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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Joseph 2nd Sunday of Cent Catholic Parish March 15-16, 2025 www.MenomonieCatholic.org

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday, March 15 (Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48) 10:00 AM—Visitation 11:00 AM—Funeral Mass for Allen Klink 3:00 PM—Private Confession 3:30 PM—Pray the Rosary 4:00 PM Mass—Betty Fraker by Rita Ulesich Sunday, March 16 (Gn 15:5-12,17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36) 8:00 AM—Pray the Rosary 8:30 AM Mass—St. Joseph Parish Family 10:15 AM Mass—Ocille Steinmeyer by Sue & Steve Sodeman Monday, March 17 (Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38) **NO SCHOOL—SPRING BREAK NO SERVICES** Tuesday, March 18 (Is 1:10,16-20; Mt 23:1-12) NO SCHOOL—SPRING BREAK 7:00 AM-3:00 PM—Adoration 8:00 AM Mass—Jenny McMenamin by the Berg Family 9:00 AM—Faith & Fellowship (Friendship House) 5:00-6:00 PM—Tuesday's Table Meal (Charles Hall) Wednesday, March 19 (2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16; Rom 4:13,16-18,22; Lk 2:41-51a) NO SCHOOL—SPRING BREAK 8:00 AM Mass — Joanne Miracle by Josie Lindner 6:00 PM—Guitar Choir Practice (Parish Center) 6:00 PM—PCCW General Meeting (Charles Hall) Thursday, March 20 (Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31) NO SCHOOL—SPRING BREAK 2:00 PM Mass at the Neighbors -Gary & Angela Smiskey by Angie Prince Friday, March 21 (Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43,45-46) NO SCHOOL—SPRING BREAK 9:00 AM Mass—Joanne Miracle by Josie Lindner 4:30 PM—Stations of the Cross (Church) Saturday, March 22 (Mi 7:14-15,18-20; Lk 15:1-3,11-32) 3:00 PM—Private Confession 3:30 PM—Pray the Rosary 4:00 PM Mass—Arnie Bauer by Chris Bauer Sunday, March 23 (Ex 3:1-8a,13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12; Lk 13:1-9) 8:00 AM—Pray the Rosary 8:30 AM Mass—St. Joseph Parish Family 10:15 AM Mass—James & Leona Didier by the Smiskey Family

EASTER FLOWERS



Easter Flower Donations

Please contact the Parish Center by Wednesday, April 16th if you would like

to donate towards Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one. Donations can be mailed or placed in the collection basket or bins at the Church. A list of names will be in the Easter bulletin. Please let us know how you would like the names listed.

STEWARDSHIP FINANCE REPORT July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 OFFERTORY for March 9 — Week 36 **Adult Envelope Donations**

Weekly Goal	\$ 11,751.00
Under Weekly Goal	\$ (1,195.00)
Plate	\$ 981.40
Year-to-Date Total	\$ 471,220.93 \$ 422,21(.00
Year-to-Date Goal	<u>\$ 422,316.00</u>
<i>Over</i> Yearly Goal	\$ 48,904.93

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



Diocesan Annual Appeal 2024-2025 Goal: \$72,255.00

Pledged/Received as of 3/10/2025: \$56,562.13- 79.95% of target! Under Goal by \$15,692.87

1 CORINTHIANS 3:9

Representing 166/17.66% of the registered families.

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10,536.00

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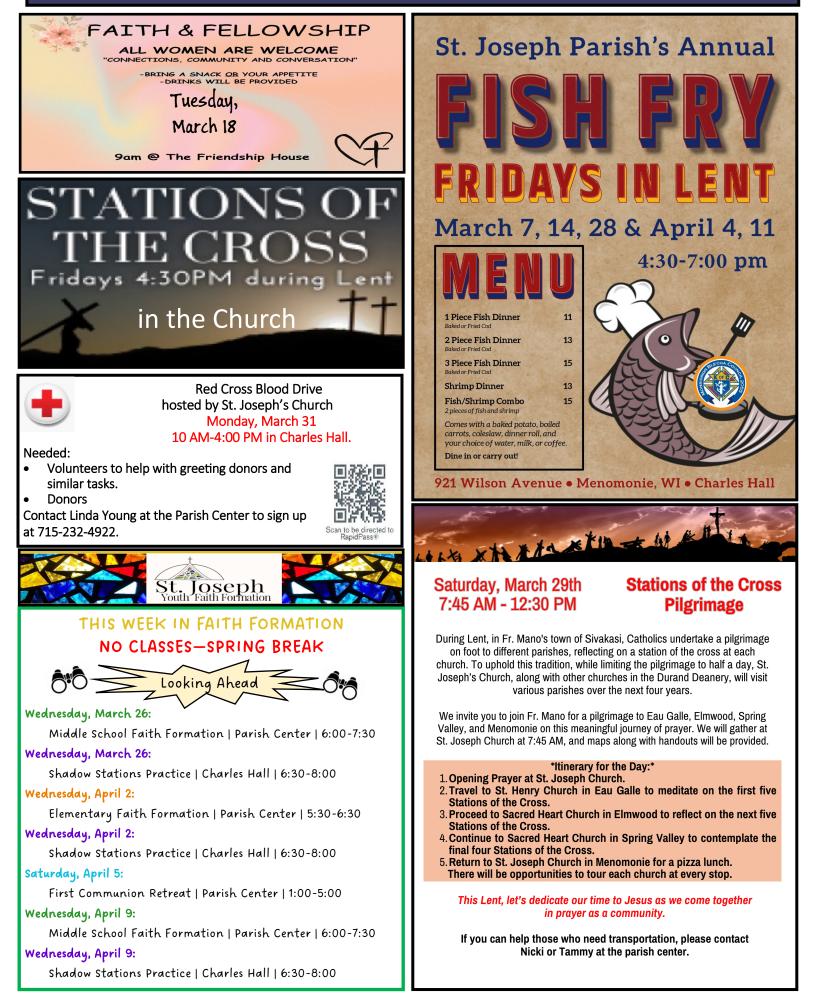
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MESSAGE FROM FR. MANO	ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL
In 2010, when I arrived in our country, Fr. Don Meuret took me from the diocesan center (La Crosse) to Marshfield. He was the pastor at Our Lady of Peace. While driving with him, he was explaining about his parish. I asked him when the parish festival was. He started to explain the fall festival. I asked him if it was their only parish festival. He asked me what I meant about the parish festival. He asked me what I meant about the parish festival. In India, the Parish festival is celebrated based on the patron saint of the parish church. (Our parish patron saint is St. Joseph). Ten days before the feast day of the Saint, there will be a flag raising in the parish church. The flag will have a picture of the patron saint. Every day there will be a Mass in the evening, and it will be well attended. Guest Priests will come to preach every day. On the ninth day, the Bishop will be invited for the Feast Day Mass. After the Mass, there will be a car procession with the Statue of the Patron saint. The car procession goes to the streets where mostly Hindus and Muslims pay their homages and offer their contributions. The Tenth day with the Eucharistic Adoration, the flag will be brought down. Those ten days, the priests will be preaching more about their parish patron saints so people have more opportunities every year to learn about those Holy Saints. This week on March 19th we solemnize Saint	 St. Joe's students and staff will be on spring break from March 17th- 21st. We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved time of rest and relaxation! When we return the next week, refreshed and recharged, we will embark on the final nine weeks of the 2024-2025 school year, ready to finish strong! St. Joseph School will not be hosting a gala this spring. While we look forward to rescheduling this important event in the future, we are excited to share another meaningful opportunity to support our school: Our annual Walk for Virtues fundraiser. Walk for Virtues is a key fundraising event for our school, where students and families walk along the Red Cedar Trail in Menomonie to embody and celebrate the virtues of Faith, Hope, Charity, Prudence, Justice, Fortitude, and Temperance, which our students learn about and practice throughout the year. In the coming weeks, there will be several ways to support this important fundraiser. Please know that any amount pledged or donated is truly appreciated! St. Joseph School families will be collecting pledges from family and friends. A Walk for Virtues Sponsor Bulletin Board will be displayed in the main entrance of the church. This provides an opportunity for parishioners and others who may not be directly asked to sponsor a student to contribute to the event and support our school. Stay tuned for future updates in the bulletin. We are grateful for your generosity and continued support of St. Joseph School! God bless your week, Mrs. Mary Kiefer, Principal
Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In European countries, the day is observed as 'the Day of the Father.' Joseph was a righteous man. The Greek word that is used here, <i>dikaiousune</i> , refers to righteousness that comes from obedience or faithfulness to the law. Joseph's righteousness exceeds that of the law. He goes beyond the Mosaic law, which validated the stoning of the woman pregnant out of wedlock. Joseph's righteousness is based on mercy.	YOU HAVE A CHOICE IN YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOLING You may be able to send your child to St. Joseph Grade school tuition free. You may qualify for The Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. To find out if you qualify go to <u>schoolchoicewi.org</u> (or scan code) before April 17 th during the open enrollment period. Or contact Maribeth Hartung at Maribeth.hartung@menomoniecatholic.org
Our righteousness must depend on our relationship with God. When it depends on God, it will count not on one's good works but on God's mercy. We, who receive mercy	WISH LIST
from God, must show it to others, especially to those who are helpless. In the eyes of Joseph, Mary was helpless when seen in the light of Mosaic Law.	Easter Candle—Contact the Parish Center
We may have a goal or plan for our lives, but God has a purpose for us that is big, beautiful, and pleasing.	PCCW
Joseph, who awoke from sleep, sets aside his plan and embraces God's purpose. This type of awakening is necessary for us. Moreover, Joseph responds to God's purpose not through words but through action. From now on, he has to constantly set aside his plan and embrace that of God. Joseph will continue to respond through immediate action. Today we are beset with words. Let us reduce the words and improve the actions. St. Joseph pray for us.	March PCCW Meeting: Digital Safety Tips from Menomonie PD Looking forward to seeing you at this week's PCCW General Meeting on March 19, 2025, at 6:00 PM in Charles Hall. Our guest speaker, Lt. Chad Mroczenski from the Menomonie Police Department, will be discussing ways to protect yourself and your family from digital threats. Join us for a greater understanding of the technology challenges we are facing. Warmest Blessings, Marianne Canon President- PCCW

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PARISH EVENTS, OPPORTUNITIES



APOCALYPSE NOW? PREPARING FOR THE END TIMES WITH FAITH AND HOPE



Curious about what the Bible says about the end of the world, and not just a Hollywood depiction? Join us for a three-day Lenten Mission series on the Catholic understanding of the End Times and the Book of Revelation. In this engaging, easy-to-follow series, we'll break down what Jesus actually taught about His Second Coming, what the Catholic Church believes about the Apocalypse, and why the Book of Revelation is actually a message of hope, victory, and God's plan for good. Plus, we'll show you how these teachings are relevant for your life today, not just the future. Think of it as your Catholic guide to the End Times – just clear, relatable wisdom with a splash of humor. Don't miss out - no doomsday prep required!

SERIES TOPICS

March 25, 6–7 PM: The End is Near—An Introduction to Eschatology and the End Times

March 26, 6-7 PM: Walking Through the Book of Revelation—A Catholic Interpretation

March 27, 6-7 PM: Living in the Light of the Apocalypse—Hope, Faith, and the Final Judgment

GUEST SPEAKER



Steve Drapalik is a volunteer catechist for the OCIA programs in Menomonie and Chippewa Falls. He holds a Master's degree in Systematic Theology with a minor in Liturgy from St. John's University and has 10+ years of

experience working in various campus ministry and faith formation positions, including former Director of Catholic Campus Ministry at UW-Stout. Steve currently lives in Eau Claire with his wife Abigail and works in IT.

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Living the Faith JOURNEY TO THE FOOT OF THE CROSS: BISHOP RICKEN OFFERS 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR LENT

Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wisconsin, former chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), offers "10 Things to Remember for Lent":

1. Remember the formula. The Church does a good job capturing certain truths with easy-to-remember lists and formulas: 10 Commandments, 7 sacraments, 3 persons in the Trinity. For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan—Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving—as the three things we need to work on during the season.

2. It's a time of prayer. Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.

3. It's a time to fast. With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. And maybe that's why it gets all the attention. "What are you giving up for Lent? Hot dogs? Beer? Jelly beans?" It's almost a game for some of us, but fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.

4. It's a time to work on discipline. The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive. "I'm going to exercise more. I'm going to pray more. I'm going to be nicer to my family, friends, and coworkers."

5. It's about dying to yourself. The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it's about more than self-control—it's about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering, dying with Christ and being resurrected in a purified form.

6.Don't do too much. It's tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but

it's best to keep it simple and focused. There's a reason the Church works on these mysteries year after year. We spend our entire lives growing closer to God. Don't try to cram it all in one Lent. That's a recipe for failure.

7. Lent reminds us of our weakness. Of course, even when we set simple goals for ourselves during Lent, we still have trouble keeping them. When we fast, we realize we're all just one meal away from hunger. In both cases, Lent shows us our weakness. This can be painful, but recognizing how helpless we are makes us seek God's help with renewed urgency and sincerity.

8. Be patient with yourself. When we're confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. "What a bad person I am!" But that's the wrong lesson. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love.

9. Reach out in charity. As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering, or otherwise in need. The third part of the Lenten formula is almsgiving. It's about more than throwing a few extra dollars in the collection plate; it's about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God's unconditional love.

10. Learn to love like Christ. Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on the Cross for all of us. Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the Cross on Good Friday, as we seek him out, ask his help, join in his suffering, and learn to love like him.



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. <u>Pastoral Council Members</u> 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.





Join Our Parish Community: Contact Nicki Welsch, or click on "<u>I'M NEW</u>" 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.

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.

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:

> Mary Knops Allen Klink Joanne Miracle (sister of Frank Trunkel) 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)

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 <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..

Molly McDonald 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)

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.

