

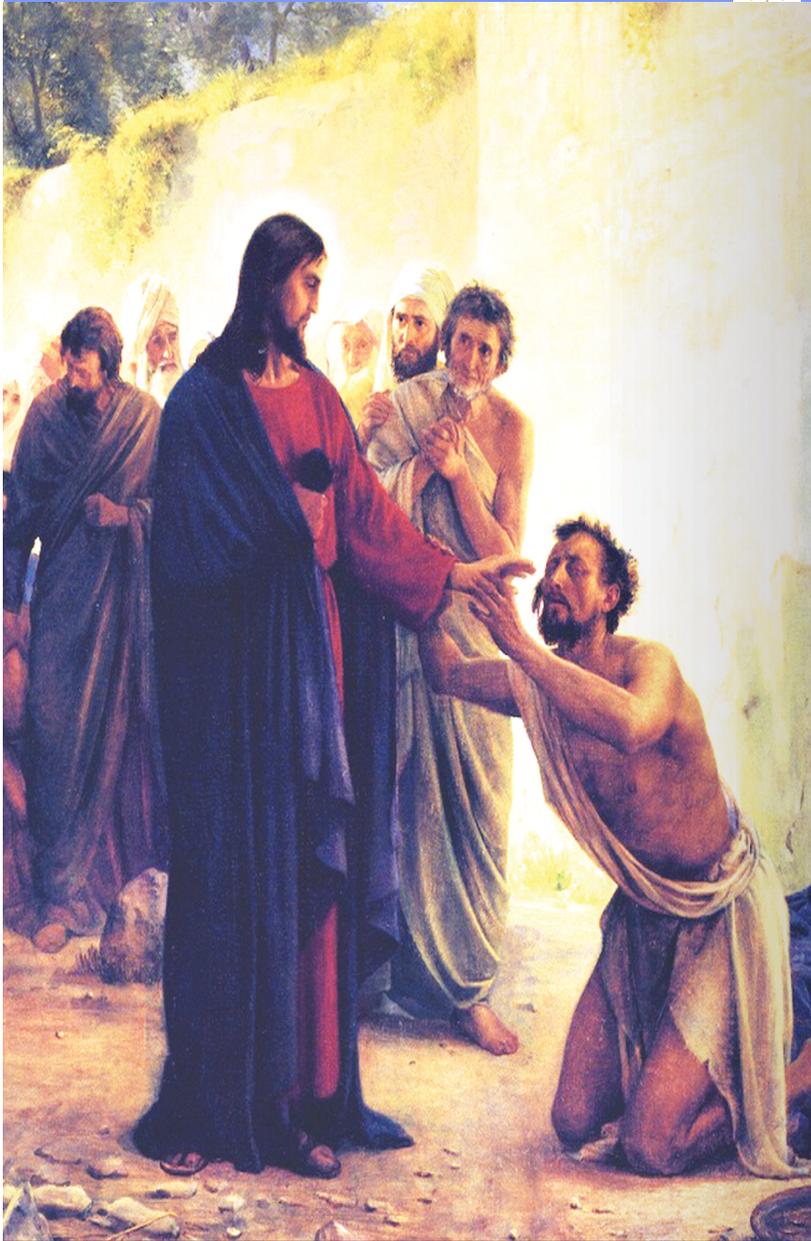


St. Joseph Catholic Parish

March 14-15, 2026



4th Sunday of Lent



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
- Jn 9:35

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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.menomonicatholic.org

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday, March 14 (Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14)

3:00 PM - Private Confessions (Church)

3:30 PM - Pray the Rosary

4:00 PM Mass - Allen Klink by Larry & Joan Sinz

Sunday, March 15

(1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41)

8:00 AM - Pray the Rosary

8:30 AM Mass - St. Joseph Parish Family

10:15 AM Mass - Jenny McMenamin by the Berg Family

Monday, March 16 (Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54)

NO SERVICES

NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK

Tuesday, March 17 (Ez 47:1-9,12; Jn 5:1-16)

NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK

8:00 AM Mass - Chloe Lindsay by Mike & Ruth Kasten

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM - Adoration

9:00 AM - Faith & Fellowship (Friendship House)

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

Wednesday, March 18 (Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30)

NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK

8:00 AM Mass - Bill, Ken, Don, Dan & Sylvia Prince
by Angie Prince

6:00 PM - Traditional Choir Practice (Parish Center)

Thursday, March 19 (2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16;

Rom 4:13,16-18,22; Lk 2:41-51a)

NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK

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

Betty Hunter by the PCCW

Friday, March 20 (Wis 2:1a,12-22; Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30)

NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK

9:00 AM Mass - Dorothy Berry by Karen & Mary

4:30 PM - Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, March 21 (Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53)

3:00 PM - Private Confessions (Church)

3:30 PM - Pray the Rosary

4:00 PM Mass - Lorelee Binkowski by Dale

New Tabernacle Blessing

Sunday, March 22

(Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45)

8:00 AM - Pray the Rosary

8:30 AM Mass - St. Joseph Parish Family

10:15 AM Mass - Helen Mary Kasper

by Mary Braddock

STEWARDSHIP

FINANCE REPORT July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

OFFERTORY for March 8 —Week 36

| | |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Adult Envelope | \$ 12,931.00 |
| Weekly Goal | \$ 12,154.00 |
| Over Weekly Goal | \$ 777.00 |
| Plate | \$ 1,377.23 |
| Year-to-Date Total | \$ 462,300.99 |
| Year-to-Date Goal | \$ 437,544.00 |
| Over Yearly Goal | \$ 24,756.99 |

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MESSAGE FROM FR. MANO

The story of Cain and Abel in the Book of Genesis is not just an ancient story. It is a spiritual mirror held up before every one of us who approaches the altar. Two brothers came before God. Two sacrifices were offered. But two very different hearts stood behind those offerings. Abel brought the firstborn of his flock—the very best he had. His sacrifice was intentional, reverent, and wholehearted. He offered the “first fruits,” recognizing that everything he possessed ultimately came from God.

Cain also brought an offering. Scripture simply tells us that he brought “some of the fruits of the soil.” Not the first. Not the best. Just something. And that simple difference reveals something profound. One offering reflected love and devotion. The other reflected obligation and routine. God looked with favor upon Abel’s sacrifice because God saw the heart behind the gift. Our God is a God of first fruits, not leftovers. We give God the leftover time, leftover attention, leftover energy. But love does not give leftovers. Love gives the best.

This ancient lesson speaks directly to how we approach the Holy Mass today. For many people, Sunday Mass can easily become just another obligation on the weekend checklist. But the Mass is far more than something we attend—it is an encounter with the living Christ. It is the moment where heaven touches earth.

How we come to Mass matters. We prepare our hearts even before we arrive, asking the Lord to quiet our minds and open our hearts to His grace. Coming a few minutes early helps us leave behind the noise and busyness of the week so that we can truly enter into prayer. Choosing a place where we can see, hear, and participate helps us remain attentive to the sacred mystery unfolding before us. Sometimes I notice the front pews sitting empty, while we gather comfortably in the back.

But the most important preparation is interior. We do not come only with our bodies. We come with our minds, our hearts, our struggles, our gratitude, and our faith. We listen to the Word with hunger. We sing with conviction. We pray with sincerity. We participate fully in the sacred liturgy. The Mass is not meant to be passive attendance. It is meant to be active participation in the greatest prayer of the Church.

When we come like Abel—offering God our attention, our reverence, our gratitude, and our love—the altar becomes the place where transformation happens. Christ receives our offering. And in return, He gives us Himself.

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL



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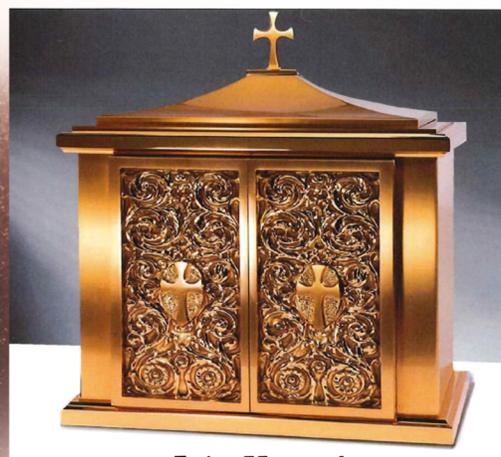
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AT 4:00 PM MASS

AS WE CELEBRATE AND BLESS

OUR NEW TABERNACLE.

FAITH FORMATION

Enjoy Your
**SPRING
BREAK**

! There will be no faith formation programming this week (March 16-22).

Programming will resume on March 25 with a Middle School parent/student night - parents should plan to attend this session.

CHOIR

Upcoming Choir Rehearsals

Traditional Choir:
3/18 - 6:00 PM
Parish Center

Guitar Choir:
3/31 - 6:00 PM
Parish Center Music Room

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

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



Our Lady of Guadalupe is in Wisconsin!

The Basilica of our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico began an international tour with a Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe to prepare everyone for the 500th anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The International Pilgrim Mother Image will be in Wisconsin from February 20th to April 15th! Mary is coming to us so we can make our Pilgrimage to her!

She will be in Chippewa Falls at St. Charles Borromeo Church from March 19 - April 4.

More information may be found at the website and to register for one of the days to visit at:

<https://www.guadalupewi.org/>

PARISH EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME
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-BRING A SNACK OR YOUR APPETITE
-DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED

Tuesday,
March 17th

9am @ The Friendship House



PCCW

PCCW UPDATES

Women of faith transforming the world through prayer & action.

GENERAL MEETING: The PCCW will be holding a general meeting on **Thursday, March 26th, at 6:00 PM** in the Parish Center Conference Room. All women of the Parish are welcome to join us.

THRIFT SALE: We are still looking for new co-chairs of our bi-annual (May and October) thrift sale. After many years of dedicated work Pat Preston and Rose Mary Stoll have stepped down as chairs. Wonderfully put together documentation is available to help whomever is willing to step up and Pat and Rose Mary will also still be around to help with the transition. Please prayerfully consider this request. The Spring thrift sale is being planned for Thursday and Friday, May 14 & 15.

If you are interested or have any questions contact Colleen Berg, President, at csberg1987@outlook.com or 715-308-2092 (call or text) or talk with Pat or Rose Mary.



St. Joseph
PCCW



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION OPEN NOW!

St. Joseph Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) is offering a \$1000 scholarship to a Catholic Woman of our parish.

Who should apply:

- ✓ Applicants planning on attending a catholic or public college/university, or other institution of higher education
- ✓ Full or part-time students
- ✓ Previous recipients may apply
- ✓ Applicants attending a Catholic school will have priority

Application
Deadline:
**April 20,
2026**



More Information:

<https://www.menomonicatholic.org/pccw>

joes16scholarship@gmail.com

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Join Our Parish Community:
 Contact Nicki Welsch, or click on
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St. Joseph Grade School:
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 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 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
 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

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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.

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):

Constance "Connie" Holden
 Chloe Lindsay (granddaughter of Mike & Ruth Kasten)
Gloria Welch Ziehl
Carrie J. Larson
 Steve Schaefer (nephew of Roger & Mary Schaefer)
 Lori Barney (daughter of Gerald & Marlys Lausted)
Barbara A. Shannon
Betty J. Hunter
Helen Larson
Eugene H. "Shag" Skjegstad
Joseph A. "Joe" Justus
 Jim Lorimer (brother-in-law of Bob Peters)
 Paul Pongratz
 Nick Rassbach (husband of Mary)

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

Mary Baier
Diana Piontek
Pat Pizzi
Marge Zeilinger
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Ashly (daughter-in-law of Robert & Rene Brahmstadt)
Maria Varsho
Ann Blades
Chris Stodola
Stevie

Melissa
 (niece of Janeene Gellerman)
Dolores & John Vogel
 (Parents of Theresa Caturia)
Sue Halama
 (daughter-in-law of Rozanne)
Joseph (son of Mary)
Lorraine Sedahl
Charlie Krueger
 (Father of Kristen Hildebrandt)
Janet Schaefer Hanson
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