



## WEEKLY MASSES and/or COMMUNION SERVICE

### Sunday, December 3

8:00 AM Mass @ SS. Peter & Paul  
10:00 AM Congregations of St. Joseph & SS.  
Peter & Paul  
1:00 PM Spanish Mass @ SS. Peter & Paul  
5:00 PM Life Teen Mass @ Corpus Christi

### Tuesday, December 5

10:00 AM Mass @ The Dorchester  
7:00 PM Relatives of Mary Graf

Requested by Mary Graf

### Wednesday, December 6

8:30 AM Msgr. Mark Schommer

Requested by Fr. Bob Stegmann

### Thursday, December 7

8:30 AM Mass @ SS. Peter & Paul  
6:00 PM Mass @ SS. Peter & Paul **Vigil Mass for Holy Day**

### Friday, December 8 Holy Day of Obligation:

#### **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 AM William Ryan

Requested by Grandma

### Saturday, December 9

3:00 PM Reconciliation  
4:00 PM Allison & Robbie Lautenbach

Requested by Dick & Janet Grota

6:00PM Mass @ SS. Peter & Paul

### Sunday, December 10

8:00 AM Mass @ SS. Peter & Paul  
10:00 AM Congregations of St. Joseph & SS. Peter & Paul  
1:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass @ Corpus Christi

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday: Is 2:1-5 \* Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10 \* Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10 \* Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6 \* Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 \* Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 \* Lk 1:26-38  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 \* Mt 9:35-10:1, 5-8  
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 \* Mk 1:1-8 \* 2 Pt 3:8-14



This week we celebrate baptism and welcome to our parish **Clara Henrietta-Rose Sanchez**, daughter of Jesse Sanchez & Kerrienne Konrad. May God bless her family!

### **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation**

Immaculate Conception refers neither to the conception of Jesus or a virgin birth. It is specific doctrine of Roman Catholicism decreeing that the Virgin Mary was preserved free of original sin by divine grace from the moment of her conception. This dogma was made official in 1854 by Pope Pius IX. Since then, December 8<sup>th</sup> has been observed as a Roman Catholic feast in commemoration of the Immaculate Conception.

### **The History of the Diocese of Green Bay**

Looking for unique gifts for a special person or maybe even yourself? Discover the History of the Diocese of Green Bay. Beautifully illustrated books marking the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Diocese of Green Bay are available for purchase at the parish office.

### Summary of Contributions Received:

	Week Ended 12/1/2017	Year to Date Since 7/1/2017
Adult Envelopes	\$ 4,651	\$ 101,794
Online Giving	79	16,113
Visitor Envelopes	455	5,521
Loose Collection	534	16,607
Unrestricted Donations	0	2,910
<b>Total Contributions Received</b>	<b>5,719</b>	<b>142,945</b>
Budgeted Contributions	6,904	165,647
<b>Net Surplus/ (Shortfall)</b>	<b>\$ (1,185)</b>	<b>\$ (22,702)</b>

### **The Little Blue Book**

#### **Six –minute reflections on the Infancy Narrative of Matthew**

Six minutes a day. That's what you're asked to give during these next 37 days – the 22 days of Advent season and the 15 days of the Christmas season.

Each 24 hour day has 240 "six minute" packages. During the Advent and Christmas seasons, you're asked to give one of those to the Lord. The Little Blue Book provides the framework for you to enjoy one of our oldest traditions of prayer called *lectio divina* – sacred reading. People are often surprised at how easy it is to pray this way, and how deep such prayer can be.

It can change your day...change your life.

The Little Blue Book is available at our entrances of church and the parish office. A suggested donation of \$1.00 would be greatly appreciated.

### **Vigil Candles**

This week we have 5 lights lit for the following intentions. They stand as silent but bright signs of the prayers offered by those who light them.

Eunice Graf: Requested by Veronica Vertz

Bob, Joyce & Jan Bubnik: Requested by Pat & Jane

Dave Marsh: Requested by family & friends

Mary L. Kopydlowski: Requested by Deacon Ken Kopydlowski

Leo & Dode Rockwell: Requested by Joe & Linda Rockwell

***The December tabernacle candle is lit in loving memory of Anne & William Shewchuk.***

### **Retirement Collection December 9-10**

Next weekend, our parish will take a Retirement Collection. This will be to benefit two groups of people who have served us faithfully. We will have the opportunity to give to the National Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests. We also have an opportunity to give to the retirement needs of the senior priests in the Diocese of Green Bay. You may donate to both of these groups or just to one. Please use the envelope provided in the pews.

### **Christmas Helpers Needed**

Christmas will soon be here! Volunteers are needed to decorate our parish on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00am Mass. Come and stay for as long as your can. Your help would be greatly appreciated!



## DISCIPLES ON THE WAY

**Genesis**

**Elementary Religious Education**

Class Wednesday December 6, 13, 20

### Scripture Discussion

You are invited to come explore the upcoming Sunday Scriptures on Tuesdays, 10:00 am at St. Joseph Faith Formation Center or Thursdays, 9:15 am at SS. Peter & Paul in the Parish Center led by Penny Biber.



### Experience a Life Changing Advent!

**Writing Christmas cards** to the Homebound/Nursing Homes

**Thursday, December 7 @ SS Peter & Paul** after 8:30 am Mass  
Please bring 2 boxes of cards.

**The Canticles of Christmas** - Benedictus, Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis  
Join us at Anna's HealthCare on **Fridays, December 8 & 22 1:00 pm** to open the word and take a biblical look at the origin of these beautiful songs. To register call the parish office at 743-2062.

**Our Lady: Undoer of Knots: Friday, December 8 following the 8:30 AM Mass** for the Immaculate Conception at St. Joseph. Singing of the Rosary, presentation on the history of this favorite devotion of Pope Francis, and refreshments to follow.

**Movies with a Message** – "Young Messiah" on **Sunday, December 17, at 3:00 pm** at the St. Joseph Faith Formation Center.

### Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> at Corpus Christi Parish  
Rosary at noon with Procession to follow.  
Mass at 1:00pm.  
Food, music and fellowship after Mass in the Social Hall.  
All are welcome to join in the celebration!



### Sturgeon Bay Lions Brunch with Santa

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 – 11:30 at Corpus Christi Parish Social Hall  
"All You Can Eat" pancakes, eggs, porkies, sweet rolls and beverages.  
Visit with Santa from 9:00 – 11:00 includes a free picture

Scrip Report  
Profit for the week of 11/26  
\$65.22

Remember each time you buy Scrip during the month of December your name will be entered into a drawing for a \$25.00 Scrip card generously donated by a parishioner!

November winner is **Irene Laubenstein!** Thank you **Irene** for supporting our parish with your Scrip purchase!

**Got Scrip?**

## What's Happening This Week

Sunday, December 3 – Maintenance Collection

Sunday Social – Parish Hall 11:00am

Life Night Grades 9-12 @ Corpus Christi following 5:00pm Mass

Monday, December 4

Exercise Class – Faith Formation Center 8:30am

Tuesday, December 5

Bible Study – Faith Formation Center 10:00am

Finance Council Meeting – Holy Family Room 5:00pm

Exercise Class – Faith Formation Center 6:00pm

Wednesday, December 6

Genesis Grades 1-5 – Faith Formation Center 5:45pm

Edge Grade 6-8 @ Corpus Christi 6:00pm

Confirmation Class @ Corpus Christi 7:30pm

Thursday, December 7

Bible Study- @ SS. Peter & Paul 9:15am

Poinsettia pick up @ Corpus Christi 1-5pm & 6-7pm

Friday, December 8 - Holy Day: Immaculate Conception

Our Lady: Undoer of Knots following 8:30am Mass

Sunday, December 10 – Retirement Collection

Sunday Social – Parish Hall 11:00am

No Life Night Grades 9-12 this week

### Edge and Life Teen

### Middle & High School Religious Education

Did you take an ornament from the **Giving Tree?** Great, thank you! Please purchase whatever is on the ornament, wrap it (unless it's a gift card), secure the original ornament on the box/bag and return it to the tree by December 10<sup>th</sup>! Please, no late gifts. Feed and Clothe My People need the gifts early so they can get to the families in time for Christmas. We help 75 children! Each child gets two ornaments: clothing one and a fun one! Thank you again!

Thank you to everyone who purchased **poinsettias** for our March for Life and Mission Trip fundraiser! Pick up is this Thursday (December 7<sup>th</sup>) at Corpus Christi from 1-5pm and then from 6-7pm. All poinsettias will be in the front entrance of the church.

Life Teen this weekend (December 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Mass at 5pm (Corpus Christi and open to all)

Food at 6pm

Life Night until 8pm.

**Next Sunday:** There will be no regular Life Teen Mass or Life Night on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Instead, we are going to join Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration at Corpus Christi. Please be at Corpus for a special procession, prayer, and traditional dancers at 12pm, Mass at 1 and food to follow! Parents are encouraged to attend as well!

Confirmation this Wed (December 6<sup>th</sup>)

7:30-9pm at Corpus Christi. Sponsor/Candidate social! All candidates are to bring a dish to pass. Even if a sponsor can't attend, students are still to be there.

Edge this week (December 6<sup>th</sup>)

We meet from 6-7:15pm at Corpus Christi



**Advent Candle Rings and Candles** are available for purchase at the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue entrance of church.



# First Sunday of Advent Prayer

*The Most High God requests the honor of your presence at the entry of his Son into the world. This unprecedented event will be followed by a joyous celebration in two locations: Heaven and Earth. The event will take place on December 25, and you are encouraged to spend the next four weeks preparing for the festivities.*

**Sunday, December 3, 2017**

First Sunday of Advent



✠ Show us, LORD, your mercy;  
grant us your salvation.

**Psalm 83**

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**Reading**

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

**Reflection**

Is living in fear the same as being watchful? Fearful people often exhibit prejudice against other races or social classes. Fearful Christians focus on their sins and hell. Jesus instructs his followers to "Be watchful," "Be alert," and "You do not know when the time will come." He is not counseling fear. Something wonderful is coming and already is. It is variously called God's Kingdom, God's sovereignty, and God's Reign. In the household of God, the Master is mercy and kindness. The servants stay awake because they are eager to see his return, and they want to please him by having done well.

**Prayers**

*others may be added*

Seeking an increase in faith, we pray:

◆ Mercifully hear us, O Lord.

For those who find no meaning in life and so have nothing to watch for, we pray: ◆ For those who live in neighborhoods where crime and drugs create fear, we pray: ◆ For those who work to make the holiday season a time of charity, joy, and kindness, we pray: ◆ For families who wait to see their loved ones returning from military service, college, and distant places, we pray: ◆

*Our Father . . .*

O God,  
you are never far from us  
except for our blindness and indifference.  
As we begin our Advent journey,  
may your grace fill us with determination  
to accept all you offer us.  
Through Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

✠ Show us, LORD, your mercy;  
grant us your salvation.



**Need a *Great Hot Meal?***  
**LOAVES & FISHES**  
**Community Meal**  
**Friday Evenings**  
**Year 'round – Usually 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Who:** All Ages are Welcome

**What:** Family Style Dinner

**Time:** Serving from 5:30-7:00 pm.

**Where:** Northeastern Wisconsin Technical College  
229 North 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sturgeon Bay

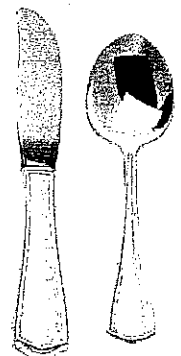
**Cost:** Free

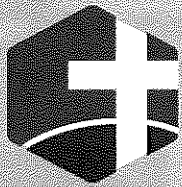
Sponsored by the community, local churches, businesses and individuals. There are no government funds used for the Loaves & Fishes community meal program.

**Need more information: Call 920.493.5318.**



**January 5, 19 and 26**  
**February 2, 16 and 23**  
**March 2, 16 and 23**





# The Parish Connection

St. John Bosco School is shaping future leaders by providing academic excellence in a caring 4K-8 Catholic environment where God's gifts are nurtured and where faith is put into action.

St. John Bosco  
Catholic School

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*From the Principal*

## Who Are You Thankful For?

With the holiday of Thanksgiving just completed, Advent beginning and Christmas soon to be celebrated, I ask you to think about the meaning of the word thanksgiving - it is an expression of gratitude, especially to God. Often, we get caught up in the pageantry that surrounds this holiday, and forget just who we are thankful for.

In life, you will meet many people along the way. Each person who touches our life brings a gift. Some will touch you more than others, but each person comes into your life for a reason. Many times, we don't exactly know why. This person could be a teacher, a parent, a spouse, a sibling, a friend or a stranger. Maybe this person listens when we need to talk or cry. Maybe they help us financially when we are broke. Maybe they talk to us, when we need a different perspective. Maybe they hold us when we don't deserve it. Maybe they sit with us when our grief is too much to bear alone. Maybe they are just there, so we know we are not alone.

How have we acknowledged this help? Have we taken their gifts of love, compassion, and hope out into the world and offered it to others? We all need to give

something back to this world that will help others along their paths. Possibly we all need to be more thankful. This year, stop, think, and remember all the people who have crossed our paths and be thankful for them. Say thank you out loud, say thank you in silence, but say it.

Practicing Faith, Strengthening our Community, Graduating Leaders

Mrs. Dassler

### Thanksgiving Trivia Answers

The School's November 15<sup>th</sup> Newsletter listed 20 Thanksgiving Trivia Questions. We asked families to look for the answers in this month's issue of the Parish Connection. Here is a posting of the questions, with answers highlighted.

1. What year was the celebration that is most commonly considered to be the first Thanksgiving? **1621**
2. How long did the first Thanksgiving celebration last? **3 days**
3. Under which president did Thanksgiving become an annual holiday? **Lincoln**
4. What are turkey chicks called? **Poults**
5. What is the wobbly red piece of flesh on top of the beak of a turkey? **Snood**
6. What state raises the most turkeys? **Minnesota**
7. What food was present at the first Thanksgiving but is rarely eaten at Thanksgiving now? **Seafood**
8. What culture produced the idea of the cornucopia, the horn of plenty? **Greek culture**

9. Do all turkeys gobble? **No, only males**
10. What is the name of the famous rock credited to where the pilgrims first landed? **Plymouth Rock**
11. What was the name of the ship the pilgrims came over on? **Mayflower**
12. Which balloon was the first balloon in the 1927 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade? **Felix the Cat**
13. Turkeys can drown if they look up in the rain. True or False. **True**
14. At the first Thanksgiving, there were more Indians than there were Pilgrims. True or False. **True**
15. Why is Thanksgiving always observed on a Thursday? **Thursday was mid prayer week**
16. How fast can a turkey run? **25 mph**
17. Which state produces the most cranberries? **Wisconsin**
18. What traditional food do we eat at Thanksgiving today that they did not serve in 1621? **Pumpkin pie**
19. The first Thanksgiving football game was started in 1934 by which team? **Detroit Lions**
20. What are unhappy cranberries called? **Blueberries**

### Advent Services

Please join us for our Advent Services each Monday, December 5, 12, 19, and Friday, December 22 at 8:10 a.m. in the hallway near the school office.



### Scholastic Book Fair

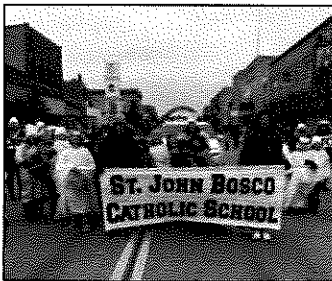
Thank you for supporting SJB's Scholastic Book Fair. Many families and friends stopped in and bought books. St. John Bosco School will be able to purchase \$2000 worth of new books to be used in the classrooms!



**Glory to God and Peace on Earth**

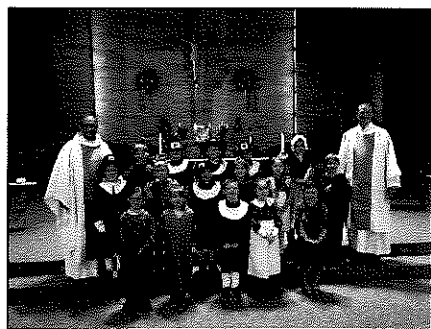


Our entry in the Christmas by the Bay Parade, designed and created by our 4K and Kindergarten students and their parents took First Place in the 2017 Non-Profit Entry Category. SJB students and families were spreading peace on Earth!



**Thanksgiving Mass**

Thank you to our first-grade class for helping us celebrate our special Thanksgiving Mass. We are very grateful to our little Pilgrims and Native Americans and their teacher, Mrs. Mueller for helping us give thanks to God for all our blessings!



**Thanksgiving Baskets**

St. John Bosco School assembled 9 Thanksgiving dinner baskets for area families. Baskets included a \$25 gift card to purchase a turkey, potatoes, fresh yams, dinner rolls, gravy, stuffing, corn, beans, cranberries, jello, pumpkin and apple pies and cool whip. Sharing God's blessings brings such joy!

**Third Grade Receives Dictionaries**

Ms. Prue's Third Grade class received dictionaries from the Breakfast Rotary Club in mid-November.



Thanks to Ann Smejkal and Ann Jenkins for presenting the dictionaries to our students. We are eager to learn new words!

**DARE Graduation**

Our fifth-grade students recently completed the **D.A.R.E.** program with Juvenile Investigator Chris Neville. The DARE program began as a drug abuse resistance education (DARE) program. It has grown into a program centered on teaching students good decision-making skills to help them lead safe and healthy lives. For a final **D.A.R.E.** project, the students wrote individual essays on what was learned during the program. One essay was selected that best represented the **D.A.R.E.** message, and that essay was read during the graduation ceremony on December 1. Door County Sheriff Steve Delarwelle also spoke during the ceremony. Officer Neville and Mrs. Retzlaff presented each student with a certificate and T-shirt recognizing their dedication and hard work in the **D.A.R.E.** program.

**Sip 'N Shop**

Door County Candy is continuing with their annual tradition of the Sip 'N Shop holiday shopping event and giving back to local nonprofits. Proceeds from anyone shopping at the store between the hours of 4:00 – 6:00 on December 9<sup>th</sup> will be given to St. John Bosco. If you need to purchase those holiday favorites for your family and friends please do so on the 9<sup>th</sup> between 4:00 – 6:00. Thank you.

**Christmas Concert**

Please join St. John Bosco School students and staff on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> for our annual Christmas concert. This year, the concert will be held at Corpus Christi Church at 6:30pm. Our singing and instrumental playing will definitely get you into the Christmas spirit.



**Annual School Fund Drive**

St. John Bosco School's Annual School Fund is officially underway. If you did not receive an envelope in the mail, please look for specially marked envelopes located in each of the parishes. Catholic education is an investment in the Church, our community, and our society. Each year St. John Bosco fundraises 20% of its annual operating budget. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to the county's only Catholic School. Thank you!

**Green Day**

4K celebrated Green Day! Each student along with Mrs. Kacmarynski and Mrs. Weber wore green to celebrate the day. The students were even able to enjoy green eggs and ham.



**First and Fourth Grade Team Up**

Before Thanksgiving break, our First and Fourth Graders took time to read to each other. A great time was had by all!

