane, Katy Connors, Donna Drake, Marge Fandre, Jane Foxgrover, Jeanne Fuchs, Josefina Gallegos, Elisabeth Gean, Cameron Gonring, Amy Grahovac, Jenny Grosschadl, Diane Haase, Bruce Henning, Alex Holmes, Charles Jacoby, Jim Janette, Janice Kampschroer, Joyce Keller, Janet Klein, Don Kresse, Richard Kroscher, Doug Kruse, Mark Mayer, Sue McCauley, Tom McElwee, Margaret Mehigan, Shawn Munch, Loren Norstrem, Luis Rodriguez, Dan Rooney, Carol & Lee Smaglick, Tim Taff, Gail Tawil, 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.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

September 15th



Please join us for a candlelight rosary

Monday, September 15th

6:30pm in the Chapel

to commemorate the

Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows.



From the Desk of Father Justin

Here we are, the weekend of the beer garden! I've been greatly looking forward to this event because it was such a thrill last year. A year ago, I wasn't outrageously excited for the event because I didn't really know what to expect. Beer garden events are reasonably common in this part of the country, and while they're always pleasant in their own way, none of them have ever truly been nights to remember. Last year's Saint Joseph's beer garden was very different. The joy and community were both far more palpable, and people of all ages were having fun well into the night.

Now that we're coming up on the next one, I find myself sincerely eager to wrap up the Saturday 4:00 Mass and head over to the gym entrance for some good times. I hope to see many of you there - it is indeed worthy of a bit of your attention... even if you only have the time to swing by for an hour or so.

On this note, I'd like to remind you all about why we do these sorts of things: no, it's not about the money. It's about coming together as a community. It's about assembling and enjoying time together as friends and neighbors. We all need that sort of thing in life, and a parish is in a uniquely strong position to offer exactly that.

The Saint Joseph Stewardship Community is currently reworking our mission statement. I'm not sure when we'll have the final product ready to go, but we believe that the mission statement should reflect our key values as a parish. As such, the first draft had three things: liturgy, formation, and service. That was a good start, but I insisted on adding a fourth thing: community. Community is something we do very well, and it deserves to have a place in the mission statement. Our beer garden (along with our chili cook-off, trivia night, bingo, etc.) is an example of that value of community. It's not liturgy, formation, or service. And yet, it has its part to play in the life of Christian discipleship: church life needs to be more than going to Mass followed by religious ed, with occasional visits to the local soup kitchen. As disciples, we should indeed pray, study our faith, and serve the poor and needy. No question about that! But we also need to celebrate and be thankful for God's gifts: for starters, we can all be thankful for the gift of life and good people we can share that life with.

I hope to see you at Mass, at Saturday's beer garden, and/or our first session of religious education on Sunday. There's lots for us to do, and may it serve to enrich our faith, hope, and love!

Peace,
Father Justin

Padre Nuestro - the Our Father in Spanish:

**Father Justin will be
introducing Spanish into
some of our school Masses,
beginning September 17.
Stay tuned for future
bilingual opportunities
during the liturgy with St
Joseph Catholic school!**



Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre;



venga a nosotros tu Reino;
hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.



Danos hoy
nuestro pan de cada día;
perdona nuestras ofensas
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden;



no nos dejes caer en la tentación,
y líbranos del mal.

Amén.



SVDP Supports St. Catherine's!

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.

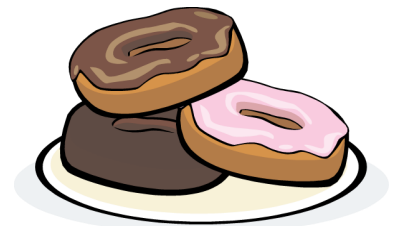
Your generosity enables our SVDP Conference to provide vital support to St. Catherine's SVDP Conference, located at 51st and Center in Milwaukee. Their conference serves a wide area, from 20th to 60th Street and North Avenue to Silver Spring, which is one of the most impoverished neighborhoods in the city. The need for assistance in this area is profound, and their support brings hope where it is most needed.

Each month, St. Catherine's Conference makes numerous home visits to families in need of a helping hand. Many lack basic necessities such as beds for their children or major household appliances. Through compassionate conversations, their most urgent needs are identified, and vouchers for the SVDP store are provided to help meet them. While SVDP cannot resolve every challenge, we are able to offer a listening ear, compassion, and support to help families get back on their feet, gaining stability. The gratitude expressed is most often very profound—sometimes shared through a tearful hug.

Because of your continued generosity, our conference is able to offer St. Catherine's not only financial assistance but also donations from our Reverse Collection, Back-to-School Collection, and Thanksgiving Brown Bag Collection. Together, we live out our mission of spreading Jesus' Love by serving those in need. We are deeply grateful for your faithful support of the work of St. Vincent de Paul.

DONUT SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND (9/21)

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.
Please join us!



Looking for an In Depth Bible Study?

Join other Pilgrims on the Road to Emmaus.

We begin Tuesday, September 23 at 7pm in the St John's Room,
2nd Floor of Parish Office.

We are starting the year with *Revelation of St John*.



Exciting News for the Women of St. Joe's!

"See, I am doing a new thing; now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"
Isaiah 43:19

This verse from Isaiah speaks to God's ability to bring about transformative change, create new paths, and usher in fresh beginnings. That is just what is happening this fall for the women of St. Joseph Parish. Are you looking to be spiritually transformed? Are you longing for a fresh beginning, a new path of discovery on your faith journey?

Firstfruits, a new ministry for women, will officially kick-off at St. Joe's on September 29 with an informative and inspiring evening. You won't want to miss it. Bring a friend!

September 29

St. Joseph Room- Parish Center

6:30-7:00 Fellowship and Introduction with Joan Carey

7:00-8:00 Presentation entitled *Finding Jesus' Peace for Our Restless Hearts* with Tammy Groszczyk, MS, LPC, Licensed Psychotherapist, Divine Mercy Therapy Services.

To register contact Nikki in the Parish Office at 414-771-4626.

For Questions contact Mary MacGillis at macmablum@yahoo.com or 414-378-8334

Upcoming Activities at St. Joseph's:

Monday, September 15

1:30pm-3:30pm

Senior Group Board Meeting in St. John Room

6:30pm-7:30pm

Candelight Rosary in Chapel

Tuesday, September 16

9:00am-10:30am:

St. Luke Bible Study in St. Joseph Room

4:00pm-9:00pm:

BARCEL Violin in Music Room, Library & Art Room

6:30pm-8:00pm:

Parish Life in St. Joseph Room

6:30pm-8:30pm:

Prayer & Worship Committee in St. Mary Room

Wednesday, September 17

8:00am-11:00am:

St. Faustina in St. Matthew Room

3:15pm-4:30pm:

Spanish Club in Library

4:00pm-7:00pm:

Dancing Grannies in Lower Parking Lot

6:30pm-8:00pm:

Pastoral Council in St. Joseph Room

Thursday, September 18

1:00pm-2:00pm:

Catholic Financial Life 216 in St. Mary Room

3:20pm-6:30pm:

Senior Group in Hall & Kitchen

6:30pm-8:00pm:

Adult Choir Rehearsal in Church

Friday, September 19

Saturday, September 20

8:00am-12:00pm Noon:

BARCEL Violin in Music Room

8:30am-10:30am:

Art & Environment Committee in Church

Sunday, September 21

Donut Sunday

11:30am-12:30pm:

Pray & Play in Gym

3:00pm-8:00pm:

Knights of Columbus in Field

4:00pm-6:00pm:

Beyond Baptism in Off-Site

News/Events around the Archdiocese of Milwaukee:

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3702

PRESENTS

PUNT, PASS, KICK COMPETITION

PRIZES TO BE AWARDED FOR 1ST PLACE OF EACH AGE GROUP OF
BOYS AND GIRLS



BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 8-12



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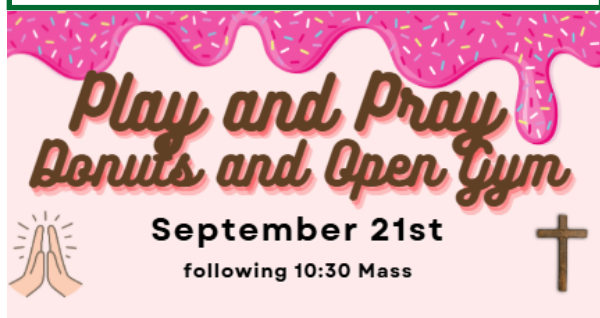


CONTACT BOB STELDT AT rsteldt@gmail.com WITH QUESTIONS
COMPETITION RULES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST



The Rummage Sale is expanding its "aluminum can collection" to include BRASS and COPPER. Please leave outside the garage doors.

SPECIAL BIKE COLLECTION...leave BIKES between the garages...our goal is 70 bikes. Ask everyone you know to donate their old bikes so they can be repaired and cleaned.





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, Dennis Sylva, our Adult Minister, 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

Items are collected for the Rummage Sale year-round, please see below for where items can be left:

- ◆ Please leave children's clothing, toys, adults & children's books in the Welcome Center.
- ◆ Bikes can be left between the west parking lot garages with a note attached: "Rummage".
- ◆ To donate furniture contact Fran, dntolly@aol.com Subject: Rummage
- ◆ Help us recycle & make money for St. Joe's—Currently collecting crushed aluminum cans and Christmas Lights. Leave outside the 2 single car garages in west parking lot.
- ◆ Join the great jewelry collection! Thousands of pieces of jewelry are needed! Ask every one you know if they can donate! Please leave the jewelry in the Welcome Center or Parish Office.

Collecting items now
for the 2026 sale!



Thank you for your continued support of our annual Rummage Sale!

2026 Dates: June 18th, 19th & 20th

Should you wish to advertise your business here, please contact the Parish Office at 414-771-4626 or parishadmin@stjoetosa.com

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