



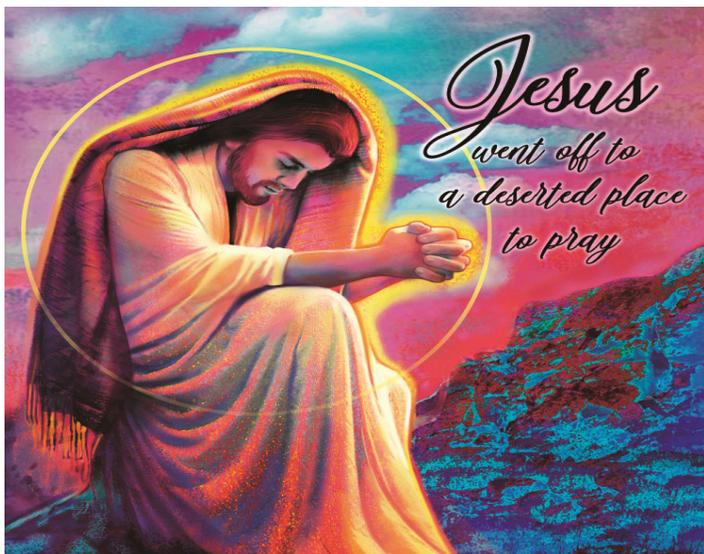
St. Joseph Parish

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ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY 4-11

Sunday, February 4

9:00 a.m.—Call to Justice Meeting
Souper Bowl of Caring Collection

Tuesday, February 6

6:30 p.m.—RCIA

Wednesday, February 7

4:15 p.m.—CCD
6:30 p.m.—CCD
6:30 p.m.—TYME

Thursday, February 8

12:00 p.m.—**2/24/18 Bulletin Deadline**
6:30 p.m.—Parish Education Meeting

Friday, February 9

4:30 p.m.—Winterfest

PARISH

Happiness Caravans—Several groups have posted in the Gathering Space their Lenten plans to discuss *Resisting Happiness* by Matthew Kelly. There is room for you! Sharing in a small group is a tradition at St Joseph. In the recent “Good Seeds” fellow parishioners reflected on their “together-in-faith” experiences. Don’t resist the chance to support each other’s life journey. Follow the star in good company! To reserve a place in a group of your choice, visit our “Happiness Caravans Travel Agency” after Mass or call Leo Jacoby at 715-341-2790.

Fr. Billy Dodge—This weekend we are happy to welcome Fr. Billy Dodge to St. Joseph and St. Stephen Parishes. Fr. Dodge grew up near Ellsworth, WI. After graduating from High School in 2005, he attended the University of St. Thomas double majoring in psychology and philosophy. Upon graduating he worked for two years in Campus Ministry after which he entered the seminary. Bishop Callahan ordained him to the priesthood June 27, 2015, and assigned him to Blessed Sacrament and Newman parishes in La Crosse. This past summer Bishop assigned Fr. Dodge to the new position of Vocation Recruiter. His new ministry is to help young men discern if they are being called by God to the priesthood and determine their readiness for seminary studies. He travels around the Diocese talking to parishes, schools and religious education programs about vocations.

Ash Wednesday, February 14, Schedule for St. Joseph and St. Stephen Parish is as follows:

8:15 a.m. School Mass at St. Stephen
(there will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph)
12:00 p.m. Service with Ashes at St. Joseph
6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Parish
6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Stephen Parish

Join Us On Sundays In Lent For Adoration from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph, followed by Benediction and Stations of the Cross. We will begin on February 18 and conclude on March 19. Won’t you join us for this quiet time with the Lord?

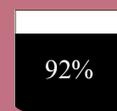
Special Collections 01/29/2018

Milk Can Fund	\$15.00
Building Fund	\$80.00
Keeping Our Father’s House	\$0.00

Envelopes/Basket Summary—01/29/18

Weekly Giving	\$5,846
Weekly Giving Budgeted	\$7,096
Giving to Date	\$227,200
Budgeted to Date	\$219,976

DAA 2017/2018 GOAL	\$50,565
Weekly Pledges Received	\$650
Total Pledges Received	\$46,828
Total Payments Received	\$42,051
Food for Poor Housing Goal	\$3,600
Total Received	\$2,200



Mass Schedule and Intentions

MONDAY, February 5, St. Agatha
8:00 a.m. †Margaret Myhra

TUESDAY, February 6, St. Paul Miki and Companions
8:15 a.m. *Mass at St. Stephen Parish*

WEDNESDAY, February 7
8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Wondzell Family

THURSDAY, February 8, St. Jerome Emiliani and St. Josephine Bakhita
8:00 a.m. *Mass at Stephen Parish*

FRIDAY, February 9
8:00 a.m. †Sadie Behm
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, February 10, St. Scholastica
4:00 p.m. †Sylvester Pliska

SUNDAY, February 11
10:30 a.m. †Jeanette Patoka
In Thanksgiving, Rich Boden and Dave Hansen, for years of service to the Parish

Liturgical Ministers for February 10-11

4:00 p.m. — Saturday

Mass Preparation: Marcia Molner
Altar Servers: Ben Formella, Ben Kroening
Hospitality Ministers:
John Meyer Rose Stoltz (w) Virginia Zakoski (w)
Maurice Stoltz Bob Rogers Val Omernick
Readers: Brian Formella
Eucharistic Ministers:
Lori Bartlett Lucy Ksionsk Rich Mrozinski
Dave Ksionsk Marcia Molner Anne Swenson
Gift Card Sellers: Dede Schroeder

10:30 a.m. — Sunday

Mass Preparation: Terri Chang
Altar Servers: Sarah Hopp Lily Miskowski
Andrew Pisarski
Hospitality Ministers:
Michelle Daniels (w) Savannah Nieman
Amy Nieman Joe Daniels Perry Pazdernik
Readers: Sandy Cekosh & Jeanne Groos
Eucharistic Ministers:
John Chang Kevin Hopp Terry Miller
Terri Chang Gail Klauck Don Showalter
Gift Card Sellers: Laurie Schroeder

PARISH

St. Joseph Parish Prayer Corner—Please keep the health of Janet Iwanski in your prayers. If you would like your name placed on the weekly prayer list, please call Renée at 715-341-1617 x101, or send an email to: rschneeb@togetherinfaith.org.

Welcome Home Fr. Jerzy! We pray your time away was spiritually refreshing and enjoyable. We want to thank Fr. Todd Mlsna, Fr. Rex Zimmerman, Fr. Roy Witucki and Fr. Charlie Richmond for sharing their time with us while Fr. Jerzy was away. We were blessed to have them celebrate the liturgy with us.

Winterfest 2018—Mark your calendar for this Friday, February 9 and join us for Winterfest from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We are still in need



of volunteers to help us with this event. Come and volunteer a few hours to support your parish and also enjoy a great fish fry. Call the Parish Office at 715-341-1617 x101 to volunteer.

Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development—Please be generous in this weekend’s collection. In the United States, one in seven people live in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection. For more information about the campaign you can go to www.uscbb.org/cchd/collection. Envelopes were in last week’s bulletin or can be found at church entrances. Checks should be made payable to St. Joseph Parish.

Operation Bootstrap—During the month of February we are looking to collect baby items for our shopping carts. Any non-perishable items you may wish to donate are always appreciated. We thank you for your continued generosity in helping those in need in our community.

Monday Morning 8:00 a.m. Mass will continue at St Joseph Parish through Monday, March 26, 2018.

St. Anne’s PCCW would like to thank all our community members who purchased quarts during our “Chili-to-Go” event. We hope you enjoyed the chili and we thank you for supporting this event, which in turn supports our parish. A special thank you to the many people who donated to this cause and helped in any way to make this a successful sale.

Contribution Statements for 2017 are available for pick up in the Gathering Space. Please note revised electronic statements are also available.

PARISH

Congratulations to our parishioners who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary the week of February 5-11.



James & Carole Borchardt, 54 years

Dennis & Mary Worzalla, 54 years

Bill & Evie Rekowski, 58 years

Bob & Mary Ann Russell, 66 years

May God bless and grant you many years of happiness.

School Building Update—Altmann Construction is still on site, the building is down and they are currently filling the hole that was created. They will be here working to create an outside wall where the current building ends. The courtyard doors will remain closed during this process. Please use caution around all of the fenced-in areas. Thank you.

A Celebration of Ministry—St. Joseph Parish members, staff and councils recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in calling forth Cindy Hawley our Advent Tree Coordinator. So many in our community benefit because of your dedication to this worthwhile project

How is the Holy Spirit calling you to use your gifts for our community?

Gift Card Seller is needed after Mass on the fourth Saturday and fifth Sunday. Please contact Jacob Stiemann at 715-341-1617 x102 if you would like to volunteer.

Ehr Hall Update—Updates and work in the hall are ongoing. The painting is complete in Ehr Hall. The floor in the hallway and closets are complete and we anticipate the main floor to be completed this week. The bathrooms remain closed during this time.

St. Anne's/PCCW—*Ladies Group 6* will be responsible for the month of February. These ladies are asked to help with any funeral dinners.

Myrna Horgan	Nancy Rutkowski
Sandy Jamrosz	Cynthia Tepp
Theresa Miller	Louise Vicker
Diana Mrozinski	Teresa Weinmann
Co-Chairs Kathy Tetzloff and Gail Tubbs	

Adult Education Opportunity—RCIA will be discussing the *Bible* at their February 6, 13 and 20 sessions. All are welcome to join. Sessions start at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Family Center. Please call Kris Hansen at 715-341-1617 x112 if you have any questions.

Sponsor of the Month—Thank you, Integrity Tax Service for your generosity in sponsoring our bulletin. St. Joseph Parish would not be able to publish our bulletin without your support. Please see their ad on the back cover of this bulletin.



Weekly Reflections—While not everyone is a gifted preacher who can inspire others, we are all “preachers” in a sense. We “preach” by the way we live our lives—how we handle the ups and downs that are part of living. These “sermons” speak more eloquently than any words we could say. Remember, “The only Gospel some people will ever read is You.” What are they reading? Is it what you would like them to read? Does it inspire, encourage, and give people hope? What can you do to become a better “preacher” of the Gospel?

*I do all that I do for the sake of the gospel
in hope of having a share in its blessings,
1 Corinthians 9:23*

Lenten Regulations—The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Lenten regulations are as follows: 1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday. 2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Congratulations to our CCD Students who participated in the Knights of Columbus “True Meaning of Christmas” poster contest. The contest was open to students in grades 1-4 and seven students in the St. Joseph-St. Stephen Religious Education Program participated. Here are our results: Grade 2 students, Adam Earnest, Emma Johnson, and Mariah Callan received certificates of participation, Jade Haapala (grade 3) 2nd place, Brooke Lewandowski (grade 4) 3rd place, Cheyenne Cornell (grade 4), 2nd place and Vanessa Hatfield (grade 4) 1st place. Nice job, you really demonstrated that you knew the real meaning of Christmas.

Parish E-Mail Address Change will begin this month. Watch the bulletin for more details.

PARISH

Thank you—Members of Pacelli Catholic School wish to thank you for your generous support of their Advent and Christmas Service projects. Because of your kindness and support they were able to fill 545 ornaments, or gift items, from their Christmas Caring Trees project and deliver them to persons in the local community. Through the Adopt-A-Kid For-Christmas project, Pacelli students and families were able to provide Christmas gifts for 32 children. Your kindness and generosity helped to make the season of Christmas 2017 special for local families in need. Thanks to St. Joseph Parish for providing financial gifts to help with purchasing gifts from unclaimed ornaments. Thank you, thank you, thank you, for your support of the Advent and Christmas projects again. Your support made Christmas special for many. Lorie Liss

Thank you on behalf of Operation Bootstrap for your thoughtful contributions. Your large donation of clothing, food and your monetary donation from the Thanksgiving Collection is very much appreciated. You may be assured that your donations will be put to good use.

Portage County Dressed to Work Association—Thank you once again for collecting Advent items for our organization. Your donations are always greatly appreciated. We are only able to help our clients because of generous people like you.

The Family Crisis Center would like to thank you so much for the large generous donation! Your immense support greatly benefits the shelter and victims of violence.

Facebook Contest—Check out the “Like and Share Winterfest” contest on St. Joseph Facebook page. To enter, “like” and “share” the Winterfest post on your Facebook page and you could win two Fish Fry tickets for the Friday, February 9, event. Entry deadline is Noon CST on Thursday, February 8. Tell your family and friends to “like” and “share” St. Joseph Winterfest!

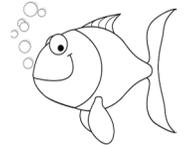
Mark Osowski Benefit—A benefit will be held for St. Joseph Parishioner Mark Osowski on February 17, from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Bootleggers in Amherst Junction. Mark was recently diagnosed with extensive Stage 4 small cell lung cancer. The benefit is to help offset the family’s out-of-pocket expenses after insurance. The event will include: Raffles, Auctions, Live Entertainment, Spaghetti Dinner and other activities. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more details.

AREA CHURCHES, SCHOOLS & DEANERY

Franciscans Downtown next movie is *Molokai, the Story of Father Damien*, January 31, at 1:00 p.m.

St. Wenceslaus Parish Soup Supper will be held on Saturday, February 10, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. or until all is gone. Menu includes chicken soup, cream of potato soup, chili, homemade rolls, cheese, crackers, desserts and beverages. Cost is \$7.00 for all-you-can-eat or carry outs are \$6.00 per quart.

Pacelli Lenten Fish Fry—Mark your calendars for February 16, February 23, March 2 and March 16 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for this annual Pacelli fundraiser. Dine in or carry out a delicious meal. New this year is homemade Mac & Cheese and Caesar Salad, along with returning items baked and beer batter fish, shrimp, potato (baked or waffle fries) and dessert. Choose from a \$7.00, \$9.00 or \$11.00 fish dinner or a \$10.00 shrimp dinner. Call 715-341-2442 after 4:15 p.m. to place carry-out orders.



A Valentines Day Dinner will be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, February 10, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Club House. The menu includes Rib Eye Steak (\$22), Chicken Cordon Bleu (\$12), or Baby Back Ribs (\$17), plus a full salad bar, baked potato, vegetable, roll and a special Valentines Day dessert. The event is open to the public.

Knights of Columbus Holy Hour for Families—Lent is approaching, and an important aspect of Lent is prayer. Council 1170 of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Holy Hour for families on February 12 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish. The hour of prayer includes Exposition, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction, a prayer for families, and Confession. All are welcome.

St. Adalbert Parish in Rosholt will be holding a Fish Fry on Fridays from February 9 through March 23, 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The menu includes: Fish, Shrimp or a Combo plate for \$10, Children’s plates \$6. Meals include a choice of potato, coleslaw, bread and dessert.

DIOCESSE/WIDER CHURCH**Pope’s Prayer Intention for February**

Universal: Say “no” to Corruption

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.



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Welcome to St. Joseph Parish to those who are new to our church or just visiting. We are grateful to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you are not currently a member of a local church, we invite you to become part of our parish family. Visit our Parish Office to sign up, ask questions or receive more information about our parish. We're glad you're here and hope you become involved in our parish family. Our website is www.togetherinfaith.org.

Remember St. Joseph Parish in your Legacy. St. Joseph Parish has seen a decline in giving over the past year, while at the same time expenses have gone up. The Parish would like to continue with expansion of many worthwhile programs and projects successfully. Please, ask Fr. Jerzy how you can help by giving to St. Joseph Parish General Fund..

Sacraments

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office for detailed information on infant Baptism, as parents are asked to attend a baptismal preparation program. The Baptism will be scheduled after completion of the class.

Marriage: Marriage is celebrated for couples who are active and registered members in the Parish. Please contact the Parish Office at least eight (8) months prior to the requested wedding date.

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard on Saturday at 3:30 p.m., before the evening Mass, or you may call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Funeral: Please contact the funeral home director who will assist in making arrangements. The funeral director will then contact the Parish Office.

Services

Visitation of the Sick: If you become homebound because of illness and would like a visit, please call the Parish Office.

Bulletin Deadline: Articles are due Thursday by 12:00 p.m. Drop off the articles at the Parish Office, or send by email to bulletin@togetherinfaith.org, with a copy to rschneeb@togetherinfaith.org.



Relationship with GOD

More than Just SUNDAY

Defending the Catholic Faith against the Ku Klux Klan (KKK)

It is important to recall some dramatic situations during our celebration of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of La Crosse. This true story highlights the courage and faithfulness of one of our priests, who because of his love and commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church, stood against the Ku Klux Klan.

Peter Minwegen was born in Germany in 1881. He joined the order of Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate and was ordained a priest in 1907. In 1908, he was given his first missionary assignment with the native peoples in the north woods of Saskatchewan, Canada where he spent seven years. When World War I broke out, Germans in Canada were considered “unwelcome aliens” and feared being placed in concentration camps. Because of the war, German priests were cut off from their religious superiors in Europe and had to carry on as best they could where they had been stationed. The Bishops of the United States considered them war victims and priests in good standing and therefore welcomed them. Father Minwegen was accepted by Bishop Schwebach in the Diocese of La Crosse, who was delighted to learn that the Oblates accepted difficult missions and did pioneer work. Father Minwegen was assigned just such a place—Cornell, Wisconsin. Cornell was a predominately Protestant town located on the Chippewa River. For the most part, the town was sustained by a paper mill, and the president of the paper mill supported

the Presbyterian minister. There was no Catholic church in town for the 30 Catholic families, and they had not been served by a priest in many years. Unfortunately, anti-Catholic sentiment was rampant, and Father Minwegen was not welcome. Undaunted, he gathered his small congregation and offered Mass in cabins, theaters, halls, barns, drugstores. Despite the continued harassment of some Protestants and suspicion that he might be a German spy, Father continued to lead his congregation in faith and against discrimination. His greatest challenge was the Ku Klux Klan (KKK).

The Klan has promoted extremist positions such as white supremacy, white nationalism, anti-immigration and anti-Catholicism. Worst of all, the KKK has used terrorism—including murder—against groups or individuals whom they opposed and they have supported the “purification” of American society. Around the 1920’s, the KKK adamantly stood against the Catholic Church due to the high immigration from the mostly Catholic nations of central and southern Europe.

By 1924 the Ku Klux Klan was very active in Cornell, marching up Main St. with their hoods, masks and torches whenever the priest came to town. Cornell was already fertile ground for their beliefs, and many of the town’s officials, the mill’s administrators, public school teachers, and others of influence became ardent members of the Klan. It wasn’t long before the Klan had broad enough support to hold their meetings openly. They spread hatred and

lies, trying to provoke the Catholics to take the first violent step. Father Minwegen urged adults and children to respond calmly to intimidation at work or at school. But when the teachers in the public schools began to bring the KKK’s lies to the classroom, Father had had enough. He went to Chicago to meet with the president of the paper mill. The president dispatched detectives to report back to him on the Klan activity, and as a result, several employees at the mill were fired. The editor of the local paper was also fired. Anger erupted in the town when it became known that it was Father Minwegen who had informed the president of the mill about the Klan activity. Threats were made against Father, and there were plans to expel him from the town. Calling him a “black robed devil,” the Klan burned a cross in an empty plot of land across from the priest’s residence. Rather than fleeing in fear, Father Minwegen prayed, trusted in God and defended the Catholic Faith with incredible courage. Learning that the option to buy that very plot of land had expired for the school board, Father Minwegen made a fifty-dollar payment for the ten acres. Eventually, the place where white crosses had been burned as a sign of ignorance, hatred and violence, Holy Cross Catholic Church was built as a sign of faith, hope and charity. Let us be grateful for our forbearers and seek to imitate their unshakeable courage to spread and defend what is true and good – our faith in Jesus Christ and His Church.

Adapted by Ann Lankford from “Feed My Lambs,” a pictorial history of the parishes of the Diocese of La Crosse. Books may be purchased at your parish.

