



The best present under the tree  
is **Jesus**  
who continues to be with us for all time!

## THE Wonder OF CHRISTMAS

### Mass Schedule

#### New Year's Eve

4:00 pm @ St. Joseph  
4:00 pm @ Corpus Christi

#### New Year's Day

8:30 am @ SS. Peter & Paul  
9:00 am @ Corpus Christi  
9:00 am @ Holy Name of Mary

### Together We Celebrate

#### Saturday, December 26

4:00 PM – **Tabaska & Poker Families:** Requested by  
Jim & Barb  
6:00 PM @ SS Peter & Paul

#### Sunday, December 27 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 AM @ SS Peter & Paul  
10:00 AM – **Dolores Bauer:** Requested by Cathy Costelow  
1:00 PM Spanish Mass @ SS Peter & Paul

#### Wednesday, December 30

8:30 AM – **Paula & Mike Virlee:** Requested by the family

#### Thursday, December 31

4:00 PM – **Marion Schlise:** Requested by her family & friends

#### Friday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:30 AM @ SS Peter & Paul

#### Saturday, January 2

4:00 PM – **Marion Schlise:** Requested by her family

#### Sunday, January 3 Epiphany of the Lord

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



Thank you so much to all the Christmas Elves who helped make the church beautiful for our Christmas celebration. Your reward will be great in Heaven!

### We gratefully acknowledge our Christmas Flower/Decorations Donations for 2020



#### Please Remember:

Nora & Jack Brough

Deceased Members of the  
Austad & Weber Family

For Rehrauer & Kuepfer  
Families

Harold, Esther & April Kezo

Glen Ullman Jr.

#### Requested By:

Terry & Margaret Lowrey

Dan & Jean Austad

Tom & Mary Rehrauer

Bill & Sue Kezo

Bill & Sue Kezo

### PLEASE NOTE!

**Parish Office will be closed!** 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: **The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

1 Jn 1:5-2:2 \*Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11 \*Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1Jn 2:12-17 \*Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21 \*Jn 1:1-18

Friday: **The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Nm 6:22-27 \* Gal 4:4-7 \*Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1Jn 2:22-28 \*Mt Jn 1:19-28

Sunday: **Epiphany of the Lord**

Is 60:1-6 \*Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 \*Mt 2:1-12

### 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

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

**For the nursing staff in the hospitals and all care facilities helping during this pandemic.:** Requested by a parishioner.

**Special Intention:** Carolyn Resler

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



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

**Erma Veith**

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.



Eucharistic

Adoration

**Happy New Year!**

**The next First Friday Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction will be on February 5<sup>th</sup>!**



**Summary of Contributions Received:**

	Year to Date Week Ended	Since
	<u>12/25/2020</u>	<u>7/1/2020</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$ 12,998	\$ 124,344
Online Giving	1,576	33,099
Visitor Envelopes	320	4680
Loose Collection	184	7,334
Unrestricted Donations	<u>1,140</u>	<u>15,487</u>
Total Contributions Received	16,218	184,944
Budgeted Contributions	<u>\$ 6,887</u>	<u>\$ 177,485</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 9,331	\$ 7,459

**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.



**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](http://www.stjosephsb.com) and click our Online Giving link. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account. Thanks for donating! Call the parish office with any questions regarding setting up your Online Giving account at 743-2062

**Welcome 2021!**

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

**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  
**Cornucopia Kitchen Shop**

Thank you to Kim Herlache & Carrie Hauser,  
for supporting our parish.

**Community Blood Drive**

January 4 – 12:00 - 6:00 pm  
January 5 – 9:00 – 3:00 pm  
St. Peters Lutheran Church, 108 W Maple St., Sturgeon Bay. Make an appointment by calling 1-800-733-2767.

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

Merry Christmas from our Confirmation, Edge, and Life Teen staff and volunteers! Our young Church IS a gift!

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 the 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.

**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.



Due to your generous support and donations, \$384.00 was collected for the Typhoon Relief for the Philipians. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.

# Spirituality For The Long Haul

*Monica Hilbert*

## *Be Bold Protecting the Gift of Christmas*



We have all, at some point or another, called upon Archangel Michael for protection. We have seen artist's renditions of him. We may have prayed the Archangel Michael Prayer, and most certainly in our early schooling learned of his place in the Heavens and his role as the warrior protector. Archangel Michael may just be the perfect one to teach and guide us as we move from Advent into the Christmas Season. One week at a time we have filled our hearts with joy, hope, peace and love during the Advent Season in order to prepare a dwelling place for the birth of Jesus in our hearts. With His birth we now enter into the beautiful season of Christmas.

Archangel Michael is a soldier, peacekeeper, warrior, and guardian of all God's creation. It is now our responsibility to take up our role as soldiers as we carry the Light into the world. Who better to show us the way than Michael? He is lovingly vigilant, lovingly fierce, and never lets his guard down. But now, we too as warriors must boldly carry our shields of hope, joy, peace and love in our hearts, as we move forward in our lives, protecting and proclaiming our connection to God. We carry a spark of the Divine within us. We, too, need to be vigilant, steadfast in our love, faith, and belief as we celebrate and live this season of Christmas.

This is our time to take the gifts of Advent and live them joyously, robustly, fiercely, cementing them in our hearts lovingly. We must have the exuberance of a warrior, a loving warrior. This is our purpose and calling. Step out fiercely and boldly as warriors for God carrying them powerfully within our hearts and through our actions and words. We cannot rest in the peace of Advent. We have a job to uphold - to take the gifts of Advent and proclaim them to the world.

We have been given a beautiful gift in the birth of Jesus. Be lovingly fierce and robust in defending and proclaiming that gift. Be bold in the name of hope, joy, peace and love as we carry the Divine Light into the world.