St. Joseph 3rd Sunday of Lent

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Monday, March 24 (2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30)

NO SERVICES

8:00-9:00 AM—Adoration (The Ministry)

6:00 PM—Bible Study (Parish Center)

Tuesday, March 25 (Is 7:10-14,8-10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38)

7:00 AM-3:00 PM—Adoration

8:00 AM Mass—Ann Pabich

by Norbert Pabich and Lynn Verdieck

10:00 AM—Bible Study (Parish Center)

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

6:00-7:00 PM—Parish Mission (Church)

6:00 PM—RCIA (Church)

Wednesday, March 26 (Dt 4:1,5-9; Mt 5:17-19)

8:00 AM Mass —Joanne Miracle by Frank & Mary Trunkel

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

6:00-7:00 PM—Parish Mission (Church)

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

6:30-8:00 PM—Shadow Stations Practice (Charles Hall)

7:00-8:00 PM—Adoration (The Ministry)

Thursday, March 27 (Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23)

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

 $2:00\ PM\ Mass\ at\ the\ Neighbors\ --$ Karen & Luann Stoeklen

by Jeanne Stoeklen

5:30 PM Mass—The Ministry

6:00-7:00 PM—Parish Mission (Church)

Friday, March 28 (Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34)

9:00 AM Mass—Charles Bates by Jeanne Bates

10:00 AM-Visitation

11:00 AM—Funeral for Mary Knops

4:30 PM—Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, March 29 (Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14)

8:00 AM-12:30 PM—Stations of the Cross Pilgrimage

3:00 PM—Private Confession

3:30 PM—Pray the Rosary

4:00 PM Mass—Arnie Bauer by Chris Bauer

Sunday, March 30

(Jos 5:91,10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3,11-32)

8:00 AM—Pray the Rosary

8:30 AM Mass—Mary Cinker by Sherry Nimmo

10:15 AM Mass—St. Joseph Parish Family

5:15 PM—Private Confession

5:45 PM—Pray the Rosary

6:00 PM Mass—StoutCatholic

STEWARDSHIP

FINANCE REPORT July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

OFFERTORY for March 16 —Week 37

Adult Envelope Donations	\$ 34,221.40
Weekly Goal	\$ 11,731.00
Over Weekly Goal	\$ 22,490.40

Plate \$ 835.55

 Year-to-Date Total
 \$ 505,442.33

 Year-to-Date Goal
 \$ 434,047.00

 Over Yearly Goal
 \$ 71,395.33

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MESSAGE FROM FR. MANO

I don't know why I started to tell many stories this year. I hope you like it. One day a beggar by the roadside asked for alms from Alexander the Great as he passed by. The man was poor and wretched and had no claim upon the ruler and no right even to lift a solicitous hand. Yet the Emperor threw several gold coins at him. A courtier was astonished at his generosity and commented: "Sir, copper coins would adequately meet a beggar's need. Why give him gold?"

Alexander responded in royal fashion: "Copper coins would suit the beggar's need but gold coins suit Alexander's giving." Generosity is not just about fulfilling needs; it's a reflection of our character and our inner goodness. Our behavior towards others should not be a mere reaction to their actions, instead, they should mirror the essence of our own character.

"...give and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give, is the measure you get back" (Lk 6:38) The invitation to follow the merciful Heavenly Father is the basis for Jesus to discuss the boomerang principle. Christians are called to be the 'Mercy Boomerang,' imitating the example of the Heavenly Father.

I read the book 'Kindness Boomerang' where it discusses the truth that kindness is like a boomerang, and what we show to others always returns to us. Jesus' teaching on 'measure' can be understood both positively and negatively. Positively, when we help others, we help ourselves. Our goodness always comes back to us. Negatively, if there is a visible shape for our anger, hatred, or envy, it is the boomerang. We reap what we sow without fail.

Since life has a way of giving back what we send out, Jesus wants us to be careful about the 'measure' with which we measure everything. Jesus is saying that it would be better for us to send out goodness and collect it back in a different form. Let us pray that our lives may be shaped by the wisdom of Jesus' words on the 'goodness boomerang.'

In the words of Fulton Sheen, we will be graced to hear the words of the Divine Lord telling us. "You give me your humanity, and I will give you my Divinity! You give me your time, and I will give you My eternity! You give me your broken heart, and I will give you Love! You give me your nothingness, and I will give you My all!" Let's realize that "generosity is not just about fulfilling needs; it's a reflection of our character and our inner goodness." Offer to others 'not just the copper coins of unwilling obligations' rather, generously give 'the gold coins of joyful service and care.'

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

Our spring events kick off with our 3K, 4K, and Kindergarten Open House on Tuesday, March 25th, from 4:00-6:00 PM. Everyone is invited to come and explore our 3K/4K and kindergarten classrooms, meet the teachers, tour the school, ask questions, and have fun solving "The Hunt for the Missing Muffins". Join us and see the wonderful things happening for our earliest learners! We are a 4K program site which is run through the School District of the Menomonie Area (SDMA).

More information about other events will be in future bulletin articles. A few of our notable events are as follows:

March 28th Annual Walk for Virtues Fundraiser kicks

April 5th First Communion Retreat
April 10th Reconciliation for Grades 2-5

April 13th Holy Week begins

May 2nd May Crowning and our annual Walk for

Virtues event

May 4th First Communion Mass at 12:30 PM

May 8th Spring Program- shared at 1:30 and 5:30 in

the school gym

Thank you for your continued support of our Catholic school community. Your prayers, generosity, and partnership continue to make a lasting difference in the lives of our students, staff, and families!

May this spring be a time of spiritual growth, where our hearts are open to the grace and goodness that surrounds us, sharing love, compassion, and joy within our community and beyond.

Wishing you all a blessed spring season!
Mrs. Mary Kiefer, Principal



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 17th during the open enrollment period.

Or contact Maribeth Hartung at

Maribeth.hartung@menomoniecatholic.org



QUILTERS



St. Joseph Quilters Monday, March 31st—9:00 AM In the Friendship House

Call Patty at 715-590-4767 for more information

PARISH EVENTS, OPPORTUNITIES







Red Cross Blood Drive hosted by St. Joseph's Church Monday, March 31 10 AM-4:00 PM in Charles Hall.

Needed:

- Volunteers to help with greeting donors and similar tasks.
- Donors

Contact Linda Young at the Parish Center to sign up at 715-232-4922.









THIS WEEK IN FAITH FORMATION

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



Wednesday, April 2:

Elementary Faith Formation | Parish Center | 5:30-6:30

Wednesday, April 2:

Shadow Stations Practice | Charles Hall | 6:30-8:00 Saturday, April 5:

First Communion Retreat | Parish Center | 1:00-5:00

Wednesday, April 9:

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

Wednesday, April 9:

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



LENT RECONCILIATION

Monday, March 31st 7:00 PM



The Parish Lent Reconciliation Service is in the church. The service will include a reading and short message, followed by the opportunity for confession with Fr. Mano and area priests.

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*.

APOCALYPSE NOW?

PREPARING FOR THE END TIMES WITH FAITH AND HOPE



MARCH 25-27, 2025

6:00-7:00 PM | ST. JOSEPH, MENOMONIE, WI

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.

SERIES TOPICS

- March 25: The End is Near-An Introduction to Eschatology and the End Times
- March 26: Walking Through the Book of Revelation—A Catholic Interpretation
- March 27: Living in the Light of the Apocalypse-Hope, Faith, and the Final Judgment

GUEST SPEAKER



Steve Drapalik 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 ministry. Steve currently lives in Eau Claire with his wife Abigail and works in IT.



Saturday, March 29th 7:45 AM - 12:30 PM

Stations of the Cross **Pilgrimage**

During Lent, in Fr. Mano's town of Sivakasi, Catholics undertake a pilgrimage on foot to different parishes, reflecting on a station of the cross at each church. To uphold this tradition, while limiting the pilgrimage to half a day, St. Joseph's Church, along with other churches in the Durand Deanery, will visit various parishes over the next four years.

We invite you to join Fr. Mano for a pilgrimage to Eau Galle, Elmwood, Spring Valley, and Menomonie on this meaningful journey of prayer. We will gather at St. Joseph Church at 7:45 AM, and maps along with handouts will be provided.

Itinerary for the Day:

- 1. Opening Prayer at St. Joseph Church.
- 2. Travel to St. Henry Church in Eau Galle to meditate on the first five Stations of the Cross.
- 3. Proceed to Sacred Heart Church in Elmwood to reflect on the next five Stations of the Cross.
- 4. Continue to Sacred Heart Church in Spring Valley to contemplate the final four Stations of the Cross.
 5. Return to St. Joseph Church in Menomonie for a pizza lunch.
- There will be opportunities to tour each church at every stop.

This Lent, let's dedicate our time to Jesus as we come together in prayer as a community.

If you can help those who need transportation, please contact Nicki or Tammy at the parish center.



PCCW

Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) Membership Dues

It's that time again for the PCCW membership dues to be gathered! All women aged 18 and older of St. Joseph's are automatically members of the PCCW, regardless of whether dues are paid. Your \$10 contribution towards dues helps support:

- A Benevolent Fund for children in our parish with medical needs
- College scholarships
- Gifts for confirmands
- Assistance for members who are ill
- Masses in memory of deceased members
- Many parish activities

Women aged 75 and older or those who are disabled are considered Honorary Members and do not have to pay dues. They support PCCW activities through prayer and may continue to participate in activities as their abilities allow.

Payment of PCCW Annual Dues

There are envelopes at each entrance of the church that you can use for your dues. Make checks payable to the PCCW. The envelope can be placed in the drop box located at the front and back of the church or mailed directly to:

Linda Kostuch, 1301 Wilson St., Menomonie, WI 54751

Marianne Canon, PCCW President 720.883.2234

Exciting Scholarship Opportunity for St. Joseph Parish Women!

The St. Joseph Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) is thrilled to offer a \$1000

scholarship to support the educational aspirations of Catholic women from our parish. Whether you are planning to attend, or are currently enrolled in, a Catholic or public college, university, or other institution of higher education, you are eligible to apply. This opportunity is open to both full-time and part-time students, including those who have previously received this scholarship. Priority will be given to applications for Catholic schools. Don't miss out—applications are due by May 1st. Scholarship applications can be found at http://www.menomoniecatholic.org/pccw or use the QR code.

For any questions, please email joes16scholarship@gmail.com

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



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

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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
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:

Marlene (Molly) McDonald
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)

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 BED TUPDATED. 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)

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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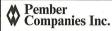
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