



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” - Jn 20:26-27

Weekly Calendar

St. Joseph Parish | 910 Wilson Ave. | Menomonie, WI 54751

Saturday, April 15 (Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15)

KC Scholarship Applications Due

3:00 PM—Private Confession

3:30 PM—KCs will lead the Divine Mercy Chaplet

4:00 PM Mass—Dorothy Skillings by the Howes

Sunday, April 16 2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

(Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31)

8:00 AM—KCs will lead the Divine Mercy Chaplet

8:30 AM Mass—Bill Burns and Bill Burns Jr. by the Family

10:15 AM Mass—St. Joseph Parish Family

11:15 AM—Baptism Class (Parish Center Conference Room)

5:15 PM—Private Confession

5:30 PM—Pray the Rosary

6:00 PM Mass—StoutCatholic

Monday, April 17 (Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8)

Tuesday, April 18 (Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15)

7:00 AM-3:00 PM—Adoration-students join at 2:00 PM (Church)

12:00 PM Mass—Velma Feyen by Family & Friends

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

6:30 PM—Inspired by the Spirit Campaign Reception (Charles Hall)

6:30 PM—RCIA Wrap-Up (Parish Center Conference Room)

Wednesday, April 19 (Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21)

11:00 AM—Prayer Shawl Group (Parish Center)

12:00 PM Mass—Gary & Angie Smiskey by David & Linda Smiskey

5:15-6:30 PM—K-5th Grade Faith Formation (Parish Center)

5:30-6:30 PM—Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Church)

6:30-8:00 PM—9th Grade Parents & Teens (Charles Hall)

Thursday, April 20 (Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36)

2:00 PM Mass at The Neighbors—In Honor of Melissa Buerge by the Obradovich Family

Friday, April 21 (Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15)

9:00 AM Mass (4th Grade)—Delores Wilson by Nancy Radle & Rod Cameron

Saturday, April 22 (Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21)

3:00 PM—Private Confession

3:30 PM—Pray the Rosary

4:00 PM Mass—St. Joseph Parish Family

Sunday, April 23 (Acts 2:14, 22-23; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35)

8:00 AM—Pray the Rosary

8:30 AM Mass—Charles Metelka by Kathleen Metelka

10:15 AM Mass—Kenneth Rothbauer by William & Ione Rothbauer

5:15 PM—Private Confession

5:30 PM—Pray the Rosary

6:00 PM Mass—StoutCatholic



Join us as we continue to watch season 3 of The Chosen. Even if you've already seen the episodes, come for the conversation!

Upcoming dates are:

Tuesday, April 25 at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM

Tuesday, May 2 at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM

Tuesday, May 9 at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM

St. Joe's School Spring Concert | April 27, 1:30 & 5:30 PM

All are invited to attend St. Joe's Spring Concert in the Church on Thursday, April 27. There will be a 1:30 PM and 5:30 PM performance. We hope to see you there!

A graphic with a blue background and yellow footprints. The text reads: "WALK for Virtues FRIDAY, MAY 5".

WHAT IS WFV?

Walk for Virtues is a fundraiser for our school. Students will walk on the Red Cedar Trail in Menomonie on Friday, May 5. The walk represents our school community's pledge to practice the virtues of Faith, Hope, Charity, Prudence, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance, which students learn about throughout the school year.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- 1) St. Joseph School families will collect pledges for the walk in the coming weeks. If you know a student, let them know you'd like to sponsor them!
- 2) A Walk for Virtues Sponsor Bulletin Board will be in the main entrance of the church. Grab an envelope from the board if you'd like to donate to WFV, or click the DONATE button on the Payments & Donations page at MenomonieCatholic.org.
- 3) Keep the students (and the weather!) in your prayers on May 5!

ANY AMOUNT DONATED IS APPRECIATED!
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!

A graphic with an orange background. The text reads: "EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE AT MENOMONIECATHOLIC.ORG UNDER THE 'EMPLOYMENT' TAB". Below the text is a small illustration of a church dome. To the right, the words "WE ARE HIRING" are written in large, bold, orange letters.

WE ARE HIRING

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE AT MENOMONIECATHOLIC.ORG UNDER THE "EMPLOYMENT" TAB

We are accepting applications for the following positions:

- Full-time Director of Youth Faith Formation
- Full-time Custodial Assistant
- Full-time 1st Grade Classroom Teacher

Visit MenomonieCatholic.org/employment for job descriptions and to apply.

ST. JOSEPH PCCW SPRING

THRIFT SALE!

THURSDAY, MAY 4: 9 AM-6 PM

FRIDAY, MAY 5: 9 AM-5 PM

CHARLES HALL (LL CHURCH)

Spring has finally arrived and it's time for the PCCW Thrift Sale!

Clean out those closets and drawers! We are looking for:

- *Clean, usable* clothing for men, women, and children
- *Gently used, clean* books, toys, household and kitchen wares, bedding, and shoes
- Bicycles or electronic items must be in working order**

ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE CHURCH

BASEMENT BEGINNING APRIL 16.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for set-up May 3 beginning 9 AM, and for clean-up May 6 (trucks and trailers needed!)

****We cannot sell baby car seats, large furniture, TVs, exercise equipment, or mattresses.**

Contact Pat Preston 715.235.0248 or Rose Mary Stoll 715.235.9684 & leave a message & phone number where you can be reached.

Weekly Reflection by Fr. Mano

As we are celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, I would like to share some of St. Faustina's thoughts about His Divine Mercy. If you were God, and you had some glorious tasks you wanted accomplished, who would you choose? Someone with manifest gifts? Or someone who is weak, humble and appears to have very few natural gifts? Surprisingly, God most often chooses the weak for the greatest tasks. This is one way through which He is able to manifest His almighty power.

Reflect upon whether you have a high and lofty view of yourself and your abilities. If so, be careful. God has a hard time using someone who thinks this way. Seek to see your lowliness and humble yourself before the glory of God. He wants to use you for great things, but only if you allow Him to be the one who acts in and through you. That way, the glory belongs with Him and the work is accomplished according to His perfect wisdom and is a fruit of His abundant Mercy.

If you were asked to build a rocket ship from scratch, you may object, stating that you are not competent in this area and, therefore, cannot do what you are being asked to do. We often have the same response to God regarding His Will. We can easily feel as though we are being asked too much by our Lord, but this is foolish thinking since our Lord would never ask us to do that which He will not also provide the grace to accomplish.

What is it that you feel unqualified to do? Perhaps it's a matter within your family, or an activity you are called to assist with at church. Or perhaps our Lord has placed something on your heart that you avoid considering out of feelings of inadequacy. But if we trust Jesus, we must trust that we will be able to fulfill His perfect will in our lives. We must trust that He would never call us to something beyond what we can accomplish through His grace.

God smiles upon us and lavishes rewards upon us for the love we offer to Him and to others. Our works of love, when inspired by His grace, are transformed into treasures in Heaven. But that's not all that is transformed into treasures. Even our desire to do good and to serve God is transformed. God sees all things, even our smallest sincere desires, and transforms all into grace.

What do we desire in life? What do we long for? Do we find that our desires are attached to sinful acts? Or do we find that our desires and longings are for the good things of Heaven and the works of God? Seek to transform even our desires and we will be richly blessed.



Time For A Joke! 🤔😄

"A joyful heart is good medicine." Prov 17:22

We were celebrating the 100th anniversary of our church, and several former pastors and the bishop were in attendance. At one point, our minister had the children gather at the altar for a talk about the importance of the day. He began by asking them, "Does anyone know what the bishop does?"

There was silence. But finally, one little boy answered gravely, "He's the one you can move diagonally."

Submitted by a Parishioner



PARISH & SCHOOL WISH LIST

Contact the parish center for information about an item, or to donate toward a purchase. **THANK YOU!**

Parish Center/Church

Rugs for Family Rooms at Church	\$220
Small Bookcase for Family Rooms in Church	\$100
ALL Parish Event 6-11-2023	\$500

School

7 iPads to replace outdated/older ones	\$362/ea
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Music, Beth Wacek

Piano Accompanist for Spring Concert	\$300
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Kindergarten, Julie Scharlau

Excellerations 28 Pretend Play Figures	\$160
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5th Grade, Emily Wyss

Teachers Pay Teachers Gift Card	Any Amount
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Father John Mano
Pastor of St. Joseph Parish,

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO
A GATHERING TO INTRODUCE OUR

Inspired by the Spirit Capital Campaign

PLEASE JOIN US IN CHARLES HALL LOCATED AT

St. Joseph Parish
910 Wilson Avenue
Menomonie

on Tuesday, April 18 at 6:30PM

Light refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP by April 17

Kindly email
carol.stratton@menomoniecatholic.org
or call 715-232-4922 to let us know
whether you will be joining us.





ST. JOE'S FAITH FORMATION

Jen Engel | DRE-Youth

Wednesday, April 19

- K-5th Grade Faith Formation meets 5:15-6:30 PM in the Parish Center
- 9th Grade Parents and teens will meet from 6:30-8:00 PM in Charles Hall (lower level of Church) for an advanced session and discussion about relationships and chastity led by Alice Heinzen.

Looking Ahead

- The First Communion Mass will be on Sunday, April 30 at 12:30 PM. Please pray for our parish and school students as they receive this sacrament for the first time!

Shadow Stations THANK YOU!

- Thank you to everyone who volunteered for and participated in *Shadow Stations* this year. The youth did an amazing job! We are also thankful to everyone who attended.



The Living Rosary Group will gather to recite the rosary on Friday, May 5, after the 9:00 AM Mass, and following the May Crowning of Mary by the school children. All are invited to pray with us—more details to come.

Members of the Living Rosary Group recite an assigned decade of the rosary each day at a time and place that fits their schedule. It is known as a "perpetual rosary", meaning that the rosary to our Blessed Mother is being prayed among the group continuously. There are a total of 140 members that belong to the Living Rosary at St. Joe's. There are seven teams, each team consists of the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous (Mystery of Light) Mysteries of the rosary.

Currently we are in need of additional members. We ask that you consider joining our group, so that the Living Rosary can live on. If you are interested and would like more information, kindly contact either Paula Noll, 715-235-0814 or Rita Ulesich, 715-235-3955.

Blessings from the Living Rosary Committee: Paula, Rita, Sharon Moseler and Carolyn Maves.

Offertory Collection July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

Holy Thursday & Easter—Week 41

Adult Envelope Donations	\$ 15,523.51
Weekly Goal	\$ 10,231.00
Over Weekly Goal	\$ 5,292.51
Plate	\$ 2,251.99

Good Friday Collection (split between Stepping Stones and Options for Women) \$ 1,411.00

Year-to-Date Total	\$440,692.73
Year-to-Date Goal	\$419,471.00
Over Yearly Goal	\$ 21,221.73

Moving Forward in Faith Capital Campaign

At St. Ambrose \$ 9,633.98
Repayment of funds to savings for administrative expenses associated with the Parish MFIF Capital Campaign.

—THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING—

Joyful Noise Choir: Spiritual Songs for Spring! Practices are at 6:00 PM at Menomonie United Methodist Church beginning on Tuesday, April 18. Mark your calendar to attend the concert June 20 at 6:00 PM at the Methodist Church.



Domestic Church Married Couples Retreat

Upcoming Retreat

June 3 & 4, 2023

St. Joseph Parish
911 Wilson St.
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Cost: \$100
Scholarships are available

Contact: LaCrosse@domesticchurchfamilies.com

Would you and your spouse enjoy a relaxing and revitalizing weekend to spend time together with no distractions?

Do you want to grow in your spiritual life together as a couple?

Join us for this two-day Domestic Church retreat. Each day will include Mass, dynamic talks, and individual couple time all designed to bring you closer to each other and to God.

This two-day retreat *does not* include overnight lodging. Couples who want lodging will book it independently. Email us for recommendations.

Questions?

Contact: Jeff and Alice Heinzen
LaCrosse@domesticchurchfamilies.com

Register at: diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/

Pastoral Team | Pastoral & Finance Council | Prayer Lists

Parish Center & Church Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Phone: 715.232.4922 | Fax: 715.232.4923 | After hours for Anointing of the Sick or emergencies call Fr. Mano 608.780.8237

Mass: Sat 4:00 PM; Sun 8:30 & 10:15 AM, 6:00 PM; Tues & Wed 12:00 PM; Fri 9:00 AM | Pastor: John S. Muthu Vijayan (Fr. Mano)

Adoration in Church: Tuesdays 7:00 AM-3:00 PM | Private Confession in Church: Sat 3:00 PM

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Newman Campus Minister: Becca Sheahan, director@stoutcatholic.org

Join Our Parish Community! Contact Carol Stratton, or click on "Join Our Parish" at MenomonieCatholic.org.

Check Out St. Joseph Grade School: Serving children 3 years old 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.

Bulletin: Submissions are due to Emily at the Parish Center by 4 PM on Tuesday for the weekend bulletin. Items can also be submitted weeks ahead of time.

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
Karen Adams
Tammy Christianson
Larry Feiler
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

John Heike
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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:

Phyllis Howell (mother of Tim)
Monica Dodd (niece of LaWanna McSweeney)
Mary Cinker
Marne Busch (mother of Brett)
Hank Baier
Mary Cinquegrana
Sharon Register (daughter of Eileen, sister of John)
Peter M. Medzis (brother of Paula Noll)

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.**

Lucy Zingsheim
Bob Swanson & Anne Schneider
Margaret Christianson (daughter of Ajay & Tammy)
Mary Jo Krahenbuhl (sister of Pat Bilse)
Rita Schumacher
Joe Critchfield (brother-in-law of Shirley Riedmann)
Liesel (niece of Janine Thull)
Susan Scott (friend of Cynthia Welch)
Alice Evenson
Marilyn Timm (mother of Miriam Obradovich)
Cathy Nevala (daughter-in-law of Merl & Pat)
Tom Goebel (father of Tracy Morning)
Lynn Bauer (daughter-in-law of Kay)
Dennis Dicks
Ben Ramaeker (son of Mike & Janice)
Wanda Lafferty
Stevie
Joseph Oster (nephew of Janeene Gellerman)

If you would like us to pray for you or someone you love, contact the Parish Center.

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