



How do we prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths? By acknowledging our sins, repenting, and asking for forgiveness. He will come joyfully into our hearts.

Together We Celebrate

Saturday, December 5

4:00 PM – **Ann, Florence & Charles Knab:**

Requested by Tom Knab

Sunday, December 6

8:00 AM @ SS Peter & Paul

10:00 AM – **Ben Coopman:** Requested by Tim & Penny Biwer

Tuesday, December 8 **The Immaculate Conception**

8:30 am – **Mildred Larsen:** Requested by Barb Spude

Wednesday, December 9

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

Thursday, December 10

8:30 am @ SS Peter & Paul

Saturday, December 12

4:00 PM – **Fuzz & Terry Bubnik:** Requested by their Family

6:00 PM @ SS Peter & Paul

Sunday, December 13

8:00 AM @ SS Peter & Paul

10:00 AM – **In Gratitude:** Requested by The Barretts

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

Breaking Open the Word

Monday: Is 35:1-10 *Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 *Eph 1:3-6, 11 *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: Zec 2:14-17 *Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 *1 Thes 5:16-24 *Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



**St. Joseph Parish Mass
Live on Facebook**

Our Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass will be broadcast on Facebook December 12th & 19th. Join us live on our Facebook page at 4:00pm or you can view it at any time.

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



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Donald John Flesia**. 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 Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8

8:30 am Mass

Summary of Contributions Received:

	Year to Date Week Ended	Since
	<u>12/4/2020</u>	<u>7/1/2020</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$ 3,429	\$ 100,123
Online Giving	372	28,646
Visitor Envelopes	90	3,900
Loose Collection	130	6,878
Unrestricted Donations		<u>12,472</u>
Total Contributions Received	4,021	152,019
Budgeted Contributions	\$ <u>6,521</u>	\$ <u>157,191</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ (2,500)	\$ (5,172)

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

Bob, Joyce and Jan Bubnik: Requested by Pat & Jane

Grace & Elmer Worachek: Requested by Pat & Jane

The December tabernacle candle is lit in loving memory of Anton & Gertrude Panosh.

Retirement Collection - December 11th -12th

Next weekend, our parish will have Retirement Collection. This will be to benefit two groups of people who have served us faithfully. We will have the opportunity to give to the National Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests. We also have an opportunity to give to the retirement needs of the senior priests in the Diocese of Green Bay. You may donate to both groups, or just to one. Please use the envelope provided in the bulletin.

**Happy 100th Birthday
Marie Anderson!**

**Our thoughts and prayers are
with you as you celebrate!**



Come One, Come All!

All are invited to help decorate the church for Christmas on Monday, December 21st at 9am. Refreshments will be offered.

Genesis Religious Education

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Wreath Fundraiser! Your generosity is greatly appreciated! We had a record year for sales! A very special thank you to Janet Grota for helping put on bows and the pickup process!



Edge and Life Teen

Middle High School Religious Education and Youth Ministry

If you want to purchase a gift card for those in need this Christmas season, you can! All gift cards (increments of \$10-\$100) are due by December 13th. We are looking for grocery gift cards, local restaurants, gas stations, and Wal-Mart or Target gift cards. You can drop off at Mass (please put Gift Card Drive) on the envelope, or at Corpus Christi's drop box or you can mail into Corpus Christi (where Sarah's office is: 25 N. Elgin Ave). Thank you for your support!

We are sorry to say that we aren't doing poinsettias this year due to Covid-19. We'll be back next year!

Can you do our Confirmation class a big favor? Please pray for them. This year's Confirmation is challenging since it's virtual. They don't get their big retreat day, which is always the highlight of the entire prep. They are doing great, they have great attitudes, but Confirmation is a milestone in their lives and this is just another thing that they aren't getting as they should. We have a few special ideas up our sleeves where we will need YOUR support, so please stay tuned on how you can make the Confirmation 2021 class feel welcome into the Catholic Church!

Edge meets weekly Wednesdays from 4-5pm and 6-7pm on Zoom. Life Teen meets every Sunday from 4-5pm and 6-7pm. Confirmation meets weekly on Wednesdays from 7:15-8:15pm. If your son/daughter hasn't been part of our Zoom ministry, it isn't too late! Email Sarah today to get more information!

Please go "like" Sturgeon Bay Edge and Life Teen on Facebook today! And if you have an Instagram account, go follow @sturg_youth_ministry

Please pray for our newly virtual youth ministry!

Scrip makes a great gift!

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

Got Scrip?



Peninsula Charities: Door County Toy Drive

Help a child in our area have a Merry Christmas. Donate a new unwrapped toy by December 18th. Donation box is located by the ramp entrance. Any questions call 920-746-3641.



To Enhance Your Advent Experience Daily Devotionals

The Little Blue Books
The Genealogy of Christ
The Word Among Us

Are now available in the baskets on the ramp entrance or at the parish office.

Advent Wreath Candles

New boxes of candles are available in the baskets on the ramp entrance or at the parish office.



The Second Sunday of Advent: Peace

The second candle of Advent is the candle of Peace. We light this candle to remind us that our Lord Jesus brings peace to all who trust in Him.

Light the second candle.

Let us pray: Loving God, thank You for the peace You give us through Jesus. May Christ's light shine in our lives, showing us the path of peace between God and all people. Help us to prepare our hearts to receive His peace. We ask in the name of the One born in Bethlehem. Amen

Let Your Soul Shine!

Make this your best Advent ever. Enjoy this free daily Advent experience with Matthew Kelley. Go to...

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent/best-advent-ever.html>

A Delicious Way to Support St. Joseph Parish

Beginning October 20, 2020 until May 21, 2021, The Lodge at Leathem Smith will donate \$1 to St. Joseph Parish for each party's Dine-in or Take-out order. Please tell them when you place your order that you would like St. Joseph Parish to receive the donation.

Sponsor Spotlight!

Bulletin sponsorships are essential to our parish's communication efforts. We are so incredibly grateful for the generosity of all our bulletin sponsors. Please take the bulletin home and use the services provided by our sponsors. Tell them "Thank You" when visiting their business or when you see them in Church.

This week we spotlight

Pooh's Corner Pub

Thank you to the Poh Family for supporting our parish.



Help Wanted – Maintenance/Custodian

Full time position – 40 hours

Responsibilities include maintenance of buildings, grounds, and equipment to ensure the Parish and Faith Formation Center are clean, safe, and secure.

Required skills include knowledge of safety hazards and proper use of various cleaning, sanitizing solutions and boiler systems. Detail-oriented and thorough.

This is a full-time position that may include evening and weekend work. Please stop at the parish office for a full job description.

Spirituality For The Long Haul

Monica Hilbert

Second Sunday of Advent – A Season of Peace



In our very midst there exists a myriad of opportunities to transcend us to the Divine. Nature herself is a gateway that provides one giant leap to the Divine. She holds the key to unlock the very mystery and adventure of what it means to be an Advent People – a people of hope, peace, joy and love. This second week of Advent we light the Peace Candle – a reminder to continue our preparations to prepare our hearts for the birthplace of Jesus.

With the onset of winter comes the preparations for the first snowfall. We recall the blizzards of winter as well as those soft, quiet and peaceful snowfalls when we stand in utter silence as the snow gently falls upon and around us. We have all had those moments when we put our snow shovels to rest or stood for a moment and just felt the beauty and peace within those moments. That's the peace and gentleness we find in God – powerful, silent, soothing, lovely. No sound at all in a gentle snowfall, but so peaceful, quiet and profound. This is God's peace. It rests on our hearts. And if we are still enough, we will feel it. So, when you see snow gently falling, be reminded that that is the peace of God that falls on you every moment of every day. It is our job then, to feel that peace. Listen to the peaceful silence and know that God is here. Let it settle in your heart. The more you listen and be still, the more the peace will pile up like new fallen snow.

Normally this is the time of year we are hustling and bustling about shopping and decorating and it can be rather chaotic. This year it is especially important to rest in the peace of God. Stay out of the chaos and let the peace of God blanket you like new fallen snow. Maybe it's at night when you sit in front of a fire or sit in your chair and just be still. Imagine the peace of God. Maybe it's in the morning when you take some deep breaths and listen to the peace and stillness. Maybe it's at work or outside when you can breathe in God's peace – let it warm your heart.

We need to find these moments of stillness. Don't let Advent be a time you lose focus on the peace of God - the gift bestowed on us all the time. Look at the snow differently this year. Look at it as God's peace blanketing and blessing the Earth. Find the profoundness in stillness and in silence. When you find this, you will have felt God's peace. Stop scurrying around for a few minutes every day and let God's peace blanket you like the new fallen snow.

This Advent focus on God's peace bestowed upon and in you. Let nature herself be your gateway to the Divine as you prepare your heart for the birthplace of God's Son. When you stand in the midst of the snow gently blanketing you or stand watching in the window, say to yourself, "He gave me an incredible gift – a glimpse of the world through God's eyes – and I thought, YES! I see. This is the way it was intended.