

September 26th, 2021
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Closed on Friday

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Mass Schedule:

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:30 pm
or by appointment

Baptism

Parish membership is required.
Baptismal preparation for parents
and sponsors is held monthly. Pre
-registration is required. Contact
the Parish Office for more
information.

Marriage

Parish membership is required.
Arrangements need to be made a
minimum of six months prior to
the wedding date. Please contact
Fr. Robert.

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Parish
Office



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*"There is no one who
performs a mighty deed in
my name who can at the
same time speak ill of me."*

MARK 9:39

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Come Join Us!

We would love to officially welcome you into our family.
Registration packets are available at the information center.

Prayer of the Holy Cloak

Glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, you who were chosen by God above all men to be the earthly head of the most holy of families, I beseech you to accept me within the folds of your holy cloak, that you may become the guardian and custodian of my soul.

From this moment on, I choose you as my father, my protector, my counselor, my patron, and I beseech you to place in your custody my body, my soul, all that I am, all that I possess, my life, and my death.

Look upon me as one of your children; defend me from the treachery of my enemies, invisible or otherwise, assist me at all times in all my necessities; console me in the bitterness of my life, and especially at the hour of my death. Say but one word for me to the Divine Redeemer who you were deemed worthy to hold in your arms, and to the Blessed Virgin Mary, your most chaste spouse. Request for me those blessing which will lead me to salvation. Include me amongst those who are most dear to you and I shall set forth to prove myself worthy of your special patronage. Amen



Burn the Mortgage Event Saturday, October 9th

\$\$\$Million Dollar “Lasagna”

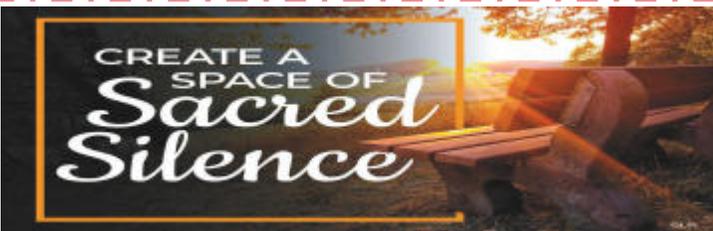
Oh, so tasty! Italian layers of goodness with a vegetable, garlic bread, and dessert! Sign up in advance please.

DONATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of a couple of volunteers who would be willing to solicit advertising for our, June 2022, 175th Anniversary Keepsake Photo Booklet, as well as, gift donations for our December 2021 Gala “Celebrate Parish!” Your help would be greatly appreciated and benefits our parish in so many ways! Please call the parish office with your contact information. Thank You! Still need one more person!

WELCOME RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILIES!

As we welcome our returning and new religious education families and students back into our faith learning ministry, it is important that we continue to extend that hospitality during our Mass times. As we all know, children can sometimes be fidgety and not quite sure how to act or behave at Mass, similar to how we were at their age I’m sure. We achieve that with positive reinforcement, thanking parents for bringing their children to Mass, and being kind and patient with the children. We are the family of God entering together into our spiritual home, old and young alike, to encounter God at Mass and through the Sacraments of the Church. Family takes care of family!



START YOUR DAY RIGHT !

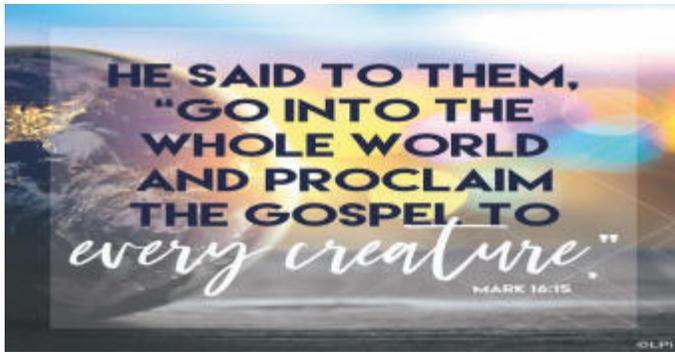
Please join us for daily Mass to start your day with an encounter with God through your gratitude.
8 am Mass on Tuesday through Friday in the Chapel.
See you soon!

CATERING RECOMMENDATIONS NEEDED

We are seeking recommendations on a reasonably priced caterer for our June 2022, 175th Anniversary Celebration! If you have either experienced or worked with a reputable caterer in the past, please let us know by calling the parish office with the information. Thank you!

Prayer for Those Who Are Sick

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and God of all encouragement, who encourages us in our every affliction, so that we may be able to encourage those who are in any affliction with the encouragement with which we ourselves are encouraged by God. For as Christ’s sufferings overflow to us, so through Christ does our encouragement also overflow. If we are afflicted, it is for your encouragement and salvation; if we are encouraged, it is for your encouragement, which enables you to endure the same sufferings that we suffer. Our hope for you is firm, for we know that as you share in the sufferings, you also share in the encouragement. 2 Cor 1:3-7



DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION –
Part Time w/Benefits

Due to unforeseen circumstances the position of DRE is currently open. The primary function of this position is to administrate a total parish catechetical program in our Roman Catholic faith. Please see Archdiocese of Milwaukee website for job description and application forms. Also see our parish website for additional information. Come join the team!

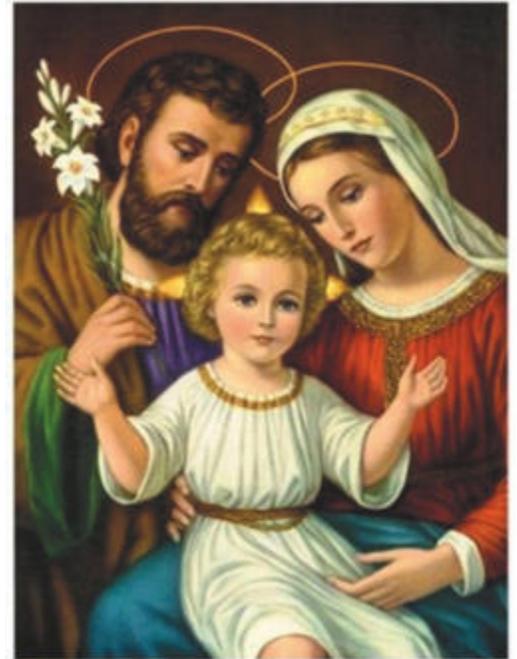
St. Joseph, Marian Saint

Saint Joseph is the most Marian of all saints. His love for Mary is greater than that of other saints combined. There has never been a greater Marian saint than St. Joseph, and there never will be.

Saint Joseph is the model for total consecration to Mary. Long before Calvary, when Jesus commanded all of his disciples to take Mary into their hearts and homes (see Jn 19:26-27), St. Joseph had already taken Mary into his heart and into his home. She is his heart; she is his home. Everything he did was done for Jesus and Mary. He lived and died for Jesus and Mary.

Saint Joseph is the first human person to have been totally consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He loved her most, been the most devoted to her, and served her most faithfully. The various forms of Marian consecration promoted by saints down through the centuries - all find their fulfillment and perfection in the person of St. Joseph.

Saint Joseph is the first man to speak of Mary as his "Lady". Before her feminine wonder and beauty, he bows in loving reverence. His mission is to have all hearts bow before her in love. St. Joseph is the greatest knight of "Our Lady".



St. Joseph and Holy Mary, pray for us.



Annual Pet Blessing in honor of
 St. Francis of Assisi
 Saturday October 2, 2021
 10am
 (Outside of East Entrance of Church)

Readings for the week of October 3, 2021

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Observances for the week of October 3, 2021

Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

Monday: St. Francis of Assisi

Tuesday: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Wednesday: St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

Thursday: Our Lady of the Rosary

Friday: Holy Father's Intentions

Saturday: St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MORTGAGE UPDATE

Current Balance \$138,564

October Principal Payment \$13,847

October Interest Payment \$459

Total October Payment \$ 14,306



Monday, September 27th

Nothing scheduled at this time

Tuesday, September 28th

9:00am—Noon Food Pantry

Wednesday, September 29th

Nothing scheduled at this time

Thursday, September 30th

9:00am—Noon Food Pantry

4:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 1st

Nothing scheduled at this time

Saturday, October 2nd

10:00 am Pet Blessing

Parish Council Information Table (All Masses)

Sunday, October 3rd

9:30am Catholic/Christian Women Meeting

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ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 28th

8:00am † In Honor of the Holy Spirit-Comm Serv

Wednesday, September 29th

8:00am † Communion Service

Thursday, September 30th

8:00am † Father's Special Intentions

Friday, October 1st

8:00am † Poor Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, October 2nd

4:30pm † For the People

Sunday, October 3rd

8:30 am † Kenneth Kurowski

10:30am † Dennis Schulner

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