



We are the tenants in the vineyard of the Lord who must repent. How? Paths of repentance include recognition of our sins through an examination of conscience; confessing our sins and receiving absolution; opening our heart in prayer; forgiving those who hurt us; forgiving oneself as one helps another.

Together We Celebrate

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

Wednesday, September 30

8:30 AM– **Ewa Matocz:** Requested by Family

Thursday, October 1

8:30 am @ SS Peter & Paul

Saturday, October 3

4:00 PM – **Sherry Poehler:** Requested by Ed & Diane Leist

6:00 PM @ SS Peter & Paul

Sunday, October 4

8:00 AM @ SS Peter & Paul

10:00 AM – **Frank Jilot:** Requested by Ron Jilot

1:00 PM Spanish Mass @ SS Peter & Paul

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: Jb 1:6-22 *Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a * Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 *Lk 9:1-12, 14-16

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27 *Lk 10:1-12

Friday: **First Friday** Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 *Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17*Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7 *Phil 4:6-9 *Mt 21:33-43



Join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, October 2 beginning at 8:30 am and concluding with Benediction at 12:45 pm.

“Come to me all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will refresh you and give you peace of soul.”

Mt. 11:28-29

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.

Special Intention: Requested by James & Barbara Tabaska

Jeffrey Scott Makie-now and forever-amen:

Requested by his wife, Diane

Jerry & Mike Bauer: Requested by Dolores Bauer

Roger Vertz: Requested by Veronica Vertz



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

Starting October 1

Call to reserve a 2021 Tabernacle Candle

We have a perpetual candle burning in the sanctuary by the Tabernacle representing the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Tabernacle Candles are available to parishioners who wish to donate this in honor of their loved ones. We limit this to one month per family to make sure that everyone has an opportunity. The cost is \$30 a month. Call the parish office at 920-743-2062 **after October 1** to reserve a month for 2021.

Summary of Contributions Received:

	Year to Date Week Ended	Since
	<u>9/25/2020</u>	<u>7/1/2020</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$ 4,396	\$ 56,150
Online Giving	1,255	18,667
Visitor Envelopes	345	2,335
Loose Collection	416	4,729
Unrestricted Donations		<u>4,810</u>
Total Contributions Received	6,412	86,691
Budgeted Contributions	<u>\$ 7,620</u>	<u>90,153</u>
Surplus/ (Shortfall)	\$ (1,208)	(3,462)

‘Our Souls’ Memorial Boards

For the month of October, we have placed Memorial Boards at the entrances in church. Please feel free to write the names of any loved ones who have died that you wish to have remembered. The boards will be displayed in church during November and all the souls listed will be remembered in prayer.

The Rosary is Lit!

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus Council 2478 for repairing and returning the outside rosary to its rightful place. We appreciate all that you do for our parish!

Let Us Pray!

Father, I trust that you don’t want me to waste a moment of my life fretting. Please calm my racing heart and fill my troubled mind with hope and my spirit with peace. Assure me that no weapon formed against me will prosper and you have a plan and a purpose for me in this time of turmoil. Amen



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



FAITH FORMATION

Genesis Religious Education (Grades 1-5)

Due to the rise in Covid in our community we have made the decision to homeschool for the first semester, October through December and reevaluate again in December. The safety of our families and those involved in our program are our first priority.

All materials necessary to teach the children at home will be provided. 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.

Edge and Life Teen

Middle High School Religious Education and Youth Ministry

Through the challenges and unrest, through the isolation and despair...

God remains.

Life is hard right now for so many. There are so many uncertainties and fears. We as a Church are here to serve. Our Youth Ministry team wants to show the love of God to our youth. Last week we held many parent meetings on possibilities of what the upcoming year will look like. If you were unable to attend one of those meetings, please contact Sarah ASAP at stgavin25@gmail.com so she can get you updated.

If you are a parent of a 6-12th grader and you do NOT receive parent emails from Sarah, please email her ASAP.

We have 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, and we encourage Mass attendance as a family!

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.

THE MEANING OF LIFE IS
TO FIND YOUR GIFT. THE
PURPOSE OF LIFE IS TO
GIVE IT AWAY.

St. Joseph pray for us.

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.

Scrip is Fundraising while you shop!

Remember that each time you buy Scrip during the month of September, your name will be entered into a drawing for a \$25.00 Scrip Card that was generously donated by a parishioner.

Got Scrip?

Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you know of an incident of sexual abuse of a person who is now under the age of 18 by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer, **please immediately call the civil authorities and then the Diocese of Green Bay.** If the person was abused as a minor but is now an adult, please contact:

Office of Safe Environment

Diocese of Green Bay

920-272-8174 or 1-877-270-5174 (toll free)

We always encourage you to report the incident to civil authorities.

The Year of St. Joseph

March 19, 2020- March 19, 2021

On December 8, 1870, Pope Pius IX declared St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, and this year marks the 150th anniversary of that declaration. After much prayer and consultation, I have discerned the need to declare a special year of prayer in honor of St. Joseph.

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. May the Son of God and son of St. Joseph watch over and protect you in a special way throughout this special year devoted to St. Joseph.

- Bishop Ricken



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.



Public Square Rosary Crusade

The Miracle of the Sun at Fatima, which took place on October 13, 1917, was one of most significant supernatural events in the 20th century. This year marks the 103rd anniversary of the final apparition in Fatima, Portugal and of the great miracle of the sun.

In responding to Our Lady's call to conversion and in united efforts with Catholics all over the world, we are called to engage the enemy in a spiritual battle by praying for our families, our community, our country and our Church.

What: Participation in the Holy Rosary

Where: SS. Peter and Paul Church
Parking Lot/Church

When: October 10, 2020, 12:00 noon

Please: Bring a chair, wear a mask & social distance

If you unable to be present for the outside rosary, please pray with us from your home.

Take a few moments to consider...



Do the readings this week give you any comfort?

Do you feel that you are suffering because of the sins of others?

Are others suffering because of your sins?

How do you define humility?

Why was it important for Jesus to humble Himself and take on our characteristics?

Are you more like the first son who obeyed, or the second son who disobeyed?

What a Blessing!

Thank you to everyone who joined us at St. Joseph for the Patriotic Rosary last week. It was very moving to hear the voices of many joined in prayer for our country! A special thank you to our music ministry and to our prayer leaders for a job well done!

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

Transformation During The Long Haul

The term “long haul” was first used in 1839 to describe a very long journey over a great distance. We are currently on such a journey which is requiring great courage and perseverance from all of us. Thus, the reason for the heading – Spirituality For The Long Haul.

In life we are continually confronted with challenges, upsets, surprises, both good and bad, but rarely do we come across a challenge that lingers and truly tests our resolve on all fronts. Until now, that is. So much of our life is temporary, fleeting, hardly remembered. But we are in THIS “for the long haul.” We are absolutely being taxed to sustain our patience, maintain positivity, remain calm, persevere in our efforts to be safe, and keep moving forward the best we can. Our lives have been turned upside down and we hear daily of new Covid cases and deaths, fire and weather disasters, and heightened unrest at every level. We see more and more evidence of people tiring of the longevity of this challenge, whether it be rebelling against wearing masks, socializing in groups, or just throwing caution to the wind. These are all dangers that can occur when people are entrenched in a difficult situation “for the long haul.” So what can we do to rekindle our resolve? Perhaps if we look to the miraculous transformation that is happening now, right before our eyes, in nature, we might learn ways to cope.

Pause, and take note of the activity in nature everywhere – birds beginning their migration, squirrels plumping up for hibernation, the leaves on the trees changing color. Listen to the sound of the wind in the trees. It too, is transforming. All of nature is preparing “for the long haul.” Look to the natural world to discover signals that can help us to sustain and choose the best course of action for our “long haul.” First, preparedness enables the natural world to survive the winter. Watch the squirrels! It is innate in nature to prepare. It is innate in us, too. Our God given divinity guides our path, shows us the way every single time. Prepare through prayer, worship, storing up the Light in your heart. Gather up the Light through acts of kindness and compassion, taking note of the goodness around you. Use this time as an opportunity to let your inner light shine. Be as colorful in your love as the beautiful leaves on the trees!

Next, perhaps we need to get to a place of acceptance. All of nature accepts the transformations from summer to fall, to winter. There is no grumbling or wishing it wouldn't happen, it is just accepted that this is a natural part of their world. Then they get busy! Joyfully busy! We go to church and we listen to the final command – Go. Glorify God By Your Lives. So let's get busy Glorifying God! Not just for the week, but for the “long haul!”

We too are in the midst of transformation, somewhat forced, somewhat natural, as we blend our lives year after year into the changing world around us. Transformation always presents choices. I suppose if the squirrels didn't want to prepare they could choose not to. I suppose the leaves could stubbornly stick to the trees instead of accepting it was time to change. But nature chooses to march on, knowing it is their destiny. What choices are we going to make in the midst of this transformation for ourselves and for others? Sister Joan Chittister tells us we always have a choice. Who are we going to be in this situation and what decisions are we going to make for ourselves and others? What is the spiritual foundation that will carry us through this “long haul?”

What are the foundational tenets of our faith that will sustain you during the “long haul?” Perhaps the Beatitudes, or Spiritual Act of Mercy? Unlike nature, we have a choice of how we are going to handle this reality. Choose wisely! Choose lovingly!

