



It is almost Christmas! Let that thought fill our hearts and minds with Hope, Peace, Joy and Love!

### Together We Celebrate

#### 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

#### Wednesday, December 23

8:30 AM – **James Swagel:** Requested by The Swagel Family

#### Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve

1:00 PM - **Chad & Lillian Gauger:** Requested by Ron Gauger

4:00 PM - **Larry Graf on his Heavenly Birthday December 25**  
Requested by Nancy Graf

9:00 PM – **John & Howard Schlise Families:** Requested by Ron & Marilyn Schlise

#### Friday, December 25 Christmas Day

10:00 am – **Shirley Schartner:** Requested by Ann Jensen & Children

#### Saturday, December 26

4:00 PM – **Tabaska & Poker Families:** Requested Jim & Barb

6:00 PM @ SS Peter & Paul

#### Sunday, December 27

8:00 AM @ SS Peter & Paul

10:00 AM – **Dolores Bauer:** Requested by Cathy Costelow

1:00 PM Spanish Mass @ SS Peter & Paul

### **PLEASE NOTE!**

**Parish Office will be closed!** December 24 & December 25  
December 31 & January 1

**Wednesdays Only** – Church is open for private prayer time after Mass until 4:00 pm.

**Confession is available by appointment, call 743-2062.**

### **Breaking Open the Word**

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a \*Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28 \*Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 \*Lk 1: 57-66

Thursday: Is 9:1-6 \*2:11-14 \*Luke 2:1-14

Friday: **The Nativity of the Lord**

Is 52:7-10 \* Hebrews 1:1-6 \*John 1:1-18

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; &:54-59 \*Mt 10:17-22

Sunday: **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 \*Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 \*Lk 2:22-40

### **Come One, Come All!**

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



### 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

**Special Intention:** Requested by James & Barbara Tabaska

**Jeffrey Scott Makie-now and forever-amen:**

Requested by his wife, Diane

**For the priest, deacons, and office staff that are serving their parishioners during this pandemic:** Requested by a parishioner.

**In Loving Memory of Michael Jennerjohn:** Requested by Walter & Diane Hanisko

**In Loving Memory of Susan & George Sargent:** Requested by Walter & Diane Hanisko

**In Memory of Tyler Frea:** Requested by Walter & Diane Hanisko

**In Memory of Mike McMillion:** Requested by Walter & Diane Hanisko

**In Memory of Donald Bittorf:** Requested by Walter & Diane Hanisko

**In Loving Memory of Shirley & George Hanisko:**  
Requested by Walter & Diane Hanisko

**Larry Graf for his Heavenly Birthday on December 25<sup>th</sup>:**  
Requested by Nancy Graf

**Robert “Rumpy” Hunsader:** Requested by his wife Nancy

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

### Summary of Contributions Received:

	Year to Date Week Ended	Since
	<u>12/18/2020</u>	<u>7/1/2020</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$ 7,611	\$ 111,346
Online Giving	50	31,523
Visitor Envelopes	50	4,360
Loose Collection	72	7,150
Unrestricted Donations	<u>1,875</u>	<u>14,347</u>
Total Contributions Received	9,658	168,726
Budgeted Contributions	\$ <u>6,887</u>	\$ <u>170,598</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 2,771	\$ (1,872)

### **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.

### **Merry Christmas**

We wish you a Christmas filled with wonder of the birth of Christ, the warmth of the Holiday spirit and the love of family and friends. May you have a Blessed Christmas!

Fr. Bob, Barb, Monica, Penny, Sarah, Cheryl & Mary

**Welcome 2021!**

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

**Genesis Religious Education****The Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love**

The Fourth Candle of Advent is Love. We light this candle to remind us how Jesus, the light of the world, came to show us God's love.

*Light the fourth candle.*

Let us pray: Loving God, we thank You for Your gift of love – shown to us perfectly in Jesus Christ our Lord. Help us to prepare our hearts to receive His love. We ask in the name of the One born in Bethlehem. Amen

**Christmas: Jesus**

The time of waiting is over; our Lord is born. Now we light the Christ candle to remind us that all of God's gifts – Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love – are to be found in God's greatest gift, His Son, Jesus Christ.

*Light the Christ candle.*

Let us pray: Almighty God, we thank You for the gift of Your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of Mary. Upon Him rests all Your grace, through Him comes all Your mercy. As the light shines from these candles, so may the light of Jesus shine within our hearts. Help us to make, Your church, the light of the world. We ask in the name of the One born in Bethlehem. Amen

**Edge and Life Teen****Middle High School Religious Education and Youth Ministry**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Gift Card Drive this season! We were able to help so many families this Christmas. Your generosity is admirable.

There will NOT be Life Teen on December 26th

There will NOT be Edge or Confirmation on December 23rd or 30th.

We appreciate all of your prayers and support. Please keep praying for our virtual youth ministry. Our Confirmation retreat is on January 9th; please pray for our seniors. They receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on January 16th at 1pm (not open to the public).

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!



**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.

**Retirement Collection**

Thank you to all who gave generously last weekend through the Retirement Collection. If you still wish to donate, you may use the envelopes in church or the parish office to share in the care of our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests, as well as our own diocesan priests. On behalf of them, thank you for your generous care!

**Typhoon Relief**

This weekend we will have a second collection for all those who experienced and continue to experience the devastation of typhoons in the Archdiocese of Caceres in the Philippines. Nine priests from the Archdiocese of Caceres serve in our Diocesan parishes. Funds collected in this special collection will be used to assist Archbishop Rolando J. Tria Tirona directly to provide immediate typhoon relief. Some of their churches are being used as homeless shelters. You may also send a check to the parish office with a memo for Typhoon Relief or donations can be made by calling the Catholic Foundation at 1-920-272-8121 or online at [www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give) and choose CF Operating.

**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

**Reliable Auto Sales**

Thank you, Mike, for supporting our parish.

**A Delicious Way to Support St. Joseph Parish**

Beginning October 20, 2020 until May 21, 2021, The Lodge at Leatham 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.

**Knights of Columbus Council 2478 of Sturgeon Bay  
Family of the Month**

The Knights of Columbus Council 2478 have selected *The Peter M. Polich Family* as the Family of the Month. Each month the council selects a family from one of the three parishes: Corpus Christi, St. Joseph and Saints Peter & Paul. It is not required that a KC member be a part of the nominated family. If you would like to suggest a family for nomination, contact a member of the KC Council 2478. Congratulations and God bless *The Peter M. Polich Family!*





We gratefully acknowledge our Christmas Flower/Decoration  
Donations for 2020

**Please Remember:**

Julius Vertz and Roland & Verna Hasses

Special Intentions

James Nesbitt

Family Memberts

Bob (Rumpy) Hunsader

Robert Rubens

Roberta Rubens

Roger Miller

Margaret Miller

Spiegle, Monfils and Olson Families

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Michael Jennerjohn

Susan & George Sargent

Shirley & George Hanisko

Tyler Frea

Mike McMillion

Donald Bittorf

Haberli and Baudhuin Families

**Requested By:**

John & Kathy Haase and Veronica Vertz

Sheila Turner

Joanne Nesbitt

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Nancy Hunsader

Randall & Kim Rubens

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Jack & Dianne Olson

Raymond & Ellen Jennerjohn

James Goodwin

Walter & Diane Hanisko

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William & Marion Baudhuin

