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A MINISTRY OF THE CAPUCHIN FRANCISCANS SINCE 1877

January 14, 2024



“COME, AND YOU
WILL SEE.” - JN 1:39A

2ND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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MASS TIMES

Saturday - 4:00 pm

Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 6:30 pm

Weekend Mass may be viewed online: www.saintjosephparish.org

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 12:05 pm

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.... 920-735-9380

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Marriage: Active parish membership of 6 months is required before a wedding date may be set.

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 9 until approximately 9:30 am or call for an appointment.

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office 2 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office anytime.

REACHING IN, REACHING OUT, REACHING GOD

Br. Ray's Reflections

One of our parishioners asked us to print the piece I read last weekend. It was written by Howard Thurman and it speaks of our call as disciples of Christ.

When the song of the angels is stilled
When the star in the sky is gone
When the king and princes are home
When the Shepherds are back with their flock
Then the work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost
To heal the broken
To feed the hungry
To release the prisoner
To rebuild the nations
To bring peace among all
To make music in the heart.

Yes, our decorations may already be packed away and our Christmas trees may have been sent for recycling and the lights on our homes may be taken down but Christmas remains. The wondrous truth that our God is always among us should carry us through the dark months of winter. As we allow the spark of the Divine within each of us to shine brightly then we become the evergreen, the wondrous lights and the love and compassion that decorates the world. We may always feel some sadness when our Christmas decorations are put away but it's at that moment, as Howard Thurman states, Christmas truly begins. Let's bring the spirit of Christmas to our world in January, February, etc!

Jewelry Needed



Do you have items in your jewelry box that you no longer wear or need? We are looking for jewelry for our Annual Warm Hearts Jewelry Sale on February 10 & 11. Please place your jewelry in the box at the back of church during the month of January.

Retired Religious Collection - THANK YOU!

St. Joe's collected \$6,142 for this collection to support our retired diocesan priests and retired religious. Thank you so much for supporting these men and women who worked so hard for us for many years.

Raffle Calendars

Thanks to everyone who helped us with the Calendar Raffle for this year by either purchasing or selling these calendars. Because of your participation and generosity, we did very well. This year we sold 1,454 calendars. Projected profit for 2024 is \$19,231.91, while the profit was \$14,261.48 in 2023. THANK YOU again for helping to make this a very successful fundraiser.

Parish Council Meeting

Parishioners are invited to attend our Parish Council meetings. The council will be meeting on **Tuesday, January 16 at 6:30 pm in Room 210, on the 2nd Floor.** Annette Hovie of Parish Family Life will be presenting, along with discussion of our ongoing grants program to help groups in our community.

Personal Witness Talk

Greg Pekarske-Siers will be returning to share what it is like to live with mental illness, "From a Mess to Success". Join us on **Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 pm in Holly Hall** for his presentation. Discover how you can be supportive to others.

Upcoming Sacrament Meetings

The **First Eucharist Parent ONLY** meeting will take place on **Tuesday, January 16 at 6:00 pm** in Holly Hall. Parents of our 2nd grade students should plan to attend to learn about the expectations and preparation leading to the celebration in April.

The Confirmation Teen/Parent/Sponsor meeting for current 11th grade students of St. Joseph Parish is being held on **Sunday, January 28 at 7:30 PM** in Holly Hall.

Expectations and requirements for the preparation for the Sacrament will be discussed and materials handed out. Please come with questions as well as an open heart and mind!

St. Joseph parishioners, please pray for these students and their families as they begin a very special journey in their faith life.

Congratulations Calendar Raffle Winners

December 31—Curtis J. Wagner—\$25
January 1—Sherry Freimuth—\$100
January 2—Paul Zimmerman—\$25
January 3—Mike & Rebecca Stanonik—\$25
January 4—Robert & Donna Ziesemer—\$25
January 5—Don & Sis Bernards—\$25
January 6—Penny Bernard Schaber—\$25

Please Pray For...

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill:
Dave Hendricks, Josephine Valenti

Remember also our nursing home residents and shut-ins, and pray for the intentions recorded in our Prayer Book of Intentions.

Please pray for our parishioners or family members of parishioners who have died.

Marketing/Communication Coordinator Job Opening

Purpose:

This position will be primarily responsible for the overall communications strategy for St. Joseph Parish, shaping, overseeing and coordinating marketing and communications within the congregation and with the community. This role requires an enthusiastic and joyful person who communicates effectively, enlivening the mission of St. Joseph Parish of *Reaching In, Reaching Out and Reaching God*.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The coordinator will be a part of a ministry team that includes the pastoral staff, volunteers, parish members and the community. This person will be accountable for the planning, integration and execution of communicating parish events and will:

- Strengthen and develop a presence on social media platforms; including the parish website, the My Parish App, Facebook, Instagram, X (Twitter) and TikTok
- Work with parish ministries to communicate events and activities while keeping the mission of St. Joseph Parish
- Coordinate the production of a weekly newsletter and weekly parish bulletin
- Additional duties as needed and assigned by the Pastor

Qualifications:

- Person must be committed to demonstrating faith in word and action, and have a working knowledge of the Catholic faith
- Possess excellent writing skills with an emphasis on writing for the web and social media
- Have proficient knowledge of Microsoft Office, publishing software, social media platforms and basic marketing tools
- Be proficient in web design
- Highly organized and ability to multi-task

Experience:

- Associate or Bachelor's degree in communications or social media marketing
- Minimum 2 years of communication or marketing experience

For a full job description or to send resume, contact Br. Ray at: rstmeyer@stjoesparish.org

It's a New Year – Let's Try A New Experience

Basket Experience



You are invited to a basket weaving experience on **Tuesday, January 23, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM** in Holly Hall. We will be weaving a basic basket with a little color using ratan reed. No experience is needed. Lunch, refreshments and basket making materials will be provided. All you need to bring is a large bucket, a large towel, a flathead screwdriver and sharp scissors. The class will be led by Sr. Annette Johnson, a weaver of 23 years. The cost is \$15.00. To register, place your name, phone number and a cash payment in a sealed envelope and drop it off at the parish center desk. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis. **Deadline to register is January 20.** Thanks to Sr. Annette for sharing her talents with us!

Financial News

(12/30/23 - 1/1/24)

Tithing Needed\$16,777.00
 Last Week's Tithing..... \$21,815.49
 Auto Withdrawal \$470.00
 Children's Collection..... \$8.00
 IRA's/Donations \$1,125.00

Thank you for your financial support!

Readings for the Week of January 14

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Jn 1:35-42

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23

Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23

Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13

Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28

Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51

Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10

Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7

Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13

Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21

Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11

Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27

Ps 80:2-3, 5-7

Mk 3:20-21 ©LPi

QPR Gatekeeper Training - January 31

Wednesday, January 31 (No Faith Formation Classes this evening.)

6:00-8:00 pm— St. Joseph, Holly Hall

Instructor: Debbie Peters

QPR Gatekeeper Training is an evidence-based, best practice program for suicide prevention!

QUESTION – PERSUADE - REFER

Who should be trained? ALL ADULTS!
 Please RSVP to Ben Wolf by Wednesday, January 24: BWolf@StJoesParish.org.

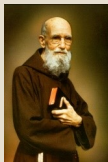
All parishioners are welcome to attend!

As a QPR-trained Gatekeeper you will learn to:

Recognize the warning signs of suicide
 Know how to offer hope
 Know how to get help and save a life
 For more information visit:
www.qprinstitute.com

JANUARY 14, 2024

SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS



Blessed Solanus Casey
Pray for Us

Tuesday, January 16

12:05 pm Dec. Michael J. Pfefferle

12:30 pm St. Anthony Devotions

Wednesday, January 17

12:05 pm Geralyn Marie Balliet

Friday, January 19

12:05 pm Dec. T.R.E.L. Zawko

Saturday, January 20

4:00 pm Members of St. Joseph Parish

Sunday, January 21

8:00 am Dec. Donna Koeller

10:00 am Dec. Gary Rueden

6:30 pm Members of St. Joseph Parish

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, January 16

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl, LL10-12

6:00 pm First Eucharist Parent Mtg., Holly Hall

6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting, Room 210

Wednesday, January 17

4:45 pm Grades K-5 Faith Formation Classes

6:30 pm Grades 6-11 Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, January 18

6:30 pm Mental Illness Presentation, Holly Hall

Saturday, January 20

9:00 am Private Reconciliation

***Blood Pressure Screenings after 4 pm Mass on
Saturday & after 8 & 10 am Masses on Sunday**

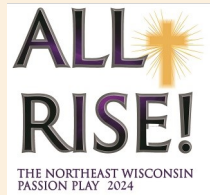
Prayers and Gratitude

During Epiphany we celebrated the great gifts the Magi brought to celebrate the birth of Jesus, as a sign of reverence and gratitude. As Lent approaches, we reflect on the many sacrifices our Lord made during his Ministry and crucifixion to atone for our sins.

Each of us has been blessed with many great gifts we are thankful to receive. Each of us also struggles with sin and living the faith we profess. In recognition of these gifts and struggles, we have placed little slips of paper on each table in the Great Hall, along with pens and glass cylinders. If you would like to thank our Lord for something, or if you are struggling with something, please take a moment and write it on one of those papers, fold it and tuck it inside one of the cylinders. Just before Ash Wednesday we will collect them and burn them, sending our prayers and gratitude as offerings as they did in the Bible.

ST JOSEPH PARISH

ALL RISE! The Northeast Wisconsin Passion Play



Open auditions for **ALL RISE! The Northeast Wisconsin Passion Play**, a dramatic musical based on the life of Christ, will be held on **Thursday evening, January 18th**

and Saturday morning, January

20th, at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre, 1600 W.

Prospect Avenue, Appleton. Adult and student

performers, grades three through twelve, of all

faiths are invited to audition. Director Jim

Romenesko seeks singers, dancers and actors for

the community production.

Performance dates for the 2024 season are March

21-24, with a special performance for Religious

Education groups on March 20th.

Chorus, lead and supporting roles, both singing and non-singing are available. Those auditioning will also be asked to do a simple movement/dance audition.

Performances and rehearsals are held at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre on Sunday evenings with soloists and actors in leading roles also rehearsing on some Sunday afternoons. For more information visit the show's website: www.newpassionplay.org and click or tap the "Join Our Cast" button near the top of the page.

Set Your Intentions for the New Year



Monday, January 29, 6:30—8:30 PM

Parish Center, Lower Level Rms. 10-12

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness,
Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness

and Self-Control (Galatians 5:22). Join us as we reflect on the Fruits of the Holy Spirit and how we can live our faith through the Spirit in the year ahead. Our reflection will include crafting a Vision Board for our lives in 2024. Please bring a glue stick, scissors, and a number of magazines or calendars with colorful pictures and words.

Please pre-register by calling the Parish Office at: 920-734-7195 before Friday, January 26. Adults and teens are welcome to join us.



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People

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