St. Joseph 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Catholic Parish February 22-23, 2025 www.MenomonieCatholic.org



"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Lk 6:36

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday, February 22 (1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19)

3:00 PM—Private Confession

3:30 PM—Pray the Rosary

4:00 PM Mass—Arnie Bauer by Chris Bauer

Sunday, February 23

(1 Sm 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38)

8:00 AM—Pray the Rosary

8:30 AM Mass—St. Joseph Parish Family

10:15 AM Mass—James Didier by the Smiskey Family

Baptism of Henry Robert Zunker, son of Jackson and Gina

5:15 PM—Private Confession

5:45 PM—Pray the Rosary

6:00 PM Mass—StoutCatholic

Monday, February 24(Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29)

NO SERVICES

8:00-9:00 AM—Adoration (The Ministry)

6:00 PM—Bible Study (Parish Center)

Tuesday, February 25 (Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37)

NO ADORATION

8:00 AM Mass—Harold Matter by Marjorie Zeilinger

10:00 AM—Bible Study (Parish Center)

10:00 AM-Visitation

11:00 AM-Funeral Luann Stoeklen

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

6:00 PM—RCIA (Parish Center)

6:00 PM—Young Adult Bible Study (Friendship House)

Wednesday, February 26 (Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40)

8:00 AM Mass—Ben Ramaeker by Linda Young

6:00-7:30 PM—Middle School Faith Formation (Parish Center)

6:00 PM—Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Parish Center)

7:00-8:00 PM—Adoration (The Ministry)

Thursday, February 27 (Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50)

9:00 AM—Brothers & Brew (Friendship House)

2:00 PM Mass at the Neighbors—Virginia Schober by PCCW

Friday, February 28 (Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12)

9:00 AM Mass—Dorothy Berry by The Allisons

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

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

CHOIR

Upcoming Choir Rehearsals

Traditional Choir: 2/26 6:00 PM

Guitar Choir: 3/19 6:00 PM

Full Schedule available online at: https://www.menomoniecatholic.org/liturgical-ministry

STEWARDSHIP

FINANCE REPORT July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

OFFERTORY for February 16 —Week 33

Adult Envelope Donations\$ 26,884.00Weekly Goal\$ 11,731.00Over Weekly Goal\$ 15,153.00

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 Year-to-Date Total
 \$ 430,319.43

 Year-to-Date Goal
 \$ 398,854.00

 Over Yearly Goal
 \$ 31,465.43

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Diocesan Annual Appeal 2024-2025

Goal: \$72,255.00

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MESSAGE FROM FR. MANO

Have any of you ever watched the movie 'The Song of Bernadette'? It is a 1943 film which dramatizes the story of Saint Bernadette Soubirous. I watched this movie in the seminary and still remember certain dialogue and certain goosebump scenes. St Bernadette reported eighteen visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in Lourdes, France, from February to July 1858.

This movie begins with a prologue-dialogue, which goes thus "For those who believe in God, no explanation is necessary. For those who do not believe, no explanation is possible." This statement casts light on an important aspect of the nature of faith and belief: to those who believe, miracles are an aid and to those choose not to believe, no miracles can come to aid.

Jesus performed an amazing miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fed about four thousand people. From there, Jesus proceeds to the region of Dalmanutha. On reaching this place, the Pharisees came forward and began to argue with Jesus, seeking from him a sign from heaven to test Him. But Jesus responded with a sigh, from the depth of His spirit. What made Jesus to respond so strongly? Is Jesus against asking for signs? Is Jesus against having doubts?

Jesus is NOT necessarily against asking for signs. In the Bible we see many people asking for signs from God. Gideon asked for a sign from God. Moses asked God what sign would prove to Pharaoh that he was sent by God. Elijah promises what Elisha had asked for, on the condition of a sign. Jesus is NOT out rightly against lack of belief or unbelief. The unbelieving Thomas was rebuked, but not condemned by Jesus, after His resurrection.

The lack of faith of the disciples is saddening for Jesus, but He does not reject them. The emotionally unsettled and wavering Peter is given another chance to prove his loyalty despite his rejection and denial of faith in Jesus. Then what is Jesus against? Jesus is terribly against those people who reject faith, despite many signs and wonders that are plainly presented. He is against those who demand greater miracles for merely curiosity and excitement. He is against for those who make use of the powers of God for personal satisfaction and gratification.

He is also against those who remain stone-hearted, unmoved and indifferent despite clear indications and signals from God. The Pharisees represented this class of people, whom the Lord had a terrible dislike and aversion. Am I a person who constantly rejects signs and wonders from the Lord, and fails to grow in faith? Do I remain obstinate and indifferent to God's powers, and fail to be open to God's movements in my life? The Lord is constantly speaking to us through various blessings and miracles. Do we believe Him?

SACRAMENTS

Henry Robert Zunker
Son of Jackson and Gina

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

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

Registration for St. Joseph Grade School for the 2025 -2026 school year is now open! We are a 3K-5th grade school, and a 4K site for the public school 4K program. We welcome students/families of all faiths.



program. We welcome students/families of all faiths. Catholic Schools At St. Joe's, faith is the foundation of learning, and students discover that God's presence is not confined to a church. By reflecting Christ's love, we help students see God in themselves and others. I invite you to be part of our wonderful school! Our Mission Statement embodies who we are; "St. Joseph School serves children preschool through fifth grade. We strive for spiritual, academic, physical, and social excellence within the framework of God, family, and community, through Catholic teaching and devotion."

Registration forms are available in the Parish Center Office, on our website, menomoniecatholicschool.org and in packets at the back of the church. Join us and be part of an extraordinary school community! I would love to meet with you and discuss all the wonderful things that happen at St. Joe's! Thank you for your support of Catholic education!

God bless your week, Mrs. Mary Kiefer, Principal

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ADORATION UPDATE



After much discussion and consideration, the following has been decided, by Fr. Mano, to be the protocol for Adoration.

Adoration will **NOT** be held on Tuesdays:

- When School has been cancelled due to inclement weather.
- When there is a Funeral on a Tuesday.







THIS WEEK IN FAITH FORMATION

Wednesday, February 26:

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



Wednesday, March 5:

Elementary Faith Formation | NO CLASSES—ASH WEDNESDAY Sunday, March 9:

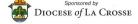
Confirmation Session | Church/Parish Center | 8:30-11:15 Wednesday, March 12:

Middle School Faith Formation | Parish Center | 6:00-7:30 Wednesday, March 19:

Elementary Faith Formation | NO CLASSES-SPRING BREAK



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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE KNIGHTS!!



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PARISH EVENTS, OPPORTUNITIES

Save the Date

March 2nd - Mardi Gras Party

LENT 2025

March 25, 26, 27 **Lenten Mission**

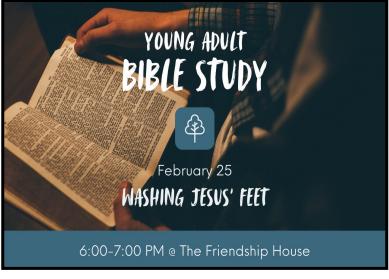
March 29th **Stations of the Cross Pilgrimage**

> March 31 **Parish Reconciliation**

April 10th Lenten Eucharistic Adoration

DETAILS FOR THESE EVENTS COMING SOON!







THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MADE THE VALENTINE'S DANCE POSSIBLE!



The Parish Event Team (not all shown) and their families



The Cooking Crew Members who were in town to create the delicious dinner (Don and Juan)



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Our Confirmation
Student did an
amazing job helping
in the kitchen!

Thank you to all who attended this event!

Mark your calendars for our Mardi Gras Party on March 2nd!

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



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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 Jason Horzewski Chairperson Katie Mrdutt Dan Wengel

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Knights of Columbus:

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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.

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:

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

Christopher Christenson (nephew of Shirley Riedmann)

Ben Ramaeker (son of Mike & Janice)

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 FOR THE COMPLETE

LIST WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN UPDATED. NAMES WILL REMAIN ON THE WEBSITE PRAYER LIST FOR TWELVE MONTHS. UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUESTED..

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 Voqel

(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.

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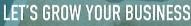
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