

Happy 2nd week of Advent!



**WEEKLY MASSES
and/or COMMUNION SERVICE**

Saturday, December 9

3:00 PM Reconciliation
4:00 PM Allison & Robbie Lautenbach
Requested by Dick & Janet Grotta

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

Tuesday, December 12

10:00 AM Mass @ Door County Memorial Chapel
7:00 PM Mary Jane Nielson

Requested by family & friends

Wednesday, December 13

8:30 AM Charles Richard
Requested by Genevieve Richard

Thursday, December 14

8:30 AM Mass @ SS. Peter & Paul

Friday, December 15

8:30 AM Frances Watkins
Requested by Theresa Watkins Chayer

Saturday, December 16

3:00 PM Reconciliation
4:00 PM Orville Gauger
Requested by his wife, Eunice

6:00PM Mass @ SS. Peter & Paul

Sunday, December 17

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday: Is 35:1-10 * Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 * Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31 * Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20 * Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19 * Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 * Mt 17:9-13
Sunday: Is 61:1-2, 10-11 * 1 Thes 5:16-24 * Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Wedding Banns

We pray for those preparing for holy matrimony:
I Bann
Meredith Birmingham & Casey Karpin



We'd like to congratulate **Dale & Linda Smith** on their **50th** wedding anniversary on December 9th. God's continued blessings



Thank You Volunteers!

A sincere thank you to all who helped change out the Breaking Bread books. A great turnout made short order of a daunting task. God bless each of you!



Summary of Contributions Received:

	Week Ended 12/8/2017	Year to Date Since 7/1/2017
Adult Envelopes	\$ 5,565	\$ 107,359
Online Giving	175	16,288
Visitor Envelopes	360	5,881
Loose Collection	412	17,019
Unrestricted Donations	0	2,910
Total Contributions Received	6,512	149,457
Budgeted Contributions	6,904	172,550
Net Surplus/ (Shortfall)	\$ (392)	\$ (23,093)
Scrip profit/week 12/1.....		\$31.88

Retirement Collection December 9-10

Today, through the Retirement Collection, we are able to Share in the Care of our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests through the National Retirement Fund for Religious, as well as of the senior priests of our own diocese. Envelopes are available in the pews to make your contribution. Please be generous in helping those who have given so much over the years.

Vigil Candles

This week we have 6 lights lit for the following intentions. They stand as silent but bright signs of the prayers offered by those who light them.

- Deceased members of the Jennerjohn & Zirbel Families: Requested by Ray Jennerjohn Family
- Harold, Esther and April Kezo: Requested by Bill & Susie Kezo
- Special Intentions: Requested by Mr. Bud Schubert
- William Kopydlowski: Requested by Deacon Ken Kopydlowski
- Dave Marsh: Requested by family & friends
- Grace & Elmer Worachek: Requested by Pat & Jane

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

From Death to New Life

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Stanley "Stan" James Horak**. May God welcome him home and comfort his family in this time of sorrow. May the knowledge of our prayers and support give his family peace.



The History of the Diocese of Green Bay

Christmas will soon be here! Are you looking for a unique gift for that special person in your life or maybe something special for yourself? Discover the History of the Diocese of Green Bay, beautifully illustrated books marking the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Green Bay are available for purchase at the parish office. Stop in and take a look!

Hard cover books - \$25.00
New American New Testament Bible - \$10.00

Choir Practice for Christmas

The choir will be practicing in preparation for Christmas. The practices will be Wednesdays December 13 and December 20th from 6:30pm-8:00pm. We welcome all who would like to join us!



DISCIPLES ON THE WAY

Genesis -Elementary Religious Education

Class Wednesday December 13, 20

Christmas Card Elves!

Thank you to everyone who helped spread a little hope, peace, joy and love to our extended families in the nursing homes. The Christmas cards that were donated were wonderful and the conversation while writing them was priceless! It is in the giving that we receive!

College Care Packages

Thank you so much to everyone who donated "goodies" for the care packages for the youth. 41 boxes were sent out this week. What an awesome way for our parishes to reach out to them and let them know that we care and that they continue to be in our prayers.

Christmas Wreath Sale

Thank you so much for supporting the Genesis Program by buying a Christmas wreath this year. We had another successful year, 160 wreaths sold! Your continued prayers for the program would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested there are still a few 24 inch rounds for sale at the price of 17.00. Just contact the parish office or stop in.



Please note the time change! "The Young Messiah". A spectacular movie for the whole family. **Sunday, December 17, 3:00 pm** in the St. Joseph Faith Formation Center.

This movie is inspired by Scripture and rooted in history. *The Young Messiah* imagines a year in the boyhood of Jesus, when the mystery of Jesus' divinity begins to unfold in His early years. This movie is rated PG-13 for some violence and thematic elements.

An Advent Bible Study "The Canticles of Christmas"

Nunc Dimittis: The Song of Simeon

Friday, December 21—1:00 pm

Join us at Anna's Healthcare

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 Biwer.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Sunday December 10th 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!



What's Happening This Week

Sunday, December 10 – Retirement Collection

Sunday Social – Parish Hall 11:00am

No Life Night Grades 9-12 this week

Tuesday, December 12

Bible Study – Faith Formation Center 10:00am

Wednesday, December 13

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 14

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

Friday, December 15

Book Discussion: "Story of Our Soul"–Faith Formation Center 10:30am

Sunday, December 17

Sunday Social – Parish Hall 11:00am

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

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 10th! 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: a clothing one and a fun one! Thank you again!

Please say a special prayer for our Confirmation students who are/were on retreat this weekend! They are/were at Camp Tekawitha all day on Saturday growing in their relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Life Teen this weekend (December 10th)

We join the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration!

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! There is no regular Life Teen Mass or Life Night in the evening, but we invite and encourage all high school students to attend this special afternoon.

Next Sunday, December 17th we Christmas carol from 1-4:30pm, have the Mass (Corpus Christi) at 5pm, and then have a Life Night until 8pm. We ask that all high schoolers attend either caroling or the Life Night if they are not able to make all of our offerings that day.

Confirmation this Wed (December 13th)

Class from 7:30-9pm at Corpus Christi

Edge this week (December 13th)

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

We hope to see Edgers at the Our Lady of Guadalupe and Christmas caroling as well!

Christmas Helpers Needed

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





Second Sunday of Advent

Prepare The Way Of The Lord



Sunday, December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

† The LORD is waiting to be gracious to you.

Psalm 21

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Reading

Mark 1:1-5, 7-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: / *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; / he will prepare your way. / A voice of one crying out in the desert: / "Prepare the way of the Lord, / make straight his paths."* / John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. . . . And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Reflection

The Gospel according to Mark has no infancy narrative. Like an archer, Mark directs his arrow to the heart of the matter. John the Baptist was the herald of the Messiah. How can believers trust this? He did what Isaiah prophesied. He wore a hairy animal skin and leather girdle. He did not point to himself but to the Coming One. He lived as an ascetic to prepare himself, and he invited the people to prepare themselves

through repentance. This is the essence of the spirituality of Advent. We listen to John to stir our hope. We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We pray, fast, and give—not as exercises of conversion as during Lent but to embody and bear witness to our hope.

Prayers

others may be added.

Let us prepare the way of the Lord as we say:

◆ Come, Lord Jesus.

For religious communities of men and women who practice an ascetic lifestyle, we pray: ◆ For catechumens as they pray and prepare for their Baptism at the Easter Vigil, we pray: ◆ For our community's leaders that they may seek to aid all who cannot find their way forward, we pray: ◆ For volunteers who collect toys, clothing, food, and funds for the needy during the Advent season, we pray: ◆

Our Father . . .

Lord Jesus,
as the length of daylight grows shorter
each day,
we ask you to protect us from
the darkness,
especially the lethal darkness of the
Evil One,
who seeks to draw us away from the
straight course.
You live and reign with God the Father in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

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