



# St. Joseph Catholic Parish

October 3-4, 2026



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The stone that the  
builders rejected has  
become the cornerstone."  
- Mt 21:42ab

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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)

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

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## STEWARDSHIP

## OCTOBER 3-4, 2026

## MESSAGE FROM FR. MANO

I love chatting with our elderly parishioners as they share their stories. Some stories are inspiring and interesting. During our Fall Festival, I was talking to a family about the Church in those days. They were telling me that they walked a couple miles to church every day to attend Mass, whether it was snowing, raining or sunny. Another family at the table started to say that they went to church on Sundays much earlier so that they could get a place to sit.

They continued to share that the church was not air conditioned or heated. Even this year, when I went to a parish for Mission Appeal, it was not air conditioned, I was really sweating. Do we realize how blessed are we with our wonderful church building at St. Joe's? There was a time when going to church was not about convenience. There was no air conditioning. No cushioned pews. No comfortable facilities. Sometimes, there was not even running water.

People endured the heat and the cold. They walked long distances. They brought their children to church. They came because God mattered. The church was not simply another place on the Sunday schedule. It was at the center of family life. Parents brought their children to worship. Families knelt together. They listened to the Word of God. They received the Eucharist. They prayed together. They served one another. They encouraged each other to live holy lives.

Today, we have more comfort, better transportation, more technology, more resources, and more programs than ever before. And yet, in many places, we also have more empty pews. Sunday 10:15 used to be the well-attended Mass at St. Joe's. All the young families came to that Mass. But now, 10:15 is the least attended Mass. Where did all those families go? Perhaps the question is not simply: "What does the Church need to do to bring people back?" Maybe we need to ask a deeper question: "What has happened to our hunger for God?"

I remember saying this in one of my homilies that the Catholic Church does not exist simply to entertain us, accommodate us, or keep us busy. The Church exists to lead us to Christ. She gives us the Sacraments. She calls us to conversion. She forms us as disciples. And she sends us out to serve.

Parents must teach their children that Sunday Mass is not simply another option on the weekend (I also need to teach parents the same thing). They must teach them that Jesus comes before sports, vacations, entertainment, and convenience. They must teach them that prayer is not something we do only when there is a problem, but a way of life.

An empty pew is not merely an empty seat. It should make us stop and ask: What are we teaching the next generation by the things we choose to prioritize? Our goal is not simply to have full churches. Our goal is to have holy families, faithful disciples, and souls that will one day enter Heaven.

## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

At St. Joseph School, teaching Catholic virtues is at the heart of who we are and how we form our students. Each month, we have the opportunity to intentionally reflect on a virtue and invite our students to see how it can shape the way they live, learn, and love others.

In October, our school-wide virtue is **Justice**.

Justice reminds us that every person is a beloved child of God and is deserving of kindness, fairness, dignity, and respect. Our students practice justice in the everyday moments of school life—sharing with a friend, speaking words that build others up, including someone in a game, listening to another's ideas, or noticing when someone may need a helping hand.

At St. Joseph School, we want our students to understand that **justice is more than simply being fair—it is love in action**. When we choose to treat others with compassion and respect, we are following the example of Jesus and allowing His light to shine through us.

May this month's focus on Justice remind all of us that even the smallest acts of kindness can make a difference. As we grow in virtue together, we become more fully the people God created us to be.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences** will be held this week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. These conversations are a meaningful opportunity for parents and teachers to come together in partnership for the good of each child.

When families and teachers share insights, celebrate growth, recognize strengths, and identify areas where additional support may be helpful, we create a stronger foundation for each child to flourish academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually.

We are deeply grateful for the wonderful families who make up the St. Joseph School community. **Thank you for entrusting your children to us and for walking alongside us in the important work of forming young hearts and minds.**

God Bless! Ms. Deborah Skalecki, Principal



## THRIFT SALE

### 2026 Fall Thrift Sale

Fall is finally here and it's time for another thrift sale. The date will be Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. & Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We are asking for the following items:

\* clean, usable, clothing for men, women & children.  
(that means no stains or holes)

\* books (no teaching books)

\* toys

\* gently used, clean, household and kitchen wares

\* clean bedding, shoes, purses, jewelry

**Note:** If items have been stored in your basement or garage, please clean them before donating them.

**We cannot accept exercise equipment of any kind, computers, monitors, keyboards, software or printers, etc., life jackets, bike helmets, baby car seats, high chairs, strollers, medical equipment, used make-up, paint or large furniture.**

We need volunteers to help set up on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 a.m. We will also need trucks, vans, or trailers to help haul away what is left over to Treasures of the Heart Thrift Store or Goodwill on Saturday morning October 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. We are usually done cleaning up by 11:00 a.m.

**Donations may be brought to Charles Hall. We ask that you do not start bringing donations until Saturday or Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 45 minutes before Mass as the church is locked until then and right after Mass.** The church will be open for donations from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM weekdays starting September 28<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Linda Young at the Parish Center at 715-232-4922 or Cyrilla Face at 715-235-3774 and leave a message and phone number where we can reach you. Thank you.

**NOTE:** Baby furniture may be donated to the Foster Closet, 421 Cedar Ave. W., Menomonie. Please call at 715-497-3561 to make sure someone is available.

## FAITH FORMATION



**ELEMENTARY** students meet this **Wednesday, October 7** from 5:30 - 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

**CONFIRMATION** students will meet for the first **SERVICE NIGHT** this **Wednesday, October 7** from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

We will be doing work around the parish campus. Parent volunteers are also needed. If interested in helping, please contact Tammy.



**CONFIRMATION** will meet this **Sunday, October 11** beginning with 8:30 Mass until 11:15 am in the Parish Center.

Immediately following the session first-year students will be attending a liturgical minister training session in the church.

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS of 2026 (JUNIORS)**

Confirmation rehearsal will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus in Spring Valley on **Sunday, October 11 at 4:00 pm.**

All must attend with a parent **AND** their sponsor.

Confirmation Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Battersby at Sacred Heart of Spring Valley on **Saturday, October 17 at 9:00 am.**



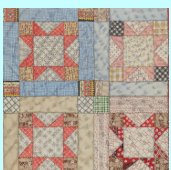
## PET BLESSING



Our annual pet blessing in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi will be held **Wednesday, October 7th at 2:50 pm and 5:15 pm** in the parking lot of the school.

All pets are welcome. Please have your pets leashed, in a carrier or held.

## QUILTERS



### **ST. JOE'S QUILTERS MEETING**

**Monday, October 5th  
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

**Charles Hall**

***New Members are always welcome!  
Consider joining our group!!***

## PARISH DIRECTORY



**Two more picture days.  
Tuesday & Wednesday  
October 13 & 14**

At this time, both days are filled so there are no open appointments. Feel free to check back in case someone has cancelled. **If you need to cancel, call the Parish Center.**

**If you were unable to schedule an appointment for a photo BUT have a picture you would like to be included in the directory, contact Linda at the Parish Center at [linda.young@menomoniecatholic.org](mailto:linda.young@menomoniecatholic.org) or 715-232-4922. There is a \$15 charge for any submitted photos.**



***We need your beautiful faces in our new directory! It won't be the same without you!***

**Photos are taken in Charles Hall.  
Please use the elevator entrance.**

## PARISH EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



### **Volunteers needed St. Joseph Parish and School Service Project**

The local Rotary clubs have joined in partnership to serve the community in fighting hunger through meal-packing events. Since this partnership began in 2011, over 1.3 million meals have been packed locally. The primary beneficiary of these meals have been local food pantries, such as Stepping Stones and Feed My People Food Bank. Also through Stepping Stones, meals have been provided to the Boyceville and Colfax food pantries as well as the Share A Meal (SAM) program through the Menomonie School District. One great accomplishment of Rotary Feeds has been the ability to pack more meals than we need locally. In the past we've had a surplus of meals that have been donated to areas where disaster relief is needed both nationally, such as Houston after hurricane Harvey, and internationally like Nepal, Syria, and Haiti.

**Saturday, November 7th**

**St. Joseph School Gym**

**9:00 AM-10:00 AM**

**OR**

**10:00 AM- 11:00 AM**

**Contact Nicki Welsch to sign up  
[nicki.welsch@menomoniecatholic.org](mailto:nicki.welsch@menomoniecatholic.org) or  
715-578-1809.**

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking assistance to fill liturgical ministries at all Masses. Please consider signing up for one or more ministries to contribute your time and talent.

-  USHERS
-  GREETERS
-  SCREENS
-  READERS
-  EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
-  SECURITY

Join us on Sunday, October 11th,  
at 11:15 AM at the church for a  
training session!

COFFEE AND DONUTS WILL BE PROVIDED



# ALL SAINTS DAY BINGO Party

JOIN US FOR THIS FUN EVENT, INCLUDING:  
MASS | LUNCH (PROVIDED BY THE PCCW) | BINGO

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST**

 **MASS 10:15 AM**  
**LUNCH 11:15 AM**  
**BINGO 11:30 AM-12:30 PM**

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## ST. JOSEPH EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH**  
**11:00 AM – POTLUCK**  
**11:30 AM – TOURNAMENT BEGINS**

**SIGN UP TODAY  
TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT. SPACE IS  
LIMITED TO 25 TABLES.  
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APPETIZER TO SHARE AND  
YOUR OWN BEVERAGE.  
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THERE IS NO COST TO  
ATTEND.**





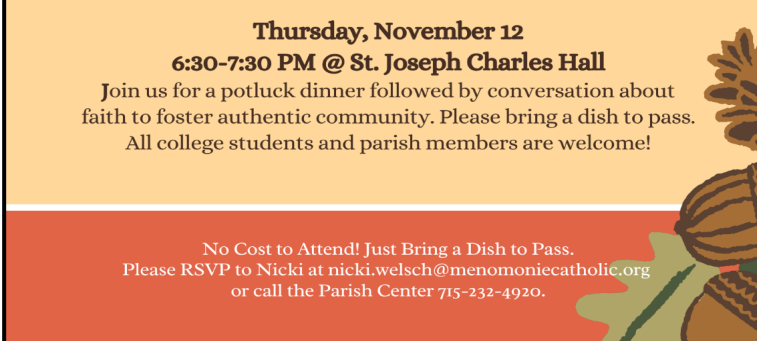
StoutCatholic & St. Joseph Parish

## 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](mailto:nicki.welsch@menomoniecatholic.org) or call the Parish Center 715-232-4920.





## THE CHOSEN SEASON 6

EARLY ACCESS EVENT | EPISODE 1

PRESENTED BY COME AND SEE

SEASON 6, EPISODE 1

# SEE IT FIRST!

Fear and confusion reign as the disciples struggle to make sense of Jesus' arrest—and Judas' betrayal. While they fight to stay together, Nicodemus stands alone against the High Priest in a heated showdown that throws the council into disorder.

Join us for a special early access event to watch *The Chosen* Season 6 Episode 1.

### WHEN

Wednesday October 7th, 5:30 PM

### WHERE

St. Joseph Church 910 Wilson Ave Menomonie, WI



## DEFENDING THE FAITH

A MONTHLY CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS HOUR



### 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 Welsh at 715-232-4922 or [nicki.welsh@menomonicatholic.org](mailto:nicki.welsh@menomonicatholic.org)

October 08, 2026 • 6:00-7:00pm

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
921 Wilson Ave, Menomonie, WI 54751

## Was Jesus Just a Wise Man?

*Did Jesus ever actually claim to be God? Did we make him into something more?*

Jesus is often described as a great teacher, moral example, or religious leader. But Jesus made claims about Himself that go far beyond those descriptions. Did He actually claim to be divine? Did his follower misunderstand who He was? Was Jesus delusional? Was He intentionally deceptive, for reasons of power or popularity? What did His earliest followers believe happened after His crucifixion? And can the Resurrection be defended as a historical event—or is it simply a story Christians made up for ulterior motives?

**If Jesus really rose from the dead, then "Who is Jesus?"  
is a question that changes *everything*.**

Join us, as we examine the historical existence of Jesus, the claims he made about himself, and the evidence surrounding His Death and Resurrection, as well as the most common alternative explanations. People all of faiths (or none at all) are welcome to join.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**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 Deborah Skalecki  
 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 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 Rhie

**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).



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](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):

**Eileen Howe**  
**Angie Kryshak**  
 Patrick Weber  
 Tony Spielman (nephew of Kathy & Dennis Stansbury)  
**Virginia Skjogstad**  
 Jordyn Irwin  
 Jane Brogan (mother-in-law of Lisa Brogan)  
 Pam Gansluckner (sister of Duane Bauer)  
 Callan McKahan (grandson of Mary Kiefer)  
 Kevin Retzlaff (uncle of Tammy Christianson)  
**Bill Bailey, Jr.**  
 James E. McKinley  
 John Vogel (father of Theresa Caturia)

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. NAMES WILL REMAIN ON THE WEBSITE PRAYER  
 LIST FOR TWELVE MONTHS. UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUESTED..**

**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)  
**Tammy E.**  
**Stevie**  
**Ken Ellsworth**  
**Donald Clark**

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