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We seek to know, love, and serve God
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MASS & PRAYER SCHEDULE

SAT. Sept. 18 5:00 PM † Ted Ward

SUN. Sept. 19 8:00 AM Mass For the Parish
10:00 AM Mass † Mary Grahler

TUES. Sept.21 No Mass

WED. Sept. 22 No Mass

THUR. Sept. 23 8:15 AM Mass For Dennis & Pat Bries
12:00-7:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

FRI. Sept. 24 8:15 AM Mass † George Nelson

SAT. Sept. 25 5:00 PM † Margery Schmitt

SUN. Sept. 26 8:00 AM Mass For the Parish
10:00 AM Mass † Ray & Doris Kersten

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

AppointmentCall 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*



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:35b-37a

Example from the Lectionary for Mass ©2011, 1998, 1970 CCC

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

September 19, 2021

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.



Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

Stewardship Report

Offertory Collection August 2021: \$25,932.54.
August 2021 EFTs: \$ 7,340.00.
August 2021 On-Line Giving: \$2,597.00.
Budget needed per week: \$9,577.00
Budget needed per month: \$41,500.00
Budget needed per year: \$498,00.00.

Thank you for your support. Fr. Tim

Confess your sin and be finished with it. God's mercy is greater than your sin. Don't be afraid, scrupulous, or anxious. You are a sinner full of sin when you go to Confession, and when you come out you are a sinner without sin. But always, before everything else, and after everything else, you are a child of God. St. Teresa of Calcutta



Daily Mass Intentions

The Daily Mass Intention book for 2021 is now full. The mass intention book for 2022 will open in November. Thank you.

Retrouvaille in Madison Diocese

Madison's upcoming Retrouvaille program begins September 24 – 26, 2021 at the Green Lake Conference Center. Follow up sessions will be in Madison. Call 608-249-2377. Check our website at www.helpourmarriage.org Your confidentiality is always respected.

Silent Retreat At Schoenstatt Center

A silent retreat for women will be held Wednesday, September 22 at the Schoenstatt Center, W284 N698 Cherry Lane, Waukesha. The retreat is from 9 a.m to 8 p.m. The cost is \$40 and includes two meals. The theme for this retreat is "Inner and Outer You". The retreat includes presentations on the topic, a prayer walk, the Rosary, and holy mass. Take advantage of this opportunity to renew your spiritual life as the season of fall arrives. Call 262-522-4322 to register or email schmotherswis@gmail.com.

Greeters Needed

Our greeter signup has changed. Anyone wanting to greet before mass can find a greeter name tag in the table against the wall across from the Scrip table. Just put on a name tag and go to it!

It's fun greeting and you get to know many members of the parish. Catechism students, have the ushers sign a bulletin for the week when you are greeting and turn it in at your class.

The DIDACHE The Lord's teaching to the heathen by the Twelve Apostles

Didache (DOCTRINE OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES), a short treatise which was accounted by some of the Fathers as next to Holy [Scripture](#).



But the second commandment of the teaching is this:

1. Thou shalt do not murder; thou shalt not commit adultery; thou shalt not commit sodomy; thou shalt not commit fornication; thou shalt not steal; thou shalt not use magic; thou shalt not use philtres; thou shalt not procure abortion, nor commit infanticide; thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods.

St. Olaf Catholic Church Fall Festival 2021

615 Jefferson Street, De Forest, WI

Saturday, October 2, 2021:

"Holy Hustle"—5K run/2M Walk
Registration 8:30 – 8:50 am, race starts at 9:00 am -
course begins/ends at St. Olaf Catholic Church—
registration forms available
@ www.SaintOlafChurch.org

Sunday, October 3, 2021:

Chicken and Ham Dinner – Curbside Pickup Only
Serving 11:00am-3:00pm
All Meals: \$14.00 (cash or check only)
First Come – First Served!

Festival Activities:

Raffle Grand Prize: \$5000 CASH

Plus over 78 other prizes totaling \$7500
Online silent auction bidding Sept 30 – Oct 10
@ www.biddingowl.com/StOlaf

MARCH FOR LIFE

Join pro-life Wisconsinites for the first-ever March for Life Wisconsin on **Saturday, October 2, 2021!** We will gather at noon at the Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison to hear from pro-life leaders. The March will follow and will conclude in prayer at 3:00 p.m. outside of Planned Parenthood. For more information, visit: ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife



Knights' News



Events:

Brat sale Sept 18 at the curb
Sept 25th Knights 2021 kick off dinner
Oct- Life Savers for Life...pro-life and ultrasound collection

Coming soon: Pancake breakfasts

Men's Spirituality Group

Description - Join Fr. Tim for a monthly Catholic men's spirituality study group on the second Saturday of the month at 8:15 a.m. in the St. Joseph Parish Hall. Meetings are open to all men of the parish and beyond. For more information, contact Fr. Tim at frtim@stjosephfort.org.

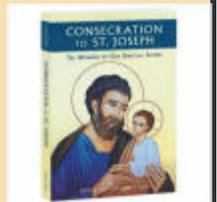
St. Joseph School is selling Christmas

Wreaths and other decorations made from fresh Balsam bows cut in the north woods of Wisconsin. You can order your wreaths or items by submitting an order form in the Wreath Order Box in the gathering space of the Church or by sending it in to the St. Joseph School Office by Monday, October 11th, 2021. Wreaths will be here for pick up on Saturday, November 20th before and after the 5:00 PM and on Sunday, November 21st before and after the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses. We appreciate your support. These beautiful holiday decorations help pay for various student activities throughout the year.



Consecration to St. Joseph

In celebration of the Year of St. Joseph, our parish will be consecrated to St. Joseph at the end of the month of September. To join in the daily prayer of consecration, an insert will be added to the bulletin for you to use in your daily prayers. The consecration will be completed at the masses on All Saints Day, November 1st. If you would like to participate more fully in the consecration, you may purchase a copy of Fr. Don Collopy's book, *Consecration to St. Joseph*, which explains the consecration more completely and provides additional prayers and devotions. The book can be bought on Amazon for \$14.95 or at Target for \$13.39. If you would like the parish to place an order for you, please stop in the office and let us know. We have been and will be blessed to have such a powerful patron saint as the foster father of our Lord.



St Joseph School

News 'n Notes

St. Joseph Catholic School's motto is "Where Faith and Knowledge Meet." During the last 2 weeks of school, students have been engaged, inspired, and empowered. Our 2nd grade teacher, Miss Gavigan held her traditional Apple Week. Using a variety of Wisconsin grown apples, the students experimented, taste tested, and categorized their apple samples. By the end of the week, the hallways were filled with the yummy apple and cinnamon fragrance of homemade applesauce. The students are all "Apple Experts" and enjoyed a week of focused STEAM lessons.

The Kindergarten students had a Family lesson that focused on sharing who was in their family and the names of their family members. The Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Wagner had parents send in a family portrait so they could present their family to the other kindergarten students. There was so much joy as they told stories, shared smiles, and appreciated knowing more about each other's families.

It is such a joy to hear the laughter, see the learning, and feel the Holy Spirit throughout the St. Joseph Catholic School hallways.

Blessings, Kari R. Homb, Principal



Mark your calendar for the upcoming Celebration of Life Dinner on October 2nd at St. Francis Xavier Fellowship Hall in Cross Plains. Come join us as these two amazing ministries, Womens Care Center of Madison and Our Lady of Hope Clinic, share their stories. A free will offering will be accepted for a great meal catered by Updown Catering. Social hour begins at 5:30, meal at 6:30 followed by a program until 8:30. Reservations are required at www.ourladyofhopeclinic.org/fundraiser.

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Catholic Herald is looking for a full-time reporter. The ideal candidate will have excellent writing, reporting, and communication skills and be willing to accept a variety of tasks. Schedule flexibility is necessary because of some weekend and evening assignments. Must be willing and able to drive around the 11 counties of the diocese. Experience preferred in photography, layout/design, photo editing, and Web and social media content management. Knowledge of the Catholic Church required. Excellent benefits. Send cover letter with resume, references, and three writing samples by October 15 to Kevin Wondrash, Editor The Catholic Herald Attn: Reporter Position 702 S. High Point Rd. Ste. 121 Madison, WI 53719 Email: info@madisoncatholicerald.org. No phone calls



St. Francis of Assisi Fall Festival

St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Jefferson is holding its Fall Festival and Food Booths on Sunday, October 3 from 7:30 AM until 3:00 PM. Raffles, fun, and food will be available. Foods include American, German, Italian, Mexican, baked potatoes, and desserts. At 12:30, enjoy live music by *Tapestry*. The festival will be held at the school gym at 324 East North Street in Jefferson.

Live the Gospel 52 Sundays a year

PRAYING WITH MUSIC

As a family, listen to the *Song of the Cross (Love Lifted on the Cross)*. You should be able to find the song on YouTube or wherever you stream music. Reflect on the lyrics about what Jesus' death and resurrection mean to you.

In ancient society, children were viewed as nonpersons who had no legal rights or status of their own. To receive a little one is to accept, lovingly serve, and care for those who need it and cannot repay it.

Thank you to the Archdiocese of Detroit.



Jefferson County Rural Life Listening Session with Bishop Hying/September 23, 2021

Calling Jefferson County Farmers, gardeners, cheese-makers, rural health-care workers, interested rural community members and all who value the food, fuel and fiber produced within our county to an opportunity to share in a rural community dialogue with our Bishop Donald Hying. The third Diocese of Madison Rural Life Listening Session will be held on Thursday, September 23rd at St. Bernard Parish from 7:00-9:00 PM and represents all communities within Jefferson County.

Bishop Hying has dedicated himself to, in his words; "spend more time in our smaller communities with a focus on listening to the needs and challenges of today and to respond with practical help. How do we offer spiritual support, access the existing services and advocate for sustainable family Farms?" It starts with listening and learning from those most directly impacted by the current farming crisis across our family farms and struggling rural communities.

Light refreshments will be served. The current pandemic protocol of Jefferson County highly recommends our use of masks at all indoor events. Questions directed to Tom Nelson; Rural Life Coordinator at <tomnelson.art@gmail.com> or by calling 608/438-7154.

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