



St. Joseph Catholic Parish

January 31 - February 1, 2026



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” - Mt 5:10-12a

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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
Menomonie, WI 54751
Pastor:
John S. Muthu Vijayan
(Fr. Mano)
www.menomoniecatholic.org

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday, January 31 (2 Sm 12:1-7a,10-17; Mk 4:35-41)

3:00 PM - Private Confessions (Church)

3:30 PM - Pray the Rosary

4:00 PM Mass - St. Joseph Parish Family

Sunday, February 1

(Zep 2:3,3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a)

8:00 AM - Pray the Rosary

8:30 AM Mass - Kay Lentz by the Smiskey Family

9:30-11:30 AM - KC Pancake Breakfast (Charles Hall)

10:15 AM Mass - John Janecke by the Janecke Family

2:00 PM - KC Free Throw Contest (Parish Center Gym)

5:00 PM - StoutCatholic Choir Practice

5:15 PM - Private Confession

6:00 PM Mass - StoutCatholic

Monday, February 2 (Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40)

NO SERVICES

6:00 PM - Bible Study (Parish Center)

Tuesday, February 3

(2 Sm 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43)

8:00 AM Mass - Robert Jungwirth by Linda Young

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM - Adoration

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 - Knights of Columbus Family Rosary (Church)

All are Welcome

7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting (Charles Hall)

Wednesday, February 4 (2 Sm 24:2,9-17; Mk 6:1-6)

8:00 AM Mass - Lorelee Binkowski by Dale

5:30-6:30 PM - Elementary Faith Formation (Parish Center)

6:00-7:30 PM - Confirmation Service Night (Parish Center)

Thursday, February 5 1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12; Mk 6:7-13)

9:00 AM - Coffee & Community (Friendship House)

2:00 PM Mass at the Neighbors (Green/West Bldg) -

Deceased Members of the Stoeklen Family by Jeanne Stoeklen

Friday, February 6 (Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29)

NO SCHOOL

9:00 AM Mass - Mabel Bates by Jeanne Bates

Saturday, February 7 (1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34)

Hospitality after Mass

January/February Anniversary Blessings

3:00 PM - Private Confessions (Church)

3:30 PM - Pray the Rosary

4:00 PM Mass - Corrine Cassellius by Jerry & Family

Baptism of Thea Marie Thorgerson -
daughter of Daniel & Bailey Thorgerson

Sunday, February 8

(Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16)

Hospitality after morning Masses

January/February Anniversary Blessings after morning Masses

8:00 AM - Pray the Rosary

8:30 AM Mass - Marie Bauer by Duane

Baptism of Olivia Beth Wolf -

daughter of Logan & Hannah Wolf

10:15 AM Mass - St. Joseph Parish Family

Baptism of James Eugene Bauer - Son of Blake & Julie Bauer

5:00 PM - StoutCatholic Choir Practice

5:15 PM - Private Confession

6:00 PM Mass - StoutCatholic

STEWARDSHIP

FINANCE REPORT July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

OFFERTORY for January 25 — Week 30

Adult Envelope	\$ 2,924.50
Weekly Goal	\$ 12,154.00
Under Weekly Goal	\$ (9,229.50)
Plate	\$ 961.00
Year-to-Date Total	\$ 381,044.25
Year-to-Date Goal	\$ 364,620.00
Over Yearly Goal	\$ 16,424.25

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL



We had a great celebration for Catholic Schools Week this past week! Our students celebrated our school, each other, the parish, the community, families, and the gift of faith. I am amazed, every day, by how God's love permeates throughout our school community! The Diocese of La Crosse has asked us to share the following:

Thank a Teacher/Catholic School Professional

This is Catholic Schools Week, and we want to help honor the women and men who make our Catholic schools a beacon of light and hope for the future! With your help, we conduct this exercise of love and appreciation annually, and last year, we received over 200 beautiful comments that we then shared with teachers/staff and their leaders. Use the QR code to 'Thank a teacher/Catholic School Professional' for the great presence they are in the lives of our children!

God bless you!

Mrs. Mary Kiefer, Principal

<https://tinyurl.com/SWthankateacher>



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK PANCAKE BREAKFAST

All proceeds to benefit St. Joseph School

\$10.00 / PERSON
\$5.00 / 11 AND UNDER
FREE / 4 AND UNDER

Menu:
Pancakes w/fruit
toppings, sausage
links, scrambled eggs,
assorted pastries,
coffee/milk/water/or
orange juice

FEBRUARY 1, 2026
9:30-11:30

CHARLES HALL
ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Sponsored by KC Council 2055

MESSAGE FROM FR. MANO'S BROTHER-IN-LAW

Hi all, Greetings!

I'm Francis Xavier Thensaj, brother-in-law of Rev. Fr Mano. I'm so glad to meet you all again after one full year through this letter. I'm here to share, express my feelings and my experiences I had with my brother-in-law during his presence with us on his vacation. Every year during Advent season we all welcome our Lord Jesus in our home and we do prepare ourselves. Likewise, every year during Advent, we all become very eager to receive Fr. Mano in our home. December 25th, 26th, 27thyes, 28th came. Yes, on his 48th birthday, early at 7:00 AM, I went to Madurai International Airport with my son, Anthony, daughter-in-law, Abhi and my daughter, Ruby. Fr Mano, my loving chap, came out from the airport with a warm loving smile and we all received him with a cool hug and wished him a very happy birthday.

We took him in our car to our home with lots of love, sharing about his travel and all. On the way home we had a tea break, then we reached our home by 9:30 AM. His father and mother welcomed him and blessed him after a loving hug. He expressed his love and gratitude to them after wishing his mother a very happy birthday. Yes, Fr. Mano and his mother were both born on the same day. Every year on his birthday he used to meet his mother and got her blessings and this year too, thank God.

We all sit together and chat with lots of love, laughter and sweet memories frozen in mind. By 11:30 we had a family get together where Fr Mano's uncle, aunts, nephews and nieces all gathered in a Baptism Mass where Fr. Mano gave Baptism to his uncle's granddaughter, Livia. Then we all went to Sparkle-Inn, a 3-star hotel, for lunch. We returned home. Fr. Mano had a hectic control to get relief from jetlag for dinner, we went to a famous hotel where Fr. Mano's favorite dish, Parotta, is found. On the 29th he spent time with our family after having his mother's rich breakfast and lunch. He also spent time with our family by playing poker, with lots of fun and joy.

On the morning of the 30th we went to Fr. Mano's Aunt's house in Kovilpatti and met his cousin, Jerald, who met with an accident in Bangalore and was resting in his home. Then we all went to Our Lady of Assumption Shrine Basiica in Kamanayakkanpatti, where lots of miracles happen every year. In the evening, we spent time with family and had dinner with wine—American style.

On the 31st, New Year's Eve, in the evening, I received a call from our Parish Priest asking Fr. Mano's availability and asked him to say mass and sermon at the midnight New Year Mass. He readily accepted and gave a sermon in his own style and many of us became a fan of him (including me as you all). Yes, this New Year begins with his awesome blessings.

On January 2nd, we all went to Sirumalai, St. Lourdes Church, to seek Mother Mary's blessings. On January 3rd, we went to Theni, to visit Fr. Mano's Aunt (age 70) who was sick. Fr. Mano said Holy Mass in her house and prayed for her good health. Then we returned home after we had lunch in his favorite Burma hotel in Virudhunagar.

In the evening Fr. Mano left home and went to Madurai where he met his fellow priest friends. He then visited Coimbatore for accounts auditing where his charity extends. Then he visited Dindigul and Kodaikanal with his cousin, Justin and visited school, college and old age home where his charity works continue. This time Justin joined hands with him as said in the Gospel of St. Matthew, Chapter 25, verse 4.

On January 12th he visited his new Archbishop Rev. Dr. Antony Samy, with a warm climate and shared many valuable and remarkable suggestions, a need of the hour. On the morning of the 13th he returned home. Whenever Fr. Mano is with us, we are filled with joy, fun and grace. On January 14th, my son and daughter-in-law along with Fr. Mano's older brother, Paul's, family came from Chennai and the fun doubled. We all had dinner in Bell Hotel, another favorite.

The early morning of January 15th, at 6:30 AM, we all started to go to Kodaikanal for Pongal holidays. Pongal festival is one of the famous festivals in Tamil Nadu, a thanksgiving celebration. We reached Kodaikanal by 2:00 PM. Since it is a hill station, it was too chilly and enjoyed the breezy cool climate. Kodaikanal is a very familiar place to Fr. Mano, as he served to the church right from his studies as a field worker, as a deacon and as a parish priest for many years. We all went to the lake area for fun and joy. Really a fantastic place to enjoy. We really enjoyed this time a lot with our family members.

This fun and joy came to a sudden end because we had sad news that Fr. Mano's Aunt, age 70, had expired. We had a sudden shock and managed to come out. We split into two groups, one with the elders and another with the youngers. The elders team, with my guidance, returned from Kodikanal and attended the funeral. The younger team stayed back in Kodaikanal and enjoyed themselves a lot and returned back home on the 17th.

On January 18th the Chennai team returned to Chennai. That Sunday morning in our Parish Church at the 8:10 Mass, Fr. Mano gave his special Sunday Homily (the YouTube channel is available where you can also watch). In the morning after Mass is over we all went again to Kovilpatti and Kamanayakkanpatti. Then Fr. Mano went to Madurai to visit his cousin's family. He spent his time with the kids and returned home on the 21st. On the 22nd he went to the supermarket with his sister and niece and purchased some groceries.

The days are becoming hard. The fun and joy are slowly reduced as the take off date is nearing. Yes, we have to wait another 11 months. Even though his place in Wisconsin is directly opposite to our India of the globe, he is always very close to our heart. With tons of love and affection he is about to leave us. With how much love he has with us, that much unseen sadness behind him and with us.

Now he is with you. Take care of him, please. Thank you.

Picture - From left to right

Brother-in-law, sister, mom, Fr. Mano behind mom, nieces(3) dad behind my nieces, sister-in-law, nephew's wife, brother and my nephew.



FAITH FORMATION



ELEMENTARY students will meet this **Wednesday, February 4** from 5:30 - 6:30 pm in the parish center.



CONFIRMATION students will meet for the last **SERVICE NIGHT** this **Wednesday, February 4** from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Students will be assigned to either Stepping Stones or The Neighbors of Dunn County. We will be leaving between 6:05 and 6:10, so please be on time. Please let Tammy know if your student will be attending by **Tuesday, February 3** so that assignments and transportation can be arranged for everyone.



CONFIRMATION students will meet on **Sunday, February 8** after 8:30 Mass from 9:30 - 11:15 am.

STUDENT FUNDRAISER for the Steubenville Youth Conference

We currently have seven (7) students from our parish who are planning to attend and there is still room for 14 more. We are in need of **male** chaperones for the conference. Please contact

Tammy in the Parish Center with questions, or if you are interested in filling this need.

Our fundraiser continues to be successful! **THANK YOU** to everyone who has placed an order or made a monetary donation.

Orders can be placed through **February 22**. All orders will be shipped to the parish center (unless direct ship is selected). You can continue to place orders online or stop in to the Parish Center.

Monetary donations can be made through online giving, cash, or check - please be sure to note "youth fundraiser" on the memo line.

Please visit: <https://www.thatsmypan.biz/StJosephParish> (or scan the QR code). It should say "St. Joseph Youth" in the upper left corner.

Thank you for helping support our youth as they live their faith more fully though experiences like this conference.



STOUTCATHOLIC

PICK AN ENVELOPE. SUPPORT STOUTCATHOLIC.

AFTER MASS NEXT WEEKEND (FEBRUARY 7 & 8)

StoutCatholic is raising funds to help support our weekly meal for students and our outreach efforts on-campus. We need your help!

We will be in the back of church after Mass next weekend to provide hospitality and host an envelope fundraiser. Each envelope will be numbered with a dollar amount. Simply pick one (or more!) and donate the amount written on it to help us reach our goal. No donation is too small as every envelope helps make a difference.

We are grateful for the continued support of St. Joseph's. Your kindness and generosity truly make an impact—thank you for helping us serve the students at UW-Stout!

Questions? Please contact Becca at director@stoutcatholic.org.



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Winter BIBLE STUDY

Lectio:

Evangelization & Acts of the Apostles

All are welcome! No Experience needed.

Mondays 6 PM or Tuesdays 10 AM

January 19th / 20th - April 20th / 21st

No class:

2/16 & 2/17 President's Day

3/9 & 3/10 Lent Reconciliation

3/16 & 3/17 Spring Break

4/6 & 4/7 Easter

Parish Center Conference Room

Sign up today:

nicki.welsch@menomoniecatholic.org

RSVP BY
FEB 10TH

ST. JOSEPH'S
Valentine's
Dance

FEBRUARY 14TH

Dinner - Drinks (Adult & Kids) - Dance - Music

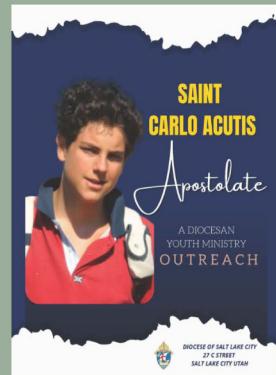
A night of Fun for Everyone!

Join us for an enjoyable evening featuring a delicious lasagna dinner, accompanied by music and engaging activities brought to you by ROCK n ROLL TO GO.

FREE WILL DONATIONS APPRECIATED

FOR MORE INFO OR TO RSVP:

nicki.welsch@menomoniecatholic.org | 715-232-4922



- Hear the Saints Amazing Stories
- Experience Their Miracles
- Venerate First Class Relics of Each
- Bring Your Phone to play Kahoots!
- Compete for Prizes
- Come to Receive the Holy Spirit and get Closer to Our Lord



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Michael Edwards - Director of Youth Diocese of SLC

COFFEE & COMMUNITY
fueled by happy thoughts
and friends

ALL WOMEN OF
THE PARISH
ARE WELCOME

Thursday,
February 5th

9 AM @ THE FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

St. Joseph Parish's 2026 FISH FRY FRIDAYS IN LENT

921 Wilson Avenue • Menomonie, WI • Charles Hall

February 20, 27, March 6, 20, 27

4:30-7:00 pm

MENU

1 Piece Fish Dinner Baked or Fried Cod	\$12
2 Piece Fish Dinner Baked or Fried Cod	\$15
3 Piece Fish Dinner Baked or Fried Cod	\$18
Shrimp Dinner	\$15
Fish/Shrimp Combo Dinner 2 pieces of fish and shrimp	\$18
Kids Meal (12 and under) Mac & Cheese, boiled carrots, applesauce, and milk	\$6

All dinners served with a baked potato or mac and cheese, boiled carrots, coleslaw, dinner roll, and your choice of water, milk, or coffee.



Dine In or Carry Out



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



Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

Date: Sunday, February 1, 2026

Time: 1:30 PM – Registration
bring a ball for warming up
2:00 PM – Contest Start

Where: St. Joseph's Catholic School Gym
Boys and Girls age group 9-14

Winners receive a New Basketball and will
qualify for the next level of competition.

Contact: Bob Brahmstadt at
KC2055GK@gmail.com
if you have any questions.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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Religious Education: Tammy Christianson, tammy.christianson@menomoniecatholic.org
Director of StoutCatholic: Becca Sheahan, director@stoutcatholic.org
Choice Program: Maribeth Hartung, maribeth.hartung@menomoniecatholic.org
Head Custodian/Maintenance: Wayne Koepke, wayne.koepke@menomoniecatholic.org

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
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 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 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):

Steve Schaefer (nephew of Roger & Mary Schaefer)
Lori Barney (daughter of Gerald & Marlys Lausted)
Barbara A. Shannon
Betty J. Hunter
Helen Larson
Eugene H. "Shag" Skjegstad
Joseph A. "Joe" Justus
Jim Lorimer (brother-in-law of Bob Peters)
Paul Pongratz
Nick Rassbach (husband of Mary)
Scotty Sutliff
Daniel Dean
James Wenzel

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..

Maria Varsho
Ann Blades
Chris Stodola
Jamie M. Richter
(brother of Jeff)
Stevie
Melissa
(niece of Janeene Gellerman)
Gloria Ziehl
Dolores & John Vogel
(Parents of Theresa Caturia)
Sue Halama
(daughter-in-law of Roxanne)

Joseph (son of Mary)
Lorraine Sedahl
Charlie Krueger
(Father of Kristen Hildebrandt)
Janet Schaefer Hanson
(Sister of Roger Schaefer)
Phoenix DeYoung
Kellen Wison
(friend of Margo Hecker)
Nichole Manson
(friend of Margo Hecker)
Donald Ashbaugh
(Father of Loni Hilmanowski)

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.

