



St. Joseph Parish

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Mission: Together in faith, we celebrate Christ through prayer and service.



ACTIVITIES NOVEMBER 19-26

- Sunday, November 19, Advent Sale after Mass
Poinsettia Sale after Mass
Racine Kringle Sale after Mass
Parish Family Life Meeting after Mass
12:00 p.m.—Cash & Carry, St. Joseph School
- Monday, November 20, **Parish Office Closed**
7:00 p.m.—Shawl Ministry
- Tuesday, November 21, **Parish Office Closed**
6:30 p.m.—RCIA
- Wednesday, November 22, **No CCD**,
Thanksgiving Break
- Thursday, November 23, **Parish Office Closed**
12/3/17 Bulletin Deadline
9:00 a.m.—Mass & Food Collection
- Friday, November 24, **Parish Office Closed**
- Saturday, November 25, Advent Sale after Mass
Poinsettia Sale after Mass
Social after Mass
- Sunday, November 26, Advent Sale after Mass
Poinsettia Sale after Mass
Social after Mass

PARISH

Cash and Carry Sale—Cleaning out of St. Joseph School is this Sunday, November 19, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. This Cash and Carry Sale is first come, first serve; there will be no holds. Come for rock bottom prices. Bring your own tools and muscle to remove the items you are purchasing. Remove at your own risk!

Parish Office will be closed beginning Monday and Tuesday, November 20-21. The office will also be closed Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 23-24.

Thanksgiving Day Mass & Food Collection is at 9:00 a.m. on November 23. Join us as we give thanks as a parish community for the many blessings in our lives at our annual Thanksgiving Liturgy. As you are able, please bring a donation of a nonperishable food item to be blessed and distributed to Operation Bootstrap.

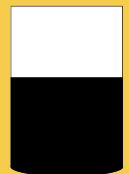
Annual Advent Sale, sponsored by the Parish Education Committee, will be after the Masses this weekend and again on November 25-26. You will find Advent Wreaths, daily Advent devotionals, religious ornaments and much more. Stop by and help support this parish fundraiser.

St. Joseph Parish Holy Name Society would like to thank the anonymous benefactor that matched our gift of \$500.00 towards the purchase of new Christmas Trees for the altar this year. Your Christmas Spirit is truly alive! We cannot wait to see our new trees on Christmas Eve. May God bless you this season. You are just one of the many reasons we love St. Joseph Parish!



Have a Blessed Thanksgiving
-The Staff of
St. Joseph Parish

Special Collections 11/6/17 & 11/13/17	
\$	17.00—Milk Can Fund
\$324.00+133.00=	457.00—Building Fund
\$	220.00—Keeping Our Father's House
Envelopes/Basket Summary—11/6/17	
Weekly Giving	\$6,731
All Saints Day Envelopes & Offertory	\$ 793
Weekly Giving Budgeted	\$7,096
Giving to Date	\$118,349
Budgeted to Date	\$127,728
Envelopes/Basket Summary—11/13/17	
Weekly Giving	\$6,347
Weekly Giving Budgeted	\$7,096
Giving to Date	\$124,696
Budgeted to Date	\$134,824
DAA 2018 GOAL	
Weekly Pledges Received	\$1,660
Total Pledges Received	\$26,817
Total Payments Received	\$20,364
Food for Poor Housing Goal	\$3,600
Total Received	\$0,000



Mass Schedule and Intentions

MONDAY, November 20
 8:00 a.m. †Sylvester & Delores Kronebusch

TUESDAY, November 21, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:15 a.m. *School Mass at St. Stephen Parish*

WEDNESDAY, November 22, St. Cecilia
 8:00 a.m. †Laura Walashek

THURSDAY, November 23, St. Clement I, St. Columban, Bld. Miguel Agustin Pro
 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Parish
 †Laura Walashek

FRIDAY, November 24, St. Andrew Dũng-Lac & Companions
 8:00 a.m. †Margaret Simonis
Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

SATURDAY, November 25, St. Catherine of Alexandria
 4:00 p.m. †Edward Levandowski
 †Michael Slowinski

SUNDAY, November 26
 10:30 a.m. The Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph & St. Stephen Parishes

Liturgical Ministers for November 25-26

4:00 p.m. — Saturday

Mass Preparation: Phyllis Ziaya
Altar Servers: Maddie & Maya Kunze
Hospitality Ministers:
 Jean Probst Dave Ksionk
 Mike Probst Lucy Ksionk (w)
Readers: Jim Krueger
Eucharistic Ministers:
 Mary Davidson David Kunze Don Showalter
 Tammy Erdmann Rich Mrozinski Phyllis Ziaya
Gift Card Sellers: Jean Bablitch

10:30 a.m. — Sunday

Mass Preparation: Kris Hansen
Altar Servers: Rose Brown, Ian Ekstrand & Jayden Zelinski
Hospitality Ministers:
 Bev Derezinski Amy Nieman Jeff Zelinski (w)
 Theron Nash Casey Nieman
Readers: Paul Koehl & Mike Daniels
Eucharistic Ministers:
 Tom Ekstrand Deb Peltier Tari Wallner
 Ed Horgan Kevin Shibilski Sonia Zelinski
Gift Card Sellers: Michelle Kort

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Operation Bootstrap—In November and December, the parish will continue to support Operation Bootstrap. Whatever you are able to donate is greatly appreciated.

Custodial Position—St. Joseph Parish is actively seeking a part-time custodian (30 hours per week). Job responsibilities include all cleaning of parish buildings, care of grounds, and general light maintenance of parish facilities. Responsible applicants will be expected to be self-directed and this highly motivated individual will take pride in the position and be attentive to the needs of St. Joseph’s Parish. Interested individuals can contact Renée Schneeberg at St. Joseph Parish office for more information, 715-341-1617 x101.

October Mass Counts—Because of the importance of keeping current the statistical information for the Diocese of La Crosse, Bishop Callahan annually requests that all parishes in the Diocese conduct a count of the number of Mass attendees. The count is taken over several weekends; the count this year was the first four Sundays of October. How we take the counts is left to our discretion, but we are asked to be as accurate as possible and not merely send estimates. Our Hospitality Ministers (Ushers) count all of the Mass attendees from the choir loft on the four October weekends. The sheets are turned in, numbers are forwarded to the Diocese on the requested form and Sacred Worship and the Parish Council are given the numbers to review. The following is a summary of the 2017 Mass Count:

Date	4:00 p.m.	10:30 a.m.	Total
10/7-8	269	239	508
10/14-15	229	302	531
10/21-22	240	244	484
10/28-29	271	264	535

Total 2017 October Mass count is 2,058. For comparison here are the previous total October counts:

Year	Total	Year	Total
2017	2058	2016	1900
2015	2038	2014	1991
2013	2126	2012	2387
2011	2148	2010	2323

We invite all to pray for the community of St. Joseph for growth and a renewed sense of commitment to all that happens here.



The Cookie Walk “Like and Share”

Facebook Contest is on the St. Joseph Parish Facebook page. To enter, “like” and “share” the Cookie Walk post on our Facebook page and you could win one free

pound of cookies of your choice at St. Anne’s Society/PCCW Cookie Walk on December 2. Entry deadline is 12:00 p.m., CST, on November 29. Tell your family and friends to “like” and “share” the Cookie Walk!

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Congratulations to our parishioners who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary the week of November 20-26:
Geno & Marcy Trzinski, 58 years
Marion (Bud) & Jan Flood, 58 years
May God bless and grant you many years of happiness.



A Celebration of Ministry—St. Joseph Parish members, staff and councils recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in calling forth Rich Boden and the Good Seeds Committee. The parish recognizes the importance of your service and deeply appreciates all you do.

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

Good Seeds—Please check your email for the current edition of the “*Good Seeds*” newsletter. Paper copies are available at the church entrances for those without internet access. If you have *not* received an electronic copy of the newsletter, please notify the parish office at 715-341-1617 x101.

Immaculate Conception, December 8, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Evening Mass at St. Joseph Parish that Friday is at 6:15 p.m. School Mass will be held that morning at 8:15 a.m. at St. Stephen Parish. Please note that the School Mass is changed from Tuesday, December 5, to Friday, December 8, that week.

Adult Educational Opportunity—RCIA will be studying Church History on November 21, 28, and December 5 and 12. Knowing what happened from the beginning helps us understand our church today. All are welcome. Please join us! For any questions, please call Kris Hansen 715-341-1617 ext. 112.



December 24 Kid’s Noel Mass—We are looking for children, grades 1-6, from both St. Joseph and St. Stephen Parishes, to perform in the pageant that takes place during the 4:00 p.m. liturgy at St. Joseph Parish on Christmas Eve. Grade 7 to adult are needed as helpers/coaches. Sign-up forms can be found at the church entrances. For questions or to sign up, please call Michelle Cornell at 715-341-5178.

School Demolition—Altmann Construction is scheduled to begin demolition of the school building within the next few weeks. Be prepared for large vehicles and areas that will be roped off. Please exercise caution.

Poinsettia Sale—The Decorating Committee will take Christmas Poinsettias orders after each Mass this weekend and on November 25-26. If you wish to order a plant in memory of loved ones, stop by the Gathering Space. Thank you for your support in helping to make our church beautiful each year!

28th Annual Christmas Cookie Walk will be on Saturday, December 2, from 9:00 a.m. until sold out. We encourage parishioners who want to bake at home to make a batch or two of your family’s favorite cookie to contribute to this event. If a recipe is a hit with your family, others will like it as well. Due to the Meal of Hope on Monday, November 27, baking will take place from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Tuesday, through Thursday, November 28-30, baking will be from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the parish kitchen. Please drop off your home-baked cookies between 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 1. Again we need many people to help with rolling out cookies, watching the ovens, decorating and many jobs in between. If you have questions, please call Aggie at 715-344-2276 or Adrian at 715-344-3025.



Holiday Light Fundraiser—Are your strings of holiday lights missing bulbs, broken or tangled, or are you tired of using the same lights? Do you also have extension cords you no longer need or use? Don’t throw them out because we can help! Want an easy way to help the parish? Bring them to the parish office for recycling the copper inside the strings and cords. The greater the weight of the copper, the more cash the parish receives! The Parish Office will be accepting lights until January 15, 2018. Place the lights in the red box in the Gathering Space. Thank you!

St. Anne’s/PCCW—*Ladies Group 4* will be responsible for the month of December. These ladies are asked to help with any funeral dinners.

Pauline Berna	Mary Lou Hodgson
Jan Boursier	Agnes Kobishop
Eleanor Cichosz	Sharon Mras
Jeanne Daniels	Ann Parish
Kathleen Hansen	Darlene Rafflik

Co-Chairs Patricia Walther and Adrian Mitch

St. Joseph Parish Prayer Corner—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. Your name will be in the Prayer Corner for two weeks unless you specify otherwise.

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Capital Campaign Update—Asbestos removal is complete in Ehr Hall. The next step is to decide on new flooring to place in the hall. The hall *and* the restrooms will remain closed at this time.

Weekly Reflections—Each of us has been blessed with abilities and talents that are given to us to use in the service of others. Reflect on yours. Ask the Spirit to help you identify what they are. Consider what you have done to develop those gifts. Look at how you are using them or can use them to help others.



Acknowledging and developing our gifts is not pride but an act of humility. Using those gifts for others is an act of gratitude to God who gave them to us.

*Happy are you who fear the Lord,
who walk in his ways.*

—Psalm 128:1

Calling All Crafters! Looking for a place to work on your crafts and some time to do it? We have the answer! Join us for our Crafting Fundraiser event at St. Joseph Parish Center on Saturday, January 13, 2018, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity. If you register by December 15, cost per person is \$35.00. Cost between December 15-29 is \$40.00. Participants must be 18 years of age or older. For digital scrappers there is internet access, so come and join us. (This is not a class, just time for crafting and getting the creative juices flowing!) Please go to the parish website at togetherinfaith.org, and click on “Stewardship Opportunities,” for details and the registration form. You will see all the details of the day and a link to the registration form. All registration forms and payments must be sent to the St. Joseph Parish office by **December 29, 2017**. We hope you can join us!

AREA CHURCHES, SCHOOLS & DEANERY

Franciscans Downtown—The next movie, *All the President’s Men*, is Wednesday, November 22, 1:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus, Council 1170, Breakfast—

Join the Knights for their monthly breakfast on Sunday, November 26, serving from 8:15 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse. The menu is delicious pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage/ham, famous fried red potatoes, desserts and beverage. Cost is \$6.50 for adults, \$4.00 for children.

The Knights are having a special bake sale with proceeds supporting their various charity programs.



Pacelli Catholic Schools has an opening for an educational assistant at St. Bronislava School. To apply, send a letter of application and resumé to Gregg Hansel at ghansel@spacs.k12.wi.us. Questions can be directed to Gregg Hansel at 715-342-2015.

34th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner is November 23, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., St. Bronislava Parish. Sponsors are St. Bronislava Parish, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church and Springs Methodist Church. Volunteers are needed along with donations of food items. Donations may include homemade desserts such as pies, breads, cakes, etc., which can be dropped off on Wednesday morning or by 9:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day at St. Bronislava. Go to www.volunteersrock.org to volunteer. To drive people to the dinner and back, call Good Shepherd Lutheran at 715-341-6122. Monetary donations can be sent to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2000 Roosevelt Drive, Plover, 54467.

DIocese/WIDER CHURCH

Holy Father’s Intentions for November—That **Christians in Asia**, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

“Share the Journey”—Pope Francis has launched a two-year “Share the Journey” campaign aimed to encourage Catholics to learn about and encounter migrants and refugees, breaking down barriers of fear and building bridges. You can learn more by visiting www.dioc.org/social-concerns.

Send a Prayer Intention to Bishop Callahan—On Thursday, December 7, Bishop Callahan will be inviting you to share a prayer intention via an automated phone message. If you have a particular intention for which you would like him to pray, follow the prompts at the end of his message. If you miss the call or would like to leave an intention at a later date, call 608-352-9565 or visit the diocesan website at www.dioc.org/pray to submit your prayer intention on line.

Boy Scouts wishing to earn their Religious Emblems for the coming year should be working on them. All applications are due by May 1, 2018. If you are a Catholic scout in a non-catholic chartered unit and need information, please contact the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting at catholicscoutslacrossediocese@gmail.com or call 608-782-4911.

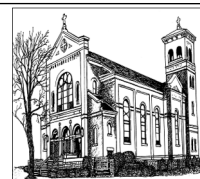


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Office Hours: Wed., 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Friday, 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Closed Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

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through Prayer
and Service.



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 rschnee@togetherinfaith.org.

