

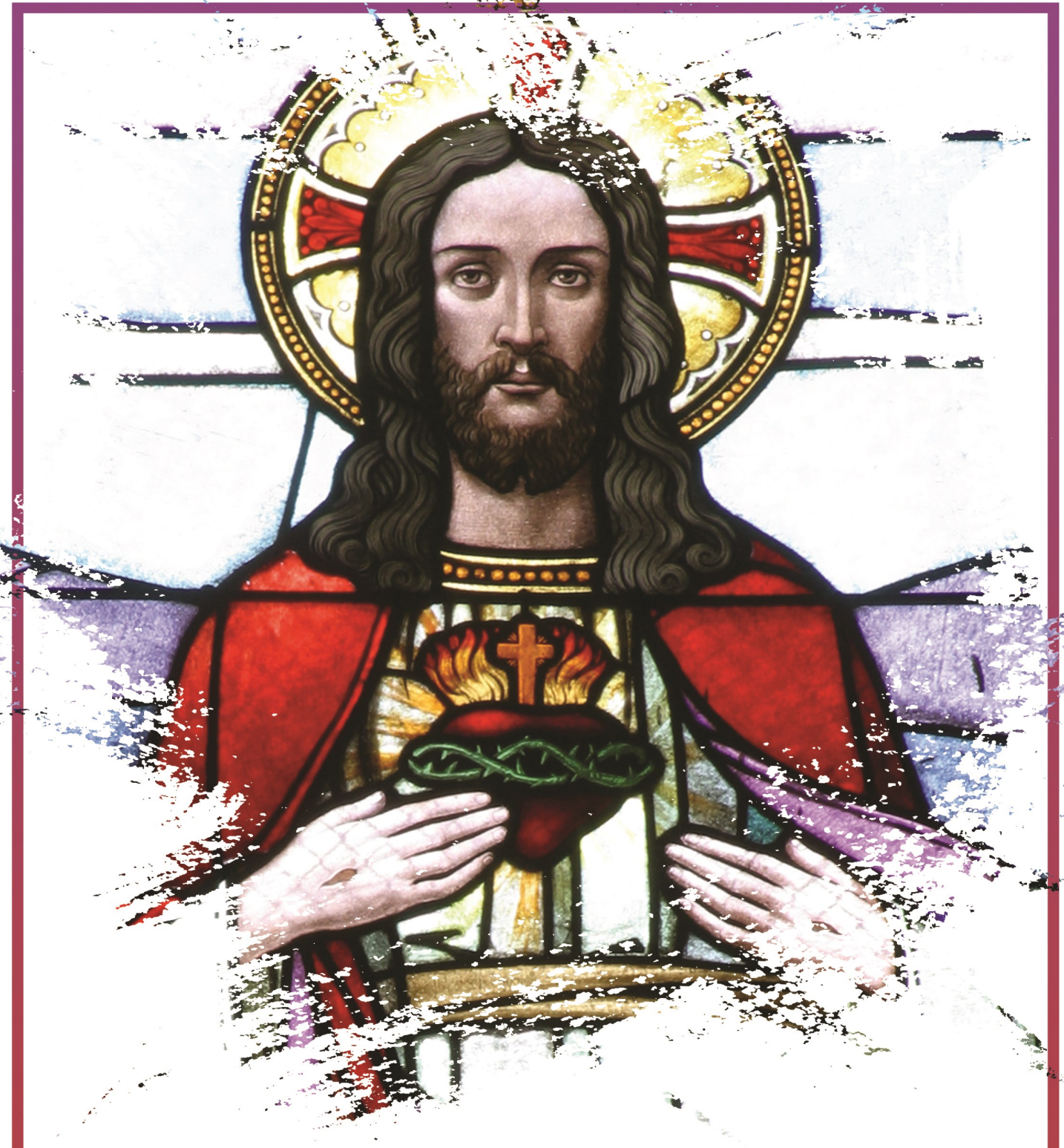


# St. Joseph | 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Parish

March 1-2, 2025

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“FOR FROM THE FULLNESS OF THE HEART  
THE MOUTH SPEAKS.” - LK 6:45

8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Saturday, March 1** (Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16)

*Anniversary Blessings after Mass*

3:00 PM—Private Confession

3:30 PM—Pray the Rosary

4:00 PM Mass—Arnie Bauer by Chris Bauer

**Sunday, March 2** (Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45)

*Anniversary Blessings after morning Masses*

8:00 AM—Pray the Rosary

8:30 AM Mass—St. Joseph Parish Family

10:15 AM Mass—Ken Prince by Angie Prince

*Baptism of Georgia Jean Grundstrom,  
daughter of Wyatt & Gabriella*

11:15 AM-12:30 pm—Mardi Gras Party (School Gym)

5:15 PM—Private Confession

5:45 PM—Pray the Rosary

6:00 PM Mass—StoutCatholic

**Monday, March 3** (Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27)

**NO SERVICES**

8:00-9:00 AM—Adoration (The Ministry)

6:00 PM—Bible Study (Parish Center)

**Tuesday, March 4** (Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31)

7:00 AM-3:00 PM—Adoration

8:00 AM Mass—Virginia Schober by Peggy Pfau

10:00 AM—Bible Study (Parish Center)

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

6:00 PM—RCIA (Parish Center)

6:30 PM—Pray the Rosary (Church)

7:00 PM—Knights of Columbus Meeting (Charles Hall)

**Wednesday, March 5—Ash Wednesday**

(Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18)

**NO ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION**

7:00 AM Mass with Ashes—St. Joseph Parish Family

9:00 AM Mass with Ashes—Mary Lehmann by PCCW

4:00 PM Service with Ashes @ the Ministry

6:00 PM Mass with Ashes—St. Joseph Parish Family

7:00-8:00 PM—Adoration (The Ministry)

**Thursday, March 6** (Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25)

9:00 AM—Coffee & Community (Friendship House)

2:00 PM Mass at the Neighbors—

Kathy Jacobson & Don Chase by Angie Prince

6:00 PM—Exploring Stations of the Cross (Church)

**Friday, March 7** (Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15)

9:00 AM Mass—Catherine Alexandra Keeler  
by DeHoff Family

**Saturday, March 8** (Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32)

3:00 PM—Private Confession

3:30 PM—Pray the Rosary

4:00 PM Mass—Arnie Bauer by Chris Bauer

**Sunday, March 9** (Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13)

8:00 AM—Pray the Rosary

8:30 AM Mass—Arnie Bauer by Chris Bauer

9:30-11:15 AM—Confirmation Session (Parish Center)

10:15 AM Mass—St. Joseph Parish Family

5:15 PM—Private Confession

5:45 PM—Pray the Rosary

## STEWARDSHIP

### FINANCE REPORT July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

#### OFFERTORY for February 23 —Week 34

Adult Envelope Donations	\$ 7,457.50
Weekly Goal	\$ 11,731.00
<b>Under Weekly Goal</b>	<b>\$ (4,273.50)</b>
Plate	\$ 968.00
Year-to-Date Total	\$ 437,776.93
Year-to-Date Goal	\$ 398,854.00
Over Yearly Goal	\$ 38,922.93

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# Ash Wednesday

## March 5, 2025



**Mass at St. Joseph's**

7:00 AM, 9:00 AM\*, & 6:00 PM

910 Wilson Ave, Menomonie

\* Livestreamed on YouTube



**Service at The Ministry**

4:00 PM

710 2nd St E, Menomonie

By the UW-Stout Clocktower



### THIS WEEK IN FAITH FORMATION

**Wednesday, March 5:**

Elementary Faith Formation | **NO CLASSES—ASH WEDNESDAY**



**Sunday, March 9:**

Confirmation Session | Church/Parish Center | 8:30-11:15

**Wednesday, March 12:**

Middle School Faith Formation | Parish Center | 6:00-7:30

**Wednesday, March 19:**

Elementary Faith Formation | **NO CLASSES—SPRING BREAK**

**Wednesday, March 26:**

Middle School Faith Formation | Parish Center | 6:00-7:30

**Wednesday, March 26:**

Shadow Stations Practice | Charles Hall | 6:30-8:00

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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### SACRAMENTS

**Congratulations on your Baptism**

*Georgia Jean Grundstrom*

**Daughter of Wyatt and Gabriella**

*You have put on Christ, you have been baptized,*

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*



# Why Ashes?

BY FR. LARRY RICE

For centuries, Catholic Christians have marked the beginning of the season of Lent by receiving ash on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday. This tradition has its roots in the Old Testament, where wearing ashes was a common sign of repentance for sins, and a sign of one's humility before God. Since Lent is a season of penitential renewal through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, it's appropriate that this ancient



sign marks the beginning of the season. The ashes themselves are usually made by burning the palm fronds from the previous year's Palm Sunday. This symbolically connects the beginning of Lent with its end, connecting our change of heart with Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. Ashes are usually distributed as part of the Mass on Ash Wednesday, often after the homily. As people approach the priest or other minister, he presses the ashes to their foreheads, and speaks one of two phrases: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," or "Repent and believe in the Gospel." In many places, Ash Wednesday services are among the most popular of the whole year—a day that's not even a Holy Day of Obligation. Cynics have suggested that this is because people "get" something, as they do on Palm Sunday. But there's nothing particularly appealing about getting smudged with ashes. Perhaps, the appeal is the expression through a physical sign of a desire for interior conversion. The Gospel for Ash Wednesday is a reminder that the real purpose of the season of Lent isn't to make public demonstrations of piety—even the wearing of ashes—but to seek conversion of heart.

*Fr. Larry Rice is the former vocations director for the Paulist Fathers.*

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# MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

March 2nd | 11:15-12:30

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**Thursday,  
March 6**



9 AM @ THE FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

## CHOIR

**Upcoming Choir Rehearsals**

**Traditional Choir:**  
3/12 6:00 PM

**Guifar Choir:**  
3/19 6:00 PM

Full Schedule available online at:  
<https://www.menomonicatholic.org/liturgical-ministry>

## Save the Date



**LENT 2025**

March 25, 26, 27  
Lenten Mission

March 29th  
Stations of the Cross Pilgrimage

March 31  
Lenten Reconciliation

April 10th  
Lenten Eucharistic Adoration

Details for these events coming soon!



# EXPLORING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 6, 2022

6:00 PM

St. Joseph  
Church

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## IF YOU.....

- Never experienced the Stations of the Cross before?
- Find yourself unsure about this Catholic tradition?
- Interested in discovering the history behind this practice?
- Like to share your insights with others who are new to this tradition?

If the answer is yes to any of these questions, this discussion is for you!

Test your knowledge about the Stations of the Cross with a fun trivia game to help make this Lenten season more meaningful.

*The Stations of the Cross:*

*What are they?*

*Why do we pray them?*

*What do they teach us of Jesus' divine mission?*

***This is for everyone! Please join us.***



## Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope

Celebrating Together  
for Holy Year 2025



### Jubilee 2025 — 'Pilgrims of Hope'

Our Heavenly Father, through His Church, is inviting you to spiritual renewal during this Jubilee Year of Hope. Please don't let anything stop you from responding to this call.

During the 2025 Jubilee Year, you have the possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence, a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. Such an indulgence, which applies to sin already forgiven, cleanses the soul as if the person had just been baptized. Plenary indulgences obtained during the Jubilee Year can also be applied to souls in purgatory.

One way to obtain the indulgence is by making a pilgrimage to one of the designated places by Bishop Battersby in the Diocese of La Crosse:

- The Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman - La Crosse
- The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe - La Crosse
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Church - Eau Claire
- Church of the Resurrection Catholic Church - Wausau
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church – Nekoosa

You are also invited to one of the remaining 2025 Evenings of Hope in either Eau Claire on Saturday, May 31, or Wausau on Sunday, October 12.

For further details, visit [diolc.org/jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope](https://diolc.org/jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope)

### Schedule of Jubilee Events in the Diocese of La Crosse

\* The Papal Blessing with Plenary indulgence will be given on Feb 22 and May 31

**Saturday, Feb. 22 - La Crosse**  
**St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral**  
 530 Madison St., La Crosse, WI 54601  
 Mass, Holy Hour, and Confession  
 Speaker: Bishop Battersby  
 (Coincides with the Jubilee of Deacons in Rome)



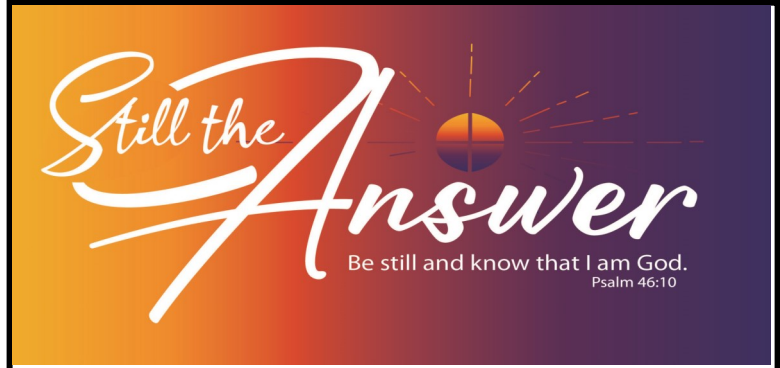
**Saturday, May 31 - Eau Claire**  
**Sacred Heart of Jesus Church**  
 416 N Dewey St, Eau Claire, WI 54703  
 Holy Hour, Confession, and Mass.  
 Speaker: Fr. Dan Sedlacek  
 (Coincides with the Jubilee of Families in Rome)



**Sunday, Oct. 12 - Wausau**  
**Church of the Resurrection**  
 621 N 2nd St, Wausau, WI 54403  
 Holy Hour, Confession  
 Speaker: Fr. James Kurzynski  
 (Coincides with the Jubilee of Marian Devotion in Rome)



For more information please visit:  
[diolc.org/jubilee2025](https://diolc.org/jubilee2025)



You are invited to join faithful from across the diocese on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at the Pablo Center in Eau Claire for a new opportunity to pause, reflect and renew our embrace of the gift of the Eucharist, as Jesus continues to give us His body and blood, strengthening us through life's joy, sorrows and challenges. The day's events will include a river walk procession, Mass, engaging speakers, live music and Eucharistic adoration. Take this time to remember how much you need Jesus - and that He is *Still the Answer for you, for your family, for your parish and for the world.*



# Still the Answer

Be still and know that I am God.  
Psalm 46:10

## Register Today!

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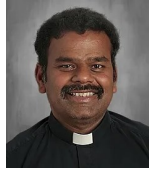
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**Parish Center Hours:** Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM | **Phone:** 715.232.4922 | **Fax:** 715.232.4923

**Mass:** Sat 4:00 PM; Sun 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM; 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



**Pastor:** Fr. Mano, fr.mano@menomoniecatholic.org

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### Join Our Parish Community:

Contact Nicki Welsch, or click on  
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### 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  
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  
Karen Brunner  
John Heike  
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Katie Mrdutt  
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### 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](mailto: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 Marianne Canon. Contact information is [stjosephpccw24@gmail.com](mailto: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:

**Tom Sullivan** (father of Jeff Sullivan)

**Barb Gort** (friend of Janeene Gellerman)

**Luann Stoeklen**

**Rosalia Mohr**

**Jim Gellerman** (husband of Janeene)

**Clarence Berg** (father of Dan)

**Sadie Jacques** (mother of Steve)

**Kevin Henderson** (brother of David & Jody Henderson)

**Shawn Phillips** (brother of Maria Varsho)

**Ray Gellerman** (brother of Jim)

**Joan Postell**

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](http://MenomonieCatholic.org/prayer-list) FOR THE COMPLETE LIST WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN UPDATED. NAMES WILL REMAIN ON THE WEBSITE PRAYER LIST FOR TWELVE MONTHS. UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUESTED..

**Joseph Larkin**

**Dave Nowaskey**

**Joseph** (son of Mary)

**Dean & Judy Shaide** (sister and brother-in-law of Dixie Chermack)

**Stevie**

**Christopher Timm** (brother of Miriam Obradovich)

**Marie Bauer** (wife of Duane)

**Pat Nevala**

**De La Rosa Family**

**Anne Peiris**

(daughter of Deb Goss)

**Family of Joe Berends**

**Gemma Brostrom**

(Granddaughter of Margaret Brostrom)

**John Vogel**

(father of Theresa Caturia)

**David Schoepp**

If you would like us to pray for you or someone you love, contact the Parish Center at 715-232-4922 or email to [contact@menomoniecatholic.org](mailto:contact@menomoniecatholic.org).



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