



In baptism, the Holy Spirit descends upon us as He did with the baptism of Jesus. We become fertile soil for God's word and hopefully fruitful in following God's call for us.

### Together We Celebrate

#### 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

#### Wednesday, January 13

8:30 AM– Lillian Seigle: Requested by Ron & Marilyn Schlise

#### Thursday, January 14

4:00 PM Mass @ SS. Peter & Paul

#### Saturday, January 16

4:00 PM – For the Congregations of St. Joseph & SS Peter & Paul Parishes

#### Sunday, January 17

8:00 AM @ SS Peter & Paul

10:00 AM – Bob “Rumpy” Hunsader: Requested by Family

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: Heb 1:1-6 \* Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12 \* Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18 \* Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14 \* Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11 \* Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16 \* Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 \* 1 Cor 6:13C-15a, 17-20 \* Jn 1:35-42



### **Sharing the Beauty!**

The Christmas Season has come to an end. If you would like to have a poinsettia, they will be available inside the ramp entrance after the 8:30 Mass on Wednesday, January 13th.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

We are looking for a Coordinator for our Mass on TV and our Mass on Facebook ministry. This person would schedule volunteers to record the Mass for TV

### **Summary of Contributions Received:**

	Year to Date Week Ended	Since
	<u>1/8/2021</u>	<u>7/1/2020</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$ 5,896	\$ 140,204
Online Giving	2,490	35,689
Visitor Envelopes	70	5,170
Loose Collection	390	7,724
Unrestricted Donations	<u>5,475</u>	<u>22,807</u>
Total Contributions Received	14,321	211,594
Budgeted Contributions	<u>\$ 6,337</u>	<u>\$ 194,907</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 7,984	\$ 10,350



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### **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

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**Robert “Rumpy” Hunsader: Requested by his wife Nancy  
For the children and youth studying at home and at school:**

Requested by a parishioner.

**Florence Rehrauer:** Requested by Dr. Thomas & Mary Rehrauer

**Special Intention:** Requested by Judy & Gary Drexler

**Bill & Shirley Moeller:** Requested by Any Johnson

**Special Intention:** Requested by Brian & Judy Orthober

**Special Intention:** Requested by Joseph Bourgouin

**Special Intention:** Requested by John Teichtler

**Mitchell Paschke for health & healing:** Requested by Marie

**Special Intention:** Requested by Jeff & Laura Hoffman

**Special Intention:** Requested by Darrell & Beverly Sternard

*The January tabernacle candle is lit in loving memory of  
Hildegard “Girlye” Voeks.*



### **Candles have a special place on 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**

This is a big weekend for our seniors! It's Confirmation retreat time! 36 high school seniors had their Confirmation retreat all day on Saturday. There was some virtual meetings, parking lot adoration, Reconciliation, journaling, prayer, games, discussion and fun! While it wasn't the retreat we were hoping for, it was a great and memorable experience!

Thank you for praying for our candidates. They get confirmed next Saturday the 16th at 1pm at Corpus Christi! While Mass attendance is not open to the public, your prayers are! Please keep praying for this incredible group of seniors.

This week in youth ministry...

Edge takes place Wednesday at 4pm or 6pm. Confirmation Class takes place Wednesday at 7:15pm. (Sponsor night!)

Life Teen takes place Sunday at 4pm or 6pm.

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.

**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

**The Carpet Shop**

Thank you to **Roger Miller**, for supporting our parish.

**St. John Bosco's Gala of Giving**

This year instead of an in-person event the annual Gala of Giving is going virtual with a raffle. Tickets are \$100 each with a chance to win one of five \$500 prizes, a \$2,500 prize, or the grand prize of \$5,000. Winners will be drawn live on Facebook on Saturday, March 6th. Please contact the school office to purchase tickets at 743-4144.

**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 2062 compliance as we as a community of faith come together to worship in safety.

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



Our Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass will be broadcast on Facebook December 19 & 24. Join us live on our Facebook page at 4:00pm or you can

view it at any time.

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**A Year to Honor St. Joseph**  
A Lovely New Prayer from Pope Francis

“Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you, God entrusted his only Son;  
in you, Mary placed her trust;  
with you, Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.”

**Job Opening**

Saints Peter & Paul Parish is looking to hire someone for bookkeeping, data entry, and general office receptionist in a shared work-load environment. Familiarity with Quick-Books, Microsoft Office, and a willingness to learn other software is a requirement. This position also involves preparing monthly Balance Sheets and Profit & Loss statements for our Finance Council, budgeting, Annual reports, Diocesan reporting, and account reconciliation. Send or deliver an application letter to:  
Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Office  
4767 E. Dunn Rd., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235-8822  
Attn: Fr. Bob Stegmann

# THE Wonder OF CHRISTMAS



## Baptism of Our Lord

So was it necessary for Jesus to be baptized in the River Jordan by John? This has been a much debated question by the theologians. In our Gospel for today the words of John would suggest otherwise.

However if Jesus' mission on earth was to..

- ...prepare hearts for the coming of God's kingdom, His baptism was a **visible sign** of sealing an **inward reality** of conversion for all people.
- ...bring the truth to all people, His willingness to be baptized showed total allegiance to His Father's kingdom.
- ...be the light for all people, in the water of baptism he becomes that living sign of the dawning of God's kingdom.

At this moment all that was predicted by John has been fully revealed in Jesus. The Holy Spirit descends upon him and a heavenly voice declares...

**“You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well pleased.”**

At His baptism the work of Jesus began to bring love, light and truth to the world.

## The Celebration of the Baptism of The Lord

brings the  
Christmas Season to an end  
but now...



### “The Work of Christmas Begins”

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back  
with their flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart.

**How will you continue the *Work of  
Christmas*, to bring love, light and truth  
to the world?**

The poem “The Work of Christmas” is from Howard Thurman's , The Mood of Christmas and Other Celebrations and is used by permission of Friends United Press.

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## Small gestures can have big impact Veterans Day service project has emotional conclusion for student

BY SUZANNE WEISS | SPECIAL TO THE COMPASS

**CLARKS MILLS** — If any year could use an uplifting story, it's 2020.

This story got its start a few weeks before Veterans Day, when students at St. Mary/St. Michael School in Clarks Mills began creating cards for area veterans to thank them for their service. The students take part in service projects each month, said Jeanne Duenkel, who teaches third and fourth grades, and the Veterans Day project is an annual one.

Students and veterans were paired at random. The school mailed about 220 cards and timed them so that recipients would have them by Veterans Day, she said. The school received more responses than usual to their cards this year, likely due to the pandemic, Duenkel said.

One response stood out among the rest.

Third grader Sam Staudinger, 8, wrote his card to Charles Spiering, a member of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Manitowoc and Vietnam veteran, who served in the U.S. Army and the Army Reserve. Spiering received Sam's card the day before he was scheduled for routine surgery. He told Carol, his wife of 54 years, that she should make sure that Sam received a thank you card and one of his service medals in the event that something would happen to him. Spiering, 79, died at the hospital on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Our full story appears in the Dec. 18 issue.



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**Carol Spiering poses with Sam Staudinger, a third grader at St. Mary/St. Michael School in Clark Mills, Dec. 4 after presenting him with her late husband's service medal and a thank you card.**

### FRANKLY, FRANCIS



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Those who pray never turn their backs on the world. If prayer does not gather the joys and sorrows, the hopes and the anxieties of humanity, it becomes a "decorative" activity, a superficial, theatrical, solitary way of behaving. We all need interiority: to retreat within a space and a time dedicated to our relationship with God. But this does not mean that we evade reality. In prayer, God "takes us, blesses us, then breaks us and gives us," to satisfy everyone's hunger. Every Christian is called to become in God's hands bread, broken and shared. That is, it is concrete prayer, that is not an escape.

So, men and women of prayer seek solitude and silence, not so as not be disturbed, but so as to listen better to God's voice.

+ Pope Francis, Dec. 16, 2020

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## Student exchange program continues to foster vocations

BY JEFF KUROWSKI | THE COMPASS

**ALLOUEZ** — An alumnus of the Global Outreach Catholic Exchange Program celebrated two milestone moments within a few weeks. Miro Hazy, a native of Slovakia who attended Roncalli High School in Manitowoc in 2012-2013, was married to his wife, Maria, on Aug. 8. On Sept. 9, he was ordained a Byzantine Catholic priest.

"After my wedding, there was one week to

be ordained a deacon, then one month later to be ordained a priest," he said in a video call with The Compass. "We don't have strict dates like the Roman rite that you have to be a deacon for a year or a half year. For us, it's just the decision of the bishop."

Fr. Hazy is the first alumnus to be ordained in the Byzantine Catholic rite.

Fr. Larry Seidl, Global Outreach spiritual director, believes the mission of the program — "to

build a civilization of love by forming young, dynamic Catholic servant leaders for the 21st century" — helps young people discern their vocations. "Servant leadership, as practiced in Global Outreach, is all about inspiring young people to use their gifts in service to others and to help them become servant leaders by inspiring others through their example," he said.

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# 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

## About Paul's Conversion

BY PATRICIA KASTEN | THE COMPASS

- 1 Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles, was raised a Jew, a Roman citizen of Tarsus and first named "Saul."
- 2 Paul was taught by one of the most famous Pharisees of the time: Gamaliel. Gamaliel had advised the Sanhedrin to be tolerant of the new Christian faith (Acts 5:34).
- 3 Paul was such an enemy of Jesus' followers that he condoned the stoning of Stephen and went to Damascus to take Christians to prison.
- 4 On the road, Jesus appeared to Paul, who fell to the ground, blind. (No, Scripture does not say Paul fell from a horse.)
- 5 Paul was led to Damascus and Ananias, who healed Paul's blindness and baptized him at Jesus' word.

## Deep listening is a way to build unity

Dear friends and followers of Jesus:

2020 has been quite the year! It's hard to believe that in just a few short weeks, the year will be over and we will be on to 2021. While there is always some excitement



### BISHOP'S CORNER

Bishop David Ricken

and anticipation for a new year, I sense that people are looking forward to 2021, and, as importantly, to an end to 2020, more than in past years. I know I am ready for a fresh start and the hope of brighter days for our families, our churches and our communities in the year ahead.

But as we approach the new year, brothers and sisters, let us pause to consider how to make the world a better place in 2021. It's easy to pin our hopes for a better year on the COVID-19 vaccines that are now being administered. Yet we would be naïve to think that the challenges we've faced this year are simply a result of the pandemic. Many of the issues we face as a church, as a nation and as a world cannot be blamed on this virus. This is why Pope Francis has often spoken, during the pandemic, of two viruses: the coronavirus and the virus that comes from within the human heart when we value ourselves above other people.

One of the main ways we have seen this

other virus this past year is in the growing division in society. This division exists on a variety of issues, but, regardless of the issue, it seems to have infected all areas of society including families, communities, government and, sadly, even the church. So as we approach 2021, I am suggesting a New Year's resolution for all of us: We need to develop skills in deep listening.

Deep listening is a way of connecting with another person that recognizes their sacred dignity as a child of God. Too often these days, we see other people, especially those with whom we disagree, as a threat. But God calls us to regard each person as a gift, and deep listening allows us to do this. When we slow ourselves down to hear a person's perspective and to understand their point of view, and when they offer that same grace to us, we have entered a place of safe and authentic dialogue.

Deep listening does not necessarily mean that two people will agree on everything. But when they disagree, rather than framing each other in either/or terms — you are either with me or against me — we see each other in both/and terms, recognizing that both people desire good even if they see things differently. This becomes the means for fostering unity in our relationships built on a foundation of love and truth.

The entire column appears in our Dec. 18 issue.



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## Parish SNAPSHOT



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Resurrection (Allouez), St. Francis Xavier (De Pere) and St. Mary (Ledgeview) churches sponsored "Follow the Light: A Drive-Thru Lights Adventure" on Dec. 13 in De Pere and Allouez. The parishes were able to fill an SUV full of food for an area food pantry and raised \$77 for meal packs at the Salvation Army.

# Spirituality For The Long Haul

Monica Hilbert

*The Journey of the Wise Men Continued*

## *Finding God In the Messiness of Things*

The journey of the Wise Men was anything but smooth traveling, and their quest to follow the star was riddled with messiness. Although different in many ways, their journey 2000 years ago and ours of 2021 follow a similar path. But the beginning of our journey is unlike the Wise Men who only had the star to guide them. We have the Star Himself in Jesus.

The story depicting these Wise Men as three kings in jewel encrusted robes and crowns and carrying gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh is a beautiful story, and rightly so, but the reality isn't seen in these beautifully crafted stories and songs. Today, we have GPS Systems, Google Maps, Quick Trips, hotels, paved and well-marked road systems to travel – not saying we don't ever have car problems, flat tires or have to deal with restless children. But we always have 911 to call for emergencies or road stops to rest. And needless to say, our means of travel is quite plush in comparison to desert roads and camels. The day-to-day messiness of the Wise Men's travel was in sharp contrast to ours. The nightly setting up camp, packing and unpacking, cooking on open fires, dealing with other travelers, the smells, sounds, the sleeping on blankets or leaning against a sleeping camel and restless camels themselves - was perhaps only some of the messiness of their travels.

What kept these Wise Men going was the Star and the promise of a new Messiah. It overshadowed everything that could have been messy. This is the key to dealing with the messiness of real life – to have that beacon, that star that propels us on. That is what the Wise Men did. At night, they basked in the beauty of the Universe, the stars and their constellations. They trusted that their going was meaningful and purposeful. The smallest and most insignificant of occurrences might have been the most profound inspirations to help them walk yet another mile. It may have been word of the next town, the way the sun rose or set, a beautiful stone on their path- that became a burst of inspiration coming at a critical time to spur them on to complete their journey. It was a journey that required diligence, patience and always, always, always putting the final destination first and keeping that in front of their eyes. It was focusing on the why, the what, and the purpose of the journey that often made a day's travel seem a bit more joyous and not so burdensome.

There was much political unrest then as now especially with word of a new Messiah, a new King. People were scared; they didn't know what to make of the unrest. They didn't know who to follow – who to trust. And here we are in on our own similar journey looking for our own Star of Bethlehem. So, we are similar in that way – searching for who or what to follow. But it is much easier than we make it out to be. We can be 100% sure that it is Jesus we must follow. There is no doubt that He will show us the way, show us how to live. He will lead us through all the messy things we are dealing with now: the decisions we have to make dealing with the long haul of the pandemic, the transition in politics, the anticipation, confusion and chaos. We need to put Jesus out in front with his promise that he will lead us through this messiness. We are children of God. He loves and protects us.

So take time to focus on the messiness of things, for in it are found the golden nuggets of faith, trust and God himself. Sometimes it's in the silliest of things, the littlest of things that make us pause for a moment, and in that moment catch a glimpse of God. Sometimes we are forced to stop or slow down in order to catch that glimpse of what we should be focused on – a slip on the ice, a sore back from shoveling, or something as little as spilled milk. Take those opportunities as a gift and reminder to slow down and take stock of what is important. Hopefully we can create our own moments of respite and peace. So, when messy things happen, let it be a reminder to slow down and remember, *"I am here, and all is well."*

While sitting under the stars in the desert the Wise Men were reminded of their mission. We, too, need to find our starry moments, peaceful moments and hold on to them – be in the moment even if in the midst of messiness. It may just be there where we find God. Look into and past the messiness to find who the Wise Men found under the star.