St. Joseph Catholic Parish

October 31 - November 1, 2026 — All Saints' Day

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED.

Rosemary F. Achenbach
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Daniel Dean
Shirley H. Faber
Ann Louise Krisik
Constance "Connie" A. Holden
Eileen Ann Howe
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Betty J. Hunter
Joseph "Joe" A. Justus
Angeline "Angie" H. Kryshak
Karen M. Kundy
Carrie J. Larson
Helen C. Larson
Mary Lynn Lechwar
Susan A. Roethke
Linda K. Schwartz
Barbara A. Shannon
Eugene "Shag" H. Skjegstad
Virginia M. Skjegstad
Thomas D. Stoll
Viola Catherine Traxler
Gloria A. Ziehl



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
Parish Center:
910 Wilson Avenue
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Pastor:
John S. Muthu Vijayan
(Fr. Mano)

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday, October 31 (Phil 1:18b-26 / Lk 14:1,7-11)
All Saints' Day / All Souls' Day Mass
11:00 AM Anointing Mass
3:00 PM - Private Confession (Church)
3:30 PM - Pray the Rosary
4:00 PM Mass - Deceased Members of the Kostuch Family by Preston family

Sunday, November 1 (Rv 7:2-4,9-14 / 1 Jn 3:1-3 / Mt 5:1-12a)
All Saints' Day / All Souls' Day Masses
8:00 AM - Pray the Rosary
8:30 AM - Mass - Lorelee Binkowski by Dale
10:15 AM Mass - St. Joseph Parish Family
11:15-12:45 All Saints Day Bingo (Charles Hall)
5:15 PM - Private Confession
5:40 PM - Pray the Rosary
6:00 PM Mass - StoutCatholic

Monday, November 2 (Wis 3:1-9 / Rom 5:5-11 / Jn 6:37-40)
NO SERVICES
NO SCHOOL
6:00 PM - Bible Study (Parish Center)

Tuesday, November 3 (Phil 2:5-11 / Lk 14:15-24)
8:00 AM Mass - Mary Lechwar by PCCW
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM - Adoration (Church)
10:00 AM - Bible Study (Parish Center)
5:00-6:00 PM - Tuesday's Table Meal (Charles Hall)
6:00 PM - OCIA (Parish Center)
6:30 PM - Knight's Family Rosary (Church) All are welcome
7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus General Meeting (Charles Hall)

Wednesday, November 4 (Phil 2:12-18 / Lk 14:25-33)
8:00 AM Mass - Anna Maria Rojo and Jaime Ortiz by Luz
5:30-6:30 PM - Elementary Faith Formation (Parish Center)
6:00 PM - Traditional Choir Practice (Parish Center)
7:00-8:00 PM - Adoration (Ministry)

Thursday, November 5 (Phil 3:3-8a / Lk 15:1-10)
9:00-10:00 AM - Adoration (Ministry)
9:00 AM - Coffee & Community (Friendship House)
2:00 PM Mass at the Neighbors (Green/West Bldg)
- Virginia Skjegstad by Nadine Schlough
5:15 PM - Mom's Group (Friendship House)
6:00 PM - Defending the Faith (Church)

Friday, November 6 (Phil 3:17-4:1 / Lk 16:1-8)
9:00 AM Mass - Terri Cleaver by Don & family

Saturday, November 7 (Phil 4:10-19 / Lk 16:9-15)
Anniversary Blessing & Hospitality after Mass
9:00 AM- 12:00 PM - Rotary Feed Service Project (PC Gym)
3:00 PM - Private Confession (Church)
3:30 PM - Pray the Rosary
4:00 PM Mass - Marie Bauer by Duane Bauer

Sunday, November 8 (Wis 6:12-16 / 1 Thes 4:13-18 / Mt 25:1-13)
Anniversary Blessing & Hospitality after Morning Masses
8:00 AM - Pray the Rosary
8:30 AM - Mass - Ann Krisik by the family
9:30 - 11:15 AM - Confirmation Session (Parish Center)
10:15 AM Mass - St. Joseph Parish Family
5:15 PM - Private Confession
5:40 PM - Pray the Rosary
6:00 PM Mass - StoutCatholic

STEWARDSHIP

FINANCE REPORT
July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027
OFFERTORY for October 25, 2026 —Week 17

Adult Envelope	**$ 5,396.50**
Weekly Goal	**$ 12,500.00**
***Under* Weekly Goal**	**$ (7,103.50)**
Plate	**$ 1,423.40**
Year-to-Date Total	**$ 166,825.48**
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***Under* Yearly Goal**	**$ (45,674.52)**

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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL



CHOIR

Upcoming Choir Rehearsals

Traditional Choir:
11/18 - 6:00 PM
Parish Center

Guitar Choir:
11/11 - 6:00 PM
PC Music Room

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

MESSAGE FROM FR. MANO

This has been weighing in my mind for many months now. Why are the school kids not coming to church at all? What would happen to those kids when they grow up? Many European countries have converted their church buildings into bars, restaurants and dance halls. Will this ever happen to our country? Are we helping our children discover what God wants them to become?

I recently came across the story of a remarkable Catholic mother from Argentina named Sonia Llauró de Ibarra. She and her husband, Diego, raised twelve children. Six of their sons became priests, two of their daughters became religious sisters, three married, and sadly, one daughter died at a young age. What made Sonia such a remarkable mother? It was not that she forced her children to choose religious life. Rather, she created a home where faith was lived, prayer was natural, and God was at the center of family life.

Her family prayed the Rosary, spent time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and practiced their faith in everyday life. Sonia also understood something essential: Parents cannot lead their children closer to God unless they are continually growing closer to God themselves. During her married life, she began the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, deepening her own relationship with the Lord.
Sonia once offered parents this important advice: if a son expresses a desire to enter the seminary, do not be afraid to entrust him to God. She encouraged parents not to extinguish the little flame of a vocation that God might be lighting in their children's hearts. Fr. John Zweber is the last priest from our parish. Will your son be the next priest from St. Joe's? Have you ever dreamed about your son being a Priest?

Her story invites every Catholic family to reflect on our own priorities. We spend considerable time helping our children prepare for their future. We discuss their education, sports, careers, talents, and opportunities. All these things matter. But do we also help them recognize God's presence in their lives? Do our children see us praying, attending Mass faithfully, forgiving others, serving those in need, and trusting God during difficult moments?

Children learn about faith not only from what we tell them but also from what they see us live. A child who sees parents making time for prayer learns that God matters. A child who sees parents serving others learns that love requires sacrifice. A child who sees parents return to God in times of trouble learns where to find strength and hope.

This does not mean every Catholic family must produce a priest or a religious sister. Marriage, priesthood, religious life, and single life can all be beautiful paths of holiness. Our responsibility as parents is not to choose our children's vocations for them, but to help them become faithful disciples who are willing to listen to God's call and respond generously.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME PRAY THE FAMILY ROSARY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd, AT 6:30 PM WITH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN CHURCH.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Stepping Stones of Dunn County

KC Council 2055 Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Dates for this Years 5 Week Food Drive are Sat 24 October to Sun 22 November 2026

You can drop off Non-Perishable Food, Cleaning and Hygiene Products at the Church Front Entrance Barrels. See Sign

The need is great this year, so please Support Stepping Stones.

Any Questions/Concerns, Contact KC Food Drive Coordinator
Vern Caturia c715 309 8278

PCCW

St. Joseph Parish Council of Catholic Women

LADIES - PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER:

We're in search of a new Treasurer (2-year position 2027-2029) and Vice-President/President-Elect (3-year position 2027-2030). If you are interested and/or would like more information regarding the Treasurer position, contact Linda Kostuch at (715) 308-0185 (text) or rlskostuch@wwt.net or Colleen Berg for the Vice-President/President-Elect position at 715-308-2092 or csberg1987@outlook.com.

FAITH FORMATION

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ELEMENTARY students meet this **Wednesday, November 4** from 5:30 - 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

There will be NO Service Night for Confirmation on Wednesday, Nov. 4. We will meet on Saturday, Nov. 7 for the Rotary Feed instead.

DEFENDING THE FAITH

A MONTHLY CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS HOUR

Did Jesus Found the Catholic Church?

Is Christianity about a relationship – or a religion?

Can one simply be spiritual, but not religious? Is organized religion inherently harmful? Do churches create unnecessary rules and divisions? Was the Catholic Church founded by the Emperor Constantine centuries after Jesus?

What exactly did Jesus mean when he said, "I will build my Church?" Did Jesus establish a visible, organized Church—or simply call individuals to follow Him? Is having a personal relationship with Jesus enough—or did He intend something more?

Did Jesus found a Church?
And if He did ... what happened to it?

Join us as we explore the question of whether Christianity is about a personal relationship or something more. We'll examine Jesus' promise to build His Church—and ask what that Church was meant to look like. People of all faiths (or none at all) are welcome to join.

November 05, 2026, ▪ 6:00-7:00pm

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Presenter: Steve Drapalik
Steve is a volunteer catechist for OCIA programs in Menomonie and Chippewa Falls. He has a master's degree in Systematic Theology and 10+ years of experience working in various positions of faith formation, including former Director of Catholic Campus Ministry at UW-Stout. Steve currently lives in Eau Claire with his wife Abigail and works in IT.

Questions? Contact Nicki Welsch at 715-232-4922 or nicki.welsch@menonomiecatholic.org

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COFFEE & COMMUNITY

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ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME

November 5th

9 AM@ THE FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

Moms Gathering and Study Session

All Moms Are Welcome!
Join us whenever your schedule allows!

ST. JOE'S MOMS GROUP

This Thursday
November 5th

5:15 PM @The Friendship House

We hope you can join us!

Scan the QR Code for more information about this group

Rotary FEEDS

St. Joseph Parish

SERVICE PROJECT

Saturday, November 7th
9:00-10:00am or 10:00-11:00am

Join us as we pack nutritious meals for those in need in our community and beyond!





Volunteers Needed!

Together, we make a difference!

CONTACT NICKI TO SIGN UP:
NICKI.WELSCH@MENOMONIECATHOLIC.ORG

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stoutCatholic & St. Joseph Parish

Friendsgiving & Faith Discussion

Thursday, November 12
6:30-7:30 PM @ St. Joseph Charles Hall
Join us for a potluck dinner followed by conversation about faith to foster authentic community. Please bring a dish to pass. All college students and parish members are welcome!

No Cost to Attend! Just Bring a Dish to Pass.
Please RSVP to Nicki at nicki.welsch@menomoniecatholic.org or call the Parish Center 715-232-4920.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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, Chairperson
Lisa Olson
Richard Rhiel

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
Katie Mrdutt
Dan Wengel
Duane Zweber

Knights of Columbus: Catholic men age 17 ½ and older are invited to join the Knights. Scan this QR code with a smartphone/tablet. Enter your info and you will be contacted by a local member. Or contact Bob Brahmstadt Grand Knight at KC2055GK@gmail.com.

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 the Parish Center/School Office 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 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):

Lauretta Oakland
Agnes Riedmann (sister-in-law of Shirley Riedmann)
Eileen Howe
Angie Kryshak
Patrick Weber (nephew of Doug)
Tony Spielman (nephew of Kathy & Dennis Stansbury)
Virginia Skjegstad
Jordyn Irwin
Thomas Stoll
Jane Brogan (mother-in-law of Lisa Brogan)
Pam Gansluckner (sister of Duane Bauer)
Callan McKahan (grandson of Mary Kiefer)
Kevin Retzloff (uncle of Tammy Christianson)

Contact the Parish Center to have someone from outside the parish remembered on this list.

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..

Mary Sempf
Dwight McNaughton
Zach Wacek
Sally C.
Stevie
Reese Becker
Roger Clark (father of Tiffany)
Lynn S.
Lee K.
Mike Heinzen (brother of Jeff)
Georgia Blanchard
Charlie Krueger (father of Kristen Hildebrandt)
Niki
Jerry Beimborn
Pat Petrie Kurth
Terry Petrie, Coach
Arlene Heintz (Niece of Rosie Corcoran)
Jon Samuelson (grandson of Pat Bilse)

If you would like us to pray for you or someone you love, contact the Parish Center at 715-232-4922 or email to contact@menomoniecatholic.org.

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