



# St. Joseph Catholic Parish

**AUGUST 30 - 31, 2025 | 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**HAPPY  
LABOR  
DAY!**

## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." - Lk 14:13-14

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM

#### Weekday Mass

Tuesday 8:00 AM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM

Friday: 9:00 AM

#### Adoration in Church

Tuesdays: 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

#### Private Confession in Church

Saturday: 3:00 PM

### OUR LOCATION

#### Church:

921 Wilson Avenue

#### Parish Center:

910 Wilson Avenue

Menomonie, WI 54751

### PARISH CENTER HOURS

Monday-Friday

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

715-232-4922

#### Pastor:

John S. Muthu Vijayan

(Fr. Mano)

[www.menomonicatholic.org](http://www.menomonicatholic.org)

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Saturday, August 30** (Ru 2:1-3,8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12)

3:00 PM - Private Confessions (Church)

3:30 PM - Pray the Rosary

4:00 PM Mass - Jim Gellerman by Janeene

*Baptism of Tim Zigmund Kinnally, son of James and Mary Kay*

**Sunday, August 31** (Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7,11-13; Lk 13:22-30)

8:00 AM - Pray the Rosary

8:30 AM Mass - Marie Bauer by Duane Bauer

10:15 AM Mass - St. Joseph Parish Family

**Monday, September 1** (1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30)

**Labor Day**

**No Services**

**School Closed**

**Parish Center Closed**

**Tuesday, September 2** (1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11; Lk 4:31-37)

8:00 AM Mass - Holy Souls by Angie Prince

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM - Adoration

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

6:30 - 7:00 PM - KC Family Rosary-*All Are Welcome* (Church)

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

**Wednesday, September 3** (Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44)

8:00 AM Mass -Lorelee Binkowski by Dale

5:30 - 7:00 PM - Faith Formation Kick-off (Parish Center)

**Thursday, September 4** (Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11)

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

2:00 PM Mass at the Neighbors - Don Blanchard

By Georgia Blanchard & Family

6:30 PM - *Marriage Convalidation - Paul & Catherine Boesl*

**Friday, September 5** (Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39)

9:00 AM Mass - James Wahl by Laura Wahl

**Saturday, September 6** (Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5)

3:00 PM - Private Confessions (Church)

3:30 PM - Pray the Rosary

4:00 PM Mass - Jim Gellerman by Eileen Register

**Sunday, September 7**

(Wis 9:13-18b; Phim 9-10,12-17; Lk 14:25-33)

8:00 AM - Pray the Rosary

8:30 AM Mass - Alvin Fremouw by the Family

10:15 AM Mass - St. Joseph Parish Family

*Baptism of August Steven Brietbach, son of Lucas & Ellen*

## SACRAMENTS

### Congratulations on your Baptism

*Tim Zigmund Kinnally*

Son of James & Mary Kay

*You have put on Christ, you have been baptized,*

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*



CONGRATULATIONS ON  
THE CONVALIDATION OF  
YOUR MARRIAGE!!

*Paul & Catherine Boesl*

*May the years ahead be filled with  
lasting joy & blessings!*



## A REASON TO CELEBRATE



Carolyn Maves turns 100 years old on  
September 12th!

There will be an Open House on  
Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, from 1 PM -  
3PM, at her residence - Welcome Home Assisted  
Living - in Elmwood, WI.

If you are unable to attend, she would welcome  
your birthday wishes by mail to:

Carolyn Maves  
Room 116  
1121 Industrial Rd  
Elmwood, WI 54740

## STEWARDSHIP

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

#### OFFERTORY for August 24—Week 8

Adult Envelope	\$ 5,292.50
Weekly Goal	\$ 12,154.00
<i>Under</i> Weekly Goal	<i>\$ (6,861.50)</i>
Plate	\$ 1,084.35
Year-to-Date Total	\$ 69,829.55
Year-to-Date Goal	\$ 97,232.00
<i>Under</i> Yearly Goal	<i>\$ (27,402.45)</i>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING**

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## MESSAGE FROM FR. MANO

In the city of Milan, Italy, there is a magnificent cathedral with a unique entrance. To reach the main aisle, one must pass through three doors, each bearing an inscription beneath its arch. Over the first door is a beautiful wreath of roses, with the words: "All that which pleases, is but for a moment." Over the second door stands a cross, beneath which is written: "All that which troubles, is but for a moment." Over the third door, the grand entrance to the heart of the cathedral are the profound words: "That only is important, which is eternal."

Do I live with eternity in mind, letting it shape my choices, my beliefs, and my actions? Or am I too entangled with the unimportant distractions of life, giving more attention to the peripheral than the essential?

The Jewish Law required tithing a tenth of the produce of the land, usually grains, oil, and wine. Even today, there are many non-Catholic churches practicing this. But the religious leaders, in their zeal for external observance, went further, even tiny garden herbs like mint, dill, and cumin. While meticulous in these small practices, they neglected justice, mercy, and faith. Jesus does not condemn external devotions—our prayers, rosaries, offerings, and church services. These are good and valuable when they lead us to deeper faith. But He warns against letting them become empty rituals, disconnected from the heart of the Gospel.

I may spend hours praying and reading Scripture, but does it make me humble, forgiving, and loving? I may give generously to the Church and participate in grand celebrations, but do I also reach out to the poor, the lonely, and the hurt? I may collect statues, relics, rosaries, and holy medals but do they inspire me to greater sacrifice, dependence on God, and genuine service to others?

Jesus invites us to move from peripherals to essentials, to shift from outward displays to inner transformation and to live not just as observers of religion but as disciples of Christ. This path is not always comfortable. It asks us to surrender pride, embrace humility, and sometimes let go of things we value. But it is the only way to build a life that lasts.

As we pass through the 'three doors' of life, we are invited to remember: What pleases us is temporary. What troubles us is temporary. What truly matters is eternal.

## EMPLOYMENT



**St. Joseph Parish is looking for a Business Manager. Contact the Parish Center for more information.**

**Share with anyone you know that may be a good fit for this position and our Parish.**

## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

It is hard to believe we are already well into our second full week of school! Each Friday at 9:00 AM, our students gather as a school family to celebrate Mass. A different class leads the Liturgy each week, with students greeting families and parishioners, proclaiming the readings and psalms, sharing intentions, and carrying up the gifts. The opportunity to take part so reverently in the Liturgy helps them grow in their faith, while also building confidence and leadership skills. As principal, I can honestly say that Friday Mass is one of the highlights of my week. My heart overflows with pride and gratitude as I see our students growing closer to Christ and supporting one another in faith.

This Thursday, Father Mano will begin his classroom visits with our K/1, 2nd, and 3rd grade students, and next week he'll spend time with our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. His presence in our school is a true gift. He devotes time to each classroom, shares lunchroom conversations, and joins us in many activities throughout the year. Most importantly, he celebrates Mass with us each week and never misses an opportunity to make our students feel valued and loved. The children light up when he is around, and we are deeply blessed by his ministry at St. Joe's!

As we settle into the rhythm of the school year with our prayers, our learning, and our call to be the hands and feet of Jesus, please know how sincerely grateful we are for the daily support of St. Joseph Parish. Together, we are nurturing faith and forming hearts for Christ.

God bless your week,  
Mrs. Mary Kiefer, Principal



## SPECIAL COLLECTION

### Special Collection for Gaza Relief

At the request of the President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, we are holding a special collection next weekend to bring relief to the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas. In his letter, Archbishop Timothy Broglio echoes Pope Leo XIV's words that "Gaza is starving." Please consider a generous donation. All funds collected will be divided between the Catholic Near East Welfare Association and Catholic Relief Services, both of which are providing vital humanitarian and medical relief. If writing a check, please make it payable to St. Joseph Parish with 'Gaza Relief' in the memo line, and we will send one check to the Diocese for Gaza Relief.

## FAITH FORMATION

Elementary and Middle School will kick off the year from  
5:30 - 7 pm **THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**IT'S TIME TO START!**



We will start with a Baked Potato Bar family meal. Parents and students will have the opportunity to meet their catechists and spend a little time in the classroom with them.

Families can turn in their registration paperwork at the sign in table if it hasn't already been turned in. Copies of registration paperwork will be available.

If you would like to make or donate a dessert for the meal, please contact Tammy in the Religious Ed office at the parish center.

## CHOIR

### Upcoming Choir Rehearsals

**Traditional Choir:**  
9/3 6:00 PM  
Parish Center  
Conference Room

**Guitar Choir:**  
9/10 6:00 PM  
Parish Center  
Music Room

Full Scheduled available online at:

<https://www.menomonicatholic.org/liturgical-ministry>

## ADORATION TIME CHANGE



Adoration on Tuesdays will have a time change beginning on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Adoration will begin at 8:30 AM, after morning Mass.

If you have any questions, contact the Parish Center at 715-232-4922.

## TUESDAY'S TABLE

### 4th Annual Park for a Purpose



**Play it Forward**

Fundraising for good causes @



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Wheeler, WI (Otter Creek)

**SATURDAY,  
SEPT 6TH, 2025  
12-4 pm**

**CAR SHOW-CRAFT SHOW-THE CUTAWAYS  
FOOD-DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT  
HIKING-YARD GAMES- BONFIRE  
SILENT AUCTION (12-3 pm)**

Benefitting:



Grass parking  
**CAR GATES OPEN 12:00 pm  
SHOW 12-4 pm**

**1st 50 Cars: DASH PLAQUES  
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**FREE ADMISSION**

**Gourmet hot dogs, nachos, desserts  
soft drinks/beer/wine for purchase**

**Stay Late for More Music: Mojo Lemon Blues Band 6-9pm**

Questions? Contact WoodWind Park @ 715-658-7275 or  
[info@woodwindpark.com](mailto:info@woodwindpark.com)

## FALL FESTIVAL



### ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH FALL FESTIVAL 3V3 BASKETBALL GAMES

#### WHEN:

Sunday, September 21, 2025 from 10:00am - 2:00pm

#### WHO:

- Grades 4-8
- You do not need to be a member of our parish to participate!

#### COST:

- \$60/team (dropped off or mailed to the address below)

#### LOCATION:

St. Joseph's Catholic Church : Fall Festival  
910 Wilson Ave Menomonee WI 54751

Sign up at this link: <https://shorturl.at/NTrYP>

Deadline for sign up and entry fee: Sunday, September 7  
Please contact [amberjochimsen@gmail.com](mailto:amberjochimsen@gmail.com) with any questions





## & Refreshers in Faith

### First Meeting Details

Date: September 23rd

Time: 6 PM

Location: Parish Center Conference Room

### WHO SHOULD JOIN OCIA?

- Are you interested in becoming Catholic?
- Do you seek sacraments you have not yet received?
- Would you be interested in learning about the Catholic Faith?
- Are you Catholic and have received all your sacraments but feel you lack an understanding of your faith?

If you answered yes to any of the questions above, contact Nicki Welsch today at [nicki.welsch@menomoniecatholic.org](mailto:nicki.welsch@menomoniecatholic.org) or give her a call at 715-232-4922.



SEASON  
5

Join us as we gather to watch season 5 of The Chosen. Following the screening, we will have a discussion. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Wednesdays 6:00 PM**

*in Church*

**September: 10th, 17th, & 24th**

**October: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th**

Everyone is welcome—no RSVP required.  
For additional information, contact  
[nicki.welsch@menomoniecatholic.org](mailto:nicki.welsch@menomoniecatholic.org).

# FALL BIBLE STUDY

## Lectio: Philippians

**All are welcome! No Experience needed.**

*Toward the end of his life, under arrest and awaiting trial in Rome, Saint Paul writes a short but powerful letter to the Philippians. Paul's affection for the Christian community at Philippi is apparent from his opening words. The Philippians were not only Paul's sons and daughters in the Faith but also his partners in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

**Mondays 6 PM:** 9/22, 9/29, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, & 11/10  
or

**Tuesdays 10 AM:** 9/23, 9/30, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, & 11/11

Parish Center Conference Room

Sign up today:  
[nicki.welsch@menomoniecatholic.org](mailto:nicki.welsch@menomoniecatholic.org)

## SACRED ART STUDY GROUP

**Mondays 6:00 PM 9/8, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1 or**

**Tuesdays 10:00 am 9/9, 10/7, 11/4, 12/2**

**Parish Center Conference Room**

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.

### September:

The Allegory of the Battle of Lepanto  
by Paolo Veronese  
and  
Our Lady of Guadalupe  
by Juan Diego

### October:

"Paradise" located in the Baptistry  
in Padua, Italy  
and  
The Icon of Saints Peter and Paul  
with the Church

### November:

The Ascension of Christ  
by Jacopo Tintoretto,  
The Transfiguration by Raphael,  
and  
The Assumption and Coronation of  
The Virgin by Francesco Solimena

### December:

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



For further information, contact

Nicki Welsch at:

Phone: 715-232-4922

Email: [nicki.welsch@menomoniecatholic.org](mailto:nicki.welsch@menomoniecatholic.org)

# Fall Festival Volunteer and Donation Sign-Up

St. Joseph—Menomonie | September 20-21, 2025

ONE PERSON PER FORM PLEASE — EXTRA FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH ENTRANCES OR THE PARISH CENTER

RETURN FORMS TO THE PARISH CENTER

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer:** *Volunteers will be contacted in September to schedule specific duties & shift times. If you have not heard from someone by September 12, please contact the Parish Center at 715.232.4922.*

Please check SHIFT PREFERENCES (actual shift times may vary):

- ☐ **Saturday, Sept 20: Set-Up Crew: 9:00 AM—?**
- ☐ **Saturday, Sept 20: 5:00-8:00 PM**
- ☐ **Sunday, Sept. 21: Wherever/Whenever**
- Sunday:** ☐ **10:00-11:00 AM** ☐ **11:00-12:00 PM**
- Sunday:** ☐ **12:00-1:00 PM** ☐ **1:00-2:00 PM**
- ☐ **Sunday, Sept. 21: Clean-up Crew: 2:00 PM—?**

Please check AREA(S) OF INTEREST:

- ☐ **3 on 3 Basketball**
- ☐ **Bartender** (Licensed in the City of Menomonie)
- ☐ **Beverage Stand** – 18 & Older
- ☐ **Bottle Lotto**
- ☐ **Cash Raffle Ticket Sales**
- ☐ **Dice Game**
- ☐ **Family Baskets**
- ☐ **Food Stand**
- ☐ **Games (Children/Youth)**
- ☐ **Harvest Market**
- ☐ **Pie & Ice Cream Social**
- ☐ **Quilt Raffle Ticket Sales**
- ☐ **Security** – Saturday Night
- ☐ **Silent & Service Auction**
- ☐ **Ticket Sales Booth**

**Donate:** *Please indicate below what you would like to donate. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Center beginning Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.*

- ☐ **HARVEST MARKET** (baked goods, fruit, vegetables, canned salsa, spaghetti sauce, peaches, pickles, homemade jam, jelly, dipped pretzels, pumpkins, etc.)
- ☐ **Bottle Lotto** (clean bottles stuffed with fun items worth at least \$1—available at main entrance of church)
- ☐ **Children's Games** (2 liter bottles of soda, pre-packaged snacks like Goldfish/Teddy Grahams, Fruit Snacks, Little Debbie Snacks, Snack bags of chips, Bubbles, Sidewalk Chalk)
- ☐ **Dice Game** (all ages play—Candy, Candles, Tools, Coffee Mugs, Gift Cards, Games, Hand Soap, Ice Cream Toppings, Non-Perishable Food Items, Plaques)
- ☐ **Family Basket** (themed basket - Cooking, Movie Night, Pamper Yourself, Fishing, Sports)
- ☐ **Pie & Ice Cream Social** (Homemade Pies—refrigeration available for cream pies! Disposable container please.)
- ☐ **Service Auction Item** (making cookies or soup, cleaning windows, growing perennials, doing upholstery, cutting wood, giving sports lessons, raking leaves, giving musical instrument or voice lessons, babysitting, scrapbooking, giving sewing/knitting/crocheting/quilting lessons, etc.)

Description of Service to be donated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Value of Service: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ **Silent Auction Item** (value \$10 or greater)

Description of Item to be donated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## CONTACT INFORMATION

**Pastor:** Fr. Mano, [fr.mano@menomoniecatholic.org](mailto:fr.mano@menomoniecatholic.org)  
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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  
 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:

**Benno Collins** (brother of Gina Collins)  
**Janet T. Bygd**  
**Gladys Vavra** (mother of Joe)  
**Allen Swanson** (friend of Ruth Ann Schoenoff)  
**Larry Batchelder** (father of Mary Wayne)  
**Robert Holmstadt**  
**Ruth Noll** (mother-in-law to Paula Noll)  
**Corrine Cassellius**  
**Richard Ebbinga** (husband of Jeanette Brunner Ebbinga)  
**Norbert Pabich**  
**Alvin Fremouw**  
**Joseph Kadinger** (brother of Kay Wolfe)  
**Genevieve Murphy**  
**Elizabeth 'Bette' J. Holten**

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..**

**Kay Suckow** (daughter of Frank & Mary Trunkel)  
**Ena Whittle** (mother of Diane Jerez)  
**Rick Bonte** (friend of Rosie Corcoran)  
**Stevie**  
**Ken Thibado, Sr.**  
**Henry Zunker**  
**Pete Gellerman** (nephew of Janeene)

**Shirley Faber**  
**Bill Rhiel** (brother of Richard)  
**Jerry Porter** (friend of Richard & Lisa Rhiel)  
**Katheryn Bauer**  
**Connor Prince** (son of Angie)  
**Daniel Dean**  
**Ardy Heise**

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).



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