



**MASSES
and/or
COMMUNION SERVICE**

Following the directions of the Diocese of Green Bay and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, St. Joseph Parish will not hold daily or weekend Masses. May God watch over us and bless us during this time.

For your silent private prayer, St. Joseph Parish ramp door will be open:

- Monday – Friday 7:00am – 4:00pm
- Saturday – Sunday 9:00am – 12:00pm

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday: Is 65: 17-21 * Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12 * Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 * Heb 10:4-10 * Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday: Ez 37:12-14 * Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1, 12-22 * Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20 * Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday: Ez 37:12-14 * Rom 8:8-11 * Jn 11:1-45

Vigil Candles

This week we have 8 lights lit for the following intentions. They stand as silent but bright signs of the prayers offered by those who light them.

Charles Weber: Requested by Maureen Weber
 William & Elizabeth Gauger: Requested by Eunie
 Charlene Slavik, get well: Requested by Renie May
 Jerry & Mike Bauer: Requested by Dolores Bauer
 Special Intentions: Requested by Lawrence & Mary Tanck
 Special Intentions: Requested by Susan & Ed Hunsader
 Jeffrey Scott Makie-now and forever-amen: Requested by his wife, Diane
 Jerry & Mike Bauer: Requested by Dolores Bauer

The March tabernacle candle is lit in loving memory of Jean Schmitz.

A Message from Fr. Bob

There was an insert in a recent edition of our Diocesan newspaper, The Compass, pertaining to the Year of St. Joseph, March 19, 2020 – March 19, 2021. I've been praying the Litany of St. Joseph from the back page of the insert. There are other prayers that have been circulated recently that ask for help from our Blessed Mother, Mary. One is A Prayer for Protection In Time of Pandemic which is from the Knights of Columbus and adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis. The other comes from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops which is addressed to the Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels. I've also been making use of the Lenten season Little Black Book and we'll eventually have the Little White Book for the Easter season. Lots of opportunity for prayer and certainly we've been given cause to abstain and to fast and to give alms. Maybe not in the way we've originally planned for ourselves this Lent but this liturgical season is right in-line with what we're being asked to do to prevent the spread of the Corona virus. God Bless you all this Lent and I look forward to being able to be together again as the body of Christ in prayer. – Fr. Bob Stegmann



Year of St. Joseph

March 19, 2020- March 19, 2021
**Prayer and Litany cards are available
 in church and the parish office.**

St. Joseph has proven himself a miracle worker throughout the history of the church and also today. He answers prayers simply, humbly and thoroughly. It is with great excitement and confidence that I invite you to celebrate this year in honor of St. Joseph with me.
 -Bishop David L. Ricken

Summary of Contributions:

This week's Parish Financial Summary amounts were not available at time of print. Total will be printed at a later date.

Online
Giving



Please Consider Online Giving – a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy! Visit our website, www.stjosephsb.com and click our Online Giving link. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account. Thank you for donating! Call the parish office with any questions regarding setting up your Online Giving account at 920-743-2067

Impacting the Lives of Children

Did you know within our diocese more than 9,000 children participate in Catholic schools and nearly 18,000 in Religious Education classes? Or that more than 700 attended Camp Tekakwitha last summer?

The future of our Church needs young people to be alive in their faith today. Through the many education programs of our Diocese, we are able to teach children to know and love Jesus.

Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal allows students involved in Catholic schools, religious education and youth ministry to draw closer to Christ and to each other on a regular basis. Young people founded in Catholic education are the future of our Church and good citizens in our communities.

Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal makes a difference in the Catholic education of children across our 16-county diocese. To make a gift today contact your parish, visit the Bishop's Appeal website at www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give, or call Tammy toll-free at 877-500-3580, ext. 8123.

Bishop's Appeal 2020

Bishop's Appeal Required Funds..... \$33,694.00
 Collected to date (Mar. 17th)\$23,487.00



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Sharon Poehler**. May God welcome her home and comfort her family in this time of sorrow. May the knowledge of our prayers and support give her family peace.

Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

"I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life." Those who follow Christ will resemble Christ himself bringing to others goodness, righteousness truth.

These Lenten Events are canceled!

All Stations of the Cross/Soup
Marian Prayer/Sunday March 29
St. Bernadette Presentation/April 2

Faith Formation/Youth & Adult

- All Genesis Religious Education classes are canceled until further notice.
- First Communion Retreat for April 4 is canceled and will not be rescheduled.
- RCIA classes are canceled until further notice including the retreat for April 4.
- Tuesday Bible Discussion canceled until further notice.

Almsgiving

Week Four: Boys & Girls Club: Socks (toddler to adult 7), youth underwear (sizes XS – XL), Full-size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste and dental floss

Week Five: Feed My People: Nonperishable food.

Week Six: Adopt a Soldier: Pudding or fruit cups, fruit snacks, frisbees, peanut butter, jelly (in plastic jars) and fixings for S'mores.

Watch the bulletin for further information on the status of the following book studies.

Women's Lenten Book Study

"Return of the Prodigal Son" by Henri Nouwen

- **SS. Peter and Paul Social Hall**
- **6:00 – 7:30 pm on April 7**

Chapters 4 to 9 —End of book

Book Discussion

"The Reed of God" by Caryll Houselander

Fridays: 9:30-11:00 am April 17 –Part 3, May 15 – Part 4

This book discussion led by Sara Buscher will meet in the St. Joseph Faith Formation Center. It's not too late to join the discussion. Books (\$10.00) are available for purchase by calling Penny 743-2062.

Like St. Joseph Parish on Facebook

Keep up to date on all that is happening at St. Joseph Parish. Like our Facebook page. There are great pictures, all the latest parish news, and so much more. The link below will take you to our page. While there, hit the like button a few times as well as comment on the things you see. Let us know what you think of it.

<https://www.facebook.com/St.JosephCatholicSb>

St. Joseph Mass is on TV

St. Joseph Parish 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.



**Pope France
Prayer to Virgin Mary for Protection:**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that,

as you did at Cana of Galilee,

joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

to conform ourselves to the Father's will

and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,

through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

www.vaticannews.org

Edge and Life Teen**Middle High School Religious Education and Youth Ministry****From the Diocese:**

"The Office of Religious Education and Youth Ministry (Child and Youth Faith Formation) requests that all parish Religious Education classes including Confirmation classes and youth ministry events be canceled, starting on Wednesday March 18th, 2020 (next Wednesday) through Monday April 6th, 2020."

We of course will follow this request for the safety of our youth, volunteers, and our community.

There will be no Edge until at least April 8th.

If the schools stay closed longer, we will also not have Edge classes.

There will be no Life Teen until April 19th

(April 12th is Easter and we wouldn't have Life Teen that evening anyway).

We haven't made the decision yet about the April 5th Life Teen Mass. Please stay tuned to Mass announcements, Sarah's Facebook page, Sturgeon Bay Edge and Life Teen, St. Joseph, or Corpus Christi's Facebook pages. Sarah will also be emailing parents on a regular basis.

We can't stop youth ministry all together...in fact we NEED Jesus more now. We NEED Jesus to calm the storm. Stay tuned for online offerings of Bible Studies, "classes" and even small group discussions.

St. Joseph, pray for us.