



St. Joseph Catholic Parish

May 16-17, 2026



The Ascension of the Lord



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM,
6:00 PM

Weekday Mass

Tuesday 8:00 AM
Wednesday: 8:00 AM
Thursday: 2:00 PM
at the Neighbors
Friday: 9:00 AM

Adoration in Church

Tuesdays: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Private Confession in Church

Saturday: 3:00 PM

PARISH CENTER HOURS

Monday-Friday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
715-232-4922

OUR LOCATION

Church:

921 Wilson Avenue

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910 Wilson Avenue
Menomonie, WI 54751

Pastor:

John S. Muthu Vijayan
(Fr. Mano)

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday, May 16

(Acts 18:23-28 / Jn 16:23b-28)

3:00 PM - Private Confession (Church)

3:30 PM - Pray the Rosary

4:00 PM Mass - Lorelee Binkowski by Dale

Sunday, May 17

(Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 / Mt 28:16-20)

8:00 AM - Pray the Rosary

8:30 AM Mass - Deceased Members of the
Fred & Cecelia Langreck Family
by Frank & Mary Trunkel

*Baptism of Kate Rose Cutler -
daughter of Brian & Emily*

10:15 AM Baccalaureate Mass -
St. Joseph Parish Family

11:15 AM - Parish Potluck

Monday, May 18 (Acts 19:1-8 / Jn 16:29-33)

NO SERVICES

Tuesday, May 19 (Acts 20:17-27 / Jn 17:1-11a)

8:00 AM Mass - The Kasten Family
by Shirley Riedmann

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM - Adoration (Church)

9:00 AM - Faith & Fellowship
(Friendship House)

2:00 PM - Listening Session (Charles Hall)

5:00-6:00 PM - Tuesday's Table Meal
(Charles Hall)

Wednesday, May 20

(Acts 20:28-38 / Jn 17:11b-19)

8:00 AM Mass - Marian Jungwirth
by Linda Young

6:00 PM - Listening Session (Charles Hall)

Thursday, May 21

(Acts 22:30;23:6-11 / Jn 17:20-26)

2:00 PM Mass at the Neighbors (Green/West Bldg)
- Rick LaCrosse by Joe & Karen Adams

Friday, May 22 (Acts 25:13b-21 / Jn 21:15-19)

Last day of School - Half Day

10:30 AM Mass - Lorelee Binkowski by Dale

Saturday, May 23

(Acts 28:16-20,30-31 / Jn 21:20-25)

3:00 PM - Private Confession (Church)

3:30 PM - Pray the Rosary

4:00 PM Mass - Lonnie & Darrell Bauer
by Kay Bauer)

Sunday, May 24

(Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 / Jn 20:19-23)

8:00 AM - Pray the Rosary

8:30 AM Mass - St. Joseph Parish Family

10:15 AM Mass - Betty Hunter
by the Rank Family

SACRAMENTS

Congratulations on your Baptism

Kate Rose Cutler

daughter of Brian & Emily

You have put on Christ, you have been baptized,

Alleluia, Alleluia!

STEWARDSHIP

FINANCE REPORT July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

OFFERTORY for May 10 —Week 45

Adult Envelope	\$ 5,473.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 12,154.00
<i>Under</i> Weekly Goal	\$ (6,681.00)
Plate	\$ 1,271.32
Year-to-Date Total	\$ 564,411.53
Year-to-Date Goal	\$ 546,930.00
Over Yearly Goal	\$ 17,481.53

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MESSAGE FROM FR. MANO

“I am the Lady of the Rosary. You must say the Rosary every day and say it properly”. – Our Lady of Fatima. The word ‘Rosary’ means ‘Crown of Roses’ every time people say the Rosary devoutly; they place a crown of one hundred and fifty-three roses upon the heads of Jesus and Mary. Each time you say a “Hail Mary” you are giving Her a beautiful rose. Can you imagine how many roses we have placed so far? To show that this is literally true, St. Louis de Montfort tells the following story:

Father Dominic, a Carthusian, who was deeply devoted to the Holy Rosary, had a vision in which he saw Heaven open and the whole heavenly court assembled in magnificent array. He heard them sing the Rosary in an enchanting melody, and each decade was in honor of a mystery of the life, passion, or glory of Jesus Christ and his Holy Mother. Fr. Dominic noticed that whenever they pronounced the Holy name of Mary, they bowed their heads, and at the name of Jesus they genuflected and gave thanks to God for the great good he had wrought in heaven and on earth through the Holy Rosary.

He also saw our Lady and the Saints present to God the Rosaries which the Confraternity members say here on earth. He also noticed that they were praying for those who practice this devotion. He also saw beautiful crowns without numbers, which were made of sweet-smelling flowers, for those who say the Rosary devoutly. He learned that by every Rosary that they say they make a crown for themselves which they will be able to wear in heaven.

One day Saint Gertrude had a vision of our Lord counting gold coins. She summoned the courage to ask Him what he was doing, and he answered, “I am counting the Hail Mary’s that you have said; this is the money with which you purchase Heaven.” (How many gold coins have we accumulated so far?)

This is what Our Lady herself said to Saint Gertrude: “Never has any man composed anything more beautiful than the Hail Mary. No salutation could be dearer to my heart than those beautiful and dignified words that God the Father addressed to me Himself.”

The chronicles of St. Francis tell of a young friar who had the praiseworthy habit of saying The Rosary every day before dinner. One day, for some reason or other, he did not manage to say it. The refectory bell had already been rung when he asked the Superior to allow him to say it before coming to the table, and, having obtained permission, he withdrew to his cell to pray. After he had been gone for a long time, the Superior sent another friar to fetch him, and he found him in his room bathed in a heavenly light in the presence of our Lady and two angels. Beautiful roses kept issuing from his mouth at each Hail Mary, and the two angels were taking them one by one and placing them on our Lady’s head, while she smilingly accepted them. Finally, two other friars who had been sent to find out what had happened to the first two saw the same scene, and our Lady did not leave until the whole Rosary had been said.

Hail Mary....

The Ascension of the Lord

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

On behalf of everyone at St. Joseph School, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generous support of our Legacy Night in April. Because of your kindness and generosity, the evening was truly unforgettable.

We are incredibly grateful to share that together we raised \$66,038 to support St. Joseph School. Your support helps ensure that our students continue to grow academically, spiritually, and in a community rooted in faith, service, and excellence.

Legacy Night was more than just a fundraiser; it was a beautiful reminder of the strength and generosity of our school family. The gathering of parents, alumni, parishioners, teachers and staff, community members, and supporters reflected a powerful sense of unity and shared commitment to our students.

We are deeply grateful for your support of our mission and for the confidence you place in the future of St. Joseph School. It is a true blessing to be part of a community strengthened by your kindness and commitment.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Mary Kiefer, Principal



CHOICE PROGRAM



If you are thinking about sending your grade schooler to St. Joseph but don't think you can afford it, apply for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. It's easy to do to see if you qualify. Go to the link on St. Joseph School's website (or scan the QR code). May 1 - 20th is one of the open enrollment periods this year. Christian based education in smaller classes provide an excellent base for your child's future.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

WE ARE HIRING!

St. Joseph School is looking for a new school principal. Please contact Father Mano for more information or scan the QR code.



We are also looking for a new 4K teacher. Please Contact Principal Mary Kiefer or scan the QR Code.





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Dylan Watkins	Samuel Wayne	Amelia Weber	Mallory Wisemiller
Samuel Zander			

*Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.
 — St. Catherine of Siena*

LISTENING SESSIONS

Listening sessions are going to be held regarding the proposal to purchase the blue and white houses located on the same block as the church.

The listening sessions are to share information, answer questions, and gather feedback on how these properties may best serve our parish in the future if purchased. Conceptual renderings and site ideas will be available at these sessions.

The listening sessions will be in Charles Hall:
Tuesday, May 19th at 2:00 PM
Wednesday, May 20th at 6:00 PM

If you have questions, please contact Father Mano or Pastoral Council Chair Jason Horzewski. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of St. Joseph Parish.

CHOIR

Upcoming Choir Rehearsals

*Traditional Choir:
5/20 - 6:00
Parish Center*

Full Schedule available online at:
<https://www.menomoniecatholic.org/liturgical-ministry>

SPIRITUS IS HIRING!

Are you a young adult looking for community, service, and prayer?

SPIRITUS Come & See Event

May 20

- NO Fundraising
- Housing, Food, & Health Coverage
- Paid Monthly
- Internship Opportunities



FROM THE DIOCESE

“Legacy of Love: Celebrating Decades of Married Life.”

We are pleased to introduce a new way of celebrating wedding anniversaries in our diocese! Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries 10th, 20th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 70th, or 80th will be invited to participate in “Legacy of Love: Celebrating Decades of Married Life.” This free event will begin with Mass and include pictures with Bishop Battersby followed by a simple reception. Each couple is invited to bring two guests with them.

Couples can register by going to <https://dioceseoflacrosse.regfox.com/legacy-of-love>, using the QR code to the right, calling Laura Boden at 608.791.2680 or emailing her at lboden@diolc.org.



Mass and Reception Dates:

June 21, 2026: 2:00pm (Updated Time) at St. Bronislava Catholic Church, Plover

July 19, 2026: 1:00pm at St. Olaf Catholic Church, Eau Claire

August 9 2026: 1:00pm Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse

Couples celebrating their 50th, 60th, 70th, 80th anniversary will also receive a special packet by mail, including a certificate and a letter of congratulations. We look forward to honoring the beautiful witness of married life with you!

Bible Study



Summer Bible Study Faith Discussions
Join us for a Season of Growth, Reflection, and Fellowship!

**Tuesdays 10:00-11:00 AM - June 9 & 23,
July 7 & 21, August 4 & 18**

Location: Conference Room

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All are welcome - bring a friend, and let's grow together!



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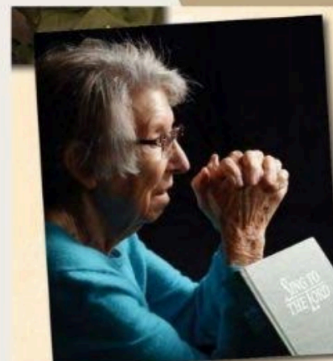
Each "family" photographed receives a free 8x10 portrait AND a free directory!

Portrait Sessions are scheduled

Tuesday - Saturday, September 29 - October 3

Tuesday & Wednesday, October 13 & 14

Sign-Ups Begin in August - Watch for more Information!



All portraits arrive before Christmas!

CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor: Fr. Mano, fr.mano@menomoniecatholic.org
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Join Our Parish Community:
 Contact Nicki Welsch, or click on
 "I'M NEW" at :
MenomonieCatholic.org.

St. Joseph Grade School:
 Serving children 4K through 5th
 grade. We are a 4K
 program site and a Wisconsin
 Parental Choice Program school.
 Registration for the school year
 is ongoing.
 Contact Principal Mary Kiefer
 with questions or to set up a
 tour.

Baptisms:
 Contact Nicki Welsch for
 information and to schedule a
 baptism.

Weddings:
 Contact the Parish Center at
 least 6 months before your
 wedding to set up a meeting
 with Fr. Mano and begin
 preparation.

The **Parish Finance Council**
 consists of appointed members
 who work with the pastor and
 act justly and prudently in
 formation and administration of
 the parish's financial policies,
 budget and long range planning.

Finance Council Members

Fr. Mano
 Tiffany Clark
 Larry Feiler
 Priscilla Fuhrman
 John Heike
 Jeff Krumenauer, Chairperson
 Shirley Riedmann

The **Parish Pastoral
 Council** is a consultative body
 to the pastor with elected and
 appointed members to help
 define, plan, prioritize, and
 carry out the mission of our
 parish.

Pastoral Council Members

Katie Baier
 Anna Beckman
 Debra Berends
 Karen Brunner
 John Heike
 Jason Horzewski, Chairperson
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The **Parish Council for Catholic Women (PCCW)** is an organization all women of the Parish belong to whether they pay dues or not. It is part of the Durand Deanery of the La Crosse Diocese Council for Catholic Women (LDCCW). You may find more information on the website at <https://www.menomoniecatholic.org/pccw>. Current president is Colleen Berg. Contact information is stjosephpccw24@gmail.com.

PARISH PRAYER REQUEST

Remembering Our Faithful Departed:

As a parish family we remember in our prayers those who have died most recently, their families, and loved ones. May those who have died in Christ now share in His Resurrection (**bolded** indicates a parishioner):

Elaine Hoyt
Shirley Faber
 Kevin Finigin (uncle of Patti Blount)
Ann Krisik (mother of Lynn Schwartz)
 Bill Blount (uncle of Patti Blount)
Karen Kundy
 Joseph (son of Mary)
 Kathy Timm (sister-in-law of Linda Kostuch)
 David Kosloski (uncle of Linda Kostuch)
Constance "Connie" Holden
 Chloe Lindsay (granddaughter of Mike & Ruth Kasten)
Gloria Welch Ziehl
Carrie J. Larson

Parish Prayer Requests:

We pray for all in our community and in the world who are in need of comfort.

THE MOST RECENT REQUESTS ARE LISTED BELOW.

Visit MenomonieCatholic.org/prayer-list FOR THE COMPLETE LIST. NAMES WILL REMAIN ON THE WEBSITE PRAYER LIST FOR TWELVE MONTHS. UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUESTED..

Donald Clark
Patrick Weber
Chrissie Weber
John Rapacke
 (friend of Ralph & Maria Varsho)
Lynn Boos
Ed & Lynn LaVenture
Liz Lubke
 (friend of Shirley Riedmann)
Doug Weber
Katie Lorentz
 (wife of Tom Leventhal)
Stevie

Georgia Blanchard
Vi Traxler
Rosalie Sowatzke
 (friend of Denny & Cindy Marach)
Bev Rogers
Monica Scott
Mary Baier
Diana Piontek
Pat Pizzi
Marge Zeilinger
Shirley Faber
Ashly (daughter-in-law of
 Robert & Rene Brahmstadt)

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