



# St. Joseph | Fourth Sunday of Easter

Catholic Parish

April 20 & 21, 2024

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## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.” - Jn 10:14-15

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Saturday, April 20**(Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69)

**Hospitality after Mass provided by StoutCatholic**

3:00 PM—Private Confession

3:30 PM—Pray the Rosary

4:00 PM Mass—Ron & Jan Jordan by Rita Ulesich

**Sunday, April 21**(Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18)

**Hospitality after both Masses provided by StoutCatholic**

8:00 AM—Pray the Rosary

8:30 AM Mass—Rick Halama by Rita Ulesich

10:15 AM Mass—St. Joseph Parish Family

5:15 PM—Private Confession

5:40 PM—Pray the Rosary

6:00 PM Mass—StoutCatholic

**Monday, April 22**(Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29)

**No Services**

8:00 AM-9:00 AM—Adoration (The Ministry)

**Tuesday, April 23**(Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30)

7:00 AM-3:00 PM—Adoration (Church)

8:00 AM Mass—Honor of Pat Keeler by DeHoff Family

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

6:00 PM—Young Women's IF Gathering (Friendship House)

**Wednesday, April 24**(Acts 12:24, 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50)

8:00 AM Mass—Don Chase & Kathy Jacobson by Angie Prince

10:30 AM—Church Cleaning /All are Welcome

5:30 PM—Traditional Choir Practice (Parish Center CR)

6:00-7:30 PM—Religious Education Middle School (Parish Center)

6:00-7:00 PM—Adoration (The Ministry)

**Thursday, April 25**(1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20)

9:00 AM—Brothers & Brew (Friendship House)

1:30 PM—St. Joseph School Spring Concert (School Gym)

2:00 PM Mass at The Neighbors—Bernard Lehmann by Erik & Rebecca Rueter

5:30 PM Mass—The Ministry

5:30 PM—St. Joseph School Spring Concert (School Gym)

**Friday, April 26**(Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6)

9:00 AM Mass—Judy K by Rozanne Halama

**Saturday, April 27**(Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14)

3:00 PM—Private Confession

3:30 PM—Pray the Rosary

4:00 PM Mass—Pat Henning by Klos Family

**Sunday, April 21**(Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8)

8:00 AM—Pray the Rosary

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

**Baptism Matthew James Hannula & Emma Jane Hannula children of Michael & Rachael Hannula**

10:15 AM Mass—St. Joseph Parish Family

5:15 PM—Private Confession

5:40 PM—Pray the Rosary

6:00 PM Mass—StoutCatholic

## WISH LIST

### PARISH & SCHOOL WISH LIST

Contact the parish center for information about an item/event, or to donate toward a purchase.

#### Parish:

Parish Potluck Inflatables & Games \$300

#### Religious Education:

25 Breakthrough! Bibles \$650

## STEWARDSHIP

### FINANCE REPORT

July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

OFFERTORY for April 14—Week 42

Adult Envelope Donations	\$ 11,667.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 11,731.00
Under Weekly Goal	\$ ( 64.00)

Plate	\$ 1,243.56
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Year-to-Date Total	\$487,962.25
Year-to-Date Goal	\$492,702.00
Under Yearly Goal	\$ (4,739.75)

Diocesan Annual Appeal Update 4/16/2024:

Total Pledged/Received	\$ 37,000.00
<i>Under Goal</i>	<i>\$ 30,860.00</i>

Due by June 30, 2024

—THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING—

## EMPLOYMENT

### WE ARE HIRING!

**Parish Administrative Assistant**

and

**School Administrative Assistant**

**Both are onsite positions**

Please visit our website for more details.  
[www.menomoniecatholic.org/employment](http://www.menomoniecatholic.org/employment)

## EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

### THE ANSWER

Eucharistic Rally

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

WE HAVE A BUS to help make it easy to attend  
this event!

Buy your \$20 ticket: Scan the QR code or  
go to

[diolc.org/answer-info](http://diolc.org/answer-info)



(The Knights of Columbus will help sponsor individuals needing help with the cost.)

Then sign up for a spot on the bus.  
This is free transportation.



## MESSAGE FROM FR. MANO

I am glad that every weekend our parish does a different thing to keep our parish active and vibrant. Last weekend was no exception. 18 engaged couples were doing their Marriage Retreat in our parish. We had couples from all over from our diocese and a few from Minnesota. Nicki organized this event and I thank all our volunteers who worked for this event. Thanks for teaching the couples about the Sacrament of Marriage.

As you know, 15 of our children received their First Holy Communion. This year was a smaller group, but it was well attended. It was beautiful weather for the First Holy Communion. I insisted in my homily that the parents and godparents should help those kids receive Jesus every weekend. Please pray for all those wonderful kids. Thanks, Tammy, for organizing the Liturgy. I also thank Mary Kieffer, Ashlyn Thomas, Pat Litzkow, and the other volunteers who helped our children to learn this Sacrament.

I heard from many who came to St. Joe's on different occasions, they found it difficult to recognize our Church or school building. Because there is no outdoor signage at our buildings except on the west side of our school building. We also have a small electronic message system at our school building which is outdated so we need a new electronic message system. We formed a group to study and to make some proposals. We had many meetings. Discussion was held at the building and ground committee and approved by our parish council and finance committee. The total cost for this project will be \$53,000. I hate to take it from our savings account. Because we are already \$30,000 below our target for our Diocesan annual appeal, if we don't meet the goal, then we must pay from our savings. So, if you want to contribute to this project, that would be a great help for our parish. Please talk to me or Karen Adams (our business manager) if you have any questions regarding this project.

In a quiet village nestled amidst rolling hills, there was talk of a mysterious garden hidden deep in the forest. Legends whispered that this garden held a secret so profound that it could grant anyone who found it boundless joy and fulfillment. One brave soul, a young shepherd named Luca, decided to embark on a quest to find this elusive garden. Armed with determination and a map passed down through generations, Luca set off into the unknown. Days turned into weeks as Luca journeyed through dense forests, crossed roaring rivers, and climbed towering mountains.

Doubts crept into his mind, wondering if the garden was just a myth. Just when he was about to give up, he stumbled upon a clearing bathed in golden sunlight. In the center stood a magnificent tree with leaves that shimmered like emeralds. Approaching the tree, Luca discovered a small wooden chest nestled among its roots. With trembling hands, he opened it and found a simple note inside. "True happiness," the note read, "is not a destination but a journey. It is found in moments of kindness, love, and gratitude shared along the way." Let us find true happiness this week.

## PARISH EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

YOUNG ADULT WOMEN'S GROUP

# IF:GATHERING

You're not alone in feeling alone. Let's find your people! Join other young adult women from St. Joseph's parish for an evening of prayer followed by conversation to foster authentic community.

 JAN 30 THE NEW YEAR	 FEB 27 WHO GOD IS	 MAR 26 PRAYER	 APR 23 THE BIBLE	 MAY 28 STEPS OF FAITH
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TUESDAYS AT 6:00 PM | THE FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

## SEE YOU THERE!

# Brothers & Brew

Est. 4.28.2022

Inviting  
All Men for  
Coffee,  
Camaraderie  
&  
Conversation

Thursday,  
April 25th



9am @The Friendship House

# BOOK CLUB

What: Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust by Immaculee Ilibagiza

When: Book Discussion (first half of the book) May 8  
Book Discussion (second half of the book) May 29

All meetings will be 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Friendship House

*Immaculee Ilibagiza will be speaking at the Eucharist Rally in La Crosse!*

**MANY HANDS  
MAKE QUICK WORK**

PLEASE JOIN  
THE CHURCH CLEANING CREW



**Wednesday,  
April 24th at 10:30**

ALL ARE WELCOME

## Cantors and Accompanist

Pianists and cantors are still needed at all the Masses. Full training is provided and a \$30 per Mass stipend is available for pianists. Come and help us sing a new song to the Lord!

Contact Beth for more information:  
beth.wacek@menomonieatholic.org



## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

On Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, St. Joseph School is presenting our Spring Concert. The theme is, "The Good Book Says...." This year's concert will feature singing, Orff instruments, hand chimes, sign language, recorders, ukuleles, and Old and New Testament stories! Students will share their concert at 1:30PM and 5:30PM in the school gym. We hope you can join us!

St. Joseph School's annual Walk for Virtues fundraiser is on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Students and family and friends will walk along the Red Cedar Trail from Irvington to Riverside Park, and then enjoy a picnic lunch. Students gather pledges from family, friends, and members of the community to raise needed funds for our school. Money raised is used for technology upgrades and licensing, safety enhancements, and curriculum resources. Every day at St. Joseph School, our students are striving to live out the virtues of faith, justice, temperance, hope, prudence, charity, and fortitude. If you would like to donate to this fundraiser, there are envelopes on the table in the back of church, or you can donate through the website, or stop in to school and drop off your donation. We are grateful for your financial support and your prayers. God bless you!

Mrs. Mary Kiefer, Principal



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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



### UPCOMING DATES:

#### ELEMENTARY

**May 1:** Faith Formation 5:30 – 6:30 / **PARISH CENTER**

**May 15:** Faith Formation 5:30 – 6:30 / **PARISH CENTER / Last session**

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Apr 24:** Faith Formation 6:00 – 7:30 / **PARISH CENTER**

**May 8:** Faith Formation 6:00 – 7:30 / **PARISH CENTER / Last session**

#### CONFIRMATION

**Apr 24:** Small Group meeting space available 5:00 – 8:00 / **PARISH CENTER**

**May 5:** Session 9:30 – 11:15 / **PARISH CENTER** / Candidates are strongly encouraged to attend 8:30 Mass prior to the session. / **Last session**

**May 15:** Small Group meeting space available 5:00 – 8:00 / **PARISH CENTER**

# WALK for Virtues FRIDAY, May 3, 2024

### WHAT IS WFV?

Walk for Virtues is a fundraiser for our school. Students will walk on the Red Cedar Trail in Menomonie on Friday, May 3. Parents are welcome to join! The walk represents our school community's pledge to practice the virtues of Faith, Hope, Charity, Prudence, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance, which students learn about throughout the school year.

### HOW DO WE RAISE MONEY?

- 1) St. Joseph School families will collect pledges for our walk from family and friends in the coming weeks.
- 2) A Walk for Virtues Sponsor Bulletin Board will be in the main entrance of the church. This is an opportunity for parishioners or others who may not be asked to pledge a student to walk, to support our school and the Walk for Virtues fundraiser. Look for more information in next week's bulletin.

**ANY AMOUNT PLEDGED OR DONATED IS APPRECIATED!**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## RALLY IN EAU GALLE

MAY 5TH, 2024

FEATURING:



THE LITTLE WAY



CHRIS PADGETT



CHRIS ROGERS

CHRIS AND GERRIE



**TIME:**  
REGISTRATION  
BEGINS AT 9:30AM  
**WHO?:**  
ALL STUDENTS  
7TH-12TH

COME OUT FOR A ONE DAY  
RETREAT FOCUSED ON:  
FUN!  
PRAYER!  
AND DISCUSSION!

QUESTIONS? WANT MORE INFO? TALK TO YOUR DRE, YOUTH MINISTER, OR  
MONICA HEITMAN AT JOEXTEMP@YAHOO.COM



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



### Knights of Columbus 2024 Scholarship

Applications for the KC Scholarship are due Monday May 1, 2024. If you are a registered member of St. Joseph Catholic Parish in Menomonie, admitted to a college or university for fall 2024 semester, and pursuing an associate, baccalaureate or advanced degree, please consider applying. Find more details and the application at [MenomonieCatholic.org](http://MenomonieCatholic.org) or scan the QR Code.



Email application and letters of recommendation

Bob Lichty at [rlichty66@gmail.com](mailto:rlichty66@gmail.com).

Council 2055



## Annual Tootsie Roll Campaign

"Campaign for People With Intellectual Disabilities"

Proceeds from this Local Campaign go to the  
Red Cedar Chapter of Special Olympics

And

Menomonie High School Special Education Dept.

Knights will be Handing Out Tootsie Rolls and Collecting  
Freewill Donations at the Church Entrances after the  
Weekend Masses on 4 and 5 May 2024.

We are also looking for volunteers to stand outside local stores and collect donations for this campaign. Hours are 4-6pm - Wed 1 May, Thu 2 May, and Fri 3 May. Contact/Text Coordinator Vern Caturia at (715 309 8278) if you can help out.

We Thank You For Your Generous Donation and Help

## PCCW



PCCW Scholarship | Due May

1st

St. Joseph Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) is offering (1) \$1000 scholarship. Any Catholic woman of St. Joseph parish who plans to attend or is attending a Catholic or public college or university, or other institution of higher education should apply. Full or part time students are eligible to apply as well as previous recipients. Applications to a Catholic school will have priority. Scan the QR code for details and application.



## CASA HOGAR

Casa Hogar is a home for youth that is supported by the Diocese of La Crosse with the mission of delivering high quality care in a family environment. There are 64 children and families who live at Casa Hogar ranging in age from 5 to 17 years old.

Over the years, we have helped provide many children with a safe and caring family environment where they can gain the confidence to develop skills that empower and enable them for a promising future.

In June St. Joe's has 13 individuals going on a mission trip to Casa Hogar. As part of our trip we will be taking needed supplies with us and working on a project at Casa Hogar. A collection will take place after Mass the weekends of April 20-21 and April 27-28. If you would like to donate cash or any of the items on the list in the bulletin your help would be appreciated.

## Casa Hogar WISHLIST



### CLOTHING & SHOES

Girls

- Athletic (sneakers) shoes
- child size 2 - women's size 7
- Hair bows & headbands

Boys

- T-shirts (long sleeve) - teens
- Athletic (sneakers) shoes
- child size 11 - men's size 9
- Sweat/athletic pants - all sizes

Boys & Girls

- Fleece zip jackets - all sizes
- Slippers - all sizes

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Backpacks for boys & girls
- Markers
- Clay

### HOUSEHOLD

- Bath & hand towels
- Sports bottles



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### HEALTH & FIRST AID

- Magnesium - child
- Calcium - child
- Zinc - child
- Vitamins (multi) - adult and child
- Hydrocortisone cream
- Triple antibiotic cream (like Neosporin)
- Cough drops
- Cough syrup with expectorant
- Elastic bandages
- Ice packs
- Fungus Cream
- Athlete Foot Powder
- Bug spray with DEET
- Lice shampoo
- Moisturizing lotion/cream
- Lysol sanitizing cleaning wipes
- Toothpaste and flossers
- Pet poop bags

### SPORTS & FUN

- Sports balls - soccer, volley & basket
- Jump ropes & frisbees
- Craft activities
- Drawing and coloring supplies
- Dolls, Barbies and stuffed animals
- Remote control cars/trucks (7-10 yrs)
- Board & card games
- Models
- Puzzles & brainteasers
- Embroidery Floss
- Sewing Supplies
- Candy & gum
- Trail mix, chips, crackers

Puzzles

Brainteasers

Card games (popular don't always need to read directions).

Barrettes, headbands, fun stuff for hair

Fun socks

Art kits

Anything craft - boys and girls

Journals w/pens

Drawing pads w/pencils

Adult coloring books w/colored pencils

Kids coloring books with markers or crayons

Legos

Barbies

Transformers, character toys

Cars - any kind

Remote control anything

Balls - any kind

Kites

Jump ropes

T-shirts - sports or girly

Doodle boards - you push a button and the picture wipes off

# *Eucharistic Miracle of* **GERONA**

SPAIN, 1297



In the Eucharistic miracle of Gerona, during the celebration of the Mass, a priest doubted the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. But when the time for Communion arrived, the priest did not succeed in swallowing the Host which had transformed into Flesh in his mouth. Unfortunately the relic of the Host transformed into Flesh was destroyed in 1936, during the civil war.



Cathedral of Gerona



**T**he Miracle happened in the church of an ancient monastery of the Benedictines of San Daniele where until the past century a precious reliquary was preserved containing a cloth spotted of Blood that the people called the "Sant Dubt", the "Holy Doubt". In 1297, while they assisted at Mass in their chapel, the nuns noticed that at the moment of consuming the consecrated Host, the celebrant was impeded and demonstrated bewilderment. A nun that followed the rite from above the altar saw the priest remove something from his mouth and afterwards wrapped It in the corporal and placed It on the corner of the altar. After the Mass, the nun went immediately to the altar to verify what the priest had hidden in the white cloth and with great amazement discovered that it contained a small piece of blood-dripping flesh. Questioned,

the priest confessed to doubting the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. And just as he put the holy Host in his mouth, It increased to such a volume and consistency that It was not able to be swallowed.

*This is why he had wrapped*  
It in one of the corporals and left It on the altar. The little piece which was changed into flesh was then placed in a reliquary. Unfortunately a lot of the relevant documents to the miracle became lost: The reliquary containing the Incarnate Host and the Blood-soaked corporal were destroyed during the civil war of 1936.



The monstrance which contained the blood-stained corporal, museum of the Cathedral of Gerona



## CONTACT INFORMATION

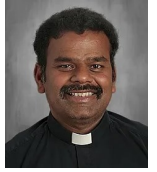
**St. Joseph Parish | 910 Wilson Ave. | Menomonie, WI**

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Mass: Sat 4:00 PM; Sun 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, 6:00 PM; Tues & Wed 8:00 AM; Fri 9 AM

Pastor: John S. Muthu Vijayan (Fr. Mano)

Adoration in Church: Tuesdays 7:00 AM-3:00 PM | Private Confession in Church: Sat 3:00 PM



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### Join Our Parish Community:

Contact Nicki Welsch, or click on "Join Our Parish" at : [MenomonieCatholic.org](http://MenomonieCatholic.org).

### St. Joseph Grade School:

Serving children 3 years old 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 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  
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

Debra Berends  
John Heike  
Jason Horzewski *Chairperson*  
Laura Knudsen  
Dan Wengel  
Linda Young  
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 Michael Kasten, Grand Knight at [KC2055GK@gmail.com](mailto:KC2055GK@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:

**Betty Fraber (mother of Pat Preston)**  
**Mary Curtin**  
**Tom Koranski (father of Troy Koranski)**  
**Stanley Baszuro**  
**Nina Obradovich**  
**Rick Halama**  
**Alice Evenson**  
**Agnes Stipetich**  
**Jim Swanson**  
**Ron Jordan**  
**Robert Heagle**  
**Margaret Walsh**  
**Margaret Fuchs (mother of Anita Hendrickson)**

Contact the Parish Center to have someone from outside the

### 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.

**Kayleigh Burns**  
**Stevie**  
**Ben Ramaeker/**  
(son of Mike & Janice)  
**Bill & Judy**  
(parents of Wendy Maves)  
**Sherrie Schlough**  
**Ken Thibado Sr.**  
**Jason Wayne**  
**Annie Schneider**  
**Bob Swanson**  
**Bill Harmon**

**Virginia Schober**  
**James Wenzel**  
**Kathy Falk**  
**Alvin Fremouw**  
**Jennifer Berg**  
**Takoya Weber**  
**Margaret LaForte**  
**Mike Reid/**  
(friend of Jim Brandenburg)  
**Karen Dorow**  
**Arnie Bauer Jr.**  
**Carolyn Krieger**

If you would like us to pray for you or someone you love, contact the Parish Center.