



# St. Joseph Catholic Parish

**November 22-23, 2025 | Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**



• OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, •  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

**THY  
KINGDOM  
COME!**

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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](http://www.menomoniecatholic.org)

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Saturday, November 22** (1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40)

3:00 PM - Private Confessions (Church)

3:30 PM - Pray the Rosary

4:00 PM Mass - Vietnam Veterans, Spouses & Families  
by Terri N.

5:00 PM - Hispanic Group Gathering (Friendship House)

**Sunday, November 23**

(2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43)

8:00 AM - Pray the Rosary

8:30 AM Mass - Living & Deceased Members of the  
Shannon Family by Joe & Joyce Kettner

10:15 AM Mass - St. Joseph Parish Family

5:15 PM - Private Confession

5:45 PM - Pray the Rosary

6:00 PM Mass

**Monday, November 24** (Dn 1:1-6,8-20; Lk 21:1-4)

**NO SERVICES**

**NO SCHOOL**

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

**Tuesday, November 25** (Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11)

**NO SCHOOL**

8:00 AM Mass - Bill, Ken, Sylvia & Kenneth Prince  
By Angie Prince

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM - Adoration

**Wednesday, November 26**

(Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19)

**NO SCHOOL - NO PROGRAMMING**

8:00 AM Mass - Lila Norton by Keeler Family

**Thursday, November 27** (Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28)

**NO SERVICES - Happy Thanksgiving!**

**NO SCHOOL**

**PARISH CENTER CLOSED**

**Friday, November 28** (Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33)

**NO SCHOOL**

**PARISH CENTER CLOSED**

9:00 AM Mass - Lorelee Binkowski by Dale

**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**

(Is 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

## STEWARDSHIP

### FINANCE REPORT July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

#### OFFERTORY for November 16 —Week 20

Adult Envelope	\$ 9,052.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 12,154.00
<b>Under Weekly Goal</b>	<b>\$ (3,102.00)</b>

Plate	\$ 1,255.25
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Year-to-Date Total	\$ 225,159.89
Year-to-Date Goal	\$ 243,080.00
<b>Under Yearly Goal</b>	<b>\$ (17,920.11)</b>

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING

Please consider **Income Tax Giving Options** to help support our parish. *IRA RMD* (Required Minimum Distribution), *IRA QCD* (Qualified Charitable Donation), *Appreciated stock and other investments*, *corporate Gift Match*, *Estate Bequests*, *Life insurance beneficiary designation* are some of the ways to donate. To set up Income Tax Giving Options please contact your plan advisor/representative for advice and processing.

### Scan QR Code with your Phone for Ways to Give

Raise Right - Scrip  
St. Joseph Enrollment  
code: 7CC434C99546



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Form



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St. Joseph Parish/School

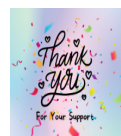
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## MESSAGE FROM FR. MANO

How many of you love hot morning coffee when you watch the news? That's my regular schedule. Last Tuesday, they were saying in the news that Cambridge Dictionary had announced 'parasocial' the word of the year for 2025. I had to google it to find out the meaning of this word. We live in a time when many of our "connections" come through a screen. We follow YouTubers, athletes, influencers, commentators, or even fictional characters with a closeness that can feel surprisingly real. Psychologists call this a parasocial relationship: a one-sided bond in which we feel we "know" someone who does not know us.

On the surface, this seems harmless. After all, enjoying a show or admiring a public figure is perfectly normal. But parasocial connections can quietly shape our hearts if we are not attentive. First, they can give us the illusion of companionship without the demands or blessings of true relationships. True Christian friendship, like the kind St. Paul speaks of in his letters—is mutual, sacrificial, and rooted in love for God and one another. Parasocial bonds can copy intimacy while leaving us isolated. Many of us might have so many Facebook friends and followers on Insta but in reality, how many true friends do we have to stand by us in our difficulty?

Second, these one-sided attachments can affect our expectations. We may compare ourselves to curated online images, or expect the people around us to entertain, inspire, or affirm the way a polished personality does. Real human interaction can then feel messier or less exciting. But Jesus calls us to real encounter—the kind that requires patience, vulnerability, forgiveness, and grace.

Finally, parasocial relationships can influence our worldview more strongly than we realize. Voices we let into our hearts shape our habits, our desires, and even our faith. Jesus reminds us, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." If someone on a screen receives more of our emotional energy than the people God has placed in our lives, it may be time to pause and reorient.

Please don't misunderstand me. I don't mean that we must reject media or stop appreciating public figures. The best relationships are the ones that help us grow in holiness—those rooted in presence, shared life, and grace. So perhaps this week, consider: Who are the real people God is inviting me to notice, listen to, and build up? Where can I invest myself more deeply in authentic Christian fellowship? Christ came to us not as a distant personality, but as a Person—Emmanuel, "God with us." He shows us the beauty of real presence. May we seek the same in our friendships and in our parish family. Safe hunting.

## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

As Thanksgiving approaches, my heart overflows with gratitude for the many blessings that grace our school community. This season reminds us to pause and reflect on the gifts of faith, family, and fellowship that bind us together as a parish and school. I am deeply thankful for the steadfast support of our parish, whose prayers and generosity sustain our mission of becoming Christ-like in all that we do.

To our students, thank you for your curiosity, kindness, and enthusiasm. You are the heart of our school, and watching you grow and succeed is a privilege filled with great joy!

To our families, your support and partnership mean the world. Your dedication to nurturing your children's faith and academics strengthens our school community in so many ways.

To our teachers and staff, your tireless commitment to forming hearts and minds in the image of Christ is a profound blessing. You inspire our school community every day by your reflection of God's love!

As we gather to celebrate Thanksgiving, let us join together in grateful prayer for St. Joseph Parish and School.

May your Thanksgiving be filled with love, joy, and the peace of Christ.

With deep appreciation and gratitude,  
Mrs. Mary Kiefer, Principal



**A Gift for the King**  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!  
**St. Joseph Grade School Christmas Program 2025**  
**December 16th**  
**1:30pm and 5:30pm**

## CHOIR

### Upcoming Choir Rehearsals

**Traditional Choir:**  
**11/19 - 6:00 PM**

**Parish Center  
Conference Room**

**Guitar Choir:**  
**12/10 - 6:00 PM**

**Parish Center  
Music Room**

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

## PARISH EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

**Have you found the “Elements of the Catholic Mass” videos insightful? If you have, you’ll be pleased to know that there are 23 more available on Formed!**

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- Kids’ shows and family-friendly programs
- Daily reflections and audio books

Invite your family and friends to join you in exploring the beauty of the Catholic faith.

### ¿QUIERES FORMAR PARTE DE LA COMUNIDAD HISPANA DE LA PARROQUIA SAN JOSÉ

ÚNASE A NOSOTROS EL SÁBADO 22 DE NOVIEMBRE A LAS 5:00 P. M. EN FRIENDSHIP HOUSE PARA TOMAR UN REFRIGERIO Y DISFRUTAR DE UNA REUNIÓN.

SE ADMITEN ADULTOS Y NIÑOS. PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN, CONTACTE CON FRIDA:

FRIDA.TAMAYO25@GMAIL.COM

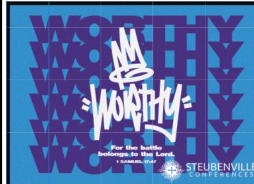


THE FRIENDSHIP HOUSE is located at 903 Wilson Avenue, on the corner of Wilson Avenue and 9th Street E.

### WANT TO BECOME PART OF THE ST. JOSEPH PARISH HISPANIC COMMUNITY

JOIN US ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND AT 5:00 PM AT THE FRIENDSHIP HOUSE FOR REFRESHMENTS AND A GATHERING. ADULTS AND CHILDREN ARE WELCOME. CONTACT FRIDA FOR MORE INFORMATION: FRIDA.TAMAYO25@GMAIL.COM

## FAITH FORMATION



For more than 40 years, thousands of teens have discovered that God is real, that He loves them personally, and that following Jesus can completely change their lives. Each summer, tens of thousands of young people gather at these conferences to pray, worship, laugh, and grow together.

We have the opportunity to join the Tri-Parish (Durand, Mondovi, and Lima) and travel to Steubenville, OH to participate in the Catholic Youth Conference being held at Franciscan University June 26-28, 2026. Our group will be leaving via bus on **Wednesday, June 24** and returning on **Monday, June 29**. This opportunity is open to rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders through newly graduated high school seniors.

A \$100 deposit (\$50 non-refundable) is due to the office by **January 11, 2026** to reserve your child’s spot (limited spaces available!!). Scan the QR code to pay online (please put “Steubenville” in the comment line). The cost per student, before fundraising, is approximately \$685.00. Scholarships and fundraising are available.



If you have questions, or would like to help sponsor a teen, please contact Tammy in the RE office.

[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=QG6JK7FXUKJXQ](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=QG6JK7FXUKJXQ)

**There is NO PROGRAMMING this week.**



Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! Have a safe, restful, and pleasant holiday.

**See you in December!**

“I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 1:4-7

# KC'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST

*With St. Nick*

Cost: Free will donations to help local seminarians.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH | 9:30-11:45 AM**  
**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH | CHARLES HALL**



## 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  
 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  
 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](mailto:KC2055GK@gmail.com).



### **Join Our Parish Community:**

Contact Nicki Welsch, or click on "I'M NEW" at :  
[MenomonieCatholic.org](http://MenomonieCatholic.org).

### **St. Joseph Grade School:**

Serving children 4K through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Marianne Canon. Contact information is [stjosephpccw24@gmail.com](mailto: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):

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. Bygd**  
 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](http://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..

**Barb Shannon**  
**Sue Halama**  
 (daughter-in-law to Roxanne)  
**Joseph** (son of Mary)  
**Lorraine Sedahl**  
**Jim Lorimer**  
 (Brother-in-law of Bob Peters)  
**Charlie Krueger**  
 (Father of Kristen Hildebrandt)  
**Janet Schaefer Hanson**  
 (Sister of Roger Schaefer)

**Phoenix DeYoung**  
**Kellen Wison**  
 (friend of Margo Hecker)  
**Stevie**  
**Nichole Manson**  
 (friend of Margo Hecker)  
**Paul Pongratz**  
**Donald Ashbaugh**  
 (Father of Loni Hilmanowski)  
**Keith Tainter**  
**Dalva Nelson**

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](mailto:contact@menomoniecatholic.org).