



It's not fair," say the laborers to the landlord. "They worked only an hour whereas we worked all day." The Lord's payment is grace; he gives the same to all who come to work in his vineyard, no matter if one comes early in life or later. Thank you, Lord.

Together We Celebrate

Saturday, September 19

4:00 PM – **Lucille Renier:** Requested by Wanda Bouche
6:00 PM @ SS Peter & Paul

Sunday, September 20

8:00 AM @ SS Peter & Paul
10:00 AM – **For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph and SS. Peter & Paul Parishes**
1:00 PM Spanish Mass @ SS Peter & Paul

Wednesday, September 23

8:30 AM – **Jeff Makie:** Requested by Friends & family

Thursday, September 24

8:30 am @ SS Peter & Paul

Saturday, September 26

4:00 PM – **For all Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph & SS. Peter & Paul**
6:00 PM @ SS Peter & Paul

Sunday, September 27

8:00 AM @ SS Peter & Paul
10:00 AM – **Susie & Mike:** Requested by Mike

PLEASE NOTE!

Our church doors will be open for Mass on Wednesdays at 8:00am and will remain open until 4:00pm for private prayer time. This is for Wednesdays only.

Confession is available by appointment, call 743-2062

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 6:00 PM.

Breaking Open the Word

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 *Mt. 9:9-13
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 * Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9 *Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Ecc 1:2-11 *Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Ecc 3:1-11 *Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Ecc 11:9-- 12:8 *Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Ez 18:25-28 *Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 *Mt 21:28-32



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Helen Marik**

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.



Congratulation and may God bless George & Peg Jensen who are celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary on September 17th.

Vigil Candles

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

Kenny, David, Bill Kezo & Glen Ullman: Requested by Veronica A. Vertz

Julius Vertz: Requested by Veronica A. Vertz

Special Intention: Requested by James & Barbara Tabaska

In Thanksgiving for Good Health for Veronica A. Vertz

Jeffrey Scott Makie-now and forever-amen:

Requested by his wife, Diane

Special Intention for Sue & George Sargent: Requested by Walter & Diane Hanisko

Special Intention for Mike McMillion: Requested by Walter & Diane Hanisko

Our son, Tyler Frea, in remembrance of his birthday:

Requested by Scott & Lorie Frea



The September tabernacle candle is lit in loving memory of Eunice & Orv Gauger.

Summary of Contributions Received:

	Year to Date Week Ended	Since
	<u>9/11/2020</u>	<u>7/1/2020</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$ 4,251	\$ 48,070
Online Giving	390	14,972
Visitor Envelopes	60	1,805
Loose Collection	133	4,021
Unrestricted Donations		<u>4,810</u>
Total Contributions Received	4,834	73,678
Budgeted Contributions	<u>\$ 7,620</u>	<u>74,914</u>
Surplus/ (Shortfall)	\$ (2,786)	(1,236)

Summary of Contributions Received:

	Year to Date Week Ended	Since
	<u>9/18/2020</u>	<u>7/1/2020</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$ 3,684	\$ 51,754
Online Giving	2,440	17,412
Visitor Envelopes	185	1,990
Loose Collection	292	4,313
Unrestricted Donations		<u>4,810</u>
Total Contributions Received	6,601	80,279
Budgeted Contributions	<u>\$ 7,620</u>	<u>82,533</u>
Surplus/ (Shortfall)	\$ (1,019)	(2,254)



Wedding Banns

We pray for those preparing for holy matrimony:
Valerie LeGrave & Cord Young (III)



“Happy 100th Birthday Helena Virlee”

Our thoughts and prayer are with you as you celebrate this very special day!



Genesis Religious Education (Grades 1-5)

In-person sessions will begin for Genesis on **Wednesday, October 7, 5:30 – 6:45 pm. Please note the time change!** All precautions are being put in place to provide a safe environment for everyone involved. A homeschooling option (materials provided) is available for families with compromised health concerns.

If your family is new to our program this year or if you're a returning family and did not receive an information/registration packet, please contact Penny Biwer at 743-2062 or pbiwer@hotmail.com as soon as possible.



As we celebrate Catechetical Sunday this weekend let us thank our wonderful volunteers who have said yes to the call to share their faith with our children and adults. This group of dedicated people have taken the words of St. Paul to heart, "I received from the Lord also what I have handed on to you" and willingly give of their time and gifts to the children in the Youth Religious Education Programs and the Adult Faith Formation Programs. We thank you and may God continue to bless you in your ministry.

The Genesis Faith Formation Team

The EDGE & Life Teen Core Teams

The Adult Faith Formation Committee and Presenters

The RCIA Team! You are all such a blessing to our parishes!



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 920-743-2062.

St. Joseph Parish Operational Endowment Continues to Grow!

Thanks to the foresight and generous gift of an anonymous parish family, the St. Joseph Parish Operational Endowment Fund was established in 2019. The purpose of the fund is to provide donors with an opportunity to make a gift to the parish that will last into perpetuity. A portion of the investment growth from the endowment is used to help offset annual parish operating expenses. The fund is managed by the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Green Bay, based on the guidelines set by parish leadership. In July of this year, the William Mack Estate donated a most generous gift of \$50,000 to the endowment, bringing the current principle balance up to \$150,000.00! To learn more about how you can help leave a lasting legacy to St. Joseph Parish through this endowment fund, please contact the parish office.

Knights of Columbus

Council 2478 of Sturgeon Bay has selected Bruce H Shewchuk Family to receive its Family of the Month award. Each month the council selects a family from one of the four parishes: Corpus Christi, St Joseph, Saints Peter and Paul and Holy Name of Mary. It is not required that a KC member be part of the nominated family. Anyone wishing to suggest a family for nomination may contact a member of KC council 2478. Congratulations and God bless the Bruce H Shewchuk Family!

Edge and Life Teen

Middle High School Religious Education and Youth Ministry

Important information about parent meetings and the start of Confirmation, Edge, and Life Teen:

Parents of 6-11th graders, please email Sarah which parent meeting you would like to attend:

Sunday, September 20th at 1pm in person at Corpus Christi (church)

Monday, September 21st at 7pm (Zoom)

Wednesday, September 23rd at 7pm (in person) at Corpus Christi (social hall).

We ask that only one parent attend without the student, so we are sticking to smaller numbers.

Parents of 12th graders, we have an in person meeting on September 23rd at the Corpus Christi (church) OR a Zoom meeting on the 24th at 6:30pm. Sign up is required so Sarah knows how many are attending or if she needs to offer a 2nd in person meeting.

All in person meetings will be socially distanced and masks will be required.

We also made the decision to suspend the Life Teen Mass until we can gather in large groups again safely. We used to meet with all high schoolers after that Mass and since we can't do that at this time, we have decided to suspend the Mass. There are so many Mass options between the 4 parishes.

Care for God's Gardens!



Please consider using your gift by becoming a keeper of God's gardens! We need volunteers for outside environment for our beautiful church. If you or someone you know is being called to this creative ministry, please call the parish office.

Reinstatement of the Sunday Obligation

Following much careful consideration, the dispensation for Sunday Mass obligation has been lifted beginning this weekend. All Catholics will once again gather as a community of faith on Sundays. The lifting of the dispensation was announced in a decree issued by Bishop David Ricken on Monday, September 7. With this news, please note there are still occasions when the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply.

- If individual Catholics struggle with serious health concerns or are physically or morally prevented from worshipping at Mass for a grave reason
- If individuals are frail due to illness or age or, in their well-formed consciences believe that going into public places—including Sunday worship at Mass—would place their health of their loved ones in serious jeopardy.
- If individuals are sick or have been in contact with someone who has been sick.

The faithful unable to attend Mass are urged to make holy the Lord's day with prayer, watch a broadcast or livestreamed Mass and by taking part in acts of charity.

While restrictions will be lifted on the percentage of people at Mass, the standards of social distancing, wearing of face masks and sanitizing will still be upheld.

The obligation to attend Mass reflects our faith in Jesus Christ, the blessing of the Holy Eucharist and an acknowledgment of His love for us.



Coming to you from...

The Center of Faith Formation

Mission Statement

Believing that faith formation is at the core of the Church the Center of Faith Formation at Saint Joseph Parish exists as a beacon to enrich the spiritual life and formation of disciples of all ages within our ecumenical community.



Book Discussion

The Time is Now:
A Call to Uncommon Courage
by Joan Chittister

St.. Joseph Parish Social Hall

Mondays at 6:00 pm

September 28

October 5 & 19

November 2 & 16

This energizing message invites us to participate in a vision for a world greater than the one we find ourselves in today. This is spirituality in action for our times. Facilitators – Monica Hilbert & Laura Johnsrud.

Contact the parish office 743-2062 asap to register and purchase a book. (\$13.00).

- Masks are required,
- Social distancing will be implemented
- Hand sanitizer will be available.

Take a few moments to consider...



What are the scriptures asking of you?

What do you think makes a person first or last in our society? In Jesus eyes?

How would you describe the God on whom your heart rests, the one you trust at your center.

Define the term “grace” in your own words. How is it different than “fair”?

List at least five specific examples of God’s grace in your life.



Patriotic Rosary

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Sunday, September 20

3:00 pm

Be lifted by prayer and music while praying for our country during this pandemic and time of social unrest. The International Day of Peace is observed around the world each year on September. 21.



Generous, creative God,

We pray for people who must work two jobs.

We pray for people who work without health benefits.

We pray for people that are laid off and cannot find work.

We pray for people who hunger spiritually, physically and emotionally.

You call us to leave none of those you love in hopeless poverty. Let us seek ways to help them. Amen

Vision

The vision of the Center of Faith Formation is dedicated to providing faith building experiences that encompass the mind, body and spirit of individuals.



Spirituality for the Long Haul ~Monica Hilbert

Love as HE Loved Live As HE Lived Serve as HE Served

It doesn't seem so long ago that our parish wrote its mission statement that we see posted at our entrances and written on the cover of our weekly bulletin: Love As He Loved. Live As He Lived. Serve As He Served. It's a beautiful and deeply profound statement that provides opportunities for self-transformation and calls us to action. But I wonder how many of us have taken the time to truly contemplate the depth and power of this statement especially now during the pandemic and unusually chaotic time. It seems like the perfect time to unfold its meaning.

Love As He Love. Live As He Lived. Serve As He Served. One phrase flows into the other, but for the sake of understanding, let's break it apart and unravel the meaning of each of its three parts.

Love As He Loved.

Each of us does this in our own unique way. This is the key and the beauty of it. We begin by loving the people around and close to us first. Jesus did this. He had close friends, his disciples, and those that followed him. But Jesus also went beyond that familiar love. In the midst of all the chaos it would be to love your neighbor as yourself. How do we break the barriers that have so deeply divided us as Democrats and Republicans, blacks, whites, haves and have nots? We have witnessed these divisions in the media and perhaps even in our open families and communities. The key is to strip away all our outer layers and recognize what connects us. Remove hate from our hearts- find it in ourselves to strip away our coverings, the things we hide behind, our learned behaviors, our defense mechanisms, all the things we think define us, then truly make an effort to connect with our fellow human beings. How do we do this? By acknowledging and loving the Divinity in each of us. Begin with the self, with our own hearts. Just as you might un-wrap a package, peel back the layers from your heart to discover the profound and stunning light inside. Feel God's divine love and know this is who you really are – a beautiful ball of Divine light and love. Your neighbor holds that same piece of Divinity within their heart also. Before words come out of our mouths and actions come into play, open your heart to that God given love, allow yourself to be filled with that love. Take down your walls of protection. Then, with new eyes, take a fresh look at those around you. You will see the spark of Divinity that unites us all. Then you can begin to Love As Jesus Loved.

Live As He Lived

When you have un-wrapped this beautiful piece of Divinity in yourself, the next step is to naturally live with your piece of Divinity shining in your heart, radiating outward through your words and actions. Do the things that Jesus did. Respect others. Help people in need. Let only kind words come out of your mouth. Pay it forward. Take time to learn about yourself in a more spiritual way. Push away any angry thoughts, any fears, running rampant. During this time in our history, be sure that with every step you take you check your direction, your purpose. Ask yourself, Am I going the right way? The Light way! Am I a living testament of how Jesus lived? Be sure to step out of the confusion once in a while to rekindle your beautiful spark of Divinity. Then keep on, keeping on!

Serve As He Served

When we are secure in our own Divinity we are more able to serve others. In service, our actions become even more profound. When we are serving and helping, we create a cycle of love that flows freely, coming back to us in ways we can hardly imagine, empowering us to continue serving. The challenge here though is that we often think "how could I ever be like Jesus was?"- "I'm just not good enough." But we are! We are all children of God just like Jesus. We came here with a share of Divinity in us just like Jesus did. We came with a mission just as Jesus came to fulfill his mission. We too, can perform miracles! We have everything within us to Love as Jesus loved-- Live as Jesus lived-- Serve as Jesus served. We must not sell ourselves short. Just as a caterpillar knows to spin its cocoon and transform into a butterfly, just as the birds know to fly south, just as the trees shed their leaves, we, too just know within our hearts our Divine purpose. Go forth beautiful beings of Light!



St. Joseph Pray For Us!