

WEEKEND MASSES

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**

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00 - 3:45 PM

Wednesdays: 5:45 - 6:45 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 are requesting Anointing, please contact Fr. Tim Schumaker 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 Mass. Online registration available on our parish website.

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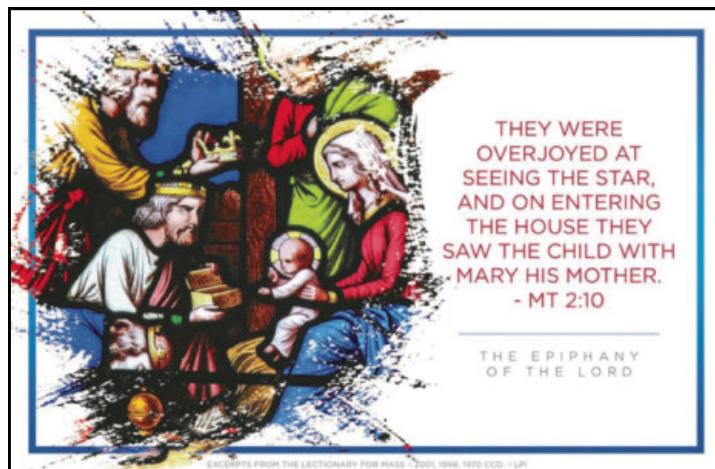
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THE HANDS OF CHRIST...

OPEN TO ALL

January 5, 2025 :: The Epiphany of the Lord



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ST. JOSEPH CONGREGATION - GRAFTON, WI
January 5, 2025 - The Epiphany of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan 4

8:30 AM For Our Parishioners
 4:00 PM †Fred Roloff

Sunday, Jan 5

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners
 10:30 AM †Linda Scofield

Monday, Jan 6

Tuesday, Jan 7 - *Fr. Kevin Kowalske*

8:30 AM For Our Parishioners

Wednesday, Jan 8 - *Fr. Kevin Kowalske*

5:00 PM †Georgia Jung

Thursday, Jan 9 - *Fr. Kevin Kowalske*

8:30 AM For Our Parishioners

Friday, Jan 10 - *Fr. Kevin Kowalske*

8:30 AM †Donald Kuster

Saturday, Jan 11 - *Fr. Kevin Kowalske*

4:00 PM Aaron Zellmer

Sunday, Jan 12 - *Fr. Kevin Kowalske*

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners
 Baptism: Streff Family
 10:30 AM †Frank Crivello

“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 5, 2025

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 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 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 3:15-16, 21-22

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, January 5

After Masses Epiphany Celebration
 9:15 AM Christian Formation Sessions: Grades 1 - 5
 6:30 PM Life Night: High School Formation

Monday, January 6

3:30 PM Adult Formation Small Group
 6:30 PM The Chosen: Season 4
 7:00 PM Young Adult Group

Tuesday, January 7

6:00 PM Stewardship Committee

Wednesday, January 8

3:30 PM Scripture Study
 6:00 PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
 6:00 PM Edge Night: Middle School Formation

Thursday, January 9

9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry
 5:30 PM Youth Mission Trip Meeting
 7:00 PM Parish Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 10 - *Parish Office Closes at Noon*

Saturday, January 11

10:00 AM Women's Group
 After Mass HC: Small Change
 After Mass Youth Mission Trip: Sponsor-A-Youth
 After Mass St. Joseph Parish School: RaiseRight Sale

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 12	Youth Mission Trip: Sponsor-A-Youth (After Masses) St. Joseph Parish School: RaiseRight Sale (After Masses) HC: Small Change (After Masses)
Jan 13	Adult Formation: Small Group Life Long Faith Formation Committee Baptism Preparation Session
Jan 14	50 Plus Planning Committee SVDP Committee
Jan 15	Scripture Study
Jan 16	Finance Council Prayer Shawl Ministry Parish Choir Rehearsal
Jan 17	<i>Parish Office Closes at Noon</i>
Jan 18	Knights of Columbus: Life Savers Event (After Mass)

Reconciliation - St. Joseph Parish

**Wednesdays: 5:45 - 6:45 p.m.
 Saturdays: 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.**

Reconciliation Room

LECTOR SCHEDULE

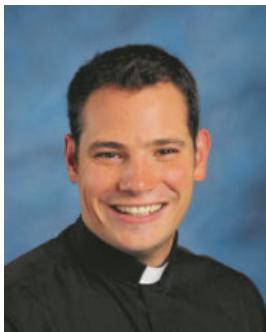
January 11th and 12th

4:00 PM	Judy Wendtlandt, Darlynne Haertlein, Faye Herrick
8:00 AM	Christine Crom, Grace Mateo Zayas, Tina Kupcho
10:30 AM	Marjean Westphal, Patricio Perez, Lynne Delfosse

STEWARSHIP OF TREASURE
Our Weekly Gift Of Thanks

December 22nd Sunday Offertory \$ 35,966.26

Due to bulletin early print schedules, Offertory information for Christmas, December 29th and January 5th will be included in the January 12, 2025 bulletin.



PASTORAL PONDERINGS

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

Fr. Timothy Schumaker, Parish Administrator

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory.

These words from our first reading on Epiphany Sunday remind me of a classic image found in cartoon comics and shows. This image is of a rain cloud that follows the character while everyone else enjoys the sunny day. No matter where the character goes, the cloud and rain follows them and keeps them in this place of darkness and sadness.

Yet we read and hear in our first reading that our faith does just the opposite. In a world that often appears dark and sad, *darkness covers the earth and thick clouds cover the peoples*, we as men and women of faith walk with the light of God shining upon us, *upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory*.

Imagine how different this image is, that while the world is covered in darkness, we walk amidst it with the light of the Lord and his glory following us from above. No matter where we go, we are followed by the spotlight from heaven. It is a powerful image and one that we are called to embody. We are called to be a light to those around us, a light that leads people to Christ just as that star of Bethlehem led the three magi to Christ in the manger.

The world needs this light, one just listens to the daily news to understand the dark and sadness which covers it. We must be beacons of hope, peace, joy, patience, kindness, and most importantly love.

Having just received the Light of the World 10 days ago, may we continue to bask in it and bring its warmth and brilliance to each and every person we encounter.

My name is Andy Smith, and I am excited to be joining St. Joseph Parish staff as Director of Liturgical Music beginning January 2nd! I come to St. Joseph Parish with over 15 years of experience in directing choirs and teaching music, ten of those years right here in St. Joseph Parish School.



My relationship with St. Joseph Parish began in 2002 when the youth of St Joseph Parish went on a summer workcamp trip. I accompanied my now wife, Laura, and had the blessing of beginning a life-long friendship with Brenda Cline, who was our Youth Minister at the time.

In 2009, I began working in the Catholic Church teaching in several Catholic schools, and directing St. Peter Catholic Parish's Contemporary Ensemble for three years. In 2012, I became the full time Director of Music at St. Peter Catholic Parish. I have LOVED all my years directing three adult choir groups and various children's choirs throughout the liturgical year.

In 2014, I began teaching at St. Joseph Parish School, along with providing music at our Thursday morning Masses, and many Christmas and Spring concerts, all focused on our School's Mission: Teaching, Learning, Leading, and Serving as the Hands of Christ.

I've also enjoyed directing nine musicals, with performances in our very own Doherty Hall each Spring. I look forward to continuing to teach and direct in our parish school, and look forward to exploring opportunities to bring our students, families, parishioners, and staff closer through music in the Liturgy.

In my personal life, Laura and I have four children; Elijah, Josephine, Theodore, and Hazel. We enjoy traveling and camping together as a family during the summer months, playing board games when we have time, and are all looking forward to having Dad working a bit closer to home.

I am very excited to begin working with folks here at St. Joseph Parish, and continuing to teach Music in our parish school as well. I hope to continue fostering a lively music program, honoring the history and legacy of those before, while venturing into the future of our faith. I hope not only to work with the talented choir members we already have here, but also look forward to welcoming new members as well. I hope to especially connect with the families and children of the parish, and to offer many opportunities to get all more involved in the Mass.

May God's blessings find you well this holiday season! See you in January.

Andy

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR WEATHER CLOSURES AT ST JOSEPH PARISH

If St. Joseph Parish School closes due to inclement weather, the parish will also be closed. We will send out a "special email" titled ATTENTION PARISHIONERS that will let you know when we close due to the weather. You can also watch for closure announcements on local TV stations.

**We Are Called To Be
The Hands of Christ...Open to All**

*From Human Concerns
By Sandy Michalski*



Seek!

If God has favorite prophets, Isaiah must be close to the top of His list! The accuracy of his prophesies is sometimes uncanny. In the first reading today, we hear Isaiah predict the Lord's coming radiance shining on Jerusalem, the arrival of camels from the East and gifts of gold and frankincense. Sound familiar? He is actually foretelling today's feast of the Epiphany! After Jesus was born, it is believed that the Magi traveled around 900 miles to find Him. This may have taken at least a year, not counting many weeks of preparation. Their quest for knowledge and fulfillment was incredibly relentless, truly amazing!

The gifts they offered the Christ child, gold, frankincense and myrrh, were quite valuable. What can we offer our Lord, as we come before Him in worship? Let us offer Him our time, more valuable than gold – time to spend in silence, friendship and adoration, as we contemplate His unfailing, everlasting love for us. Instead of frankincense, let us offer up the fragrant incense of our prayers, always irresistibly pleasing to God. Myrrh was often used to embalm the dead. This gift to baby Jesus was a sign of His future passion and death. Instead of myrrh, let us offer our death to sinfulness and our rebirth to goodness and yes, to holiness! The gifts of the Magi were temporary, of this world. Our gifts, so much more valuable, will resound joyfully throughout eternity! Thank you 'star of wonder, star of light'!

Lord, help us to always seek You with the wisdom and diligence of the Three Wise Men.

**HUMAN CONCERNs:
EMPTY BASKET**

Can you help? Items needed:

- diapers/wipes, food/formula, clothing, blankets/twin sheets, toys, Vaseline (small), new/gently used towels/washcloths, clothes, feminine hygiene, soap/shampoo, hand/body lotion, hand sanitizer



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

Thank you for your generosity!

Questions?

Please contact Mike Kuenn at 414-807-3737.

Ministers of Care Needed to Visit Anita's Garden

We are looking for three people to join our Ministers of Care team and visit residents at Anita's Garden in Grafton on Sunday mornings 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. You would be scheduled one a month.

If you are interested in finding out more about this ministry or volunteering, please contact Sheri Hanson, Pastoral Associate.

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Need Help?



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

If you need help or know someone who does, call SVDP at 262-284-4637 or visit stjosephgrafton.org / Volunteer Tab/ St. Vincent de Paul for a Neighbor in Need Resource List.



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St. Joseph Parish
Grafton, WI**



REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

Rick Gonzalez
Barbara Kuster
Evelyn Nowak
Clarence Schatzman

John Sigwart
Mark Spence
Walter Tesch

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.

THE CHOSEN: SEASON 4

Mondays:

January 6, 20, Feb 3, 17, Mar 3, 17, 31, Apr 7

Join us in the Gathering Hall from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. as we watch and discuss the fourth season of *The Chosen* on Monday evenings January 6, 20, February 3, 17, March 3, 17, 31, and April 7. Snacks will be provided. All are welcome!

Questions?

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MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

The Men's Group invites all men of the parish to join us on Tuesday mornings for That Man Is You (TMIY). The theme this year is The Fight of Faith. The program features several dynamic Catholic speakers and enables men to engage in the spiritual battle we face today. You can join the program at any time. There are over 25,000 men across the country who are participating in the TMIY program this year. Our St. Joseph Men's Group is a band of brothers who will support you on your journey. It is powerful when you gather with other men who are striving to do right by God and their families.



Our winter/spring sessions begin on February 4. Please join us Tuesday mornings in the Gathering Hall for a light breakfast, fellowship, and discussion. Doors open at 6:00 a.m. with the video and discussion at 6:30 a.m. and we wrap up by 7:30 a.m.

Questions?

**Please contact Tom Schmitz at
414-630-5577 / schmitz5@sbcglobal.net**

SCRIPTURE STUDY

**Wednesdays - Conference Room B
3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.**

On Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. a group of us gather to read, study and reflect on Scripture. All are welcome to join us in lower level Conference Room B.

**To register for a book, please contact Sheri Hanson,
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WOMEN'S GROUP

Reflection on Women of the Bible

January 11th

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Lower Level Conference Rooms B and C

All women are invited to join us for a reflection on women in the bible on Saturday, January 11, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in lower level Conference Rooms B and C.



Maureen Rotramel, Director of Faith Formation and Pastoral Care, from St. John XXIII Parish will lead our reflection. A light breakfast will be provided.

Questions?
**Please contact Sheri Hanson, Pastoral Associate.
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**Join Us For
DEVOTIONS AFTER WEEKDAY MASSES**

We offer public devotions after our weekday Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

- ♦ Tuesdays: Mother of Perpetual Help
- ♦ Wednesdays: Litany of St. Joseph
- ♦ Fridays: The Divine Mercy Chaplet

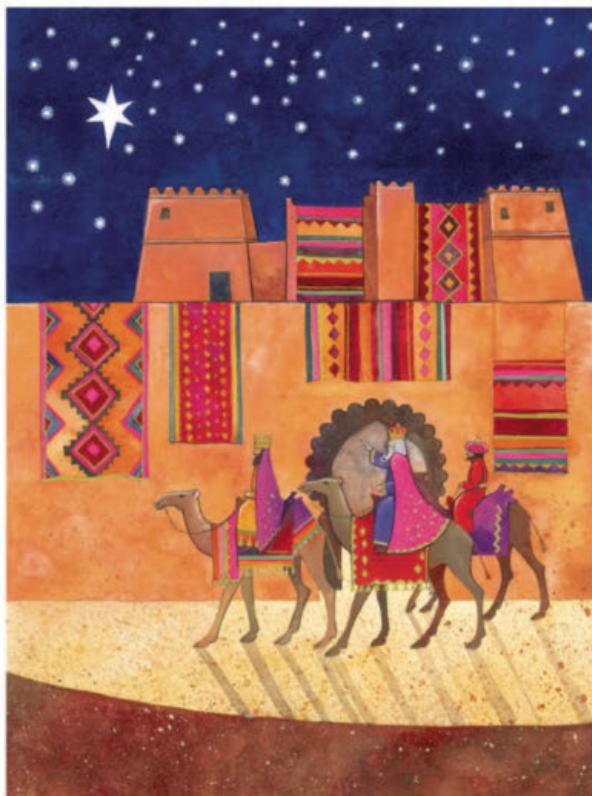
ADULT FORMATION ON MONDAYS!
3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. — Conference Room B

Join us in reflecting on our faith! We will meet Mondays from 3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. in lower level Conference Room B to pray, reflect and discuss different aspects of our faith. This will consist of short presentations, small group discussions, videos, reading Scripture and reading short segments from Church doctrine. It will be informal and for anyone who just wants to spend time reflecting on our faith and talking to other parishioners. All are welcome! Topics will vary from week to week depending on interests of the group, Archdiocesan offerings and current events.

**To register for Monday Adult Formation, contact
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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Radiant Light

God our guiding light,
you illuminated the long path to our
Lord for the Magi.

Like the travelers,
we are overjoyed by your radiant
presence made known to us.
Though darkness blankets the world,
your glory shines upon us.
May we gather,
walk by your light,
and pay homage to you all the days
of our lives.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, January 5, 2025 Treasures for the Lord



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*. The Magi travel to pay homage to the Holy Family after Jesus is born, a fulfillment of the prophecy we hear in the first reading. Isaiah urges Jerusalem to “rise up in splendor,” for the light has come. He tells of people who journey a long distance, “bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord.” The Magi do just this and bring three gifts to honor baby Jesus: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. There is much symbolism in these gifts: gold identifies Jesus as a king; frankincense, used as incense for offerings, symbolizes prayer; myrrh, used in healing and embalming, foreshadows Jesus’ death.

Though it may feel like Christmas is over as the world has moved on from celebrating the holiday season, the Church celebrates Christmas until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (this year, that is next Sunday, January 12). In the spirit of Christmas, reflect on what treasures you possess to give to the Lord, on what gifts you can offer to your community and the Church. After your prayerful reflection, offer a gift to someone this week. A person in your community might appreciate the gift of quality time; an agency might welcome your volunteer hours; children in your family would appreciate the gift of faith through faith-sharing on the Epiphany; and organizations that serve families appreciate monetary gifts.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, January 6 Consolation and Desolation

“Do not trust every spirit but test the spirits to see whether they belong to God,” warns John the apostle. Indeed, it is critical to discern God’s will. St. Ignatius of Loyola writes about the states of consolation (joy, peace, being settled) and desolation (fear, anxiety, being unsettled) in prayerful decision-making. Per St. John’s encouragement to deepen our spiritual awareness, take time today to learn about Ignatian discernment. Consider how you can practice prayerful discernment. *Today’s readings: 1 John 3:22—4:6; Psalm 2:7bc–8, 10–12a; Matthew 4:12–17, 23–25.*

Tuesday, January 7 Abundance

Jesus takes five loaves and two fish to feed the vast crowd gathered to hear him preach. The disciples are skeptical as Jesus turns a small amount of food into an abundance that feeds five thousand people. Invite your family to reflect on the abundance with which God has blessed you. Gather at the end of the day and say a prayer of gratitude, naming some of those blessings. *Today’s readings: 1 John 4:7–10; Psalm 72:1–2, 3–4, 7–8; Mark 6:34–44.*

Wednesday, January 8 Take Courage

In today’s Gospel, Jesus walks on water during a storm to reach the disciples. They are terrified, but Jesus says to them: “Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid!” The wind dies down and the disciples are astounded. Their hearts are hardened, as they cannot comprehend Jesus’ self-revelation as the Son of God. Find a church in your area that offers Eucharistic adoration. When you go to pray, consider how you can keep your heart from hardening. How can you surrender your fears? *Today’s readings: 1 John 4:11–18; Psalm 72:1–2, 10, 12–13; Mark 6:45–52.*

Thursday, January 9 Liberty

Highlighting Jesus’ mission of liberation, the Gospel proclaims that he will especially serve the marginalized and forgotten, bringing “glad tidings to the poor.” From the first reading, we hear that “God is love.” Further, “We love because he first loved us.” Set time aside this week to serve someone who is afflicted or oppressed. While you serve, pray with John the apostle’s words: whoever does not love another “whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.” *Today’s readings: 1 John 4:19—5:4; Psalm 72:1–2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Luke 4:14–22a.*

Friday, January 10 Withdraw to Pray

Jesus cleanses a leper and, while word of his ministry spreads and crowds gather to listen to him, he withdraws “to deserted places to pray.” Amid his healing and preaching, Jesus models the importance of cultivating a prayer life. Spend time creating a prayer space in your home. This should be a space to which you can withdraw, like Jesus. Set time aside to pray in this space at least once every week. *Today’s readings: 1 John 5:5–13; Psalm 147:12–13, 14–15, 19–20; Luke 5:12–16.*

Saturday, January 11 Idols

Take John the Baptist’s words to heart: “He must increase; I must decrease.” To do so, “be on your guard against idols,” as the first reading states, and consider what takes you away from God. Before going to sleep tonight, prayerfully review your day. How did you give glory to God? What “idols” distracted you from doing so? *Today’s readings: 1 John 5:14–21; Psalm 149:1–2, 3–4, 5, 6a and 9b; John 3:22–30.*



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 **KEEPING THE SEASONS**
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2024-2025

**St. Joseph Parish School:
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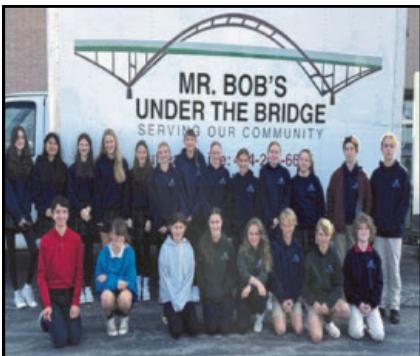
SCHOOL SCENE

By Ms. Gratz,
Middle School Math and Science Teacher

As another year comes to an end, the sixth, seventh and eighth grade students have been burning the candle at both ends in math and science - and they are all showing tremendous growth because of it! Aside from academics, we have been intentional this year about getting our middle school students involved in making a difference in the community, learning about themselves as stewards of our Catholic faith and in tune with everything they have to offer.

For our first middle school retreat, we worked with KC Kranich, Director of Youth Ministry, to have the students visit Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge just down the street here in Grafton. The focus of this retreat was on the Catholic Social Teaching of Rights and Responsibilities. Before we began, the students were lead in a discussion on social justice and the Catholic understanding of peace and its tenets. When we got to Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge, the students were given an introduction to the mission of the organization and heard first-hand stories about the hardships that others experience. The students then spent time sorting through numerous donations and helping to organize the clothing in preparation for its journey to Milwaukee for distribution.

When we returned, the students came together to debrief and reflect upon the activity. We shared thoughts on different scenarios, read through prayers and reflected upon Scriptures to help broaden our understanding of those around us and within our community who may struggle with the basic necessities of food, shelter, rest, medical care and/or social services. It was very eye-opening for some and was a wonderful way to foster a greater sense of our Catholic-ness within our students.



RaiseRightTM

Formerly ShopWithScrip

**St. Joseph Parish School
RaiseRight Sale Next Weekend!**

We would like to thank everyone who purchased RaiseRight gift cards during our November sale. Scrip has changed it's name to RaiseRight but each gift card purchased by our parish members still helps to provide a fantastic Catholic education to our many students.

Our next RaiseRight sale will take place after all Masses next weekend, January 11 and 12. Whether you're using RaiseRight gift cards to do all your shopping on Amazon, buying groceries at Pick N Save or Meijer, getting gas at Mobil or purchasing Packers gear at Dicks Sporting Goods, your support means students are getting a good education at St. Joseph Parish School. You can also stop by the school office at any time to order!

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 gift cards outside of
RaiseRight weekends, please contact
Deb Olszewski, our new School Secretary, at
schooloffice2@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!

ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL
TEACHING, LEARNING, LEADING, AND SERVING AS THE HANDS OF CHRIST



OPEN HOUSE
THURSDAY,
JAN. 30TH,
5-7PM

**SERVING GRADES
K3-8TH**

JOIN US!

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262-375-6505 x0

50 PLUS GROUP

Soup & Sandwich Luncheon Sunday, January 19 Following the 10:30 a.m. Mass



The 50 Plus Group welcomes adult parishioners aged 50 and better to join them for a luncheon and social get-together.

Free Will Offering

To plan for the lunch, we ask that you please sign up on the sheets provided on the Resource Table in the Gathering Hall.

Please register in advance so that we can plan the meal appropriately.

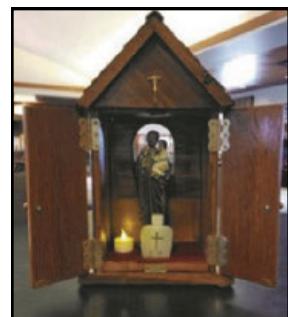
The 50+ Planning Committee invites you to join this fun group. If you like cooking, baking or washing dishes, we can use your help!

Contact Nancy at nancydavidbrown@yahoo.com or 262-375-1432.

JOURNEY WITH JOSEPH

Our Traveling St. Joseph, Our Guardian, is back for 2025!

The “Traveling St. Joseph, Our Guardian” is a statue of St. Joseph housed in a special case (shrine) that makes its way from home to home, staying nine days in each home in a living novena. After nine days the shrine comes back to our Parish for the next family to pick up and begin their Novena. If you recall, parishioners Stephen Lewis and Don Somogyi brought this beautiful devotion to our Parish.



History: Steve came to us with the idea and he also purchased a beautiful statue of St. Joseph. Don built the beautiful wooden shrine that houses St. Joseph and Deacon Scott Wiese blessed the shrine. The front medals on the shrine doors came from a rosary that was blessed by St. John Paul II!

This devotion began in Grass Lake, Michigan by Father Leo Joseph, director of the Shrine of St. Joseph, Patron of the Suffering and Dying. According to Father Joseph, “As protector of the Holy Family, who better to invite into our homes than St. Joseph?”

St. Joseph was a good father and husband to Jesus and Mary. Joseph isn’t just the father of Jesus; he is the spiritual father of the entire church and protects everyone who is a part of it. His role is to guide and protect anyone who is a part of the Catholic family. Accompanying the traveling statue will be suggested prayers, although each family is free to pray however they choose. After nine days the statue moves on to a new family.

Our Journeys will start the week of Sunday, January 5th and will go to the end of 2025. Please sign up to bring St. Joseph into your home. You will find the Traveling St. Joseph sign up book at the Resource Table at the back of the Gathering Hall.

Questions?

Please contact Madonne Rauch, Director of Stewardship.

262-375-6500 x122 / mrauch@stjosephgrafton.org



Extra copies of the 175th Anniversary Book are available for purchase in the parish office.

Books are \$25

If you have already ordered a book, please stop by the parish office to pick it up.



ST. JOSEPH PARISH YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Looking for young adults ages 21—35 to join St. Joseph Parish Young Adult Group. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each month at the home of Samantha Audino.

For additional information or if interested, please contact Samantha at samanthait2ly@gmail.com.

**February 7 - 9, 2025
Retrouvaille Weekend ... Franklin, Wisconsin**

Help for all marriages. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-VI with a long I) is based in the Catholic teaching that marriage is a sacrament. But the program is open to couples of all denominations who want to strengthen their relationships and work toward healing and forgiveness in their marriages. If you or someone you know is feeling hopeless or helpless about marriage, Retrouvaille is a lifeline for relationships in trouble.

For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend (February 7 - 9, 2025) in Franklin, WI, please:

Call: 414-502-7685 OR
Email: Milwaukee@HelpOurMrriage.org OR
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Sister Circle is an ecumenical women's group that meets monthly and offers women an opportunity to share their faith and support one another. Please join us!

We will be starting a new book in January. The book we'll be discussing is *Becoming Women of the Word* by Sarah Christmyer. Please read Chapters 1, 2 and 3 for the January meeting. An updated reading schedule will be available at the January meeting.

We will no longer be reading/discussing the book *Not Counting Women and Children, Neglected Stories from the Bible* by Megan McKenna.

Any questions about the new book or our group, please contact Mary at 414-828-4675 or mariwags@gmail.com.

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After Masses next weekend, January 18/19, enjoy a Life Saver candy, courtesy of the Knights of Columbus.

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**Knights of Columbus
San Salvador Council #4520
Annual Clergy Night Dinner**



Reserve your seat at the annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus San Salvador Council #4520 on Tuesday evening, February 11. The dinner is our way, as a faith community, to express our gratitude to Fr. Tim Schumaker, Deacon Al Lazaga, Deacon Scott Wiese, Fr. Patrick Burns, Fr. Matthew Ferch, and seminarians Deacon Brady Gagne, Carl Oman and Peter Danner. These are true men of faith who work tirelessly to enrich us spiritually and personally.

This year's dinner will be at the River Club of Mequon (12400 N. Ville Du Parc Dr. Mequon) on Tuesday evening, February 11th.

Featured speakers are Fr. John Burns and Sr. Miriam James Heidland, speaking on the topic of women in religious vocations.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Festivities begin with a cash bar social hour followed by a plated dinner at 7:00 p.m. (green salad with entrée choices of chicken, pork, or vegetarian, cake and coffee ... all entrees are GF).

Meal price: \$60 per guest, additional donations for priest, deacon and seminarian gifts are appreciated. A complimentary drink is included with each guest's meal.

Reservations: Can be made online, using the QR code found below, or by completing and returning the reservation form found at the Resource Table in the Gathering Hall.

Reservations website: www.kofc4520.com/clergy-night

Reservation deadline: Sunday, February 2nd. Seating is limited and on a first-come basis.

Questions? Please call or text Matt Anderson at 414-350-9775 or Bill Sobie at 262-353-1381.



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