



Jesus came into the world to make all men one family of God: Jew and Gentile. Therefore today black or white, host or immigrant, English or Spanish, we are all "members of the same body."

### Together We Celebrate

#### 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

#### Wednesday, January 6

8:30 AM– Dolores Bauer: Requested by Penny, Sarah, Monica & Barb

#### Thursday, January 7

4:00 PM Mass @ SS. Peter & Paul

#### Saturday, January 9

4:00 PM – Charles, Florence and Ann Knab: Requested by Tom Knab

#### Sunday, January 10 Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM @ SS Peter & Paul

10:00 AM – Mike Kelsey Jr. Requested by Marilyn & Ron Schlise

1:00PM Spanish Mass @ SS Peter & Paul

### **PLEASE NOTE!**

**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: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 \* Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10 \* Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1Jn 4:11-18 \* Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 \* Lk 4:14-22

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13 \* Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1Jn 5:14-21 \* Jn 3:22-30

Sunday **The Baptism of the Lord**

Is 55:1-11 \* 1 Jn 5:14-21 \* Jn 3:22-30



### **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.

**Be the lifeline patients need. Give blood.**

### Summary of Contributions Received:

	Year to Date Week Ended	Since
	<u>1/1/2021</u>	<u>7/1/2020</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$ 9,964	\$ 134,308
Online Giving	100	33,199
Visitor Envelopes	420	5,100
Loose Collection		7,334
Unrestricted Donations	<u>1,845</u>	<u>17,332</u>
Total Contributions Received	12,329	197,273
Budgeted Contributions	<u>\$ 17,421</u>	<u>\$ 194,907</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ (5,092)	\$ 2,366



**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

### 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" Hunsader: Requested by his wife Nancy**

**In thanksgiving for all the kindness people share with us during this pandemic:** Requested by a parishioner.

**For my husband, Frank:** Requested by Lucy Jilot

**Maureen Weber:** Requested by Lucy Jilot

**Marie (Gosser) Fellner:** Requested by Lucy Jilot

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*The January tabernacle candle is lit in loving memory of Hildegard Girlie Voeks.*



### **Candles have a special place in our faith journey.**

Lighting a candle can symbolize the remembering of a loved one or a petition of prayer we make to God. We ask the saints to pray with us and for us during our most dire need. The light of the candle prolongs our prayer beyond our presence in church and shows our desire to remain in God's presence as we go about our day. To have a 7-day Vigil

Candle lit for your intention, please stop in or call the Parish Office at 920-743-2062. 7-day Vigil Candles are \$3.00.

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

**Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!**

**We are back! Time to Zoom this week!**

Edge takes place Wednesday at 4pm or 6pm.  
 Confirmation takes place Wednesday at 7:15pm.  
 Life Teen takes place Sunday at 4pm or 6pm.

Our Confirmation Mass is just a few weeks away! Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we can't open up the Mass to everyone, but we do really appreciate your prayers! Our seniors will be on their retreat on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Check out Corpus Christi, St. Joseph, Ss. Peter and Paul, or Sturgeon Bay Edge & Life Teen on Facebook to get to know our Confirmation candidates!

If you have an Instagram account, go follow @sturg\_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.



**Welcome 2021!**

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

**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  
**Schram Monuments**

Thank you to **Bill & Carolyn Lehman**,  
 for supporting our parish.

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

**Please Remember:**

Husband, Gary & son, Tim  
 Special Intention  
 Grace & Elmer Worachek  
 Leon & Elsie May  
 Deceased members of the Shewchuk Family

Bill & Shirley Moeller  
 Archie & Leona Johnson  
 Special Intention  
 Roger Vertz  
 Rose & Dewey Vertz  
 Peter Bradley  
 Clement Bradley  
 Our Mothers and Fathers  
 Georgiana Bourgouin  
 Girlie Voeks  
 Gen & Lawrence Virlee  
 Bob & Dorothy Kent  
 John Brunswick  
 Joseph & Dolores Ruttner  
 George, Daun & Tom Poh  
 Martha Poh  
 Lee Conlon  
 Mr & Mrs Cy Ripple  
 Louis Wolfe  
 Mary Teichter  
 Marvina Bea Teichtler  
 Larry Graf  
 Our parents  
 David Ellenbecher  
 Wenzel R. Sternard  
 Judy Brauer

**Requested By:**

Kathy, wife & mother  
 Carolyn Resler  
 Elaine Stoffel  
 Robert & Theresa Starr  
 John & Mary Kacmarynski  
 Denis & Christine McCarty  
 Jim & Barb Tabaska  
 Wanda Bouche  
 Jane Hoffman  
 Their Family  
 Bruce & Sandy Shewchuk  
 Andy Johnson  
 Andy Johnson  
 Anna Walsh  
 Veronica Vertz  
 Veronica Vertz  
 Veronica Vertz  
 Veronica Vertz  
 Brian & Judy Orthober  
 Joe Bourgouin  
 Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Tanck  
 Janice Virlee  
 George & Kim Poh  
 James Conlon  
 James Conlon  
 James Conlon  
 John Teichtler  
 John Teichtler  
 Nancy  
 Mitch & Marie Pascke  
 John & Judy Ellenbecher  
 Darrell & Beverly Sternard  
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Come let us  
*Adore*  
 Him



## Spirituality For The Long Haul

Monica Hilbert



### *Feast of the Epiphany – A Season of Awakening*

*Epiphany – a sudden enlightenment of the soul.*

There could never be a more appropriate way to describe this Feast of the Epiphany as a sudden enlightenment. When one experiences an epiphany, they know that something miraculous has happened, is happening, or is about to happen. They are filled with knowledge and excitement that something amazing is unfolding. This is what happened to the three wise men. It was like a bolt of lightning struck them and they became wrapped up in this new revelation. It consumed and overtook them. Their epiphany guided and pushed them to seek out the Messiah. There was absolutely no question, no doubt or hesitation that this is what they had to do – to seek the New King, the Messiah, the Savior. But travel was not without its complications and hardships. There was no stopping them to fulfill this epiphany of theirs – the quest they were sent on.

But how did they hear about the birth of the Messiah? What propelled them to travel to find the Savior? It was their experience as astrologers, their spark of intuition and inner knowing – this deep inner knowing that something was happening. They just knew that it was right, and they were not going to say, “No.” We, too, have had those same moments of deep inner knowing. You and I are able to experience the same awakening and enlightenment of the wise men who are but metaphors and icons of ourselves. When we are so called, struck by a bolt of lightning, there is no question about it – we become propelled by it.

You might ask, “What was the purpose of the three kings?” It is a wonderful story and many songs have been written about them. But the purpose was to proclaim and spread word of this miracle – the birth of the Messiah. It was evident that this needed to be shared. It was their gift of prophesy, astrology, acute knowledge of events and the fact that they were revered for their high status that convinced people to believe. They played an important part in history by telling the story. And what about the shepherds? They are but icons of the common people who also were sharers of the good news. That is how the word of the birth of the Messiah spread.

*The Message:* The epiphany that happened to the wise men is the same epiphany that awakens and transforms our hearts. It happens today like it did at the time of the wise men. When we think about the birth of Jesus, it is a beautiful story. But how does it change our hearts? When we set up the nativity scene, prepare for Christmas and celebrate the birth of Jesus, not only do we recount, but we relive the story of the Nativity. At this time in our history, we certainly do need a new spiritual epiphany! We need to keep the nativity alive in our hearts. The Liturgical Year is a spiraling adventure of our liturgical lives. Every year the Nativity comes spiraling back giving us another opportunity to grow in enlightenment, knowledge, wisdom and understanding of the birth of Jesus in our lives.

Advent and Christmas should forever change us. These seasons should strike us like lightning each year making everything extraordinary, and nothing left ordinary. How will your new self go out into the world? Perhaps it is small gestures to grand ideas and thoughts. But mostly, it is the small everyday stuff that we show the beauty of our epiphany. The Epiphany is a catalyst, a springboard for hope, something that is so desperately needed right now. We should all be walking with a little more spring in our step with this new epiphany. We should have acquired a new understanding of the Nativity story that lifts us, that gives us hope in the darkest of times. Once we have experienced an epiphany, we are forever changed and can never return to the way we once were. The butterfly can never go back to being a caterpillar.