



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!
Alioto's
3041 North Mayfair Rd
414-476-6900
Banquet Facilities Available

FOTI Chiropractic
11717 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa WI
414-259-9008
www.fotichiropractic.com

Dr. David J. Foti

Dr. Felicia Toy

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

Suzuki Violin Instruction
Registered Suzuki Instructors
Colleen Fitzgerald
Celestine Fitzgerald
Parish members
Email: barcel.suzuki@gmail.com

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Old Fashioned Meat Market
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St. Joseph Congregation

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

Jesus

is the Light of our Christmas

the joy of our hearts,

and the hope of our world.



Merry Christmas

December 25, 2025

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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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Wauwatosa, WI 53222
School Office 414-771-5577

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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 Thursday, January 1st from
6:30pm-7:30pm in the Chapel.

Anointing of the Sick:

Anointing will take place on Friday, January 2nd
and Saturday, January 3rd
during the 8:15am Mass.

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

Mass Schedule

Monday-Wednesday, Friday: 8:15am

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Vigil—Wednesday, December 31st 5 :00pm

Mass—Thursday, January 1st: 9.00am



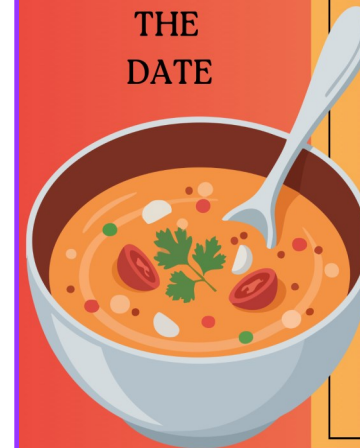
SAVE THE DATE



SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH

Join us for Trivia Night to help support our
8th graders' trip to Washington, D.C.!

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SOUP
&
CHILI
COOK-OFF

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH
5PM
PARISH HALL

St. Joseph Christian Women
Invite you to attend "Ladies Night Out"



Join us for an evening of Good Friends, Good Food and Fun Opportunities!

DATE: Wednesday, January 7th, 2026

PLACE: Alioto's Restaurant – 3401 Mayfair Road

**TIME: 5:30 - Wine & Cheese Social
6:30 - Dinner**

If interested in attending, RSVP forms can be found in the Parish Office!

ST. JOSEPH
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE



SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH
FOLLOWING 10:30 MASS

ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2026-2027
SCHOOL YEAR OPENS MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 2ND

EMAIL
VANVREEDEB@STJOSEPHSCHOOLTOSA.COM
TO SCHEDULE A PERSONALIZED TOUR!



Unmask The Magic

ST. JOSEPH PARISH AUCTION

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*Our church is decorated with poinsettias that were gifted in honor or
memoriam for the following people:*

In Memory:

Deacon Art & Brian McManus

Puls & Birschbach Families

Betty & Owen McCrudden

Genevieve & Herb Scholz

John & Ann Van Gilder

Janet & Bill Keller

Bob & Lois Stevenson

William, Marjorie & Jeffrey Bakula

Dick Papen

Jim Schrader

Gladys Coyne

Patin & Malson Family Members

Delores McCarthy & Family

Louie & Betty Rebernisek

Max & Gabby Weyer

Michael Gryniwicz

Mike Mantey

Rhea Navis

Vivian & Matt Bukowski

Merel & James Green

Eleanore & John Chudada Jr.

Mike Nunemaker

Franz Strigenz

Johann Lotz

Maria Lotz

Otto & Jean Wendler

Gerald & Judith Walsh

Mom & Dad

Marian Wendler

Bertie & Philomena O'Hanlon

Robert Willson

Margo & Ken Banicki

Jack & Jodie Bryson

Gordonna Komassa

Joseph Fitzgerald

Mr. & Mrs. Alberto Rodriguez

Gilbert & Anna Reindl

Sandra Senn

Danielle Arre

Mel Dreikosen

Mary Jane & Jerry Kohlmann Sr.

John Christman

Barbara Lancton Allbright

Msgr. James Jamail

Frank & Irene Gentile

Debra Stephens

Betty Hooyman

In Honor Of:

Arlo Randal Vosters

Donald Filtz

Dale Schueller



From the Desk of Father Justin

Merry Christmas to you all!

As we come together to celebrate the birth of our Lord, as one community of faith, I wish you a wonderful conclusion of the year and glad tidings for the start of 2026. The fact that we celebrate Christmas in late December does indeed have a number of perks to it, and there is one I'd like to specifically mention. With Christmas falling in the very last week of the calendar year, we're in a good position to think about and appreciate the importance of new beginnings.

New beginnings matter. As people, we have a need for a fresh start from time to time. A new friend to share your interests with. A new job that demands fresh skills from you. A new way to live your life and shake off old bad habits keeping you down. The birth of a child is a new member of the family. The list obviously goes on, but all of us need something from this list of "new things" every so often, in order to pump fresh zeal into our lives once more.

People tap into this basic psychological need when they celebrate New Year's Eve, complete with New Year's Resolutions. I won't go into why I strongly prefer Lent to New Year's Eve, or why I've never personally cared about staying up till midnight on December 31st. Plenty of people love those annual traditions, and that's a perfectly fair thing for folks to enjoy and care about. They're expressing their enthusiasm for the new beginning that comes with January 1st.

Christmas is a new beginning as well, and to use a class Catholic phrase, it is "ever ancient and ever new." Normally, we use that phrase to describe Sacred Scripture, but it also applies to Christmas just fine. In-line with our faith, the true original beginning was God. See the Gospel of John: chapter one, verse one. And God subsequently brings forth all of creation: that too, obviously, is a beginning. However, by the time of Jesus' Incarnation, humanity was collectively ready for a new beginning. We were scarred and beaten down by sin, and escape from that sin was impossible. In short, conditions were perfect for the coming of Jesus Christ. His incarnation (that is to say, his birth) was a new beginning in the history of humankind and the history of salvation... which are practically the same thing. Christ began something mighty and beautiful by his very being. And while he was only able to directly share himself with people within a radius of a few dozen miles, his new beginning would be shared with people within a radius of a thousand miles... in less than 30 years of his death. In time, that offering of a new spiritual beginning would literally be offered in every nation around the globe.

Christmas literally happened once, quite some time ago. However, every Christmas that we celebrate in our parish and in our home taps into Christ's promise of salvation and the newness of life that comes with it. I mean that, not only for ourselves as individuals, but as members of a Catholic Church that spans all of space and all of time. The Catholic Church needs newness and fresh starts as much as it needs continuity with the past and universality with peoples of all nations and languages. And as families and individuals, we need that newness in much the same way. We need fresh beginnings in life: not to erase or contract who we were in the past, but to allow our past to shape and guide our present and propel us into the future along the right path. As Disciples of Christ, we know that when we act wisely and truly do go down the right path in life, we are merely following in the footsteps of Christ. He intercedes for us, he loves us, and he is indeed waiting for all of us in our heavenly homeland when our earthly pilgrimage has come to an end.

From the bottom of my heart, Merry Christmas to you all. May your spirits always be renewed by the Holy Spirit, for our faith is truly ever ancient, and (especially at Christmas) ever new.

Peace,
Father Justin



Hello Everyone —

After a season of watching and waiting, at the Christmas Midnight Mass we hear the wonderful words:

"The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light."

Isaiah 9:1

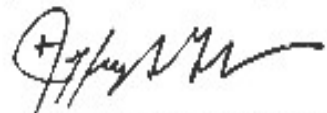
Can you imagine for a moment being a part of the nativity scene? Forget the sanitized view born from nativity plays — beautiful though they are — the stable is a dark and muddy place. It is quaint and almost forgotten. In this humble place a cry pierces the night: an infant is born and swaddled in rags. For all intents and purposes, this could be any baby in any place in the world. But what unfolds in this scene is a miraculous birth that forever changed the world. The Savior of the world is not a king born in a grand palace with finery, but an infant born of poor parents in a modest stable.

It's hard for us to imagine who would take offense at a baby born in a manger — a defenseless infant in such a lowly place. Yet even then, some did. And still today, many turn away. But God holds nothing back. He enters our darkness, our "stables," our forgotten places. Jesus comes to us not as a princely dignitary who rules with power and decree, but as one meek and humble of heart, bringing light to our darkness and inviting us into a life of humility, gentleness and grace.

Through his miracles and mercy, Jesus shows us that everyone — especially those pushed to the margins — is worthy of dignity and love. He continues to invite us to see his presence: in the beauty of creation, in the love of family and friends, and most profoundly, in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

My hope and prayer for you this Christmas is that your heart will be filled with the light of God's inbreaking love — that the eternal Son may shine into your life, your heart and your family. May his light, which no darkness can overshadow, fill you with peace, joy and freedom that the world cannot give.

May God bless you, and Merry Christmas!


Most Reverend Jeffrey S. Grob
Archbishop of Milwaukee

The Parish Staff of St. Joseph Congregation pray you have a
joyous Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

St. Joseph Pray for us!



LUKE 2:14

Fr. Justin Lopina
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Deacon Jose Gonzales
Deacon Kurt Peot
Dan O'Connor
Dennis Sylva
Lisa Marynik
Suzanne Silman
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