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A MINISTRY OF THE CAPUCHIN FRANCISCANS SINCE 1877

April 28, 2024



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.”
- Jn 15:1-2

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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

This week the column is all about administration (my favorite thing!) First, according to Wisconsin law, we have to elect trustees every 3 years (with a renewal of 3 more years). According to the Diocese, the Pastor can submit two names to the parish for consideration and then an election takes place. As I'm still new at this and have never had trustees in Michigan, I have chosen the easiest path this year. The next time, we can have nominations at large with campaigns and photo ops and the stuff of politics!! Let's keep it simple this year. The two names I would like to submit for your consideration are Kurt Schweitzer and Steve Wuerger. There are bios in the bulletin this week and we will continue to post them until the election on the weekend of May 18th and 19th. I appreciate your patience with me as I maneuver through this process.

On another note, we are far ahead on the Bishop's Appeal. We have received \$75,917.40 which is 86% of our goal. We have only \$12,749.60 to go! That is great news. The continuous refrain I hear is "we always made the goal when Fr. Jim was here!" Although my low self esteem struggles with comparisons to the Saintly and wonderfully gifted Fr. Jim, I am hoping to be able to tell the Rev. that we have met our goal this year! It would be a boost to the parish to meet the goal and say, "We're back!!" If 12,749 people put in a dollar, we will have it or if someone just wants to write the \$12,749.60 check, that could work too. Please know this is my last ditch effort. As you know, it is a bill and we will have to pay even if we don't make our goal but it would be a nice shot in the arm to reach our goal. That's it...no more money talk!

Lastly, there are many bicycle riders in the parish. Like the blessing of the ships or the blessing of the animals, we will have the blessing of the bikes after the 4pm Mass on May 4th. Please ride your bike to church or bring it in your car or come without it and we will bless all our riders even if you don't bring your bike! Let's always find reasons to celebrate our lives. Promise to be more inspiring next week.

Have a great week!

Br. Ray's Pilgrimage to the Solanus Center

Next weekend, May 4 & 5, there will be prayer slips in all the pews for those of you who would like a prayer request presented at the Tomb of Blessed Solanus on May 8th by those who are traveling to the Solanus Center in Detroit.

Your requests will be collected right after the regular collection at the Masses next weekend.

Welcome...



We welcome into the St. Joseph Community through Baptism...

Barrett Paul Cote

Maeve Saloah Herlache

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for some 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 guide 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.

Tree Removal News

The maple tree at the entrance to the Parish Center will be removed this spring due to the fact that it is planted on both water lines. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Pusnik at: 920-734-7195. Thank you!

Congratulations Calendar Raffle Winners

April 14—Jerry Daniels—\$25

April 15—Jo Rothe—\$25

April 16—Yolanda Jensen—\$25

April 17—Makayla Heimann—\$25

April 18—Linda Warr—\$25

April 19—Mike & Mary Jane Pusnik—\$25

April 20—Megan May—\$25

Please Pray For...

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill:

Dave Hendricks

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.

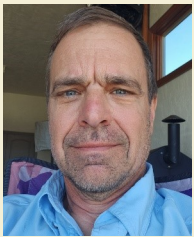
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First Eucharist Congratulations

Congratulations to 10 of our children who celebrated First Eucharist at the 10 AM Mass last Sunday! We are so proud of you and are excited for you to meet Jesus in the Eucharist every week. May Jesus be in your hearts and lives forever!



Trustee Candidate Bios for May 18-19 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.

Calling for Volunteers!

Habitat for Humanity has four homes in the 2300 block of Russet Court (Near Pick N Save) in Grand Chute. These homes back up to a retention area, and they need to plant 500 plants per home. THAT'S 2,000 PLANTS! Van Zeeland's will be providing the plants and plans for the layout, but they need volunteers to help plant all these plants.

St Joe's will be helping out on May 14 from 6-8 pm planting plants by the Russet Ct. community. If you are interested, please reach out to Sue Gallagher at: 920-915-4922 or email: susangallagher66@gmail.com.

Financial News

(4/13/24 - 4/14/24)

Tithing Needed \$16,777.00
Last Week's Tithing..... \$11,210.20
Auto Withdrawal \$665.00
Children's Collection.....\$24.00
IRA's/Donations\$900.00

Thank you for your financial support!

Readings for the Week of April 28

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31

Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)

1 Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8

Monday: Acts 14:5-18

Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16

Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28

Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21

Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6

Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5

Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21

Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10

Jn 15:9-11

Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8

Ps 19:2-3, 4-5

Jn 14:6-14

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10

Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5

Jn 15:18-21

Next 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

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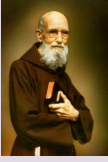
Chair Yoga

The Senior Committee is sponsoring chair yoga on **Tuesday, May 7th, at 1:00 pm**. Come join us for 45 minutes of senior friendly chair yoga with instructor Anna Mewshaw. Fruit and veggies will be provided after yoga.

Please call the Parish Office at: 920-734-7195 by Friday, May 3rd, at noon to reserve your chair. All are welcome to attend!

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SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS



*Blessed Solanus Casey
Pray for Us*

Tuesday, April 30

12:05 pm Dec. Helen Olson
12:30 pm St. Anthony Devotions

Wednesday, May 1

12:05 pm Dec. Husbands of Widows of Prayer

Friday, May 3

12:05 pm Dec. Jenny Schubring

Saturday, May 4

4:00 pm Dec. Tom Oudenhoven

Sunday, May 5

8:00 am Dec. Mary Beth DeGroot
10:00 am Dec. Jim Belling &
Members of St. Joseph Parish
6:30 pm Dec. Byron & Sharon St. Louis

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, April 30

1:30 pm Faith Sharing, Room 209

Thursday, May 2

6:00 pm Journey of Grief Session, Room 209

Friday, May 3

10:30 am First Friday Adoration

Saturday, May 4

9:00 am Private Reconciliation
5:00 pm Blessing of the Bikes

Sunday, May 5

11:00 am New Parishioner Welcoming, Holly Hall

***Food Collection Weekend**

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 17th**. If you have any questions, please let Ben know. Thank you!

Church Chuckle

Why did the hawk sit on the church steeple? It's a bird of pray.

ST JOSEPH PARISH

**FOX VALLEY
VICARIATE DAY**

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Topic: Presentation on THE EUCHARIST
by Gerard Hall

For: All Parishioners, Volunteers, & Parish Leaders
in the Fox Valley Vicariate

St. Katharine Drexel - St. Mary's Site

119 W. 7th Street
Kaukauna, WI 54130



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Questions?

Contact your Vicariate Coordinator
clefeber@gbdioc.org | 920-272-8286

Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you know of an incident of sexual abuse of a person who is **now under the age of 18** by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer, **please immediately call the civil authorities and then the Diocese.**

If the person was abused as a minor but is now an adult, please contact:

Office of Safe Environment
Diocese of Green Bay
920-272-8174
or 1-877-270-8174 (toll free)

We always encourage you to report the incident to civil authorities.

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