



WEEKLY MASSES and/or COMMUNION SERVICE

Saturday, December 23

3:00 PM Reconciliation
4:00 PM 50th Wedding Anniversary
Robert & Barbara Spude
6:00PM Mass @ SS. Peter & Paul

Sunday, December 24

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
4:00 PM Chad Gauger
Requested by Mom & Dad
6:00 PM Mass @ SS. Peter & Paul
9:00 PM Arlene Blahnik
Requested by her husband, Tom

Monday, December 25 The Nativity of the Lord

10:00 AM David & Robert Delfosse
Requested by Armene and Stewart & Theresa Fett

Tuesday, December 26

10:00 AM Mass @ Pine Crest
7:00 PM Jeanne Floor

Requested by Don & Joan Harding

Wednesday, December 27

8:30 AM Lee Graf
Requested by family & friends

Thursday, December 28 The Holy Innocents

8:30 AM Mass @ SS. Peter & Paul

Friday, December 29

8:30 AM Mike & Paula Virlee
Requested by their family

Saturday, December 30

1:00 PM Wedding: Meredith Birmingham & Casey Karpin
3:00 PM Reconciliation
4:00 PM Poker & Tabaska Families
Requested by Barb & Jim
6:00PM Mass @ SS. Peter & Paul

Sunday, December 31 The Holy Family

8:00 AM Mass @ SS. Peter & Paul
10:00 AM Eleanor & Gene Burr
Requested by Terry & Cheryl Burr
1:00 PM Spanish Mass @ SS. Peter & Paul
4:00 PM Congregations at St. Joseph & SS. Peter & Paul
6:00 PM Mass @ SS. Peter & Paul

Monday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

8:30 PM Mass @ SS. Peter & Paul

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday: Is 52:7-10 * Jn 1:1-18 * Heb 1:1-6
Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10: 7:54-59 * Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4 * Jn 20:1-8
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 * Mt 2:13-18
Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11 * Lk 2:22-35
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17 * Lk 2:26-40
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 * Col 3:12-21 * Lk 22-40
Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 * Lk 1:26-38 * Rom 16:25-27

Thanks for your help!

Many, many thanks to all the people who helped with decorating the church-men, women and children alike. It was very much appreciated! You did a fantastic job.

Summary of Contributions Received:

	Week Ended 12/15/2017	Year to Date Since 7/1/2017
Adult Envelopes	\$ 5,672	\$ 124,042
Online Giving	50	18,873
Visitor Envelopes	120	6,191
Loose Collection	612	18,110
Unrestricted Donations		2,930
Total Contributions Received	6,454	170,146
Budgeted Contributions	6,904	186,357
Net Surplus/ (Shortfall)	\$ (450)	\$ (16,211)

End-of-Year Church Contributions

As you begin year end tax planning for your family or business, don't forget that donations to St. Joseph Church qualify as a tax deductible charitable contribution. Most members give a cash gift, but a gift of stocks or bonds is another way to benefit your parish and gain a tax advantage. Seek the advice of your tax professional and keep in mind this alternative method for providing a gift to your parish.

Vigil Candles

This week we have 10 lights lit for the following intentions. They stand as silent but bright signs of the prayers offered by those who light them.

Lee Peterson: Requested by Sandy
Cindy Tong: Requested by Sandy & Sue
My Grandchildren: Requested by Grandma
William & Mark Resler: Requested by Carolyn Resler
Dave Marsh: Requested by family & friends
Special Intention: Requested by Eunie Gauger
Special Family Intentions: Requested by Susan & Ed Hunsader
Gordon Schram: Requested by Maureen Weber
Deceased members of the Jennerjohn & Zirbel Families:
Requested by Ray Jennerjohn Family
Happy birthday, Jesus. Thank you for your blessings this year:
Requested by Veronica A. Vertz

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

Wedding Banns

We pray for those preparing for holy matrimony:

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Meredith Birmingham & Casey Karpin



We'd like to congratulate **Robert & Barbara Spude** on their 50th wedding anniversary on December 23rd, **Gene & Judith Muench** on their 50th anniversary on December 28th and **David & Lolly Ratajczak** on their 60th anniversary on December 28th. God's continued blessings.



This week we celebrate the baptism of **Molly Elizabeth Large**, daughter of Tim and Jenna (Voegelé) Large. May God bless her family.

DISCIPLES ON THE WAY

Genesis -Elementary Religious Education
No Class Wednesday December 27

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.

2018 Tabernacle Candles

Many of you know we have a perpetual candle burning in the sanctuary by the tabernacle representing the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The tabernacle candle is available to parishioners who wish to donate this in honor of their loved ones. We are limiting this to no more than one month per family to make sure that everyone has an opportunity. The cost is \$30/month. A couple months in 2018 are still available; please call the parish office at 920-743-2062 to reserve one.

Many Thanks to our Bulletin Sponsors

We would like to thank all of the Sponsors who have generously committed to the bulletin for this year. The Sponsors listed on our back page make our weekly bulletin possible. We are grateful that this crucial communication piece is provided to our parish at no cost thanks to their generous support. Whether you are a parishioner or one of our many welcome visitors, please take the time to thank them by supporting their business.



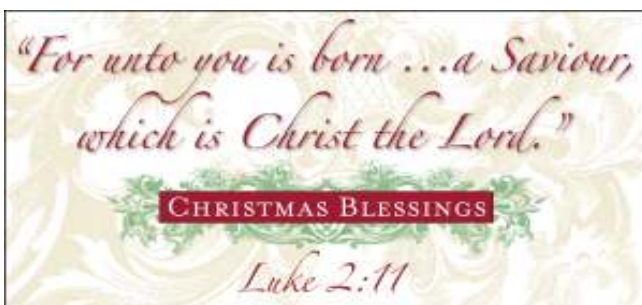
Area Christmas Masses

December 24: St. Joseph Parish 4:00pm & 9:00pm
SS. Peter & Paul Parish 6:00pm
Corpus Christi Parish 4:30pm & 10:00pm
Holy Name of Mary Parish 4:00pm

December 25: Holy Name of Mary Parish 9:00am
St. Joseph Parish 10:00am
Corpus Christi Parish 10:30am

St. Joseph Mass is on TV

Just a reminder that our weekend Mass is televised on Cable TV, **Channel 989** on Sunday at 1:00 PM and 6:00PM and again on Friday at 9:00AM and 6:00PM.



This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, December 24

Sunday Social – Parish Hall 11:00am
No Life Night –Grades 9-12

Monday, December 25

Parish Office-Closed

Tuesday, December 26

Parish Office -Closed
No Bible Study – Faith Formation Center 10:00am

Wednesday, December 27

No Genesis Grades 1-5
No Edge Grade 6-8

Thursday, December 28

No Bible Study- @ SS. Peter & Paul

Sunday, December 31

Sunday Social – Parish Hall 11:00am
No Life night Grades 9-12

Monday, January 1

Parish Office –Closed

Parish Office Closed

Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26

We wish you a Christmas filled with the wonder of the birth of Christ, the warmth of the Holiday spirit and the love of family and friends. May you all have a Blessed Christmas!

Fr. Bob, Terry, Paul, Barb, Monica, Patti, Penny, Sarah, Cheryl and Mary.

Edge and Life Teen

Middle & High School Religious Education

Merry Christmas! We hope you all find time to slow down and to enjoy your family and friends this Christmas. We are praying for you and your families.

There will be no Life Teen Mass or Life Night on Sunday, December 24th or Sunday, December 31st.

There is no Edge or Confirmation on Wednesday, December 27th.

Stay tuned for teen speakers on December 30th and 31st regarding our annual March to Life Trip to Washington, DC in January. We have a great opportunity for you to help support the teenagers attending.



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

God Bless Us Everyone!

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*We gratefully acknowledge our Christmas flower and
decoration donations*

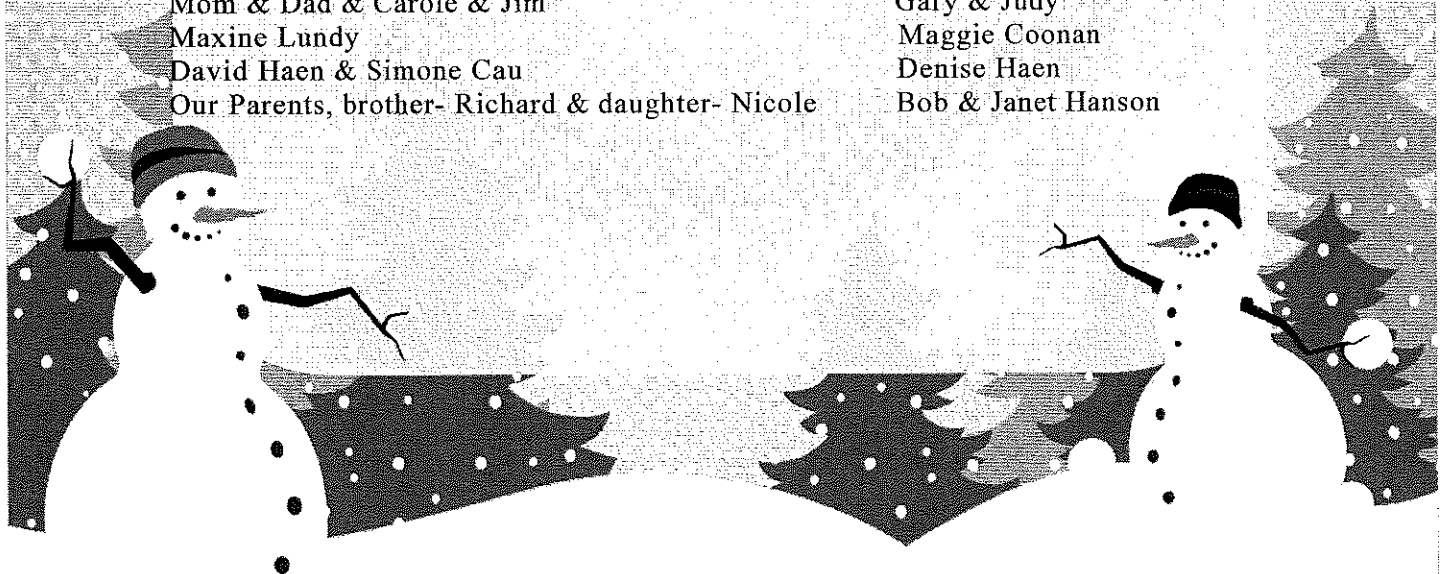
Please Remember:

The Jennerjohn & Zirbel Families
Julius Vertz
Judy Kannenberg
Robert G. Tice, Sr.
Louis & Shirley Rockendorf
Robert Tice, Sr.
Judy Kannenberg
Leon & Elsie May
Harold, Esther & Amber Kezo
Wehausen Family
Special Intention
Roy Renier
Deceased members of the Austad
& Weber Families
Special Intention
Our Families
Special Intention
Gen & Lawrence Virlee
Grace & Elmer Worachek
Larry Graf
Pollock & Marth Families
Our Parents & Randy
Matilda & Albert Schwoerer
Verus & Orville Hass
Sharon & Buzz Paschke
Special Intentions
Fr. Frank Babbish S.J.
Mr. & Mrs. Cy Ripple & Ms. Lois Wolfe
Mom & Dad & Carole & Jim
Maxine Lundy
David Haen & Simone Cau
Our Parents, brother- Richard & daughter- Nicole

Requested by:

Ray Jennerjohn Family
wife, Veronica A. Vertz
Dorothy Tice
Dorothy Tice
Scott & Betty Rockendorf
Scott & Betty Rockendorf
Scott & Betty Rockendorf
your Family
Bill & Sue Kezo
Marge Cigler
Bud Schubert
wife, Lucille

Jean Austad
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Jorns
Jim & Barb
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Dybas
Family
Pat & Jan
Family
Ken & Nancy Pollock
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Larsen
Cletus & Jane Schwoerer
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Mitch & Marie
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Tibbetts
The Lowreys
Jim & Lee
Gary & Judy
Maggie Coonan
Denise Haen
Bob & Janet Hanson



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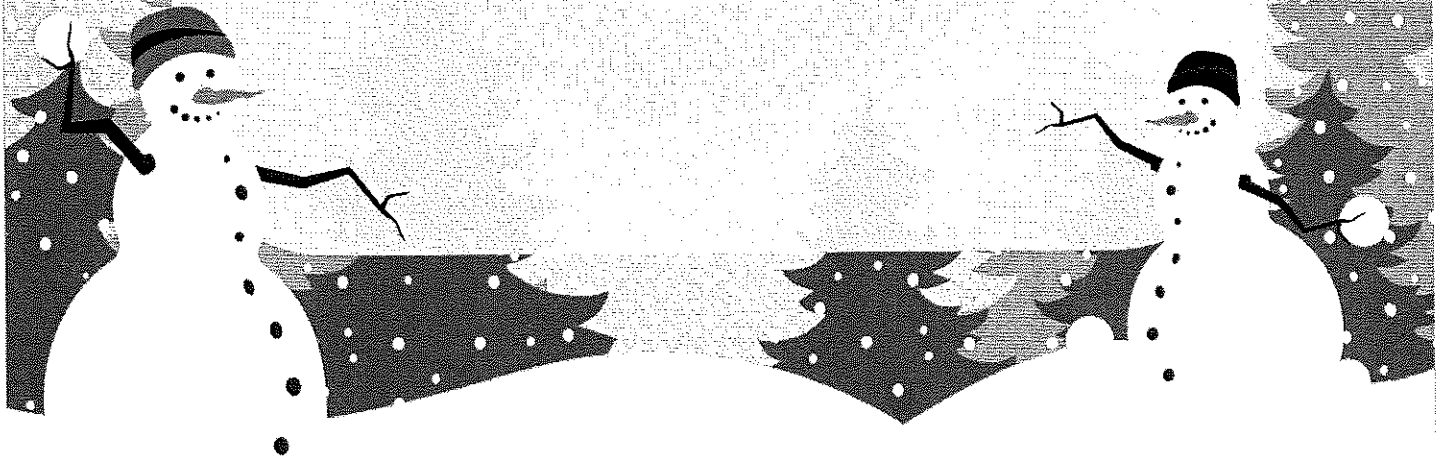
Special Intention
Mary Teichtler
Buddy Spofford
Special Intention
Grace Renier
Special Intentions
Jerry & Mike Bauer
Special Intention
Robert Guth & Jessica Guth
Gary Keller
Rehrauer & Kuepfer Families
Georgiana
Bob Rubens
Deceased Family Member
John Leist

Grant Weckler
Special Intentions
Roger Vertz, Rose & Dewey Vertz
Linda Pearson
William & Mark Resler
Mary Kopydlowski
Howard Schlise

Fritz & Tracy Brunswick
Ed, Donna & Kim Austad
Deceased Family Members
Girlie Voeks
Frank W. Jilot
David
Gary Backstrom
Dionne Family
Fr. Bob Konkol
Carl May
Our Parents
Our Parents
Grant Weckler

Requested by:

James Goodwin
John
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Gauthier
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Templin
Wanda
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Orthober
Dolores
Sheila Turner
Leta Guth
His wife, Kathy
Tom & Mary Rehrauer
Mr. Joseph Bourgouin
Randy & Kim Rubens
Bruce & Sandy Shewchuk
Kathy & Tom McCaulley
Family
wife, Rosemary
Lee Basten
Ronnie Vertz & family
Mother
Wife & Mother
Kenneth Kopydlowski
Marion, Ron & Marilyn,
Sally & Neil
Don & Joan Harding
Don & Joan Harding
Joanne Nesbitt
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Tanck
Lucy Jilot
Mom & Dad
Bev Sternard
Mary Dionne
Mary Dionne
Irene May
Mr. & Mrs. William Hanson
John & Mary Jeanne
His daughter, Sue Christianson





Fourth Sunday of Advent

Behold, I Am Coming Soon.



Sunday, December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Psalm 71

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Reading

Luke 1:26-30a, 35b-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary . . . the Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

Reflection

The Annunciation to Mary is one of the most frequent subjects of the great masters. However, the paintings usually reflect the culture of the master's own time. Mary is often lavishly dressed, kneeling at a prie-dieu, reading from a prayer book. The ceiling is high, perhaps with clerestory windows. None of this accurately reflects the simplicity of the original event: a very young, perhaps teenaged girl, visited by a divine

messenger, invited to answer yes to God. The celebration of Christmas can overwhelm us with its sumptuousness. Focusing on Mary's experience and response is needed for us to regain perspective.

Prayers

others may be added

Trusting in God's providence, we pray:

◆ Lord, hear our prayer.

For the safety of travelers during the Christmas holidays, we pray: ◆ For the healing of family divisions and long-held grudges, we pray: ◆ For the spiritual depth to keep our celebration of Christmas with simplicity and spiritual understanding, we pray: ◆ For family and friends separated by great distances at this time, we pray: ◆

Our Father . . .

Lord Jesus, Light of the World,
as we prepare to celebrate your coming,
let your light shine into our hearts
so that we may come to acknowledge
your love and compassion for all people.
You live and reign with God the Father in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

† Behold, I am coming soon.

4th Sunday of
ADVENT

Time To Open Our
Hearts To The Lord