

The poster features a light beige and cream-colored checkered background. It is decorated with a border of autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and red at the top and bottom. Scattered throughout the background are individual maple leaves in similar colors. The word "FALL" is rendered in large, bold, block letters filled with a pattern of small autumn leaves. Below it, the word "Newsletter" is written in a large, elegant, dark brown script font. The year "2026" is centered below "Newsletter" in a bold, dark brown sans-serif font.

FALL Newsletter 2026

PARISH CENTER HOURS:

**EFFECTIVE WEEK OF
AUGUST 10TH
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

MESSAGE FROM FR. MANO

Dear Friends,

I hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer. Whether you spent it traveling, camping, fishing, or simply relaxing at home, I hope you found moments to experience God's presence in the beauty of His creation. Now, as we return to our regular routines, I invite all of us to make one important resolution: let Sunday Mass be the center of our week.

Our students are back in school soon. Please encourage your children or grandchildren to attend Catholic school. We have tuition assistance and Wisconsin Choice Program. As I watch our children walk into church for school Mass, blessing themselves with holy water and learning to reverence Jesus in the Eucharist, I am reminded that faith is learned one small step at a time. Parents and grandparents, thank you for making the practice of faith a priority. Your example speaks more loudly than any lesson we can teach in the classroom.

If you have not yet registered your children for Faith Formation, please do so. Every child deserves the opportunity to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. Together, let us help them build a faith that will guide them throughout their lives. Last year 95 of our children didn't attend faith formation. Please fulfill your catholic parents' obligation which you had promised to God.

This season also brings one of our favorite parish traditions—our Fall Festival! It is much more than a fundraiser. It is a celebration of our parish family. It is a day when neighbors become friends, children laugh together, volunteers generously share their gifts, and everyone enjoys good food and fellowship. Whether you help prepare food, work a booth, donate items, or simply come and enjoy the day, you are helping strengthen the bonds that make St. Joseph Parish Family such a welcoming community.

As we enter this new season, I also ask you to continue supporting our parish through your prayers, your presence, and your stewardship. Everything we accomplish—from worship and Faith Formation to our Catholic school and outreach ministries—is possible because of your faithful generosity.

If you have been away from church for a while, this fall is a wonderful time to come home. There is always a place for you here. Together, let us grow closer to Christ and to one another as we continue building a parish where everyone feels welcomed, loved, and inspired to live the Gospel.

May St. Joseph watch over our parish family, our students, our teachers, and all those who call this parish home. I look forward to seeing you at Mass, at our Fall Festival, and throughout this beautiful season.

In Christ,
Fr. Mano

MUSIC

Handbell Choir:

No ringing experience necessary. Basic note and rhythm reading a big plus. Substitutes needed as well. We practice on selected Sundays at 11:30am.

Traditional Choir:

Rehearses twice a month on Wednesday nights at 6pm. We sing twice a month at the 4pm Mass. No experience required, all voice parts needed.



Guitar Choir:

Rehearses once a month on Wednesday nights at 6pm. We invite all guitar players and/or singers to join us. All music is provided. We sing once a month at the 10:15 Mass.

Funeral Choir:

Rehearses 45 minutes before each funeral. Members are on a calling list and come as they are able. No experience necessary.

Contact Beth (beth.wacek@menomonieccatholic.org) for schedules and details.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



MONSIGNOR BLECHA COUNCIL #2055

sponsored events

FALL 2026

SEP/OCT
14

Coats for Kids
Sept. 14–Oct. 19

SEP
21

Delta Membership Drive

OCT
12

Sportsman Raffle

OCT
12

Mass for People with
Special Needs

OCT/NOV
25

Thanksgiving Food for
Families (Oct. 25–Nov. 23)

DEC
7

Breakfast w/ St. Nick



I hope this summer has been a time of rest, renewal, and meaningful moments with family and friends. As we look ahead to the start of another exciting school year, I wanted to take a moment to share some of the wonderful preparations and projects taking place around our school. Our staff has been working hard, creating welcoming learning environments, enhancing our school, and planning engaging experiences that will help make this a successful year for every student.

Welcoming New Faces

As we begin another exciting school year, we are delighted to welcome two new faces to the St. Joseph School community.

Allie Hughson joins us as our afternoon 4K teacher. In the mornings, she will work collaboratively with Julie Scharlau in the K/1 classroom. We are excited to have Allie as part of the St. Joseph School family and look forward to the gifts and talents she will bring to our students.

I am also pleased to share that a few weeks ago, I, **Deborah Skalecki**, signed a contract to serve as Principal for the 2026–2027 school year. I bring with me a deep passion for Catholic education, along with 32 years of teaching experience in both special and general education. I am honored to serve the St. Joseph School community and look forward to partnering with our dedicated staff, students, and families as we make this a faith-filled and successful school year. As I step into this new role, I recognize the tremendous legacy of leadership that has come before me and the big shoes I must fill. I am especially grateful that Mary Kiefer has graciously offered to mentor me throughout this transition. Her guidance and support will be invaluable.

Renovations and Improvements

As part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining a safe, welcoming, and engaging learning environment, new flooring is being installed in several areas throughout the school. These improvements include the 4K and kindergarten classrooms, the library and computer lab, as well as the second-floor staff workroom and collaboration space. These updates will be completed by the start of the school year.

Members of the Building and Grounds Committee generously volunteered their time to pressure wash several areas on the exterior of the school, helping keep our campus clean, welcoming, and well maintained.

New banners have been ordered for the gymnasium and other areas throughout the school. The Our Father, Hail Mary, and Peace Pledge will now be prominently displayed in the gym. In addition, new 2' x 3' banners featuring the virtues we focus on throughout the school year will be displayed in the gym. These banners were made possible through a Diocese of La Crosse Bishop's Educational Endowment Trust (BEET) grant that St. Joseph School was blessed to receive last school year.

We are also grateful for the donation of a new 8' x 16' American flag to be displayed in the gymnasium, along with a new 5' x 8' flag to fly outside the school. Thank you to Denny Marach and Ed Hartung for installing a new pulley system and rope on the outdoor flagpole to ensure our nation's flag can continue to fly proudly.

Thanks to the generosity of a donor, St. Joseph School has purchased a new outdoor storage shed. This much-needed addition provides secure storage for the ball cart, outdoor play equipment, sandbox toys, soccer nets, and other physical education supplies, helping keep our playground organized and our equipment protected for years to come.

Charting Our Course: Goals for Continued Success

As we reflect on the insights gained during our accreditation visit in December 2025, we begin the 2026–2027 school year with optimism and purpose. Guided by our mission and committed to continuous growth, we will work collaboratively to achieve the following goals:

- **Strengthen our Catholic identity.** While we value the diverse faith backgrounds of our faculty and staff, we are committed to ensuring that 100% of our religion classes are taught by practicing Catholics.
- **Deepen our faith and community.** As a faculty, we will participate in a shared book study designed to foster faith formation, strengthen our sense of community, and support our spiritual growth together.
- **Enhance student learning through meaningful data analysis.** Examining student learning will be a central focus throughout the year. By using common assessments and shared rubrics, we will identify instructional practices that are most effective and determine where adjustments are needed. Documenting our instructional action steps will strengthen our collaborative efforts, provide a clear path for continuous improvement, and allow us to celebrate the academic growth and success of our students.

A Year of Faith, Service, Excellence, and Joy

Our commitment to providing an education rooted in faith is at the heart of everything we do. We remain dedicated to nurturing the spiritual, academic, and social growth of every child, empowering each student to lead with a servant's heart and reflect the light of Christ in all they do.

As a new school year begins, I eagerly anticipate seeing our classrooms filled with eager faces and hearing the joyful laughter of children echo through our halls once again. It is going to be a spectacular year, and we are deeply grateful for the continued support of the wonderful people of St. Joseph Catholic Parish.

Please know that our doors are always open. I invite you to stop by, visit our school, and witness the incredible things happening each day. Thank you for partnering with us as we continue to inspire faith, foster excellence, and share the joy of Christ with every student.

God Bless,
Ms. Deborah Skalecki, Principal

2026-2027 ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST 2026

- 26** Drop in Day 3:00-6:00 pm
27 School Starts -
 Buses Begin (K-5)
27 4K Begins (with busing)
27-28 No After School Care (ASC)
31 After School Care (ASC) Begins

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SEPTEMBER 2026

- 7** No School, Labor Day
18 No ASC

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OCTOBER 2026

- 6** No ASC; P/T Conf. 4-7pm
8 No ASC; P/T Conf. 4-7pm
9 No School
12 No school, PD Day
21 2nd Grade Parents Sacrament Meeting- 5:30
30 No ASC

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NOVEMBER 2026

- 2** No School, Diocesan PD Day
20 4K Day, drive day
20 Thanksgiving Soup Lunch; No ASC
23-27 No School, Thanksgiving Break

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DECEMBER 2026

- 1** 1st Reconciliation
15 Christmas Concert (CC)
 1:30 & 5:30pm; No ASC
17 Alternate CC date
22 No ASC
23-Jan 1 No School
 Christmas Break

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JANUARY 2027

- 4** School Resumes
18 No School, PD Day
20 2nd Grade Parents Sacrament Meeting - 5:30
31 Catholic Schools Week Begins
31 CSW Mass- 10:15

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FEBRUARY 2027

- 1-6** - Catholic Schools Week
2 No ASC; P/T Conf. 4-7pm
4 No ASC; P/T Conf. 4-7pm
5 No School

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MARCH 2027

- 1** No School, Diocesan PD
5 4K Day, drive day
6 2nd Grade First Communion Retreat
12 No ASC
15-19 Spring Break
25 No ASC
26 No School, Good Friday
29 No School, Easter Monday

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APRIL 2027

- 7** 1st Communion Rehearsal- 6:30
11 1st Communion, 12:30pm
19 No School, PD Day
29 Spring Concert 1:30 & 5:30pm; No ASC

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MAY 2027

- 7** Walk for Virtues; May Crowning; No ASC
24-28 No ASC
27 5th Grade Baccalaureate 6pm
28 Last Day, Early Dismissal, all school lunch

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Dates are subject to change. Families will be notified of changes by email and through the Friday Folder.

Calendar Codes

- Purple:** Drop in day
Yellow: No school
Blue: No After School Care (ASC)

Hours

Office: 8:00am - 4:00pm
 3K: 8:30am - 11am (T, Th)
 4K: 11:55am - 3:10pm (M-Th)
 K-5: 8:30am - 3:10pm

P/T Conferences

- 4:00 - 7:00pm**
 • October 6 & 8
 • February 2 & 4

Trimesters

- 1st 8/27-11/20 (58)
 2nd 11/30-2/26 (55)
 3rd 3/2-5/28 (56)

Report Cards

- Sent Home**
 • 12/4/2026
 • 3/5/2027
 • 5/27/2027

Save the Date

EVENTS SCHEDULE 2026-2027



St. Joseph Parish Menomonie, WI

Fall

9/19 & 9/20 Fall Festival
9/20 Sunday Mass @ 9:00
10/2 After 9:00 AM Mass Living Rosary
10/3 & 10/4 Volunteer Appreciation after Masses
10/11 11:15 AM Liturgical Ministry Volunteer Training
10/24 11:00 AM Euchre Tournament
10/31 11:00 AM Anointing Mass
11/1 11:15 AM All Saints Day Bingo Parish Event
11/12 6:30 PM Friendsgiving Potluck and Discussion

Advent

12/3 6:30 PM Advent Mission Fr. Sam Martin
Living the virtues of Peace, Hope, and Joy
throughout this Advent Season
12/6 9:30 AM Pancake Breakfast with Guest St. Nicholas
12/8 Immaculate Conception Masses at 9:00 AM, 6:00 PM,
and 3:00 PM at the Comforts of Home
12/14 6:00 PM Advent Reconciliation
12/17 6:30 PM Advent Adoration with Music and Reflection
12/20 11:15 AM Church Decorating

Winter

1/16 11:00 AM Euchre Tournament
2/7 11:15 AM Mardi Gras Party Parish Event

Lent

2/10 Ash Wednesday
2/13 5:00 PM Valentines Dance Parish Event
2/16, 17, & 18 Lenten Mission Fr. Justin Kizewski
The Station Churches of Rome
2/27 8:00 AM Deanery Stations of the Cross Pilgrimage
3/4 6:30 PM Lent Adoration
3/8 6:00 PM Lent Reconciliation with Music and Reflection
3/20-21 Holy Week begins

Spring

4/17 11:00 AM Anointing Mass
4/24 11:00 AM Euchre Tournament
5/16 11:15 AM Parish Potluck Parish Event



DEFENDING THE FAITH

A Monthly Apologetics Hour
with Steve Drapalik

Do you Have questions about the Catholic Faith?
Whether you are a lifelong Catholic or new to the
Church, join us for an evening of discussion
rooted in Scripture, Tradition, and reason.

- The 2nd Thursday of each month beginning
September 10th
- 6:00-7:00 PM
- Parish Center Conference Room



FALL BIBLE STUDY Lectio: GOD

Mondays 6 PM or Tuesdays 10 AM
September 21st/22nd - November 16th/17th
Parish Center Conference Room

All are welcome! No Experience needed.

Reserve your book today by signing up at:
nicki.welsch@menomoniecatholic.org



& Refreshers in Faith

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 or 715-578-1809



*We're starting a
moms group and
you're invited!*



St Joe's Moms Group invites you to join us. We are a group of local moms with the goal of growing together in faith and friendship and supporting each other through motherhood.

We host scheduled and casual meetups. Some meetups are playdate-based and others are mom-focused. Children are always welcome.

How to connect:

Please join our
Facebook group at
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/stjoesmomsgroup>



We also communicate via Facebook Messenger.
Please reach out to Nicki
(nicki.welsch@menomoniecatholic.org or 715-232-4922) if you would like to join on Messenger!

We hope you can join us!

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**
-  **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

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

COFFEE AND DONUTS WILL BE PROVIDED

COFFEE GROUPS

COFFEE & COMMUNITY

GATHERING ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Join us for engaging conversations and support
alongside other women from St. Joseph.

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

MEETING ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

All women from St. Joseph are invited to come together for snacks and
beverages while engaging in a discussion on the monthly topic.

BROTHERS & BREW

MEETING ON THE LAST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Come and connect with fellow men from St. Joseph for
meaningful conversations and support.

ALL GROUPS MEET AT THE FRIENDSHIP HOUSE
It is located at 903 Wilson Avenue, on the the
corner of Wilson Avenue and 9th Street E.



Thank You, Amazing Volunteers!

You Make a Difference

We invite all of our wonderful
volunteers to a special blessing at
St. Joseph Church during all Masses
Saturday evening and Sunday
morning on October 3rd and 4th .
Enjoy drinks and treats after Mass.
Your efforts are truly appreciated!

**Volunteers are
our blessing!**



ST. JOSEPH EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

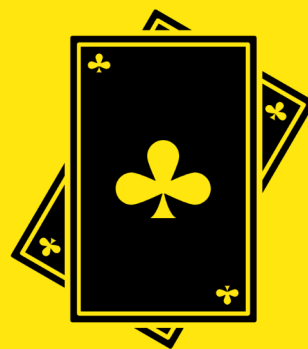
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

11:00 AM – POTLUCK

11:30 AM – TOURNAMENT BEGINS

**SIGN UP TODAY
TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT. SPACE IS
LIMITED TO 25 TABLES.
EMAIL JOHN WHITE
JOFWHITE@YAH00.COM**

**PLEASE BRING A POTLUCK
APPETIZER TO SHARE AND
YOUR OWN BEVERAGE.
WATER WILL BE PROVIDED.
THERE IS NO COST TO
ATTEND.**



PARISH EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



ALL SAINTS DAY BINGO Party

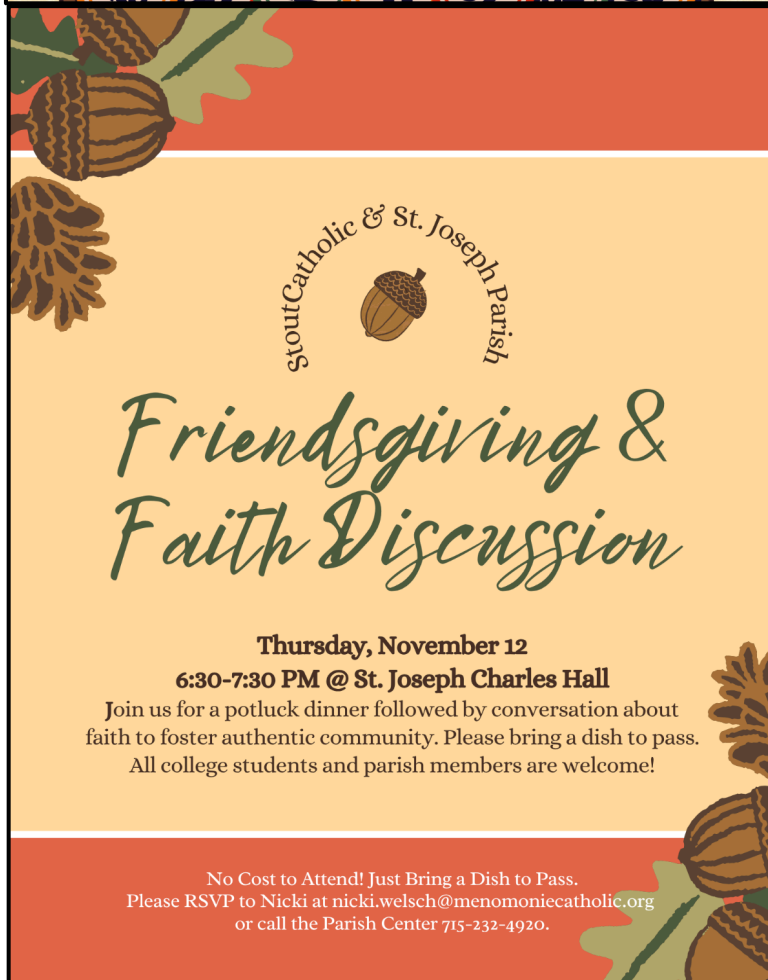
JOIN US FOR THIS FUN EVENT, INCLUDING:
MASS | LUNCH (PROVIDED BY THE PCCW) | BINGO

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

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

**GREAT PRIZES (ADULTS AND KIDS).
FUN FOR ALL!!!**

RSVPS ARE APPRECIATED
NICKI.WELSCH@MENOMONIECATHOLIC.ORG



St. Joseph Catholic & 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 or call the Parish Center 715-232-4920.

PCCW

Welcome to the St. Joseph Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW)

As proud members of the Durand Deanery of the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW) and the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW), we are dedicated to making a positive impact in our community. Every woman in St. Joseph Parish is automatically a member of the PCCW, and we warmly invite you to join us in our various activities and events.

What We Do for Our Community:

- **Charity Fundraising:** Join us for our Spring and Fall Thrift Sales, where we raise funds for various charitable causes.
- **Benevolent Fund:** Our Cookie Walk sales support medically needy children within our parish through our Benevolent Fund.
- **Funeral Luncheons:** We provide comforting food service for families during their time of loss.
- **Quilting Group:** Get creative and join our quilting group to make beautiful quilts for various causes.
- **College Scholarships:** We sponsor scholarships to support the education of our young female parish members.
- **Special Events and Receptions:** We may assist with meals for special events and receptions, bringing our community together.
- **Charles Hall Management:** We manage Charles Hall (the church basement) and the kitchen, ensuring they are ready for all parish activities.
- **Quarterly Meetings:** Stay informed and involved by attending our member meetings.
- **Honorary Dinner:** Celebrate with us at our annual Honorary Dinner.
- **Cookie Walk:** Indulge in delicious treats at our Cookie Walk event.

Our Objectives:

- **Unity Through Volunteerism:** We unite the women of our parish through various volunteer opportunities.
- **Spiritual and Leadership Development:** We come together to grow spiritually, develop leadership skills, and address current issues in the Church and community.
- **Community Relationships:** We establish meaningful relationships with various groups in our community.

Upcoming Events:

General Meetings - August 20, October 21
Fall Thrift Sale - October 8-9
Cookie Walk - December 12

If you're interested in participating in any of the PCCW events, please reach out. We look forward to welcoming you and working together to make a difference!

The PCCW is looking to fill the following board member positions:

Treasurer (2 year position)
Vice President (3 year position)
[Year 1-Vice President, Year 2-President, Year 3-Past President]
Spiritual Advisor (open ended)

Please prayerfully consider donating your time and talents to serve.

For more information or if you are interested, contact:

Colleen Berg, President, 715-308-2092
Or Linda Young at the parish center.





St. Joseph Parish

Grow Deeper This Fall

Faith Formation for Every Age

Families are the heartbeat of our parish. This fall we invite you to enroll your children in Faith Formation and help our community grow stronger together. **Registration is now open for all programs.**

FALL PROGRAMS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

ELEMENTARY

Grades K – 5

First and third Wednesday of each month

◆ 5:30 – 6:30 pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades 6 – 8

Second and fourth Wednesday of each month

◆ 6:00 – 7:30 pm

HIGH SCHOOL

Confirmation Preparation

Second and fourth Sunday of each month

Year 1 & 2 Confirmation Retreat Saturday, February 27, 2027

◆ 8:30 am Mass – 11:15 am

Know a family who could use a community like ours?

Invite them to register – and bring them along.

“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” – Proverbs 27:17

REGISTER & LEARN MORE

www.menomonicatholic.org/all-programs

Tammy Christianson | (715) 232-4920 | tammy.christianson@menomonicatholic.org





Excitement continues to build as the beginning of the year approaches. Our Youth & Family Mass was such a success last year that we will be holding two this year: one in the fall (September 30) and the spring (March 31). Please be sure to join us! There will be sign-ups at the check-in tables for each of the programs to fill the various ministry positions.

Elementary: Grades K – 5

The first session is **Wednesday, September 2 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm**. This will be a normal session. There will be no kick-off orientation. This year enrollment will be available for **kindergarten students**. We will have a combined kindergarten/first grade class of students – unless enrollment numbers require a split of the grades.

Middle School: Grades 6 – 8

The first session is **Wednesday, September 9 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm**. There will be a parent meeting held during this session. At least one parent is expected to attend. Students will be ending the year again with the Durand Deanery Youth Rally.

High School: Confirmation Preparation

1st & 2nd Year Students: The first session is **Sunday, September 13** beginning with **8:30 Mass until 11:15 am** for all Confirmation candidates. Parents of 1st year students should attend this session. This will be a regular session for 2nd year students (parents do not need to attend).

Liturgical minister training will be held on Sunday, October 11 immediately following the Confirmation session. 1st year students are expected to attend. A student/parent session for 1st year students will be held on Sunday, October 25.

Juniors: Those who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this fall are expected to attend the last formation session on **Wednesday, September 30** immediately following the Youth & Family Mass (approximately 6:30 – 8:00 pm). Rehearsal for Confirmation Mass will be **Sunday, October 11 at 4:00 pm**. **Sponsors are expected to attend with their confirmand.** Please share this information with them and if they cannot attend, contact Tammy Christianson as soon as possible. Confirmation Mass is **Saturday, October 17 at 9:00 am** with Bishop Battersby. We will be celebrating with confirmandi from St. Luke, Boyceville; Sacred Heart, Elmwood; and Sacred Heart, Spring Valley.



FROM THE DIRECTOR

I am exceedingly grateful for all that God has been doing at UW-Stout. I am beginning my fifth year as director of campus ministry, and it's hard to believe that the freshmen from my first year have just graduated. The time has truly flown by.

While the ministry has grown and evolved a lot since I started, the vision and my dream for StoutCatholic have remained the same. In all that we do, I desire that StoutCatholic be a place where students know that they are loved and, ultimately, that they may meet Jesus in this place. It has been a great gift to see this become a reality in many different facets of our ministry, and I look forward to the coming years. Please continue to pray for us and know of my prayers for you. May the Lord bless and keep you!

Becca Sheahan
Director of Catholic Campus Ministry | stoutcatholic.org



OUR SPRING SEMESTER

We are counting every blessing as we look forward to the fall semester at UW-Stout! Last spring was filled with:

- Competing in Brotherhood vs. Sisterhood Bingo
- Serving at Catholic Charities in Denver, CO
- Attending a spring retreat: "The Way of The Disciple"
- Continuing our annual ecumenical praise and worship night with other Christian groups on campus
- Hosting a cookout at Fr. Mano's house

At the close of the semester, we had a chance to celebrate our graduating seniors with a night of reflection at The Ministry. Here's what one of them had to say about their experience with campus ministry: "Through my precious time at StoutCatholic, I have come to recognize the abundant working and glory of God in my life; to

understand the gifts he has given me and to use them to order my life to His Holy Will."



Elizabeth, StoutCatholic Senior





Dear Church Family,
It's time for a New Directory!

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

~ Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.

~ Every sitting photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!

~ Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finishes and framing options for the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to your family and friends.

**Set your appointment with
Universal today at ucdir.com!**

Gathering families, Connecting generations.



Celebrating faith.

Connecting families.

Sharing hope.

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

We are Creating a New Pictorial Directory! It won't be the same without YOU!

Our Photo Dates and Times:

Tuesday – Friday, September 29 - October 2, 2:00 – 8:30 PM, Saturday, October 3, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Tuesday & Wednesday, October 13 & 14, 2:00 – 8:30 PM

Schedule your photography appointment online! Just scan the QR code to the right → → →

Or - go to www.ucdir.com & click the "Photography Session Sign-Up" button.

Enter **wi470** in the "Church Code" field. Enter **mano** in the "Church Password" field. (Code & Password are lower case)

Online signup may not be available on Saturday & Sunday so we can have paper sign-ups at Mass on the weekends.

You will receive a free 8x10 portrait and a free copy of our new directory just for coming in for a portrait!

Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule soon to get the date and time that works best for you!





A SMALL SAMPLE OF THE
BEAUTIFUL QUILT CREATED
BY OUR QUILTERS FOR THE
QUILT RAFFLE.

SAVE THE DATE 2026 ST. JOSEPH PARISH *Fall* FESTIVAL

BOTTLES & BASKETS
FOR BOTTLE LOTTO AND BASKETS
FOR FAMILY BASKETS ARE NOW
AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT CHURCH
ENTRANCES

SATURDAY & SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 19-20
PARISH CENTER/SCHOOL & GROUNDS

Saturday Following 4:00 Mass
Dinner & Fellowship (\$6 dinner),
Silent Auction, Family Baskets,
Harvest Market,
Cash & Quilt Raffles

Cash Raffle:

Tickets \$2.00 each

1st Prize \$500, 2nd Prize: \$400, 3rd Prize:
\$350,
4th Prize: \$300, 5th Prize: \$250

Quilt Raffle:

Tickets: \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for 6

Raffle tickets are available in the Church or Parish Center.

Sunday

9:00 AM* Mass

*Mass Times: Sunday at 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Concessions (including
grilled chicken),
Beverages,
Childrens Games,
Bottle Lotto, Family Baskets,
Silent Auction,
Harvest Market,
Pie & Ice Cream Social,
Dice Game, Rosary Making,
Cash & Quilt Raffles,
3 on 3 Basketball, Entertainment

Silent Auction request: We are looking for new or gently used items for the
Silent Auction. They can be delivered to the Parish Center during open
hours. They will be safely stored. If you would like to have an item picked
up call Maribeth Hartung at 715-308-2295. Thank you.
Baskets for **Family Baskets** are needed! They may be dropped off at the
Parish Center.

**WATCH THE BULLETIN AND WEBSITE
FOR MORE DETAILS!**



CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor: Fr. Mano, fr.mano@menomoniecatholic.org
Principal: Deborah Skalecki, deborah.skalecki@menomoniecatholic.org
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School Administrative Assistant: Mary Wayne, mary.wayne@menomoniecatholic.org
Parish Administrative Assistant: Linda Young, linda.young@menomoniecatholic.org
Music & Liturgy: Beth Wacek, beth.wacek@menomoniecatholic.org
Parish Life Ministries: Nicki Welsch, nicki.welsch@menomoniecatholic.org
Religious Education: Tammy Christianson, tammy.christianson@menomoniecatholic.org
Director of StoutCatholic: Becca Sheahan, director@stoutcatholic.org
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Head Custodian/Maintenance: Wayne Koepke, wayne.koepke@menomoniecatholic.org

Join Our Parish Community:
 Contact Nicki Welsch, or click on
 "I'M NEW" at :
MenomonieCatholic.org.

St. Joseph Grade School:
 Serving children 4K through 5th
 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.



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.

STEWARDSHIP

FINANCE REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Year-to-Date Total **\$620,517.84**
Year-to-Date Goal **\$632,008.00**
Under Yearly Goal **\$ (11,490.16)**



**FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING
 AND SUPPORT OF
 OUR PARISH AND SCHOOL!!**

REVENUES		EXPENSES	
General Income	6/30/2026	Salary, Taxes & Benefits	
Adult Envelopes & Plate	688,177.90	General	353,766.26
Fundraisers		School	663,378.58
Fall Festival - Net Income	31,712.10		
Scrip - Net Income	31,460.55	Administrative Expenses	
Contributions, Donations, Student fees	107,116.41	General	71,948.68
Societies - PCCW & Tues Table	31,030.39	School	127,962.48
Restricted Income		Facilities & Building Maintenance	
Building Fund, Works of Charity & Stipend	37,026.71	General	166,414.15
		School	327,053.85
School Income			
Tuition, Grants, Choice Aid, Student fees	252,111.71	Worship & Liturgical Program Expenses	
Contributions & Donations	96,781.53	Parish	59,202.31
Fundraiser		Faith Formation Youth & Adult	27,870.36
WFV -	11,031.53	PCCW & Tues Table	14,926.63
Legacy Night -	67,000.00	PTO	25,587.09
Scrip - Net Income	36,063.92		
Societies - PTO	10,624.01	Other Expenses	
		Insurance	23,958.17
		Diocesan Assessments	26,172.75
Other Income			
Other/Int/Dividends/Investments	105,028.94	Cemetery	
		Salary	2,197.87
Cemetery Income		Admin/Operation/Maintenance	2,984.07
Lot Sales & Grave Opening	4,765.00	Investments Fee	896.98
Interest	7,594.88		
Investments	16,326.10		
Total Income	1,533,851.68	Total Expenses	1,894,320.23