

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:34

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday, September 7 (1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5) 3:00 PM—Private Confession 3:30 PM—Pray the Rosary 4:00 PM Mass—St. Joseph Parish Family Baptism: Josephine Alice Scharlau, daughter of Christopher & McKenna Sunday, September 8 (Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37) 8:00 AM—Pray the Rosary 8:30 AM Mass—Al & MaryAnn Wawrzaszek by the Drazkowski Family 9:30-11:15—Confirmation (Gym) 10:15 AM Mass— David Hendrickson by his Parents 5:15 PM—Private Confession 6:00 PM Mass—StoutCatholic Monday, September 9 (1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11) No Services 8:00-9:00 AM—Adoration (The Ministry) 6:00 PM—Bible Study (Conference Room) Tuesday, September 10 (1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19) 7:00 AM-3:00 PM—Adoration (Church) 8:00 AM Mass—Souls in Purgatory by Vicki Ruby 10:00 AM—Bible Study (Conference room) 3:30 PM Mass at Comforts of Home—Virginia Schober by Betty Biondich & Marjorie Zeilinger 5:00-6:00 PM—Tuesday's Table Meal (Charles Hall) Wednesday, September 11 (1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26) 8:00 AM Mass—Jeanne Sprader by a Parishioner 11:00 AM—The Chosen (Conference Room) 5:30 PM—The Chosen (Church) 5:30-7:00 PM—Elementary Faith Formation (Gym) 5:30-7:00 PM—Middle School Faith Formation (Gym) 6:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal (Conference Room) 6:00-7:00 PM—Adoration (The Ministry) Thursday, September 12 (1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38) 2:00 PM Mass at The Neighbors—Fran Knopps by the **Prince Family** 5:30 PM Mass at The Ministry Friday, September 13 (1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42) 9:00 AM Mass—L.E.B. by Loraine Bohnen Saturday, September 14 (Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17) 11:30 AM—Handbell Practice (Charles Hall) 1:00 PM—Wedding of Kelly Wenig and Robe Paccial 3:00 PM—Private Confession 3:30 PM—Pray the Rosary 4:00 PM Mass—Hank Baier by Rick & Linda Kostuch 5:00-8:00 PM—Fall Festival Sunday, September 15 (Is 50: 4c-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35) 8:30 AM—Pray the Rosary 9:00 AM Mass—Darrell & Lonnie Bauer by Kay & Family 10:00 AM-2:00 PM—Fall Festival 5:15 PM—Private Confession 6:00 PM Mass—StoutCatholic

SACRAMENTS

Congratulations on your Baptism

Josephíne Alíce Scharlau

Daughter of Christopher & McKenna

You have put on Christ, you have been baptized, Alleluia, Alleluia!



Kelly Wenig & Robe Paccial

May the years ahead be filled with lasting joy & blessings!



CHOIR

Upcoming Choir Rehearsals Traditional Choir: Guitar

Guitar Choir:

9/11 & 9/25 6:00 PM

9/18 6:00 pm

Full Schedule available online at: https://www.menomoniecatholic.org/liturgicalministry

STEWARDSHIP

FINANCE REPORT July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

OFFERTORY for August 25—Week 8

Adult Envelope Donations	\$ 9,131.00
Weekly Goal	<u>\$ 11,731.00</u>
Under Weekly Goal	\$ (2,600.00)
Plate	\$ 1,024.41
Year-to-Date Total	\$ 120,379.66
Year-to-Date Goal	<u>\$ 105,579.00</u>
Over Yearly Goal	\$ 14,800.66

2023-2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal Update: Under Goal \$ 13,505.00

-THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING-

MESSAGE FROM FR. MANO

Everyone wants to live life happily. We may be ready to undergo some pain and difficulty to make our lives smooth and nice. But will we be ready to face difficulties to make others' lives happy? Will we be ready to bring happiness into the unknown people's lives? Have we ever done it before? A young man from Spain, in 1580, came to understand: "I must dedicate myself to the service of God until death." He felt a call. Its clearer contours were still hidden from him, but he knew that he had to follow it. So, at 20, Peter joined the Society of Jesus. While studying philosophy, the young religious was influenced by St. Alphonsus Rodriguez.

Alphonsus may not have had much book-learning, but a life of suffering had taught him to listen to God. "How can I love the Lord?" he asked St. Alphonsus. "He gives me a great desire to follow him, but I don't know how." Alphonsus prayed, and the answer came to him: this young man with a great heart was destined to suffer for people far away. At Alphonsus' urging, Peter told his superiors of his desire to go into the missions. In 1610, he left for Cartagena in present-day Colombia, a center of the Spanish slave trade, where ships sailing from West Africa brought 10,000 new slaves yearly.

He dedicated himself by special vow "Peter Claver, the slave of the Africans forever." He had found his calling. Before the slave ships entered port, Fr. Peter begged for bread, medicine, anything he could bring with him into those ships packed tightly with captives chained for so long that a third of the cargo died. He assembled a team of interpreters. As soon as a ship docked, this 'slave of the slaves' descended into the dark holds. He brought food, but more importantly, he brought kindness to men and women driven mad with terror and suffering. He looked at them as if they were human beings, tended their wounds and lent his cloak to the shivering. "We must speak with our hands," he said, "before we speak to them with our lips."

St. Francis of Assisi also insisted "Preach the gospel at all times and if necessary, use words." Peter Claver's hands spoke, and so when he assured these people that God loved them despite the cruelty that men had inflicted on them, they listened. Using simple pictures, he taught them the Christian faith. In small groups, he baptized them – which not only made them members of Christ's body, but enabled Peter to call upon the slave masters to treat their fellow Christians more humanely.

For forty years, Peter descended into the slave ships. He preached, too: to slave traders, criminals and the well-to-do; inviting all to a conversion of heart. In 1650, Fr. Peter caught the plague. He prayed, accepting his sufferings as a penance for his sins. When he died on September 8th, Cartagena buried him at public expense. Only then did they realize what they had had in their midst: this man, whose hands spoke the language of God's compassion, had baptized 300,000 slaves and heard over 5,000 slaves' confessions a year. Let us try to speak with our hands. St. Peter Claver, pray for us.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

These first few weeks of school have been filled with excitement and a renewed sense of our mission at St. Joseph Grade School. We are truly blessed to have such supportive and engaged students, educators, and parents working together to make this a successful and faith-filled year. It is our mission to help every student grow in their relationship with God, and to nurture their academic, social, physical, and emotional well-being.

Our 5th grade students have been trained to be altar servers, and the 4th grade students have already started their training this year. Being an altar server allows students to participate more fully in the liturgy while helping to deepen their connection to their faith. As an altar server, students also become visible role models for our younger students by demonstrating an important contribution to the Church and giving this service to God.

Every week, students attend Mass on Fridays at 9:00 AM. The liturgy is led by a different class each week. The students greet people; read the introduction, first reading, responsorial psalm, and intentions; carry up the gifts; and lead the Prayer to St. Michael and the St. Joseph Parish prayer. Actively participating in the liturgy helps them to understand and appreciate the significance of each part of the Mass. It also enhances their public speaking and communication skills which can build their confidence. As the principal of St. Joe's, Friday Masses are the highlight of my week, and my heart overflows with pride and joy for the students and staff of St. Joseph Grade School!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our school!

God bless your week, Mrs. Mary Kiefer, Principal



Faith Formation starts this week!

Confirmation Kick-Off: Sunday, September 8 - After 8:30 Mass - 11:15 Hospitality will be served.

Middle School Kick-Off: Wednesday, September 11 - 5:30 - 7:00 Spaghetti dinner will be served.

Elementary Kick-Off: Wednesday, September 11 - 5:30 - 7:00 Spaghetti dinner will be served.



St. Joseph Parish Fall Festival September 14 & 15, 2024 Parish Center/School & Grounds Mass, Food, Raffles, Fun & Fellowship [VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED]

Saturday Following Mass

\$5 Food Plate (Pulled Pork or Hot Dogs w/bag of chips and bottle of water), Silent Auction, Family Baskets, Harvest Market, Cash & Quilt Raffles Family Movie-"The Prince of Egypt"-Starts at 6 PM

Sunday

9:00 AM* Mass *Weekend Mass Times: Saturday at 4:00 PM, Sunday at 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Concessions (including grilled chicken), Beverages, Children's Games, Bottle Lotto, Family Baskets, Silent Auction, Harvest Market, Trivia, Pie & Ice Cream Social Dice Game, Rosary Making, Cash & Quilt Raffles, 3 on 3 Basketball, Entertainment

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 will be available later in August.

> Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Center/School Monday-Friday 8AM - 4PM Saturday 9AM - 3PM

Fall Festival Volunteer and Donation Sign-Up

St. Joseph—Menomonie | September 14-15, 2024

One person per form please – extra forms available in the church entrances or the Parish center		
RETURN FORMS TO THE PARISH CENTER		
Name Pł	one Email	
Volunteer	Donate:	
Volunteers will be contacted in September to schedule specific duties & shift times. If you have not heard from someone by September 8, please contact the Parish Center at 715.232.4922.	 Please indicate below what you would like to donate. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Center beginning Monday, September 9^h. HARVEST MARKET (baked goods, fruit, vegetables, canned salsa, spaghetti sauce, peaches, pickles, homemade 	
Please check SHIFT PREFERENCES (actual shift times may vary): Saturday, Sept 14: Set-Up Crew: 9:00 AM—? Saturday, Sept 14: 5:00-8:00 PM	 jam, jelly, dipped pretzels, pumpkins, etc.) Bottle Lotto (clean bottles stuffed with fun items worth at least \$1) Children's Games (2 liter bottles of soda, pre-packaged 	
 Sunday, Sept. 15: Wherever/Whenever Sunday: ○ 10:00-11:00 AM ○ 11:00-12:00 PM Sunday: ○ 12:00-1:00 PM ○ 1:00-2:00 PM Sunday Clean-up Crew: 2:00 PM-? 	 snacks like Goldfish/Teddy Grahams, Fruit Snacks, Little Debbie Snacks, Snack bags of chips, Bubbles, Sidewalk Chalk) Dice Game (all ages play—Candy, Candles, Tools, Coffee Mugs, Gift Cards, Games, Hand Soap, Ice Cream Toppings, Non-Perishable Food Items, Plaques) Family Basket (themed basket - Cooking, Movie Night, 	
Please check AREA(S) OF INTEREST: 3 on 3 Basketball Bartender (Licensed in the City of Menomonie) Beverage Stand – 18 & Older Bottle Lotto Cash Raffle Ticket Sales Dice Game Family Baskets Food Stand	Pamper Yourself, Fishing, Sports) O Pie & Ice Cream Social (Homemade Pies—refrigeration available for cream pies! <u>Disposable container please</u> .) O Service Auction Item (making cookies or soup, cleaning windows, growing perennials, doing upholstery, cutting wood, giving sports lessons, raking leaves, giving musical instrument or voice lessons, babysitting, scrapbooking, giving sewing/knitting/crocheting/quilting lessons, etc.) Description of Service to be donated:	
 Games (Children/Youth) Harvest Market Pie & Ice Cream Social Quilt Raffle Ticket Sales Security – Saturday Night Silent & Service Auction Ticket Sales Booth 	Value of Service: \$ Silent Auction Item (value \$10 or greater) Description of Item to be donated:	

Fall Festival Sponsor Form St. Joseph – Menomonie | September 14-15, 2024 My family/business would like to make a monetary donation to sponsor the fundraiser. The funds will be used to purchase supplies and items needed for a successful fundraiser. Sponsors will be acknowledged on signs placed throughout the event and in the bulletin. The form and check must be received by September 9th to be acknowledged at the event. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Parish. Forms should be returned to the Parish Center - drop off, mail, or put in the offertory basket. Business Name (as you would like it published): _____ Individual Name(s) to publish: Contact information: Name_____Phone_____ Email ______ Sponsor Level: _____Platinum Level (\$200+) _____ Gold Level (\$100-\$199) _____Silver Level (\$50-\$99.99) _____ Bronze Level (\$25-\$49.99) _____ Other \$ This year's Fall Festival Quilt is hanging over the balcony in the Church and may be viewed from the entrance. Make plans now to purchase your tickets for the quilt raffle so you have a chance to win this beautiful quilt. **ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH** FALL FESTIVAL (The picture below has two members absent.) **3V3 BASKETBALL GAMES** WHEN: Sunday, September 15, 2024 from 10:00am - 2:00pm WHO: Grades 4-8 You do not need to be a member of our parish to participate! COST: \$60/team (dropped off or mailed to the address below) LOCATION: St. Joseph's Catholic Church : Fall Festival 910 Wilson Ave Menomonie WI 54751 **SIGN UP HERE** Deadline for sign up and entry fee: Sunday, September 1 Please contact amberjochimsen@gmail.com with any questions



PARISH EVENTS



Join us as we gather to watch season 4 of <u>The Chosen</u>. Following the screening, we will have a discussion. Everyone is welcome to attend.

> Wednesdays at 10 AM in the Parish Center Conference Room

> > or 5:30 PM

September: 11th and 25th October: 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th November: 6th & 13th

FALL 2024 BIBLE STUDY

The Bible and the Mother of God Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries? In this 8-part series, Dr. Brant Pitre examines what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary.

Mondays 6:00 PM: 9/9, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4 or

Tuesdays 10:00 AM: 9/10, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29,11/5 @ The Parish Center Conference Room

No experience is necessary, as everyone is welcome to join, and attending all sessions is not mandatory.

Contact: nicki.welsch@menomoniecatholic.org 715-232-4922 to sign up.

PARISH EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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INDIAN FOOD NIGHT WITH FR. MANO AND OTHER PRIESTS FROM INDIA

RSVP REQUIRED! SPACE IS LIMITED TO 50 PEOPLE.

Contact nicki.welsch@menomoniecatholic.org 715-232-4920 to register.

Monday, September 23rd, 6:00 PM in Charles Hall Cost: Free will donation

Enjoy a small meal of authentic Southern Indian cuisine with traditional dishes cooked by Fr. Mano and his friends.



6th Annual Pregnancy Loss Memorial

Join Us: 09.21.24 @ 10AM-12pm

@ River of Life Church 390 Red Cedar St Suite D, Menomonie, WI

Register: friendsofwmenomonie.org/events





BREAKING

Breaking Bread Group:
A delightful and sociable method of coming together in small groups to enjoy a potluck meal.

• Groups are formed randomly and kept small to encourage dialogue and build connections within the parish community.

- Participants can opt to be paired with adults, families, or a specific age group.
- Groups gather based on their availability.

The leader of your assigned group will communicate the first meeting date. Meetings can vary based on group preference, such as coffee mornings, picnics, or dinners. The Friendship House may be used if available.

Let us give thanks and

break bread

together... Luke 22:19

Registration:

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nail	Phone
lditional Family Members if applicable:	Age Range Preference:
	55 +
	30-40's
	20's
	Families with children Y or N
	*Multiple choices may be selected

Please place in the gift basket at Mass or return to the parish center. Questions, contact marthahove4664@gmail.com 715-235-4678 or nicki.welsch@menomoniecatholic.org 715-232-4922

Registration must be submitted by September 16th, 2024

St. Joseph Church CATHOLIC COMPANIONS

irst Gathering

Thursday, September 12th from 6-7 PM in the Parish Center Conference Room. Desserts & Beverages will be served

This group is intended for creating connections, fostering friendships, offering support, and nurturing spiritual growth among Catholics through social gatherings.

This is not a dating group.

RSVP is requested but not required: nicki.welsch@menomoniecathilic.org 715-232-4922

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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



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 Anna Beckman Debra Berends John Heike Jason Horzewski *Chairperson* Laura Knudsen 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.



Join Our Parish Community: Contact Nicki Welsch, or click on "Join Our Parish" at :

MenomonieCatholic.org.

St. Joseph Grade School:

Serving children 3 years old 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 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.

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:

> Arnold Bauer, Jr. Virginia "Ginny" Schober Lyle Pelke Ocille Steinmeyer Marilyn Timm (mother of Miriam Obradovich) Loretta Slattery (mother of Cindy Marach) James Wahl Myra Klos (mother of Chuck Klos) Susan Scott Craig Thull (brother of Janine Thull) Ben Christianson (father of Ajay & Tammy Christianson) Kerry Cadotte Sandra Lehmann (sister-in-law of Erik & Rebecca Rueter) Kathryn Wayne

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 <u>MenomonieCatholic.org/prayer-list</u> FOR THE COMPLETE LIST WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN UPDATED. NAMES WILL REMAIN ON THE WEBSITE PRAYER LIST FOR TWELVE MONTHS. UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUESTED.

Rick Bonte (friend of Rosie Corcoran) Noah Gust (Grandson of Dave & Lynn Bonjour and Jack & Jo Gust) Karen Patterson Emilee Probst Bill Harmon Bob Swanson Annie Schneider Pat Trotter (sister of Joe Kettner) Ben Ramaeker (son of Mike & Janice) Stevie Kraig Konder (brother of Crystal Booth)

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

