



St. Joseph Catholic Parish

April 18-19, 2026



3rd Sunday of Easter



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FIRST COMMUNION



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)

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday, April 18 (Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21)

3:00 PM - Private Confession (Church)
 3:30 PM - Pray the Rosary
 4:00 PM Mass - Lorelee Binkowski by Dale

Sunday, April 19

(Acts 2:14,22-23; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35)

8:00 AM - Pray the Rosary
 8:30 AM Mass - Alvin Fremouw by the Family
 10:15 AM Mass - St. Joseph Parish Family
 12:30 PM First Communion Mass

Monday, April 20 (Acts 2:14,22-33; Mt 28:8-15)

NO SERVICES

8:00-10:00 AM - Adoration (Ministry)
 6:00 PM - Bible Study (Parish Center)

Tuesday, April 21 (Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18)

8:00 AM Mass - Helen Larson by PCCW
 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM - Adoration (Church)
 9:00 AM - Faith & Fellowship (Friendship House)
 10:00 AM - Bible Study (Parish Center)
 5:00-6:00 PM - Tuesday's Table Meal
 (Charles Hall)

6:00 PM - OCIA (Parish Center)

Wednesday, April 22 (Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21)

8:00 AM Mass - Yvonne Sinz
 by the St. Henry Choir
 6:00-7:30 PM - Middle School Faith Formation
 (Parish Center)

7:00-8:00 PM - Adoration (Ministry)

Thursday, April 23 (Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36)

9:00 AM-5:00 PM - Adoration (Ministry)
 5:30 PM Mass - StoutCatholic (Ministry)

Friday, April 24 (Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15)

9:00 AM Mass - Chloe Lindsay
 by the Parish Events Team

Saturday, April 25 (1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:14-20)

3:00 PM - Private Confession (Church)
 3:30 PM - Pray the Rosary
 4:00 PM Mass - Gary & Angie Smiskey
 by Angie Prince

Sunday, April 26

(Acts 2:14a,36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10)

8:00 AM - Pray the Rosary
 8:30 AM Mass - Alvin Fremouw by the Family
 9:30-11:15 AM - Confirmation Session (Parish Center)
 10:15 AM Mass - St. Joseph Parish Family
 5:00 PM - StoutCatholic Choir Practice
 5:15 PM - Private Confession
 6:00 PM Mass - StoutCatholic

STEWARDSHIP

FINANCE REPORT July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

OFFERTORY for April 12 — Week 41

Adult Envelope	\$ 4,944.48
Weekly Goal	\$ 12,154.00
<i>Under</i> Weekly Goal	\$ (7,209.52)
Plate	\$ 1,369.94
Year-to-Date Total	\$ 513,511.03
Year-to-Date Goal	\$ 498,314.00
Over Yearly Goal	\$ 15,197.03

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MESSAGE FROM FR. MANO

One of our elderly parishioners (now deceased), who used a walker whenever he came for Mass, wanted to genuflect. Since he couldn't genuflect, he would always make a small bend. I always admired his faith and respect for the Blessed Sacrament. What kind of gesture do we do to show our respect for the Presence of Jesus in the tabernacle?

You enter the church. You dip your hand in holy water. You move toward your seat. And somewhere along the way... you make a quick genuflection. A slight bend. A fast movement. Almost automatic. But pause.

Do you know what just happened? Because that moment is not ordinary. Genuflection is not a custom; it is a confession. When you genuflect, you are not greeting furniture. You are not acknowledging a building. You are confessing a truth: Christ is here. Not symbolically. Not emotionally. Really present in the Eucharist. Your knee bends because your faith speaks.

One knee before One King. Why one knee? Because in ancient times: bending the knee was reserved for a king. Not casually. Not quickly. It was deliberate, reverent and total. So, when you genuflect: you are declaring: "You are my King." When I do a teaching Mass to OCIA, I would also say that when you propose your love to your life-partner, you go on one knee. So, express your love to Jesus by going on one knee.

Heaven recognizes what many on earth forget. "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend... in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10) That means: Angels bow. Saints bow. All creation bows. But here is the question: Do we still bow... with awareness? Or have we reduced it to a quick habit with no heart?

The Tabernacle is not a symbol; it is a presence. The reason you genuflect is not the altar. It is not the priest. It is the Tabernacle. Because inside it Christ dwells. So that small movement of your knee is directed to a Person. The hard truth is many genuflect but do not encounter. The knee bends but the mind is distracted. The heart is absent. So, the gesture remains but the meaning is lost.

Genuflection is not a movement; it is a moment of meeting the King. Next time you genuflect, Slow down. Face the Tabernacle. And say silently: "My Lord and my God." Then bend your knee like you know Who is there. Because He is.

Fr. Steven Weller, the Director of Vocation Recruitment for our diocese, is coming to our parish next weekend, April 25 & 26, to talk about Vocation to our families. Please bring your boys to listen to him.

FROM THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Last weekend, we shared that the parish has been presented with an opportunity to purchase the blue and white houses located on the same block as the church. After prayerful discussion and consultation with the Finance Council and Buildings & Grounds Committee, it was discerned to move forward in exploring this opportunity.

Several important factors guided this decision. Our parish continues to face challenges with limited parking and safety concerns, particularly with the current overflow lot located across Wilson Avenue. This requires parishioners, especially our elderly members and families with young children, to cross a city street to attend Mass and parish events. Winter conditions can further increase these risks. Additionally, while these properties have been considered in the past, this is a unique opportunity to purchase both at the same time.

The Diocese has approved our proposal and granted an exception to the current building moratorium. Offers on both properties have been accepted, with a tentative closing date of June 1, 2026. Existing rental agreements will remain in place through June 2027, and rental income is expected to cover ongoing expenses. As a result, no immediate changes to the current property layout are anticipated until at least July 2027.

Regarding funding, the initial plan was to secure a loan through the Diocese. However, the Diocese required a significant portion of the purchase price upfront.

As we move forward, parishioner input will be essential. Listening sessions will be held to share information, answer questions, and gather feedback on how these properties may best serve our parish in the future. Conceptual renderings and site ideas will be available at those sessions. Please watch the bulletin for details.

If you have questions, please contact Father Mano or Pastoral Council Chair Jason Horzewski. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of St. Joseph Parish.

PARISH EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



FAITH & FELLOWSHIP
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**Tuesday
April 21st**

9am @ The Friendship House



FAITH FORMATION



MIDDLE SCHOOL students will meet on **Wednesday, April 22** from 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the Parish Center.



CONFIRMATION students will meet on **Sunday, April 26** after 8:30 Mass from 9:30 - 11:15 am in the Parish Center.

Youth & Family MASS

ALL PROGRAMS

On **Wednesday, April 29** at 5:30 pm, we will be coming together with our Faith Formation community to celebrate a

Youth & Family Mass! This special, student-led Mass is a wonderful opportunity for our young people to share their gifts and take an active role in worship.

Please use the link provided (check your email) to sign your student(s) up for open ministry positions before Friday, April 24.

We invite the entire family to join us for this meaningful celebration! Come pray, worship, and support our youth as they lead us in the Mass—grandparents, siblings, and friends are all welcome. Let's fill the church with joyful hearts as we grow together in faith as a community!

STOUTCATHOLIC

Rejoice and worship the Lord with joy, because He is good and His love lasts forever.
Psalm 100:1-5

PRAISE & Worship NIGHT

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION OPEN NOW!

Application Deadline:
April 20, 2026

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



More Information:

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



joest6scholarship@gmail.com

Save the Date PCCW Thrift Sale

THURSDAY & FRIDAY
MAY 14-15, 2026

More information coming soon!!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Head Custodian/Maintenance: Wayne Koepke, wayne.koepke@menomoniecatholic.org

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

Katie Baier
 Anna Beckman
 Debra Berends
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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):

Ann Krisik (mother of Lynn Schwartz)
 Bill Blount (uncle of Patti Blount)
Karen Kundy
 Joseph (son of Mary)
 Kathy Timm (sister-in-law of Linda Kostuch)
 David Kosloski (uncle of Linda Kostuch)
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

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..

Liz Lubke
 (friend of Shirley Riedmann)
Rick Heinzen
 (brother of Jeff Heinzen)
Doug Weber
Katie Lorentz
 (wife of Tom Leventhal)
Stevie
Georgia Blanchard
Rosalie Sowatzke
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Vi Traxler

Bev Rogers
Monica Scott
Mary Baier
Diana Piontek
Pat Pizzi
Marge Zeilinger
Shirley Faber
Ashly (daughter-in-law of
 Robert & Rene Brahmstadt)
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