

WEEKEND WORSHIP

Saturdays - 4:00 PM

Sundays - 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Masses interpreted for hearing

Impaired: 3rd Sunday - 10:30 AM Mass,

1st and last Saturday - 4:00 PM Mass

DAILY MASS, HOLYDAYS, AND DEVOTIONS

Consult weekly listings.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays 3:15 - 3:45 PM in the
Reconciliation Chapel (north vestibule
colonnade).

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is celebrated within our
weekend worship services monthly.

A preparation session is required of parents and
can be attended in advance of birth.

Please phone the
Christian Formation Office at
262-375-6500, x120.

MARRIAGE

Couples anticipating marriage should
contact Sheri Hanson,
Pastoral Associate,
at 262-375-6500, x175
at least ten months prior to the
desired wedding date.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you are unable to attend Mass
and would like communion, please
call Sheri Hanson at 262-375-6500, x175.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you have a pending, scheduled surgery, please
see Father Steve Lampe after Mass or call
Brenda Cline, Parish Director, at
(262)375-6500, x103.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP

In order to benefit fully from the
many services offered by our parish,
Catholics 18 years and older are required to
maintain an official membership at Saint Joseph
Parish. Active and supporting membership
includes offering of one's time, talent, and
treasure to assist in promoting the mission and
work of Saint Joseph Parish. If you would like to
establish your parish membership, please stop at
the Parish Office during the week or after
weekend liturgy.

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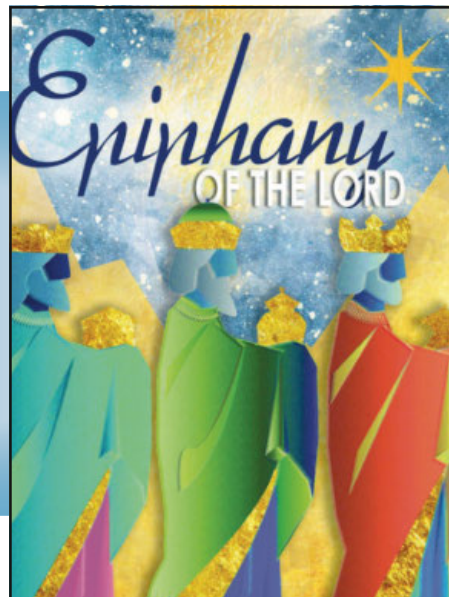
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THE HANDS OF CHRIST...

OPEN TO ALL

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 1

4:00 PM For Our Parishioners

Sunday, January 2

8:00 AM †Gene & Elizabeth Streff
 10:30 AM †Fred Roloff
 Choir Mass

Monday, January 3

Tuesday, January 4

Wednesday, January 5

5:00 PM †Virginia Doherty

Thursday, January 6 - Fr. Pat Wendt

9:30 AM †William Shortino

Friday, January 7

Saturday, January 8

4:00 PM †Lew Peterson

Sunday, January 9

8:00 AM †Ronald Reske
 10:30 AM For Our Parishioners
 Choir Mass
 Baptism

“Special hosts are available for those with a gluten intolerance. For those who wish to receive such hosts, you are directed to go to the priest's communion line and indicate your preference to him.”

Readings for Week of January 2, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/ Jn 3:22-30
 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk

LECTOR SCHEDULE

January 8th and 9th

4:00 PM LynnAnn Prom, Garry McCann, Diane O'Connor
 8:00 AM Helen Waldschmidt, Jon Herreman,
 Matthew Schwab
 10:30 AM Patricio Perez, Ken Stanczyk, Marcy Stanczyk

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, January 2 - *Parish Office Closed*

After Masses Epiphany Celebration

Monday, January 3 - *Parish Office Closed*

6:30 PM Workcamp Prep Team

Tuesday, January 4

Wednesday, January 5

Thursday, January 6

7:00 PM Parish Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 PM High School Y-Disciple Group

Friday, January 7 - *Parish Office Closes at Noon*

8:00 AM St. Ben Meal Prep

Saturday, January 8

After Mass Home & School Scrip Sale
 After Mass Sponsor-A-Workcamper

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 9** Home & School Scrip Sale (After Masses)
 Sponsor-A-Workcamper (After Masses)
 Christian Formation Classes: Grades 9 - 11
 High School: Loving Beyond the Limits
- Jan 10** Christian Book Club
 Arch Safeguarding Session
- Jan 11** 50 Plus Planning Committee
 Stewardship Committee
 First Reconciliation
 Technology Committee
 SVDP Committee
- Jan 12** Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home
- Jan 13** Los Toros: Beca Committee
 Parish Choir Rehearsal
- Jan 14** *Parish Office Closes at Noon*
 Leadership Lock-In for Middle Schoolers
- Jan 15** HC: Care for Creation New Year's Resolutions (After Mass)
 Knights of Columbus: Live Savers for Life Event

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
Our Weekly Gift Of Thanks

December 19 Offertory:	\$ 41,923.00
Hunger Ministry	\$ 85.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 100.00
Los Toros Mission	\$ 750.00
Flowers	\$ 95.00
Almsgiving	\$ 995.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 3,035.00
Los Toros: SVDP (Giving Tree)	\$ 1,120.00
SVDP: Giving Tree	\$ 1,125.00



PASTORAL PONDERINGS

A weekly column, shared with parishioners, by members of the Pastoral Staff.

By Fr. Mike Barrett, Interim Administrator

Three Kings--Tres Reyes--Epiphany

In a previous world, the Epiphany was pretty much an "immovable feast." January 6th, take it or leave it--the date pretty much signaled an end to Christmas and holiday festivities, decorations, and parties as folks made their way back into the ordinary, and the deep of winter--but with some new clothes and gifts to meet the ephemeral drudgery leading up to ground hog day with its hidden prospect of a far away vernal equinox. But I digress.

Before our very eyes today, the lights come on again and the church environment is staged for a Christmas encore. With the magi, the 3 kings, the wise men we come alive again to the mystery of the Incarnation of God manifested in Christ as a light dawns for all the world to see and know the salvation of our God: O come let us adore!

Oh how we have longed to see the power and work of God manifested in our day, at this time, in our lives. And perhaps a spotlight is what God shines for us, turning us from the darkness of winter to the brightness of God's mysterious inner workings. As a parish, we have made our farewells to Brenda Cline, Parish Director. As with much of life, farewells can be bittersweet. We relish the past yet hold in our deepest hearts the hope and promise of a world renewed in the love of God. How do we put that into words? Often, we say Godspeed!

While we are no longer reeling from the epidemic of the coronavirus, we have all been affected thru the illness or death of someone we know and love. Our lives are forever made more cautious and careful in the process of recovering from this deadly scourge. I read recently that covid will lose its place on the world stage as a pandemic as it becomes endemic to our world. Science seems to agree. Yet, thru the efforts of first responders and caregivers of every stripe, nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ, the light of the world.

In the Epiphany and its exotic display of camels and kings, turbans and magi, GPS recalculations and roads less travelled, God will go to any lengths to find a way, to shine a light, to reach us with that divine prompt which leads us back to where we began: beheld by God, in Her one, holy family. Whether we glance back or gaze into the future on this feast of Epiphany, gratefully, we are bathed in the Christmas light of Christ our Savior, and our brother too. And, we have each other.

O come let us adore!

2022 Stewardship Treasure

Out of love, God gives us some guidelines for living well. Knowing our weaknesses he offers us the Ten Commandments to show us how to live peacefully as individuals and as a society. Ignoring them brings about sadness, isolation, tragedy and sin. Remember you are perfectly and wonderfully made. You are **God's Blueprint**.



Thank you to all our parishioners who have returned their Stewardship of Treasure forms. We are deeply grateful for your support and your generosity. If you haven't yet returned your form, please prayerfully consider your gifts of treasure to St. Joseph Parish and return a pledge.

Stewardship Prayer:

Father in heaven, thank you for your many blessings and gifts you have given us. You came to tell us that the meaning of life consists in giving. Help us to realize it is not worldly success, riches or fame that gives life meaning. It is the service rendered to You and to others that brings fulfillment and joy. May all that we do help build Your kingdom. May our blueprint, our identity be exemplified as children of God through His example. Amen.

THANK YOU

Thank you for helping us celebrate Brenda Cline's 21 years of service to our parish the weekend of December 18 & 19! Whether you baked, made appetizers, served the food, or joined us in fellowship, you helped our parish rejoice together. We are grateful for your hospitality and fellowship! *Sheri Hanson, Pastoral Associate*

Courtesy Announcement ... Archdiocese of Milwaukee

As you know, tornadoes recently tore through multiple states in the South and Midwest. Many Catholics and others of good will have already donated to Catholic Charities USA Disaster Relief to help with immediate response to the victims.

As our sisters and brothers move into the long-term recovery phase, the Archbishop has asked that we focus on one of the hardest hit areas, the Diocese of Owensboro, which is located in the western portion of the state of Kentucky and is the home diocese of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Mayville, KY.

Donate online at <https://owensborodiocese.org/give/> or mail donations directly to Catholic Diocese of Owensboro at 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301 ... checks payable to Catholic Diocese of Owensboro with Tornado Relief on the memo line.

We Are Called To Be

The Hands of Christ...Open to All
From Human Concerns
By Sandy Michalski



Thy Perfect Light

Epiphany - an illuminating discovery, realization, or disclosure. How many epiphanies have we had in our lifetimes? Probably quite a few! Perhaps it was that 'aha' moment when we realized our love was way bigger than that grudge we were nurturing for so long. Maybe it was when we faced the fact that some of our overabundance of food and other possessions could really help many people in need. Perhaps it was when we decided it was time to go and meet the new neighbors who seemed to be struggling. There is a common thread in these examples - the realization of shoes others are walking in can be very painful indeed. Once we 'walk a mile in their shoes,' we sure want to help alleviate that pain in any way we can. After all, that is certainly what Jesus would do.

This weekend we celebrate the 'illuminating discovery' by the Magi of Jesus as King and Savior. The Magi present significant gifts to the baby Jesus: gold to honor His kingship; frankincense to honor His divinity; myrrh to honor His humanity and mortality (often used for embalming rituals.) The Magi came from the east which means that they were not Jews. This visit foreshadows the acceptance of gentiles into the fold of Jesus' believers and followers. We see that this feast is jam-packed with symbolic meaning! As modern-day 'wise men and women' let us show honor to our blessed Savior by recognizing His sublime kingship, His infinite divinity and His loving humanity. "...the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season." *Pius Parsch*

In keeping with our resolve to share our overabundance with others and to preserve the integrity of our common home, please join the upcoming book discussion on *Laudato Si* ... see page 5 of the bulletin for detailed information.

"As human beings we are united by the concern for our planet and every living thing that dwells on it, especially the poorest and most vulnerable."
Pope Francis

**HUMAN CONCERNS:
EMPTY BASKET**

**Can you help?
Items needed:**



- Warm winter clothing for immigrants at Fort McCoy ... for men, women and children ... all sizes.

Please place your donations in the Human Concerns "Empty Basket" in the front entrance to church.

Thank you in advance!

NEED HELP?



St. Vincent de Paul members, with strict confidentiality, can assist you regardless of religious affiliation. We help provide funds for rent, utilities, mortgage, food or other needs ... plus have referrals to other agencies.

If you need help, or know someone who does, contact SVDP at 262-284-4637.



REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

Kim Fields
Jim Gantner
Ruth Heuer
Georgia Jung
Evelyn L. Nowak
Joan Ritonia
Ted Salkowski

Mary G. Schaub
Clarence Schatzman
Joan Schatzman
Caroline Schilberg
Diana Setzer
Mark Spence

If you wish to add your name to the prayer list, please complete and sign a Prayer Authorization Form which is available on the bulletin boards at all entrances. **A new authorization form is required every six months.**

ADULT MINISTRY

Contact Sheri Hanson, Pastoral Associate, with questions.
shanson@stjosephgrafton.org / 262-375-6500 x175



Pope Francis' letter to all Roman Catholic Churches, the first encyclical to focus on the environment, offers a comprehensive discussion on the destruction of our environment and our foundation in the Church's teaching on creation. Join Deacon Scott Wiese and the St. Joseph Parish Creation Care Team in reading and reflecting on this important church document as we discern how we can care for God's creation individually and as a parish.

Wednesdays, January 12 - February 16
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Conference Rooms B/C
(January 19 and February 16 ... Doherty Hall)

For the January 12 session ,
please read the Introduction and Chapter 1.

To purchase your own copy of "Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home":

- Order on Amazon OR
- Download the document from the Vatican website at www.vatican.va/



Please RSVP to Sheri Hanson at
shanson@stjosephgrafton.org.

If you would like to join the discussion via Zoom, please email Sheri at the above email address and the link will be shared with you as the date approaches.



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Our Facebook Page
St. Joseph Parish
Grafton, WI



Sponsor-A-Workcamper Fundraiser
January 8 & 9 (After Masses)

Please consider supporting the youth attending Workcamp in Erie, PA this July. See our **Sponsor-A-Workcamper** booklets which will be available the weekend of January 8 & 9 to learn more about the individual Workcampers and how you can support them both financially and/or spiritually.

All workcamp donations should be returned to the
Christian Formation Office by January 30.

LOVING BEYOND LIMITS WEBINAR SERIES

If you missed the Spirit Alive Loving Beyond Limits webinar series, we invite you to watch the recordings.
Great for anyone interested in reflecting more on our faith in the modern world.

- ◆ GOD: LOVE BEYOND ALL LIMITS
- ◆ LOVING BEYOND THE LIMITS OF RACE
- ◆ LOVING BEYOND THE LIMITS OF GENDER & SEXUAL ORIENTATION
- ◆ LOVING BEYOND THE LIMITS OF CULTURE AND NATIONALITY
- ◆ LOVING BEYOND ALL LIMITS: REASONS FOR HOPE IN OUR FRAGILE AND POLARIZED WORLD

Recordings of these webinars can be accessed at
<https://brentwoodcsj.org/spirit-alive/fall-2021-webinar-series/>



"There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens."

I can hardly begin to express my gratitude and appreciation for such an amazing farewell weekend! By your example, I learned how to minister here for 21 years; and now you are teaching me how to graciously say goodbye. Thank you for your beautiful blessings, your incredible hospitality, and your generous and heartfelt greetings and expressions of thanks!

On this Feast of Epiphany, I am thankful for the gift that St. Joseph Parish – and each of you – has been in my life. Thank you for the most incredible journey of life and faith that I ever could have hoped for! I love you, will pray for you, and will follow Mary's example of "keeping all these things, and reflecting on them in my heart." God Bless!

Peace and love,
Brenda Cline

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Be Our Light

Father,
you reveal yourself throughout the ages,
showing us the light of your love.
You said, "Let there be light,"
and there was light.
When you sent your Son to reveal
yourself most fully,

you gave a star as a sign.
Be our light.
Fill us with your light
that we might light the way to you.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Overjoyed

Today's readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12. "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." The Magi had gone to the palace because their way of seeking wisdom—following the natural signs of the world—told them a king had been born. A king whose importance was so great that his birth was told in the stars. But the king was not in the palace. This birth, so significant as to be marked by a star, was hidden away in Bethlehem, a small town.

The Magi were not Jewish. They did not know about the promise of God that was now being fulfilled. But God gave them a light to follow. The new thing that God was doing—fulfilling the promises of old to bring salvation to the ends of the earth—included them.

Scripture tells us that when the star stopped over the place where Jesus was, the Magi were overjoyed to see it. Inside the home, they found Jesus with Mary, his mother. They fell down and worshiped him, so overcome were they with joy at what God was doing and at the gift of being allowed to share in it.

Then the Magi went home by another route. This is, of course, practical, in that they were avoiding Herod. But they went home a different way because they were themselves different. They were changed by their joy. What light has God given you to follow? When have you been filled with joy? How did it change you?



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, January 3

A Great Light

“The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light.” Jesus reveals himself as the light when he preaches the kingdom of God and heals those who come to him. One purpose of the healing Jesus performed was to return to the community those who were separated from society because of illness or disability. As Jesus heals, his identity shines forth as clearly as it did in the star of Bethlehem. With each healing, he also enters into the vocation of the messiah. *Today’s readings: 1 John 3:22–4:6; Psalm 2:7bc–8, 10–12a; Matthew 4:12–17, 23–25.*

Tuesday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first person born in the United States to be canonized a saint. As a young widow and mother of five, she converted to Catholicism. She founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph’s, and began the first Catholic girls’ school in the United States. She is the patron saint of Catholic schools. *Today’s readings: 1 John 4:7–10; Psalm 72:1–2, 3–4, 7–8; Mark 6:33–44.*

Wednesday, January 5

Perfect Love

“Perfect love drives out fear.” John certainly knew that the world was a broken place when he wrote his first letter. He had witnessed the crowds turning on Jesus and the early persecutions, in addition to the daily worries and anxieties all human beings experience. John knew that there were many dangers in the world. He does not say that perfect love causes fear not to arise. He says perfect love drives it away. This is not about a feeling but about whether we choose to let fear overwhelm us, or whether we choose a different path. Do not be afraid, God says. How can you choose love today? *Today’s readings: 1 John 4:11–18; Psalm 72:1–2, 10, 12–13; Mark 6:45–52.*

Thursday, January 6

Fulfilled in Your Hearing

Proclaiming the Scripture from Isaiah, Jesus describes the messiah and the era he has come to inaugurate. As Christ’s hands and feet in the world, we too must live this fulfillment. What might it mean to proclaim glad tidings to the poor? How can you proclaim liberty to captives? Where can you heal brokenness? The heartbreak that you feel over conditions is your call to live in the kingdom of God. *Today’s readings: 1 John 4:19–5:4; Psalm 72:1–2, 14, 15bc, 17; Luke 4:14–22.*

Friday, January 7

Carrying the Light

Some people keep their Christmas tree or manger until the traditional date of Epiphany, which was yesterday. There is also a tradition of keeping some decorations until the Feast of the Presentation in the Temple, or Candlemas, which is celebrated February 2. It can be beautiful to carry the joy of Christmas into Ordinary Time by leaving up a few decorations, possibly some lights to symbolize that Jesus is the Light of the World. *Today’s readings: 1 John 5:5–13; Psalm 147:12–13, 14–15, 19–20; Luke 5:12–16.*

Saturday, January 8

Joy Made Complete

Human beings are prone to conflict. In today’s Gospel, we hear the disciples of John the Baptist perceiving rivalry between John and Jesus. As a prophet, John knows that God’s project is healing all such divisions. He knows that he was called to prepare the way for the messiah, and now that the messiah is come, he feels nothing but joy. Where in your life has unnecessary conflict and rivalry stolen your joy? How can you be a peacemaker in those situations? John’s joy comes in seeing with God’s eyes. Can you look at a difficult situation with new eyes? *Today’s readings: 1 John 5:14–21; Psalm 149:1–2, 3–4, 5, 6a, 9b; John 3:22–30.*



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KEEPING THE SEASONS
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2021-2022

**St. Joseph Parish School:
Teaching, Learning, Leading, and Serving
as the Hands of Christ**

SCHOOL SCENE

By Ms. Amanda Putzer, K3 Teacher

The K3 students have had a very exciting couple of weeks! On Monday, December 6th they did a St. Nick project and then had the chance to meet the big man himself! They also learned about the caring and generous nature of St. Nick and how to be generous and caring, too.



In addition, to aid in muscle development and dexterity, we played with a lot of playdough in our classroom. I asked the students to make two longer snakes and one shorter snake. I then instructed them to make a letter of the alphabet. Usually, the students make "A" or "H," but this time I had a student make a "Y!" It was very exciting!

Finally, the 4th graders have been using their Friday fun time to help in K3! They help them pack up their backpacks and then play and read with them. The K3 students love it!

The next three school days are going to be crazy, but very fun as we continue our Advent celebrations and prepare for Christmas break.



As part of the upcoming celebration of St. Joseph Parish's 175th anniversary, we are beginning work on a new parish history. We are hoping that our parishioners will have stories and pictures to share for this new edition. If you would like to help tell the story of St. Joseph Parish, please contact Debbie Krueger at dkrueger@wi.rr.com or call 262-375-4954.



**Home & School
Scrip Sale Next Weekend!**

The St. Joseph Parish School Scrip Committee would like to thank everyone who purchased Scrip during our December sale. Each Scrip purchase made by our parish members helps provide a fantastic Catholic education to our many students.

Our next Scrip sale will be next weekend, January 8 and 9, after all Masses. Whether you're using Scrip to do all your shopping on Amazon, buying groceries at Pick N Save or Meijer, getting gas at Mobil or purchasing Green Bay Packers gear at Dick's Sporting Goods, your support means students are getting a good education at St. Joseph Parish School. **Scrip order forms can also be found on the Hospitality Desk in the Gathering Hall.**

For faster ordering in the future or to reload existing cards, sign up for a family account using the SJPS code— A2F8B5C91447— and place your order online.

For more information or additional cards outside of Scrip weekends, please contact Sue Henke at schooloffice@stjosephgrafton.org or (262) 375-6505 x0.

Once again, we thank you for your continued support of our children and the excellent Catholic education they receive at St. Joseph Parish School!

Transition Team Update

For more information please contact Sheri Hanson, Pastoral Associate & Transition Team Chair. shanson@stjosephgrafton.org or 262-375-6500 x 175

Now included on our St. Joseph Parish website (www.stjosephgrafton.org) is our completed Parish Profile which is required by the Archdiocese to help with the assignment of a new pastor/parish director in June 2022. We have also created a video highlighting the gifts of St. Joseph Parish. This video will be shown at Mass this weekend and is posted on the website next to our Parish Profile. The profile and accompanying video are the results of hard work and many hours of collaboration among parish leadership at all levels. Take a look and discover all of God's gifts to our parish family.

ST. JOSEPH CONGREGATION - GRAFTON, WI
January 2, 2022 - The Epiphany of the Lord

St. Joseph – Grafton
SVDP Conference 2021 Annual Report



The St. Joseph – Grafton St. Vincent de Paul Conference has quietly been aiding neighbors in need in Grafton for 40 years.

Below is listed how, with your generous donations of money and goods, our members were able to aid neighbors in need during our last fiscal year (10/1/2020 - 9/30/2021).

- ◆ 15 active members visited neighbors in need and attended SVDP meetings.
- ◆ 20 associate members helped with special events, went on occasional visits, or volunteered at the SVDP Thrift Store.
- ◆ \$29,472 was donated by parishioners like you and from our SVDP Thrift Store from the sale of your donated goods.
- ◆ 236 visits with neighbors in need provided \$18,031 in assistance to help with rent, utilities, gas and food. We also provided referrals to other agencies that may be able to help, such as Family Promise, Salvation Army, Advocates, etc.
- ◆ 36 SVDP Thrift Store vouchers were provided to neighbors in need for clothing, furniture, household goods and toys at no cost.
- ◆ 56 Thanksgiving baskets were provided to neighbors in need and their families donated by parishioners and the parish school.
- ◆ 137 Christmas gifts were delivered to neighbors in need and their families donated by parishioners.
- ◆ 50 Christmas gifts were delivered to kids at Milwaukee SVDP Meal Sites donated by parishioners.
- ◆ 3 Christmas gifts were delivered to the Women's Care Center donated by parishioners.
- ◆ 111 bags of food from our pantry were provided to hungry neighbors in need.
- ◆ 872 hours were donated by our members in support of conference activities.
- ◆ 2,616 miles were donated by our members in support of conference activities.
- ◆ \$4200 was given to St. Catherine's SVDP conference in Milwaukee, to other needy SVDP conferences in Milwaukee and to the Milwaukee SVDP Meal program.
- ◆ \$3400 was given to the Los Toros SVDP conference.
- ◆ SVDP special events included: Thanksgiving Baskets, Giving Tree, Bundle Sundays, Back to School Drive, and volunteering at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store.

We wish to thank everyone that helped in any way in bringing direct aid to neighbors in need in our community.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." Mathew 25:35-36



End of Calendar Year 2021 Donations

Contributions received or postmarked on or before December 31, 2021 will be included in your calendar year 2021 donor statement. Contributions received or postmarked later will be posted as a 2022 donation.

It does not matter what date is on your check. If you date a check for January 1, 2022 and drop it off or mail it in December, we are required to post it as a 2021 calendar year donation. Likewise, a check dated December 31, 2021 that is dropped off or postmarked January 1, 2022 or later will be posted as a 2022 donation.

Our parish office will be closed Friday, December 24, 2021 through Monday, January 3, 2022. This means that checks that are brought to the parish office must arrive by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 23 to be posted as a 2021 donation. Donations placed in the collection baskets during any of the Christmas Masses and the weekend Masses on December 26 will be included in your 2021 donor statement. Donations placed in the exterior lock box before or on December 31, 2021 will also be included in your 2021 donor statement.

If you have questions, please contact the parish office at 262-375-6500, x100 and Barb will assist you.

Thank you,

Jay Frymark
Director of Administration

Donations to Parish . . . Sale of Stock

Thank you for your generous stock contributions. Important to note is that the checks the parish receives from the sale of stock do not show the name of the donor.

In order to match the donor to the stock donation, please contact Jay Frymark, Director of Administration, to let him know what stock is being sold and estimated value. Thanks so much!

Estate Planning

Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your estate planning.

For information, please contact
Jay Frymark, Director of Administration, at either
262-375-6500, x102 or jfrymark@stjosephgrafton.org.



THANK YOU – You Amaze Me!

Dear St. Joseph Parish:

I would be remiss if I left without thanking you for your participation in the “Love One Another” Campaign! I am pleased to report the following update:

- ⇒ **Raised:** \$1,126,835 (We reached 70% of our goal!)
- ⇒ **Remaining:** \$476,600 (Total goal is \$1.6M)
- ⇒ **Participating families:** 322 (27%)

I know that pledges are still coming in, especially year-end contributions; so I expect these totals to grow a bit yet. I am also sure that there will continue to be follow-up calls and mailings. But please know this: I am so very happy with our parish participation! I believe that we are responding to the very best of our ability. I am incredibly grateful for your generous response – both your prayers and your pledges. St. Joseph Parish is well-poised for the future because of your incredible Stewardship in this campaign, and in our annual Stewardship of Treasure. I am so proud of this community!

I would like to extend a very special thank you to our LOA parish committee, who answered the most daunting and difficult of callings to serve on the local team to make this all possible. What’s worse than being asked for money? Being the askers! And your fellow parishioners – a small and mighty team – stepped up to the task, all for the greater good of St. Joseph Parish! Please thank them when you see them: Lisa Delorit, Tom & Christine Pinkowsky, Michelle Rindt, Chuck Boehm, Peggy Stern, and John Gassert. They have done an incredible service to this church!

Thank you all!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Brenda Cline

ADDITIONAL LOVE ONE ANOTHER UPDATES AND CLARIFICATION

If you pledged: Thank you and please note there has been a lag in processing some credit card and bank withdrawals at the Archdiocese. Please check your account if you are expecting a transaction before the end of the year. If you have a concern or question, please contact Lisa Delorit - ladelorit@gmail.com / 262-853-9158.

If you have been receiving phone calls: The campaign is utilizing a calling center to make reminder calls. If they are unable to reach you, they will not leave a voicemail, and your caller ID will show the parish’s phone number. You do not need to return the call.

If you plan to return a pledge yet this year: The parish office will be closed December 24 through January 3. Therefore, we kindly ask that you mail your pledge directly to the Love One Another office: **Archdiocese of Milwaukee ...Love One Another Appeal Campaign ... Box 78496 ... Milwaukee WI 53278-8496.**

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