



“Rejoice in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with the robe of salvation.” He is our hope in our troubled times which we receive in the Eucharist.
Rejoice!

Together We Celebrate

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

Wednesday, December 16

8:30 AM– **Mary Kaufman**: Requested by Sister, Nancy

Thursday, December 17

8:30 am @ SS Peter & Paul

Saturday, December 19

4:00 PM – **James Weyers**: Requested by Charles & Dolores
Heindel

Sunday, December 20

8:00 AM @ SS Peter & Paul
10:00 AM – **Ben Coopman**: Requested by Cathy Costelow &
Haley Riechers

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: Nm 24:7, 15-17a *Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 *Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25*Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10 *Mt 1:1-17

Friday: Jer 23:5-8 *Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:7, 24-25a *Lk 1:5-25

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 *Rom 16:25-27

*Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Retirement Collection - December 12th -13th

Today, through the Retirement Collection, we are able to Share in the Care of our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests through the National Retirement Fund for Religious, as well as of the senior priests of our own diocese. If you still need an envelope, they are available at the parish office. Please be generous in helping those who have given so much over the years.

So Long 2020! Welcome 2021!

The 2021 calendars are ready for pickup. They are available in the baskets at the ramp entrance or at the parish office.

Summary of Contributions Received:

	Year to Date Week Ended	Since
	<u>12/11/2020</u>	<u>7/1/2020</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$ 3,612	\$ 103,735
Online Giving	2,827	31,473
Visitor Envelopes	410	4,310
Loose Collection	200	7,078
Unrestricted Donations	_____	<u>12,472</u>
Total Contributions Received	7,049	159,068
Budgeted Contributions	<u>\$ 6,521</u>	<u>\$ 163,712</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 528	\$ (4,644)

End – of – Year Church Contributions

As you begin yearend 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 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.

Cindy Tong: Requested by her sisters, Sue & Sandy

For the doctors and nurses that are helping on the pandemic front lines: Requested by a parishioner

For our Grandson, Lawson: Requested by Mitch & Marie Paschke

Special Intention: Requested by James & Barbara Tabaska
Jeffrey Scott Makie-now and forever-amen:

Requested by his wife, Diane

Julius Vertz & his parents, Anton & Mary: Requested by Veronica A. Vertz

My parents, Adam & Emily Vuymoski & son John:
Requested by Veronica A. Vertz

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



Come One, Come All!

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



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Cynthia (Cindy) Tong

Maureen Weber

Robert (Bob) Hunsader

May God welcome them home and comfort their family in this time of sorrow. May the knowledge of our prayers and support give their family peace.

Genesis Religious Education

The Third Sunday of Advent: Joy

The third candle of Advent is the candle of Joy.

We light this candle to remind us that Christ is the bringer of true and everlasting joy.

Light the third candle

Let us pray: Loving God, we thank You for the joy You bring us.

Though Your Son we have found joy in living as Your children.

Help us to prepare our hearts for this gift.

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>

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!

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!



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

DC Printing

Thank you, Bob, 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.

Scrip is Fundraising while you shop and Scrip makes a great Christmas gift too!

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! **Mary Penovich** is our November Scrip winner! Congrats **Mary**, thank you for supporting St. Joseph Parish with your Scrip purchase!

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.

Reinstatement of the Dispensation for Sunday Obligation

On Monday, October 5, Bishop Ricken reinstated the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass in the diocese until further notice. Even with the reinstatement, we will continue to celebrate the Mass publicly every weekend and on Wednesdays for those who are able to attend and willing to strictly follow the proper health protocols.

During this time of increased infection, our parish will be even more vigilant in observing the health protocols shared in the diocesan guidelines to prevent the spread of disease and allow as many people as is safe to come to Mass without fear of infection. The wearing of masks is mandatory at Masses celebrated in compliance as we are a community of faith come together to worship in safety.

St. Joseph Pray for us!

Spirituality For The Long Haul

Monica Hilbert

Third Sunday of Advent – A Season of Joy

Our journey into the 3rd week of Advent takes us into the very heart of the season. As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christmas, so too, our homes are beginning to be decorated, trees are lit, shopping and wrapping has begun, and our kitchens are filled with the aroma of Christmas baking. But did you ever wonder what this time must have been like for Mary and Joseph? Imagine Joseph, betrothed to Mary. Imagine the feelings of Joseph upon learning Mary was to conceive a child and know that it was not his. This could have been a time of frustration, sadness, confusion and heartache much as it would be for anyone. But it was his angelic visit that put him on a different path. He trusted his faith and allowed joy to lift his heart for the adventure laid out for him. He was grateful for the gift of understanding – the gift of being put on a new path with his beloved. Joy filled his heart. It was a joyful and exciting time, a wonder-filled time about a miracle laid out in front of him.

What is joy, and where does it come from? Joy is a gift from God that is set off by the tiniest burst of Divine light – tiny, like a firefly or spark from a sparkler. It inflames our hearts with pure awesomeness. It is the little moments that are Divinely inspired, moments that are sometimes insignificant that can light our hearts on fire with joy.

It is something behind the scenes in these moments that allows us to tap into the Divinity of the moment of God's beauty and creation. Those are the little sparks that set the exuberance of joy off. You can feel something ignite. It is as if something sets off an exuberance of joy. We laugh. Our heart swells. That is when joy takes hold. It is the sparks of the Divine that set the feeling ablaze. This is not a coincidence. It is like a big set-up. It is moments of Divine intuition that allow us to see something truly amazing and miraculous. If we are truly aware, we will catch those moments quite often in the smallest of things.

The angel came to Joseph and put him on a path he did not expect; a path that brought greater joy than he ever expected. We too, are given those little, tiny Heavenly bursts in our lives. I recently witnessed my grandson taking his first steps. We laughed, applauded, and cheered. The joy was palpable – almost overwhelming. I cannot help but think that this was a burst of Heaven making itself known in our lives.

In Advent we are being prepared for an incredible, joyous experience – the birth of Jesus. In the meantime, while we wait, it is important that we watch for those little bursts of Heaven happening around us all the time. Let them bring you a smile, a chuckle, a grin from ear to ear. If we feel them now, imagine the burst of Heaven on Christmas Day! Be aware. Pay attention. Feel expectation in the sense that something is going to happen – a burst of Heaven into our lives.

This is the year to spread joy whether in a Christmas card, a phone call, email or text message. Do not ever underestimate the power of your words. Because we have a spark of Divinity in us – a part of God's joy, we have a tremendous capacity to spread joy. Joy is a perfect example of Heaven in our midst. Heaven becomes visible in joyous moments. It is proof of Heaven. A wise priest once asked – “Monica, where do you think Heaven is?” Of course, I glanced upward to where I was always taught. With a wave of his hand he said, “Monica, Heaven is right here. It is right in our midst.” Joy is proof of Heaven. Be aware of those sudden bursts of Heaven in your life!

Advent

*A Season of Hope
& Expectation*



Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

1:00 pm @ St. Joseph

*4:00 pm @ St. Joseph

This 4:00 pm Mass will live stream on the
St. Joseph Facebook Page

4:00 pm @ Corpus Christi

4:00 pm @ Holy Name of Mary

6:00 pm @ SS. Peter & Paul

6:30 pm @ Corpus Christi

9:00 pm @ St. Joseph

Christmas Day

8:00 am @ SS. Peter & Paul

9:00 am @ Corpus Christi

9:00 am @ Holy Name of Mary

10:00 am @ St. Joseph

New Years Eve

4:00 pm @ St. Joseph

4:00 pm @ Corpus Christi

New Years Day

8:30 am @ SS. Peter & Paul

9:00 am @ Corpus Christi

9:00 am @ Holy Name of Mary

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Joseph & SS. Peter & Paul

Reconciliation is available by appointment.

Please call Fr. Bob at 743-2062.

Advent Penance Service

Corpus Christi

Tuesday, December 15, 6:30-8:00 pm

Holy Name of Mary

Tuesday, December 22, 6:30-8:00 pm

St. Joseph Parish Mass

Live on Facebook

Our 4:00 pm Mass will be broadcast on Facebook
December 19th and 24th. Join us live on our
Facebook page at 4:00 pm or you can view it at
any time.

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

Please Note!

Due to the popularity of the 4:00 pm Mass on
Christmas Eve, we have added a 1:00 pm Mass at
St. Joseph as an additional option. Please
consider attending this Mass as a safe alternative.

