

St. Joseph Congregation

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



*No servant can serve
two masters.
He will either
hate one
and
love the other,
or he
devoted to one
and
despise the other.*

Luke 16:13

September 21, 2025

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Your 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		Putting God First in All Areas of Our Lives
Monday, September 22nd 7:35am Rosary 8:15am In Thanksgiving for Deacon Kurt Peot		After today's readings, we can't say we have not been warned about the dangers of mixed-up priorities. God's Word is so very clear today on the necessity of putting Him first in all areas of our lives. We see this in the First Reading from Amos. The Lord has harsh words for those who would take advantage of the poor and whose priorities are not aligned with God's. In the Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to Timothy, Paul gives us the antidote to the self-centeredness condemned in our First Reading. The antidote is to imitate Christ, "who gave Himself as a ransom for all." Rather than thinking of Himself and how to "get ahead," Christ gave Himself away — completely — for our sake. That is how we are to live. In our Gospel passage from Luke, the Lord shows us how to bridge the gap between worldly thinking and priorities and eternal thinking and priorities. Jesus tells the parable of the corrupt but clever steward who is about to be fired when the master discovers the steward has been squandering his property. Realizing his imminent unemployed status, the clever steward reaches out to the various debtors of his master to wheel and deal with them, making friends who would look out for him when he became jobless. What if we put that kind of effort into our own tasks as good stewards of all God's gifts to us? Into our ministries, into the ways we could make more time for prayer as individuals, as couples, as families, and as a parish? What if we got as creative as the "bad steward" in the use of our finances so that we could give more generously to the poor and the advancement of God's kingdom on the earth? That's our lesson and our challenge. -copyright: Catholic Stewardship Consultants, www.CatholicSteward.com
Tuesday, September 23rd 7:30am The Patriotic Rosary 8:00am Perpetual Help 8:15am Mary Angert		
Wednesday, September 24th 7:35am Rosary 8:15am † Sue Stricklin		
Thursday, September 25th No Mass		
Friday, September 26th 7:35am Rosary 8:15am † Bertie O'Hanlon		
Saturday, September 27th 3:00pm Reconciliation 4:00pm † Robert Speck † Don Kucharski		
Sunday, September 28th 7:00am Reconciliation 8:00am Our Parish Family 10:30am Our Fellow Parishioners of St. Peter Claver in Belize The Dermody/Kresse Families		
Readings of the Week	Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18	REST IN PEACE Our parishioner <i>Barbara Searing</i> has passed away. <i>Please keep her family in your thoughts & prayers.</i>
	Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21	
	Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; (Ps) Tb 13:2-4, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6	Congratulations on your Baptism Camila Gudelia Daughter of Jose & Monica Ayala 
	Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9	
	Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22	
	Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; (Ps) Jer 31:10-12b, 13; Lk 9:43b-45	
	Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31	



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

Michelle Adams, Loretta Bannach, 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, 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, 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.

From our Bereavement Committee:
Hope in the Midst of Grief
Tuesday, September 23rd
at St. John Vianney Parish in Brookfield

6:30pm-8:30pm 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. This 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.





From the Desk of Father Justin

I normally kick off these bulletins with a “good morning” or “happy start to the month” sentiment, but for this week, I feel that it’s time to head over to the other side of the emotional bell curve. It’s been a remarkably mournful few weeks for the world, hasn’t it?

Between various wars (or at least violent conflicts between nations), school shootings, and Charlie Kirk’s assassination, there has been a lot of pain we’ve been collectively trying to deal with. I’ve gotten emails and phone calls about these events, people have talked to me in the proverbial hallway about them, and they have most certainly come up in my regular confession times on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings.

Given all this mess in the air right now, I wanted to offer in this bulletin article the overall message I’ve given in the confessional and at Mass on Monday the 15th, which was the feast day of Our Lady of Sorrows. It seems like a timely message worthy of repetition.

Being sad is a good thing. While I admit that sadness can take a form that has no lasting spiritual value, sadness is often the sign that we possess a moral compass and at least a degree of emotional health. When a person has lost their sense of basic morality and has become terminally jaded in heart and mind, they lose their ability to experience authentic and genuine sadness. They can no longer feel compassion for other people, in other words.

As Christians, we are called to be in touch with that kind of compassion. “Blessed are those who mourn” comes immediately to mind. We are called to mourn any situation where a very real sense of Goodness is taken out of the world. As such, when we learn of a church or school shooting, or the killing of a public person, we should mourn for everyone involved. We should mourn for the victim. We should mourn for the victim’s family. We should mourn for the perpetrator and the perpetrator’s family, with the same amount of fervor. When these things happen, we should not turn to thoughts of hate or vengeance. We should not give in to Satan’s attempts to divide us into factions out for one another’s blood. When we enter into a state of true mature and spiritual sorrow, we enter into the compassion of Christ Himself. We enter into a mourning shared by the Virgin Mary and the rest of the Saints. With true spiritual sorrow, we don’t shrink our sense of humanity the way hatred does, but we rather enter more deeply into that humanity.

I, along with many of you, grieve for the state of the world. It’s been a mournful and frightening few weeks for all of us. Above all, please do your best to remain grounded in Christ. With faith on our side, may we always rise above the many evils of our era. God is in control, and Satan and the forces of evil are little more than pretenders and sore losers with an expert knowledge of human weakness and vulnerability. Turn to the Lord in times of trouble, and let the Holy Spirit guide you in times of doubt.

Firmly in faith,
Father Justin

Who Are We Called To Be?

Living the Fullness of the Christian Life
Three Catholic Ethicists Share Resources and Foster Group Discussion
The Second Insights and Advice Series

Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21, 6:30–7:30 PM,
St. Joseph Church, 12130 W. Center St., Wauwatosa

You are invited to attend these sessions on insights and advice
for living the fullness of the Christian life by embracing our call to
love God and neighbor in our personal, familial, and social lives.

Session 1, Tuesday, October 7, 6:30 –7:30 pm in St. Joseph Church



Dr. Conor Kelly, Marquette University

“Who Are We Called to Be as Catholic Persons?”

How do we flourish as human beings?
What is the role of conscience in the moral life?
How do we form and follow conscience?
How can we practice moral discernment in our lives?

Session 2, Tuesday, October 14, 6:30 –7:30 pm in St. Joseph Church



Dr. Jon Metz, Marquette University

“Who Are We Called to Be as Catholic Families?”

What has your family taught you about faith?
The “family” is referred to as the “Domestic Church.”
What does that mean to you?
How can Pope Francis’ “The Joy of Love” help our
families grow in love?

Session 3, Tuesday, October 21, 6:30 –7:30 pm in St. Joseph Church



Dr. Christine Dalessio, Marquette University

“Who Are We Called to Be as a Catholic Community?”

What does it mean to be called as a Catholic Community?
Who is my community and does that matter?
How does community engage moral discernment in
circles of community?
How do I practice community in meaningful ways?



This coming Saturday, September 20th, 2025

MEN OF SAINT JOSEPH-Tosa

Every week -- Saturday Sunrise Meetings *with full breakfast*

6:25am – 8:00am

Church-School Dining Hall

Enter: Off the lower (East) parking lot, south doors

(If you want to help set up the room or prepare breakfast: 6:00am)



MEN'S GROUP

EVERYBODY WELCOME -- AGENDA

Hot Breakfast/Grace at 6:30am

Meeting's Opening Prayer

Saint Bio, Reflection on the Weekend's Mass Readings

Video with Discussion

Treasury Report, and any Business Matters

Meeting's Closing Prayer

Out by 8:00am to get on with your day!



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!

Monday, September 29th

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.



SVDP Meal Program

This is the fourth 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.

The Milwaukee County St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Council—of which our St. Joe's conference is a part—operates two meal sites: one at 10th and Madison on the south side of Milwaukee and the other at 2nd and Center on the north side. Each day, both sites provide hot, nutritious meals for neighbors who struggle to consistently meet their basic needs.

Our St. Joe's conference supports this vital ministry by volunteering at the south side site and by providing financial support to both locations. In addition to meals, the south side site also offers shower facilities, where homeless guests can enjoy the dignity of a warm shower, receive clean undergarments and personal care items, and—during the cold winter months—be equipped with coats, hats, and gloves.

When our Vincentians volunteer at the meal site, we strive to offer not only food but also kindness, joy, and human connection. Often, we find that those we serve are the ones who lift us. We think of the gentleman who sings his thanks as he walks through the line, or the bright smile of a child who receives a cookie for dessert.

Witnessing both the struggles and the gratitude of our guests is a humbling reminder of the blessings in our own lives. Each visit deepens our call to serve Christ in those who need us most.



Members of St. Joe's SVDP serve meals at
The south side meal programs



For 42 years the St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program has provided hot meals to children and adults in our community.
In the last year over 60,000 meals have been served.



Collection to Support St Joe's SVDP Conference is next weekend

As part of SVDP Awareness Month, at the end of each Mass next weekend (9/27 & 28), members of the St. Joseph's Conference will be at the church entrances to provide information on the organization and to accept monetary donations to fund the many ministries that we provide. To donate electronically use this QR code:



Your support is critical to us being able to go out into the community and bring some comfort to our neighbors in need. We are so very grateful for the support that you provide us.

Thank you for your continued support of SVDP



We had an incredible turn out for the St. Joseph Biergarten!

Thank you to all who joined us for food, fun, & fellowship!



Annual St. Joseph Parish and School Golf Outing

Presented by the St. Joseph Athletic Association

The golf outing is a community building event as well as a fundraiser for the Athletic Association.

Who: School Families, Parishioners, Community Members

All Skill Levels of Golf are Welcome!

What: 9 hole scramble, Catered Dinner, Raffle, Auction, Memories

When: October 12th. Golf starts at 1pm. Arrive at 12 to peruse the raffle items.

Where: Ironwood Golf Course W270 N6166 Moraine Dr. Sussex, WI

RSVP BY OCTOBER 2ND BUT THE EARLIER THE BETTER

Notes:

- No experience is necessary
- Sign up as a single or as a group
- If you want to come just for the dinner and raffle that is an option.

Cost:

- Adult: \$75
- Student/Alumni: \$50
- Dinner Only: \$20

How to sign up

Visit <https://www.stjoeathletics.com/> and navigate to the golf outing page. There will be information about signing up and payment.

Interested in sponsoring the event?

Hole sponsors (\$200): Sign on tee box and recognition during the dinner

Donate Raffle or Auction Items: Donor is announced during the raffle or auction.

Monetary Donations: Any donation helps support the event and support the athletics department.

Questions?

Contact Paul Petrides at paul.f.petrides@outlook.com





MAKE A SPLASH AT
St. Joseph Catholic School/Parish
2025

KALAHARI RESORT WEEKEND!



St. Joseph School and Parish families have an opportunity to experience all of the fun that the Kalahari has at a **GREATLY REDUCED PRICE**. So get together with other school families and/or friends before the busy holiday season begins and have some fun.



WHEN: Nov. 14th – Nov. 16th (the 13th is also available if you want to go early)

You can make a reservation for one, two, or three nights.



PRICE: \$169 + tax per night (\$30 resort fee has been waived for both nights.)



ROOM: Desert Room (2 Queen beds and some have a sleeper sofa)

DEADLINE: October 14th (after this rooms go back to regular price and will be open to the general public).

Rooms are limited so reserve quickly!



HOW: Connect to the link below and book your room(s).

If all of the rooms in our block are taken please email/call me ASAP and I can add rooms provided there are some still available.



LINK: <https://book.passkey.com/e/51113913>



CONTACT: Need help or have questions?

Email **Laura Dundon** at dundonl@stjosephschooltosa.com



Upcoming Activities at St. Joseph's:

Monday, September 22

12:30pm-3:00pm:

Bereavement Committee in St. Matthew Room

3:00pm-8:00pm:

Volleyball Practice in Gym

Tuesday, September 23

9:00am-10:30am:

St. Luke Bible Study in St. Joseph Room

3:00pm-9:00pm:

Volleyball Practice in Gym

4:00pm-9:00pm:

BARCEL Violin in Music Room

7:00pm-9:00pm:

Pilgrims on the Road to Emmaus Bible Study in St. John Room

Wednesday, September 24

8:00am-11:00am:

St. Faustina in St. Matthew Room

3:00pm-9:00pm:

Volleyball Practice in Gym

3:15pm-4:15pm:

Math Club in Classroom III

4:00pm-7:00pm:

Dancing Grannies in Lower Parking Lot

Thursday, September 25

9:30am-10:30am:

Well Time in St. Mary Room

3:00pm-7:00pm:

Volleyball Practice in Gym

6:30pm-7:30pm:

Stewardship Committee in St. Joseph Room

Friday, September 26

5:30pm-8:30pm:

Volleyball Games in Gym

Saturday, September 27

6:25am-8:00am:

Men's Group in Parish/School Hall

8:00am-12:00pm Noon:

BARCEL Violin in Music Room

Sunday, September 28

9:00am-10:15am:

Religious Education Classes

4:00pm-5:30pm:

Confirmation Classes in St. Mary Room

News/Events around the Archdiocese of Milwaukee:



NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK 2025

September 22 – 28

The Catholic Church has stood in solidarity with migrants and refugees for decades. National Migration Week has been observed in the U.S. for over 40 years, and the Church globally has marked the World Day of Migrants and Refugees since 1914.



U.S. Catholic bishops' Migration and Refugee Services helps resettle 18% of the refugees that arrive in the U.S. each year.



The Church continues to advocate for just immigration reform and a compassionate response to displaced persons.

ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE



Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob invites you to a celebration honoring this year's recipients.

September 25, 2025 | 7 p.m.

The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukee

www.archmil.org/Vatican2Awards

ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE

St. Joseph Parishioners Your Help Is Needed and It Is Needed NOW!



We are looking for parish members interested in joining one of our usher teams. The commitment is one month on and two months off for a specific Mass time. We have several teams that could immediately use new members. Specifically, at the 4 PM and 10:30 AM Masses. Even if you cannot commit to a specific Mass time, we are happy to have fill-in ushers. Please consider helping us out. Ushering is an extremely rewarding experience and it is an essential part to the Mass.

If you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact Phil Bain at 414-333-7538 or pjbainjr@gmail.com.



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.

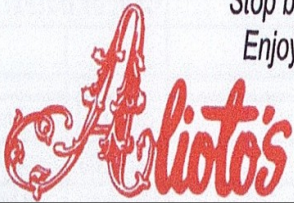
Collecting items now
for the 2026 sale!



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

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

Restaurant And Lounge Open For Lunch And Dinner
Stop by our Lounge for Sandwich Or
Enjoy a Steak In Our Dining Room!
3041 North Mayfair Rd
414-476-6900
Banquet Facilities Available



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