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If you are not already a member,
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We seek to know, love, and serve God
and His children. Join us!

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MASS & PRAYER SCHEDULE

SAT. May 15 5:00 PM Mass †Kathleen Yoder

SUN. May 16 8:00 AM Mass †Michael McGinty
10:00 AM Mass for the Parish

TUES. May 18 5:15 PM Mass †Sandra Flood

WED. May 19 8:15 AM Mass For the return of our
fallen away family members to the
Church

THUR. May 20 8:15AM Mass For Lawrence Gonzalez
12:00-7:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

FRI. May 21 8:15 AM Mass For the Living &
Deceased members of the Koehler &
Walker Families

SAT. May 22 5:00 PM Mass †Otto & Leona Bries

SUN. May 23 8:00 AM Mass †Trevor Farrell
10:00 AM Mass For the Parish

HOLY ROSARY

Please join us in praying the Holy Rosary half an
hour before every Mass, weekends and weekdays.

CONFESSION

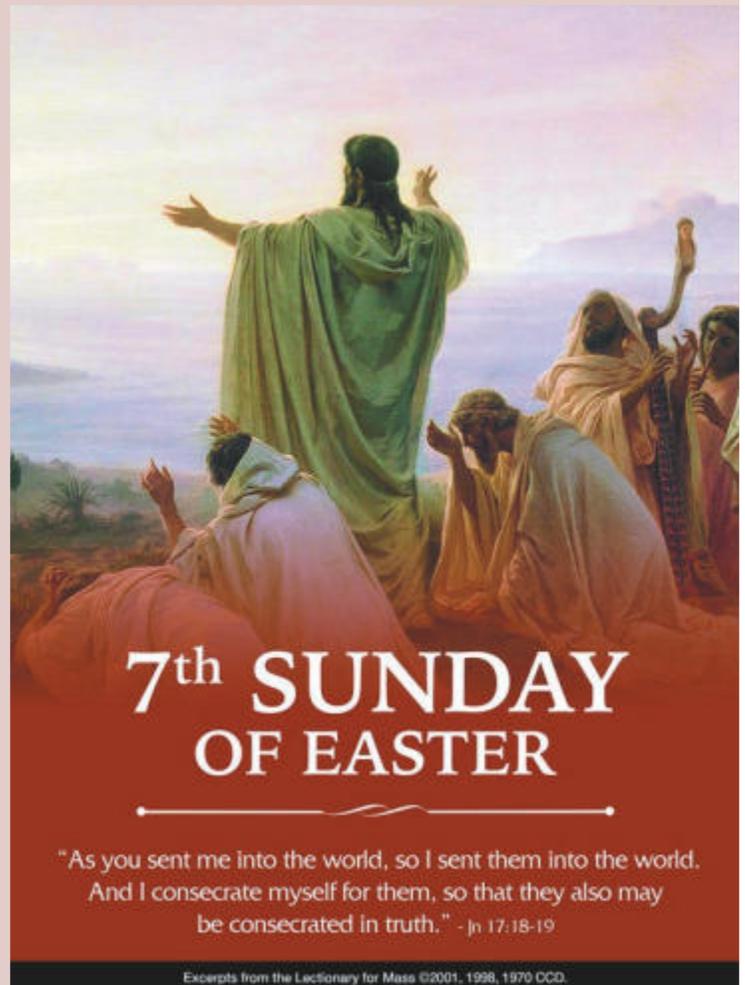
Saturdays 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Sundays.....7:30 - 7:45 AM & 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Appointment.....Call Fr. Tim anytime

MEMBERSHIP & SACRAMENTS

Please call the Parish Office to register as a member.
Contact Fr. Tim to inquire about baptism or marriage.
Call or email Father Tim for the Anointing of the Sick.
Active parishioners may inquire about a *quinceañera*



MAY 16, 2021

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May 16, 2021

7th Sunday of Easter

God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.

If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.



We should ask ourselves, Have I really experienced the joy of loving? True love is love that causes pain, that hurts, and yet brings joy. This is why we pray asking for the courage to love, and love more deeply than ever before.



Calendar of **EVENTS** at ST. JOSEPH PARISH

SUNDAY, MAY 23

6:00 PM PH Boy Scouts

MONDAY, MAY 24

6:00 PM #1 St. Vincent De Paul meeting

Friday, May 28

6:00 PM #1 Al-Anon meeting (childcare available)

This weekend the **National Combined Collection** is being conducted across the diocese. In the gathering space is a brochure explaining all of the individual collections and an envelope to make your gift. Please consider how you can make a difference in the lives of so many across this country.

Lectors

Former lectors and new volunteers! If you would like to be put back on the lector schedule, please contact the parish office. Covid has made a difference in how lectoring is done, but we would like to get more parishioners serving again. Thank you.



Please pray for the intentions
on our St. Joseph Prayer Chain.



Stewardship Report

Offertory Collection April 2021: \$37,799.64.

April EFTs: \$ 8,650.00.

April On-Line Giving: \$3,513.00.

Budget needed per week: \$9,577.00

Budget needed per month: \$41,500.00

Budget needed per year: \$498,00.00.

"The largest marginalized group in the world can be found in the U.S. They are the unborn,"

Sister Deirdre Byrne

"El grupo marginado más grande del mundo se puede encontrar en los EE. UU. Son los no nacidos",

Sister Deirdre Byrne

It's Coming Back!

Our parish will have our annual corn and chicken dinner in 2021. The Fall Fest Community Block Party will be held August 21 and 22. We'll be serving up tacos and tamales Saturday 4 to 7 pm and corn and chicken dinner Sunday from 11 to 4 with our traditional raffle drawings at 4:30. Save the date! We're still in the planning stages and any and all ideas and volunteers are welcome, so come to our next planning meeting Thursday, May 20, at 7 pm in the conference room.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Be a light to those living in poverty & in a world of darkness! St Vincent DePaul needs volunteers of all kinds, especially cashiers to work in the store. The hours are open and flexible. Please consider sharing your time and talents to help those in need.

Contact Bill Roberts at (920) 563-5343.

Right to Life

Our picture of Baby Jesus has been updated. Be sure to look at the Pro-Life corner in our gathering space. Baby Jesus' heartbeat began when He was just 18 days old, growing within our Blessed Mother, just like you and I and every preborn baby. Many of His organs have already begun to form and at 40 days, His brain waves will be detected. Such a miracle!

Be sure to support our upcoming rose sale on Mother's Day weekend May 8th and 9th. All donations will go to fighting to protect these innocent and voiceless children of God—the preborn. **PRAY TO END ABORTION.**



Knights News

The word Pentecost is Greek, and it means "50th day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations.

At Pentecost, the Apostles and their followers were gathered in a room. Jews from all over the world were gathered with Peter, the leader of the Apostles and the Eleven. At this time, a great wind blew, and a flame appeared as a tongue of fire, which split itself into many individual flames above the heads of all those present. The Holy Spirit came upon these people and each began to speak in tongues. Despite the fact many had no common language, they were perfectly able to understand one another.

Peter then called all those present to be baptized and about three thousand people were baptized that day.

These people were among the first Catholics, and Peter is the first pope of the Catholic Church.

The symbols of Pentecost are the flame, wind, and the dove, which represents the Holy Spirit. The color of Pentecost is red, and the priest wears red vestments on this day. Parishioners are also invited to wear red on this day. Red decorations as well as celebrations are appropriate, like any other birthday. Special prayers are often said just for Pentecost.

June 3rd K of C Benefits Seminar- parish hall

June 5th Brat Sale 11:30 - 3 -in front of parish

"Only in Christ do we find real love, and the fullness of life. And so I invite you today to look to Christ. When you wonder about the mystery of yourself, look to Christ who gives you the meaning of life." –

St. Pope John Paul II

From his address to high school students in New York City (October, 1979).



JOB OPPORTUNITY

A parishioner, Kathy Godfrey, wants to hire someone to mow her lawn. If you are interested in this job, call Kathy at 920-723-5306.



St Joseph School

News 'n Notes



St. Joseph Catholic School, Fort Atkinson will be graduating 15 8th grade students on Wednesday, May 26th at a 6:00 PM mass. Fr. Tim Renz will preside with family, friends, and St. Joseph Catholic School teachers in attendance at St. Joseph Parish.

Graduation events include a Passing of the Torch Mass on Thursday, May 13th. This tradition includes the 8th grade students passing on the responsibilities, leadership, and strength to the 7th grade students. While reading the Gifts of the Holy Spirit; each 8th grader will pass a candle to a 7th grade student who will carry on their legacy during the 2021-22 school year. The entire St. Joseph Catholic School will be attended along with family members from the 7th and 8th grade classes.

The 8th grade Fun Fair at St. Joseph School on Saturday, May 22, includes fun and safe indoor and outdoor activities to celebrate our students' school achievements. The students are planning this fun event with their home-room teacher for three years, Mrs. Kristi Rodenbeck. This event replaces the traditional 8th grade graduation field trip.

Additionally, an annual graduation picnic will be held on Sunday, May 23rd at Rock River Park in Fort Atkinson. Several 8th grade families are planning a safe outdoor picnic in honor of our graduates designed to have families pray and share an individual meal together.

The graduates will have an 8th grade breakfast on the morning of Wednesday, May 26th. This will be held in the Parish Hall/Cafeteria. Pledges and predictions written by the 7th grade students will be read to honor 'what the 8th grade students mean to the 7th grade class and to the entire St. Joseph Catholic School.'

The 2021 8th grade graduates are a very special group of students. They have been the leaders in the building since the start of school on August 24th, 2020. They have created history by living, progressing, and celebrating their achievements through a pandemic. They are prayer warriors and are kind and are true examples of Catholic education.



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Help Wanted

St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, Lake Mills/Johnson Creek, has an immediate opening for a secretary/bookkeeper. (20-30 hours per week). Applicant must have computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Office and Quickbooks. Knowledge of the Catholic Church is also helpful. To submit a resume, please contact Fr. Alex Carmel: 920-945-0378; email fcarmelgabriels@gmail.com or send to 602 College St., Lake Mills, WI 53551.

The **Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women** invites all women of the Diocese to the MDCCW Annual Convention to be held the morning of June 12. . . For further information, go to our MDCCW website: mdccw.com . To register for the convention, click on this link: [2021 MDCCW Registration Form Link](#). Join us Saturday, June 12, from 10 am to 12:30 pm. Questions, please contact Coreen Marklein at (608) 393-0880 or via email at csmarklein@gmail.com

Live the Gospel 52 Sundays a year

Prayer Over Family Members

Jesus, our Lord, we worship you. You are our brother and our Savior. We look forward to the glory of Heaven, but until that time, you have commissioned us to proclaim the Gospel.

Bless us, Lord, and help us be a blessing to others.

[Pray the following prayer individually over each family member. Invite everyone else to place their hand on the person's shoulder.]

Bless [name] and give [name] the grace
and wisdom he/she needs for this day and strength for carrying out your will.
Help [name] proclaim the Good
News of Jesus in word and deed today and always.

Finish with:

Help us to always seek you, Lord. We look to you for guidance, strength, and all that we need. Amen.

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