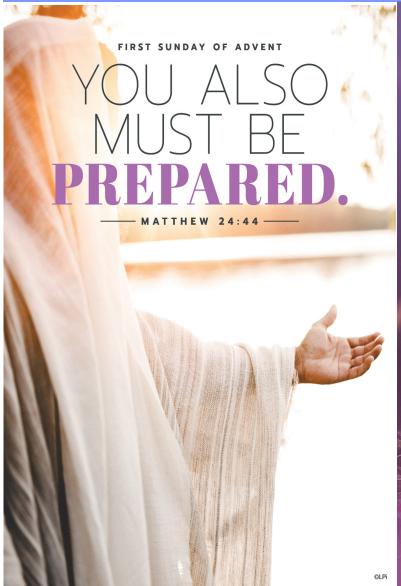
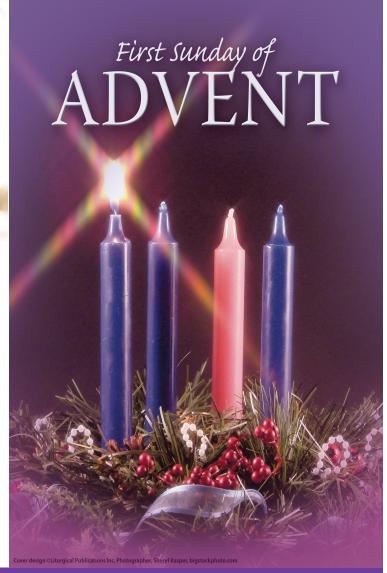


St. Joseph Catholic Parish

November 29-30, 2025 |1st Sunday of Advent





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

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Pastor:

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday, November 29 (Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36)

3:00 PM - Private Confessions (Church)

3:30 PM - Pray the Rosary

4:00 PM Mass - St. Joseph Parish Family

Sunday, November 30

(ls 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44)

8:00 AM - Pray the Rosary

8:30 AM Mass - Living & Deceased Members of the

Kettner Family by Joe & Joyce Kettner

10:15 AM Mass - Maxine Berger by Bill & Rose Mary Stoll

Monday, December 1 (ls 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11)

NO SERVICES

8:00-10:00 AM - Adoration (The Ministry)

6:00 PM - Sacred Art Study (Parish Center)

Tuesday, December 2 (l 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)

8:00 AM Mass - Lila Norton by Yaja Mallory

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM - Adoration

10:00 AM - Sacred Art Study (Parish Center)

5:00 PM - StoutCatholic Choir Practice (Church)

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, December 3

(ls 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37)

9:00 AM Mass - Bob Jungwirth by Linda Young

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM - Rosary Making (Friendship House)

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

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

Thursday, December 4 (Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21,24-27)

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

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

Joe Critchfield by Shirley Reidmann

Friday, December 5 (Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31)

9:00 AM Mass - Ben Ramaeker by Shirley Reidmann

Saturday, December 6

(ls 30:19-21,23-26; Mt 9:35--10:1,5a,6-8)

Anniversary Blessings after Mass

3:00 PM - Private Confessions (Church)

3:30 PM - Pray the Rosary

4:00 PM Mass - Marie Bauer by Joe & Judy Jax

Sunday, December 7

(ls 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12)

Anniversary Blessings after Morning Mases

8:00 AM - Pray the Rosary

8:30 AM Mass - St. Joseph Parish Family

9:30 - 11:45 AM - KC St. Nick Breakfast (Charles Hall)

10:15 AM Mass - Maxine Berger

by Gayle & Allan Mittelstadt

5:15 PM - Private Confession

5:30 PM - Pray the Rosary

6:00 PM Mass

STEWARDSHIP

FINANCE REPORT July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

OFFERTORY for November 23 —Week 21

| Adult Envelope | \$ | 14,056.50 |
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| Weekly Goal | <u>\$</u> | 12,154.00 |
| Over Weekly Goal | \$ | 1,902.50 |

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 \$ 239,216.39

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 \$ 255,234.00

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 \$ (16,017.61)

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OCIA



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

This Sunday at the 8:30 AM Mass the OCIA Candidates will participate in the Rite of Welcoming. Please pray for:

Bailey Bankson

Emily Kelly

Faith Hiebl

Jason Mertens

Austin Nieman

Paula Sneen

Mitchell Weber

Cherish Williams

Edward Williams

MESSAGE FROM FR. MANO

very year I see everywhere there is a rush among people during this season. Wherever I went, there was always a line and many were waiting. Gas stations, grocery stores, gift shops, restaurants and still many other places (except in churches). People always wanted to skip the line. Have we ever thought about why we rush and what we achieve out of it? Impatient, frustrated, judgmental, unhappy and getting mad. But this is not what the Advent season is meant for.

Every year Advent returns like a gentle teacher, inviting us to slow down, breathe, and remember what truly matters. While the rest of the world rushes into December with noise, decorations, and deadlines, the Church gives us these four quiet weeks to practice the art of holy waiting.

Waiting is something we usually try to avoid—waiting in lines, waiting for news, waiting for life to "get better." But Advent reminds us that God works precisely in the waiting. Israel waited centuries for the Messiah. Mary waited nine months for Christ to be born. And even today, we wait for the Lord to come again and to enter more deeply into our lives.

Advent is not passive. It is an active readiness time to clear space in our hearts, to let the light grow gradually, candle by candle, Sunday by Sunday. The purple of Advent reminds us to repent and reorient our lives toward Christ. The rose on the third Sunday whispers to us that joy is already on the horizon.

This season challenges us with simple but profound questions: What do I need to let go of? What do I need to take up? Where do I see hope growing, even if it's only a small spark? As we begin this holy season, let us welcome quiet moments of prayer. Let us allow Scripture to speak to our restlessness. Let us be attentive to the many small ways God is already drawing near.

May these weeks of waiting prepare us not just for Christmas Day, but for Christ Himself—coming into our homes, our hearts, our relationships, and our world. Come, Lord Jesus. Make us ready for You.

ROSARY MAKING



All are invited to make rosaries on Wednesday, December 3, from 10:15 AM - noon (after morning Mass) in the Friendship House. Free! All supplies are provided. No experience necessary. Contact Joyce Uhlir,

JoyceU@protonmail.com, with any questions.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

The season of Advent is upon us; a time of joyful anticipation as we prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus. December is always a busy and blessed month at St. Joe's!

Each Monday, during Advent, we will begin our week with a short prayer service during morning announcements and light a candle on our Advent wreath, reflecting on the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love. Additionally, every day during morning announcements, we will share simple "tasks" to help us prepare a place for Jesus in our hearts.

Our long-awaited accreditation visit is finally here! This Tuesday through Thursday, we have the privilege of welcoming the accreditation team to St. Joe's. Over the past year, our staff has worked with dedication, care, and an unwavering love for our school community while preparing for this visit. I am profoundly grateful for their time, their steadfast commitment, and the countless ways they serve our students each day. It is a true blessing to walk alongside them and to serve as their principal.

On Friday evening, St. Joe's families are having "A Night of Giving". It is an evening filled with giving and Christmas joy! Together, we will fill 500 blessing bags with goodies and necessities to donate to Project SAM (this is a program through Stepping Stones where a bag of food is given to over 500 children weekly who are in need in our community), create Christmas cards for Meals on Wheels, design Christmas placemats for Tuesday's Table, and build festive gingerbread houses. There will also be snacks, photo props, music, and more. This event is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together, share in the joy of serving others, and celebrate the true

May the peace of Christ fill your hearts and homes as we embrace the Season of Advent.

Mrs. Mary Kiefer, Principal

spirit of the Christmas season!

St. Joseph Grade School
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Join us as we explore insights from Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp regarding various aspects of Sacred Art. We will delve into their theological significance and discuss how these artworks can resonate with us in the present day.



We will be studying:

The Presentation of The Virgin Mary by Peter Paul Rubens, The Immaculate Heart of Mary, and The Sacred Heart of Jesus









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On Behalf of Local Monsignor Blecha Council 2055 and Stepping Stones, we would like to Thank everyone that generously donated to this Years Annual Knights of Columbus Food Drive. We collected 886 pounds of food over this Five Week Period, plus the Knights threw in another \$700 dollars.

The need is far from over, so please continue to **Support Stepping Stones.**

Any Questions/Concerns, Contact KC Food Drive Coordinators Vern Caturia c715 309 8278 Mark Dusso c715 210 4478

GIVING TREE

The Giving Trees are up in the entrances of the Church. Help support: Tuesday's Table, Options for Women, Cairn House, & Stepping Stones. Choose your tag off the tree, attach the tag to the UNWRAPPED item and put in the collection containers (or for gift cards, put them directly in the collection basket/bins). The trees will be taken down on December 15th, so hurry and grab an ornament while you can!! THANK YOU!

FAITH FORMATION



ELEMENTARY

will meet this Wednesday, December 3 from 5:30 - 6:30 the parish

There will be a mini-retreat for second grade as they make final preparations to receive their First Reconciliation on December 17. Please keep these students. and their families, your



December 3 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Please note a change in location - we will be meeting in the PARISH CENTER GYM.

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Calling all St. Joe's Women!



- Monthly chair callers will be contacting you soon.
- Donations of 3-4 dozen Christmas cookies and/or candies are appreciated
- Donations may be dropped off at the church Friday, December 12th from 7:00 AM-6:30 PM Curbside drop off available 4:30-6:30 PM Saturday, December 13th from 7:00-9:30 AM.
- Volunteers are needed to help sort and plate up the cookies on Saturday beginning at 8:00 AM and then with clean-up when the walk ends at 1 PM.
- Please contact Linda if you are interested at 715-505-3777 (call or text) or linda.lu.young@gmail.com.
- If you want to contribute but don't remember getting a call—bring your cookies/candies to the church basement during the times listed. We would appreciate receiving them for this wonderful event!!

~Blessings~ Linda Young, Cookie Walk Chair

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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

Karen Adams

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

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Debra Berends

Karen Brunner

John Heike

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Katie Mrdutt

Dan Wengel

Duane Zweber

Join Our Parish Community:

Contact Nicki Welsch, or click on "<u>I'M NEW</u>" 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.

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 vou will be contacted by a local member. Or contact **Bob Brahmstadt Grand Knight at** KC2055GK@gmail.com.



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 Marianne Canon. 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):

Paul Pongratz Nick Rassbach (husband of Mary) Scotty Sutliff Daniel Dean James Wenzel

Wayne Barcus (husband of Colleen and father of Loriann) Joe Critchfield (brother-in-law of Shirley Riedmann)

Margaret Ritzer

Benno Collins (brother of Gina Collins)

Janet T. Bvad

Gladys Vavra (mother of Joe)

Allen Swanson (friend of Ruth Ann Schoenoff)

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 WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN UPDATED. NAMES WILL REMAIN ON THE WEBSITE PRAYER LIST FOR TWELVE MONTHS. UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUESTED..

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Stevie

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Jim Lorimer

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