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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



***Saturday: 4 PM Bluegrass Mass followed by Italian Dinner in West Parking Lot**

- *Raffle Baskets
- *Kids' Games
- *The Dice Game
- *Soup Sales
- *Craft Sale
- *Bake Sale
- *Plant/Produce Sale

*** Sunday Morning : Cinnamon Roll Pastry, Burgers, Brats & Hot Dogs**

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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-2:00 pm

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.....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

Shepherd's Voice:

Dear members of our St. Joe's Family,

Greetings of Peace! Welcome to Fall Festival of St. Joe's, Appleton this weekend!

A fall festival is an opportunity for us to get together to celebrate our fellowship, while also taking part in games and enjoying good food. Our festival is for family and friends, our neighborhood, local school, and college kids; it is a fun way to meet people. Indeed, it is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to enjoy many great activities in the church campus.

For more than a month, the Fall Festival organizing committee is in full swing, having planning meetings, arranging food competitions, and assigning the members for specific jobs. I witnessed their weekly meetings, which helped to keep everyone up to date with all aspects of the planning. That was Great! Of course, no festival is without volunteers and the participants. Thanks to all the volunteers who signed up to help in various ways. I take this opportunity to thank the organizers and their many wonderful helpers for their time and talents. St. Joe's loves you. Your reward will be great in heaven!

On this weekend, the Church offers us another golden opportunity to reflect on God's mercy and compassion. Someone asked Charles Dickens what is the best short story in the English language? He said, "it is 'The Prodigal Son.'" Of course, this stands as a remarkable story of Jesus' love and forgiveness. As we pray Psalm 25, "The mercy of God is everlasting." Luke's Gospel is known as "Gospel of Mercy." Luke's chapter 15 can be called "the chapter of joyful mercy." The three parables of Jesus: The lost sheep (15:4-7), the lost coin (15:8-10), and the prodigal son (15:11-32) illustrate it very vividly. The lesson we learn is simple: God loves man, and man is precious to Him. By all means God wants to save man. "Found," "Returned," "Forgiven," "Reconciled," - these are the catchwords of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

On his first Easter "*Urbi et Orbi*" (Message to the world) on March 31, 2013, Pope Francis said, "God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones (Ez 37:1-14). Therefore, let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation, and make justice and peace flourish." And he further said, "Today I ask you in the name of Christ and the Church, never tire of being merciful." Let us be merciful, we will be shown mercy!

Blessings!

Fr. Raja Selvam

Pillar Update

Over the next few weeks, you will notice some progress on the repair of the pillar near the front of church. Recently some blocking was added to support the plaster ceiling. Soon they will remove the decorative outer wrap on the post. After this has been removed, structural lumber will wrap the post to support the plaster ceiling permanently. Finally, new decorative molding will be put on the outside of the pillar. The existing support post is over 100 years old. It may look old, but it has been evaluated by an engineer and is sound. The work that is being done is to enhance the support of the plaster ceiling.

Wedding



Congratulations to Thomas Perto II & Stephanie Valentini who married on September 2.

Congratulations Calendar Raffle Winners

August 28—Marlys Zdrzil—\$25
August 29—Kenneth & Joann Heuring—\$25
August 30—John & Linda Wieloch—\$25
August 31—Kurt Van Hout—\$25
September 1—Dale Schaber—\$25
September 2—Anna Gosling—\$25
September 3—Fr. Jim Leary—\$25

Non-Raffle RAFFLE

Thanks to all those who have been able to support our "Non-Raffle Raffle" which helps us pay our summer expenses. We invite you to offer a gift of \$35 and return it in the envelope you received with our letter. As of September 6, we've raised **\$12,065**. Please help in the next few weeks with your donation. Thank you for your generosity.

Please Pray For...

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill:
Anastasia Evelyn Barth

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.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 / TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Secretary Trustee Election

Our trustee election process was postponed this past year due to the Covid pandemic. St. Joseph Parish would now like to return to our normal process and hold our next trustee election at the end of masses on the weekend of **Saturday, October 22 and Sunday, October 23.**

Please prayerfully consider whether you or someone you know may be called to be our Secretary Trustee. This is an important position in the parish and the Secretary Trustee is one of two trustees that represents the parish in corporate manners and signs legal documents on behalf of the parish.

All trustee candidates must be at least 21 years of age and in good standing with the parish. You may nominate yourself or another member of the parish. Nomination forms will be available at the back of church and the parish office beginning the weekend of September 18. Completed nomination forms may be returned up to September 25.

The trustee election committee of Tom Simon, Pat Branson, and Bob Kemps would like to thank Jane Wilz for her service to St. Joe's as our Secretary Trustee. We hope you will consider serving St. Joe's as trustee.

Look for more information on the role of trustee and the upcoming election in the weeks to come.

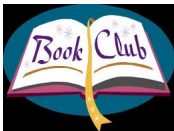
Janssen Forum Speaker



Join us for Janssen Forum on Thursday, September 15, 2022 as our guest speaker, Taylor Geiger from the Diocese of Green Bay, Vocations Office shares how the Holy Spirit has touched him in his life. The program begins at 11:15 a.m. with Mass held in the Mount Tabor Center Chapel, followed by a light lunch. The guest speaker begins at 12:10 and concludes by 1:00 p.m.

The program cost is \$9. Register online at www.spiritusministries.org/janssenforum or by calling Annette Hovie at 920-722-8918 x0. Walk-ins are welcome.

Book Club



The next St. Mary/St. Joseph book club discussion will take place on **Tuesday, September 13, at 6 pm** in Room L4 at St. Mary. The book selected for September is *The Summer of Lost and Found* by Mary Alice Monroe. Poignant and moving, this is "a novel of growing up, saying goodbye to the past, and learning to ask yourself the hard questions, including one of the most vital of all: Who do you really want to be."

Looking ahead, the October 11 book will be: *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church* by Rachel Held Evans. For November 8, our book selection is *The Orphan Keeper* by Camron Wright. For more information, please contact Mary Schulz, 920-809-4474. New members are welcome to join anytime.

Church Chuckle

Eggs are fantastic for a fitness diet. If you don't like the taste, just add cocoa, flour, sugar, butter, baking powder, and cook at 350 for 30 minutes.

Financial News

Tithing Needed \$17,670.00
Last Week's Tithing.....\$7,893.75
Auto Withdrawal \$470.00
Children's Collection..... \$32.00

**Thank you for your financial support.
Your generosity helps keep us on target!**

Readings for Week of September 11

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

1 Tm 1:12-17

Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33

Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17

Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a

Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5

Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9

Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38

Phil 2:6-11

Jn 3:13-17

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11

Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28

Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20

Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15

Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49

Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14

Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7

Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8

1 Tm 2:1-8

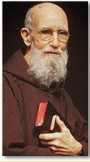
Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS



Blessed Solanus Casey
Pray for Us

Tuesday, September 13

12:05 pm Dec. Paul Sherman
12:30 pm St. Anthony Devotions

Wednesday, September 14

12:05 pm Ann Waller

Friday, September 16

12:05 pm Dec. Donna Hebert

Saturday, September 17

4:00 pm Dec. Jim Belling

Sunday, September 18

8:00 am Members of St. Joseph Parish
10:00 am Dec. Nancy Peters &
Wm & Harriet Conrad
6:30 pm Dec. Tom Siegrist

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, September 12

10:00 am GriefShare Session 1, Rms. 209-211
6:30 pm Social Concerns Mtg., Room 210

Tuesday, September 13

9:30 am OFS Council, LL11

Wednesday, September 14

6:00 pm Catechist In-Service, Holly Hall

Saturday, September 17

9:00 am Private Reconciliation

Sunday, September 18

1:00 pm OFS Gathering, Holly Hall

GriefShare at St. Joe's begins September 12!



The funeral is over, people go back to their normal lives...but you feel anything but normal. Your grief continues and you feel alone. If any of this describes you, we encourage you to try GriefShare. GriefShare is led by caring people who have experienced death in their lives and learned ways of rebuilding while honoring the memories of their loved ones. We will walk the path through grief with you toward healing and hope.

This 13-week program features a video each week, discussion time, and a workbook for personal use. For further info: www.griefshare.org or call Judy at 920-378-8833.

Please join us from 10:00 – 11:30 am in Rooms 209-211 at St. Joseph Parish.

ST JOSEPH PARISH

Faith Formation Corner



Faith Formation will begin soon! Have you registered yet? First class meets on **Wednesday, September 21st** and we are excited to see everyone again!

We need volunteers for the following areas:

Catechist: Grade 1 (All materials, training and support are provided) & **Substitute Catechists**
*Small class sizes offer us the ability to form small faith communities, with great curriculum!

There is still time to register for Faith Formation! Please fill out the necessary information at the following link:

<https://app.gabrielsoft.com/auth/wigbdioocese/85/REManagement/Register>

This link is also available on our website. A confirmation email will be sent after you've submitted this form with more information about payment options.

Just a few reminders:

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting is on Tuesday, September 27 at 6:00 pm in Holly Hall. Children in 2nd grade and older are invited to begin preparation for this Sacrament. This meeting includes parents of public and parochial school children.

If you have any questions/concerns, please contact Debbie Peters, Faith Formation Coordinator, 920-738-7413; or email: DPeters@StJoesParish.org

Thank you from Wisconsin Ukrainians, Inc.



Dear St. Joseph Congregation,
Thank you for joining us in our mission to assist and support the brave people of Ukraine. We truly appreciate your generous gift of \$2,176.00. Your donation enables us to continue providing humanitarian aid, medical supplies, and other high priority items to Ukraine. Together we can make an incredible impact to support Ukrainians in the defense of their land and freedom and future restoration.

You truly make the difference for us, and we are extremely grateful for your generosity and support.



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