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May 5, 2024



“LOVE ONE ANOTHER.”
—JN 15:17

6TH SUNDAY OF
EASTER

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MASS TIMES

Saturday - 4:00 pm

Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 6:30 pm

Weekend Mass may be viewed online: www.saintjosephparish.org

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 12:05 pm

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.... 920-735-9380

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Marriage: Active parish membership of 6 months is required before a wedding date may be set.

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 9 until approximately 9:30 am or call for an appointment.

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office 2 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office anytime.

REACHING IN, REACHING OUT, REACHING GOD

Br. Ray's Reflections

We have begun the month of May and now we will experience the beauty of Spring. We will smell that wonderful scent of freshly mowed lawns. We will witness new buds bursting forth into flowers and leaves. We will have warm days to take walks and enjoy fishing, boating and all the outdoor activities we desire. Yes, this is a wonderful time of year and it feels like a new beginning as we shake the cold of winter. It's a good time to stop long enough and appreciate the beauty of nature and be grateful for the change of seasons. The seasons remind us that life is ever changing and we always have the opportunity to renew our lives.

Next week, some of our parishioners will head to Detroit to pray at the tomb of Solanus Casey. We will bring your prayers and intentions. I ask for your prayers, as well. The Solanus Center was not created as a museum to just remember Solanus but a call to conversion for each pilgrim who enters the doors. The Center reminds us we are all called to be Saints with our different personalities, our wounds, our fears, our talents, etc. God continues to call us to new life amid our weaknesses and struggles. Whether you are on the bus (for that long ride to Detroit!!) or staying back, please know all of us are pilgrims on the way. We ask all of the parishioners to join us by offering a special prayer this week. Let's pray for the parish and for each of us to be open to wherever God is leading us. Let's pray for the courage to allow the Spirit to move us in directions we never thought possible. Solanus was an open vessel allowing God to work with him in miraculous ways. May he bless us and give us that courageous spirit to be open to God in all his designs.

Have a great week!

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for additional adults or families to join our Hospitality Ministry (otherwise known as ushering). We need more members to help at 8:00, 10:00, and 6:30 Masses. Volunteers arrive 30 minutes before Mass and stay about 5 minutes afterwards to secure the collection. Our hospitality team greets everyone who comes into church, passes out bulletins, counts the people who are here, and guides parishioners through communion and offertory. Training is provided and our current members will help you learn! Our dedicated team of ushers is often overscheduled, and they never get the chance to sit down with their own families. Any new volunteer who can serve once a month makes a big difference!

Please contact Marisa by email at: mlandsverk@stjoesparish.org or call the Parish Office at: 920-734-7195.

Mother's Day Rose Sale



Our annual Right to Life Rose Sale will be Saturday, May 11th after the 4:00 PM Mass and Sunday May 12th after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses. The proceeds from this fund raiser are used to support Right to Life. We will be selling the roses for \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Treat your special someone to a rose or two.

Baptismal Preparation Class

Baptismal preparation classes are held every other month. The next session will be held on **Thursday, May 16 at 7:00 pm** in Room 209. To register, call the Parish Office: 920-734-7195 or email Dana Schmidt: dschmidt@stjoesparish.org.

Parish Family Life Event

Join us on Saturday, June 1, after the 4pm Mass for St. Joe's **Flights and Bites**. Food trucks will be available in the west parking lot after Mass. Bring a beverage for yourself and one to share. Enjoy food and fellowship with one another. Invite family and friends to join in as we unite as a parish family.

Bishop's Annual Appeal



We're into week fourteen of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. A target is assessed to each parish based on its annual contributions. Our target for this year is **\$88,667**. So far, 371 parishioners have contributed **\$77,757.40**, which is 88% of our target. Thank you to all who contributed so far!

Congratulations Calendar Raffle Winners

April 21—Lisa Geiger—\$25
April 22—Gerard & Mary Potvin—\$25
April 23—Jane Schmit—\$25
April 24—Peggy & Brian Schwartz—\$25
April 25—Joe Verhyen—\$25
April 26—Corey R. Braun—\$25
April 27—Mark Fischer—\$25

Please Pray For...

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill:

Mary Stern

Remember also our nursing home residents and shut-ins, and pray for the intentions recorded in our Prayer Book of Intentions.

Please pray for our parishioners or family members of parishioners who have died.

MAY 5, 2024 / SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Parish Trustee Election

The Trustee election will be on the weekend of May 18 and 19. Below are the Trustee responsibilities:

1. Represents the parish as a member of the parish corporation.
2. Signs corporate documents.
3. At least one Trustee, with the Pastor/Administrator/Pastoral Leader, reviews and signs checks for disbursements of funds as needed (except Scrip and Bingo).
4. Reviews the annual parish budget with the Pastor/Administrator/Pastoral Leader.
5. With the Pastor/Administrator/Pastoral Leader, reviews and signs the annual financial report to the diocese.

Trustee Candidate Bios for May Election



Kurt Schweitzer, Age 63. St. Joseph member 1961-1980, 2004-current. I served on Parish Council for 6 years, 2 as council chair. Buildings and Grounds Committee member for 8 years. Alpha lead, Chosen lead, lector, Hospitality, and C.A.R.E. Ministry. Lifelong fan of our wonderful Parish. Before retiring I lead several multi-million dollar projects, large teams, and critical infrastructure for a fortune 100 company in the valley. I have a passion for cars, fishing, and helping others any way I can. It would be an honor to serve as Treasurer Trustee for St. Joe's.



I'm Steve Wuerger and I have been a member of St. Joe's since moving back to Appleton in the mid-1990s. What attracted my ex-wife and I to the parish was the warm, welcoming attitude of parishioners and staff, as well as the spiritual mission and leadership of the Capuchin order. I have been active at St. Joe's since the late 90s, serving two terms on the parish council and on the St. Joe's/St. Mary's planning committee for Renew 2000. I'm currently a member of Parish Family Life, a lector and Eucharistic minister, and I'm serving another term on the Parish Council. It would be an honor to serve as Treasurer Trustee for St. Joe's.

Financial News

(4/20/24 - 4/21/24)

Tithing Needed	\$16,777.00
Last Week's Tithing.....	\$9,244.42
Auto Withdrawal	\$490.00
Children's Collection.....	\$22.00
IRA's/Donations	\$2,075.00

Thank you for your financial support!

Readings for the Week of May 5

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/
Jn 15:9-17

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2,
3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab,
2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/
Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab,
3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9,
10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or
Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17,
20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20
(19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

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Social Concerns Ministry Cleanup Day - Thank You!

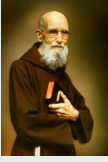
Thank you to all of our parishioners, families and students who helped at our recent SCM helping hands cleanup day on April 20 and 21. Also, thank you to the volunteers who helped prepare the lunches and the parishioners who we helped with their yard work at their properties. Below is a comment from one of our parishioners who we helped.

"My husband and I were so impressed with the work they did in the ravine. The young people were very polite and worked beautifully together". We are so grateful here at St. Joe's. Thank you so much!



MAY 5, 2024

SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS



Blessed Solanus Casey
Pray for Us

Tuesday, May 7

12:05 pm Dec. Tom Harp
12:30 pm St. Anthony Devotions

Wednesday, May 8

12:05 pm A Day of Thanksgiving

Friday, May 10

12:05 pm Dec. Bernadette Stoegbauer

Saturday, May 11

4:00 pm Dec. Jay Hagman

Sunday, May 12

8:00 am Dec. George K. Floodstrand
10:00 am For the Krueger Babies
6:30 pm Dec. Doris Filz and
Members of St. Joseph Parish

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, May 6

6:30 pm Social Concerns Meeting, Holly Hall

Tuesday, May 7

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl, LL10-12
1:00 pm Chair Yoga, Holly Hall

Wednesday, May 8

5:30 pm Catechist Appreciation Dinner, H.H.

Thursday, May 9

6:00 pm Journey of Grief Session, Room 209

Saturday, May 11

9:00 am Private Reconciliation

Right to Life Rose Sale after 4 pm Mass

6:00 pm Little Chute Chamber Choir Concert
in Church

Sunday, May 12—Mother's Day

Right to Life Rose Sale after 8 & 10 am Masses



Christmas Stars, an annual holiday-themed musical revue, will hold open auditions on Saturday

morning, May 11 and Thursday evening, May 16 at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre, 1600 W. Prospect Avenue, Appleton. Students entering Kindergarten through 12th grade in the 2024-2025 school year and adults of all ages who enjoy singing and dancing are invited to audition.

An online application and audition scheduling instructions are available at the "Join Our Cast" link on the production's website: www.christmasstars.org. Auditions are by appointment. Music and accompaniment are provided by the producers.

ST JOSEPH PARISH

Honoring Graduates



St. Joseph is looking to congratulate and honor any and all graduating seniors (High School, College, Graduate School, etc.) this year. If you would be willing to share your person's achievement, that would be great. We're looking for a picture, where they're graduating from, and what their future plans are. You can send the information to Ben Wolf at: bwolf@stjoesparish.org. Please send the information by **May 17**. If you have any questions, please let Ben know. Thank you!

Purchase SCRIP for Your Graduates

Congratulations Graduates! It's that time again ... and Graduation parties are just around the corner! Whether it's your own child, a grandchild, a niece or nephew, or the child of a good friend, graduation gifts can be challenging. We seldom know what they want, what they need, and all that's before we guess about colors, styles, or technology! It can be a nightmare! But we have a solution tailored just for you ... SCRIP gift cards! Visa Gift Cards, Gas Cards, Grocery Cards, Amazon Cards and dozens more, all available and waiting for you. No long lines, no traffic congestion, just one stop, fill out the Scrip order form, and walk out with the perfect graduation gifts sure to delight every graduate. Your Scrip sellers are here every Wednesday, from 11 am until 2 pm at the Reception Desk, just waiting to assist you in all your gifting needs!

May Birthdays



We have 256 parishioners celebrating a Birthday in May! Have a Happy and Blessed day!

We wish to acknowledge all those who are 80 and over: Dennis B, Patricia P, Ada R, Jean M, Sharon S, Dolores H, Elsie S, Susan W, Tommie W, Marion P, Daniel B, Paula S, Lee J, Molly D, David H, Greg P-S, Ann C, Robert D, and Barbara H.

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