



Why does the Good Shepherd lay down his life for his sheep? He does not want any of his sheep to get lost or go astray. Jesus alone could bear the weight of the whole world for our sins. Let us thank him with our prayers and good works.

Together We Celebrate

Saturday, April 24

4:00 PM – Lulu Farrell: Requested by Jeremiah & Jean Farrell

Sunday, April 25

8:00 AM @ SS Peter & Paul

10:00 AM – Joe Schmelzer: Requested by Joe & Deb Hertel

1:00PM Spanish Mass @ SS Peter & Paul

Wednesday, April 28

8:30 AM – Marilyn Cherney: Requested by Friends & Family

Thursday, April 29

8:30 AM @ SS Peter & Paul

Friday, April 30

8:30 AM – Barbara Thomas: Requested by Pat Johns

Saturday, May 1

4:00 PM – Lee Graf: Requested by Family & Friends

Sunday, May 2

8:00 AM @ SS Peter & Paul

10:00 AM – For the Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph & SS. Peter & Paul

1:00 PM Spanish Mass @ SS Peter & Paul

Breaking Open the Word

Monday: Acts 11:1-18 *Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11: 19-26 *Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a *Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25 *Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33 *Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52 *Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31 *1 Jn 3:18-24 *Jn 15:1-8

Confession is available every Saturday 3:00 pm- 3:30 pm or by appointment 743-2062.

Church doors are open Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am until 4:00 pm and Friday 8:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Prayer for Our Priests & Religious

Almighty Father, we thank you for those who have answered your call to serve as priests and religious men and women in the Diocese of Green Bay. We are grateful for the call you placed within their hearts, and we are grateful for their “yes.”

We ask for an outpouring of your Holy Spirit upon them. May you strengthen them in their service to your holy people and sustain them in prayer. May the word of God and most holy Eucharist always be the source of their strength and their defense against all evil and temptation. We ask that Mary wrap her mantle around them and bring them close to her Immaculate Heart and the most Sacred of her son, Jesus. Amen

Summary of Contributions Received:

	Year to Date Week Ended	Since
	<u>4/23/2021</u>	<u>7/1/2020</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$ 4,445	\$ 201,782
Online Giving	1,320	51,580
Visitor Envelopes	550	8,834
Loose Collection	325	11,142
Unrestricted Donations	<u>1,500</u>	<u>41,327</u>
Total Contributions Received	8,140	314,665
Budgeted Contributions	<u>\$ 7,253</u>	<u>\$ 307,516</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 887	\$ 7,149



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 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.

Special Intention: Requested by Jim & Barb Tabaska

In Memory of Jeffrey Scott Makie-now and forever-amen:

Requested by his wife, Diane

Cindy Tong: Requested by her sisters, Sue & Sandy

Special Intention: Requested by Darrell & Beverly Sternard

For support for the families of the sick patients: Requested by a parishioner

The April tabernacle candle is lit in loving memory of the Holmes & Marsh Families.

We Rise Again! 2021 Bishop's Appeal

Bishops Appeal 2021 Goal - \$33,169.00

Collected as of 4/20/21 - \$32,061.00

WOW! We are almost there!

Only \$1,108.00 to go until we reach our required goal!!

Thank You – Thank you for your generosity!!



Knights of Columbus Council 2478

Knights of Columbus Council 2478 of Sturgeon Bay has selected **Paul T Zenefski Family** to receive its Family of the Month award. Each month the council selects a family from one of the four parishes: Corpus Christi, St Joseph, Saints Peter and Paul and Holy Name of Mary. It is not required that a KC member be part of the nominated family. Anyone wishing to suggest a family for nomination may contact a member of KC council 2478.

Congratulations and God bless the Paul T Zenefski Family!

Please Note! Mass Intentions are available for May please call the parish office!

Please Note!

The Diocese of Green Bay will continue to require the use of face coverings in parishes. Diocesan guidelines are intended to help parishes provide an opportunity for the faithful to encounter Christ in the Liturgy of the Church, while at the same time remaining safe.



On **Sunday, April 25** these children are celebrating their First Communion at Corpus Christi: Ashley Borkovetz, Atlas Clarke, Elise Estes, Lilah Fritsch, Kenneth Gregory, Kenzie Jeanquart,

Chloe Matysiak, Gabriella Pieschek, Glorисely Ramirez, Scarlett Shefchik, Rowan Cooley, Ava Moore.

On **Sunday, May 2** these children will celebrate their First Communion at St. Joseph Parish: Logan Delarwelle, Michal Dereszewicz, Luke Georgenson, Kellyn Jacquet, Grayson Kiekhaefer, Kinslie Papham, Sophie Sawyer, Charles Schink, Logan Soper, Adalee Starr, Braylen Voeks.

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

Sunday, April 18th

3-4pm IN PERSON Life Night at Corpus Christi (bring your mask and a chair to sit outside on!)

Life Night via Zoom from 6-7pm

Edge, April 21st - 4-5pm and 6-7pm via Zoom

Looking ahead...

We are going to have an end of year celebration, masked and outdoors for Life Teen on Sunday, May 2nd from 5-6:30pm and for Edge: Wed. May 5th from 5:15-6:30pm. No Zoom will be offered those nights. We invite our youth to a safe celebration and a way to be together.

Thank you for supporting our care package project! We have already received text messages thanking us! We appreciate your donations to make this possible.

Watch Us!!**St. Joseph Parish Mass Live on Facebook**

Mass will be broadcast live on Saturdays at 4:00 pm on Facebook. Join us live on our

Facebook page or you can view it at any time.

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

The Mass on Spectrum Cable TV Channel 989: Fridays at 9:00 am and 6:00 pm and Sundays at 1:00 pm & 6:00 pm.

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

Drain Pros, Inc.

Thank you, Tom Tanck, for supporting our Parish.

**Aging & Disability Resource Center of Door County**

Please Note! We are in the early planning phase of developing a strategy to provide COVID-19 vaccines to residents in their homes. If you are currently working with or know someone who is interested in receiving a COVID-19 vaccine in their home or who needs help coordinating transportation, please contact 920-746-2372 or email ADRC@co.door.wi.us for more information.

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

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.

**Scrip Supports Our Parish**

What is Scrip? Scrip fundraising is a program that enables our families to help raise money for St. Joseph Parish. Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks and credit cards. **Purchase Scrip by calling the parish office 743-2062.**

Deanna Martin is our March Scrip winner! Congrats *Deanna* thank you for supporting St. Joseph Parish with your Scrip purchase! Remember that each time you buy Scrip during the month of April; your name will be entered into a drawing for a \$25.00 Scrip Card that was generously donated by a Parishioner!

Corpus Christi Parish**Maintenance Coordinator Opportunity**

The Parish Maintenance Coordinator is responsible for the over-sight of parish facilities, equipment and grounds including performing regular facility inspection to identify both major and minor maintenance concerns. Other responsibilities include preventative maintenance and repair on facility and equipment, assisting with parish event set-up/tear down assignments and other cleaning/organizing functions. The Maintenance Coordinator works with outside contractors, the Buildings & Grounds Committee, and parish staff. Normal working hours are 20 hours/week during the daytime Monday through Friday. Some flexibility is required due to weekend activities. Contact the parish office at 920-743-4716 if you are being called to this position.

Drive Thru Chicken Dinner
Sunday, May 2, 11:00 – 12:30 pm
Corpus Christi Church-Maple Street Parking Lot

Stay masked in your car and someone will bring your dinner. Serving ½ chicken & fixings!



God calls. We respond. A vocation is a response to a specific call that Jesus Christ places on our hearts. It is our individual way of living discipleship in the Church.

Our primary call, through the Sacrament of Baptism, is to be a follower (disciple) of Jesus Christ. It is to be a holy person.

Within that first call to follow Christ, God calls us in specific way to live a vocation to the married life, the single life, the consecrated religious life, or the ordained life.

Fr. Mark Mleziva

Green Bay Diocese Vocation Director

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE 2021 WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS
25 April 2021**

Saint Joseph: The Dream of Vocation

Dear brothers and sisters,

8 December last, the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, marked the beginning of a special year devoted to him (cf. *Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary*, 8 December 2020). For my part, I wrote the Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, whose aim was “to increase our love for this great saint”. Saint Joseph is an extraordinary figure, yet at the same time one “so close to our own human experience”. He did not do astonishing things, he had no unique charisms, nor did he appear special in the eyes of those who met him. He was not famous or even noteworthy: the Gospels do not report even a single word of his. Still, through his ordinary life, he accomplished something extraordinary in the eyes of God.

God looks on the heart (cf. *1 Sam 16:7*), and in Saint Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have this same goal: to beget and renew lives every day. The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes. The priesthood and the consecrated life greatly need these qualities nowadays, in times marked by fragility but also by the sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life. Saint Joseph comes to meet us in his gentle way, as one of “the saints next door”. At the same time, his strong witness can guide us on the journey.

Saint Joseph suggests to us *three key words* for each individual’s vocation. The first is *dream*. Everyone dreams of finding fulfilment in life. We rightly nurture great hopes, lofty aspirations that ephemeral goals – like success, money and entertainment – cannot satisfy. If we were to ask people to express in one word their life’s dream, it would not be difficult to imagine the answer: “to be loved”. It is love that gives meaning to life, because it reveals life’s mystery. Indeed, we only *have* life if we *give* it; we truly possess it only if we generously give it away. Saint Joseph has much to tell us in this regard, because, through the dreams that God inspired in him, he made of his life a gift.

The Gospels tell us of four dreams (cf. *Mt 1:20; 2:13.19.22*). They were calls from God, but they were not easy to accept. After each dream, Joseph had to change his plans and take a risk, sacrificing his own plans in order to follow the mysterious designs of God, whom he trusted completely. We may ask ourselves, “Why put so much trust in a dream in the night?” Although a dream was considered very important in ancient times, it was still a small thing in the face of the concrete reality of life. Yet Saint Joseph let himself be guided by his dreams without hesitation. Why? Because his heart was directed to God; it was already inclined towards him. A small indication was enough for his watchful “inner ear” to recognize God’s voice. This applies also to our calling: God does not like to reveal himself in a spectacular way, pressuring our freedom. He conveys his plans to us with gentleness. He does not overwhelm us with dazzling visions but quietly speaks in the depths of our heart, drawing near to us and speaking to us through our thoughts and feelings. In this way, as he did with Saint Joseph, he sets before us profound and unexpected horizons.

Indeed, Joseph’s dreams led him into experiences he would never have imagined. The first of these upended his betrothal, but made him the father of the Messiah; the second caused him to flee to Egypt, but saved the life of his family. After the third, which foretold his return to his native land, a fourth dream made him change plans once again, bringing him to Nazareth, the place where Jesus would begin his preaching of the Kingdom of God. Amid all these upheavals, he found the courage to follow God’s will. So too in a vocation: God’s call always urges us to take a first step, to give ourselves, to press forward. There can be no faith without risk. Only by abandoning ourselves confidently to grace, setting aside our own programmes and comforts, can we truly say “yes” to God. And every “yes” bears fruit because it becomes part of a larger design, of which we glimpse only details, but which the divine Artist knows and carries out, making of every life a masterpiece. In this regard, Saint Joseph is an outstanding example of acceptance of God’s plans. Yet his was an *active acceptance*: never reluctant or resigned. Joseph was “certainly not passively resigned, but courageously and firmly proactive” (*Patris Corde*, 4). May he help everyone, especially young people who are discerning, to make God’s dreams for them come true. May he inspire in them the courage to say “yes” to the Lord who always surprises and never disappoints.

A second word marks the journey of Saint Joseph and that of vocation: *service*. The Gospels show how Joseph lived entirely for others and never for himself. The holy people of God invoke him as the *most chaste spouse*, based on his ability to love unreservedly. By freeing love from all possessiveness, he became open to an even more fruitful service. His loving care has spanned generations; his attentive guardianship has made him patron of the Church. As one who knew how to embody the meaning of self-giving in life, Joseph is also the patron of a happy death. His service and sacrifices were only possible, however, because they were sustained by a greater love: “Every true vocation is born of the gift of oneself, which is the fruit of mature sacrifice. The priesthood and consecrated life likewise require this kind of maturity. Whatever our vocation, whether to marriage, celibacy or virginity, our gift of self will not come to fulfilment if it stops at sacrifice; were that the case, instead of becoming a sign of the beauty and joy of love, the gift of self would risk being an expression of unhappiness, sadness and frustration” (*ibid.*, 7).

For Saint Joseph, service – as a concrete expression of the gift of self – did not remain simply a high ideal, but became a rule for daily life. He strove to find and prepare a place where Jesus could be born; he did his utmost to protect him from Herod’s wrath by arranging a hasty journey into Egypt; he immediately returned to Jerusalem when Jesus was lost; he supported his family by his work, even in a foreign land. In short, he adapted to different circumstances with the attitude of those who do not grow discouraged when life does not turn out as they wished; he showed the *willingness* typical of those who *live to serve*. In this way, Joseph welcomed life’s frequent and often unexpected journeys: from Nazareth to Bethlehem for the census, then to Egypt and again to Nazareth, and every year to Jerusalem. Each time he was willing to face new circumstances without complaining, ever ready to give a hand to help resolve situations. We could say that this was the *outstretched hand* of our heavenly Father reaching out to his Son on earth. Joseph cannot fail to be a model for all vocations, called to be the *ever-active hands of the Father*, outstretched to his children.

I like to think, then, of Saint Joseph, the protector of Jesus and of the Church, as the *protector of vocations*. In fact, from his willingness to serve comes his *concern to protect*. The Gospel tells us that “Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night” (*Mt 2:14*), thus revealing his prompt concern for the good of his family. He wasted no time fretting over things he could not control, in order to give full attention to those entrusted to his care. Such thoughtful concern is the sign of a true vocation, the testimony of a life touched by the love of God. What a beautiful example of Christian life we give when we refuse to pursue our ambitions or indulge in our illusions, but instead care for what the Lord has entrusted to us through the Church! God then pours out his Spirit and creativity upon us; he works wonders in us, as he did in Joseph.

Together with God’s call, which makes our greatest *dreams* come true, and our response, which is made up of generous *service* and attentive care, there is a third characteristic of Saint Joseph’s daily life and our Christian vocation, namely *fidelity*. Joseph is the “righteous man” (*Mt 1:19*) who daily perseveres in quietly serving God and his plans. At a particularly difficult moment in his life, he thoughtfully considered what to do (cf. v. 20). He did not let himself be hastily pressured. He did not yield to the temptation to act rashly, simply following his instincts or living for the moment. Instead, he pondered things patiently. He knew that success in life is built on constant fidelity to important decisions. This was reflected in his perseverance in plying the trade of a humble carpenter (cf. *Mt 13:55*), a quiet perseverance that made no news in his own time, yet has inspired the daily lives of countless fathers, labourers and Christians ever since. For a vocation – like life itself – matures only through daily fidelity.

How is such fidelity nurtured? In the light of God’s own faithfulness. The first words that Saint Joseph heard in a dream were an invitation not to be afraid, because God remains ever faithful to his promises: “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid” (*Mt 1:20*). *Do not be afraid*: these words the Lord also addresses to you, dear sister, and to you, dear brother, whenever you feel that, even amid uncertainty and hesitation, you can no longer delay your desire to give your life to him. He repeats these words when, perhaps amid trials and misunderstandings, you seek to follow his will every day, wherever you find yourself. They are words you will hear anew, at every step of your vocation, as you return to your first love. They are a refrain accompanying all those who – like Saint Joseph – say yes to God with their lives, through their fidelity each day.

This fidelity is the secret of joy. A hymn in the liturgy speaks of the “transparent joy” present in the home of Nazareth. It the joy of simplicity, the joy experienced daily by those who care for what truly matters: faithful closeness to God and to our neighbour. How good it would be if the same atmosphere, simple and radiant, sober and hopeful, were to pervade our seminaries, religious houses and presbyteries! I pray that you will experience this same joy, dear brothers and sisters who have generously made God the *dream* of your lives, *servicing him* in your brothers and sisters through a *fidelity* that is a powerful testimony in an age of ephemeral choices and emotions that bring no lasting joy. May Saint Joseph, protector of vocations, accompany you with his fatherly heart!

Spirituality for the Long Haul – Monica Hilbert

A Parallel Between the Early Church and 2021



As we continue our journey into the very heart of these Great 50 Days the readings paint images of the formation of early Church. Imagine the disciples in transition from living with the visible Jesus to the now resurrected Christ. Imagine how they must have rejoiced to be with Jesus again after the Resurrection, to sit with him, hear his voice and see his face. There was probably nothing like it!

However, it was no doubt, easier being a follower when miracles could be witnessed, to see it all happen before their very eyes, to see, be taught, and be in the physical presence of Jesus. It wasn't until after the Resurrection that the true and perhaps most difficult work of Christ lay ahead for the disciples. Now they were teaching about a risen Christ who was not physically there. Pure trust and faith were their new tools to believe what could not be seen.

The early Church was made up of actual witnesses to Jesus. But the more time moved away from the resurrection, the more difficult it became to convince people to believe. It is truly a miracle that here we are in 2021 and still remembering and celebrating the teachings and life of Christ after all these years. It could all have been so easily forgotten and faded in the midst of the dangers affecting the early Church. There was much turmoil in the efforts to get people to believe. But it wasn't forgotten. Why? Because the Holy Spirit was truly with them. They were absolutely driven by the Holy Spirit. When their teachings created visible change in people their faith was renewed, igniting a feeling, a knowing without doubt, that the Holy Spirit of Jesus was very much at work.

The Holy Spirit is also the essence of Jesus in each one of us. We live as physical beings and it's easy to not acknowledge our Divinity. Even though the Divine never leaves us, it can easily be pushed aside. When we pray, learn, come to church, our piece of Divinity is often re-ignited. We feel it. We feel it's pull, and we know. Jesus' Spirit can still ignite and carry on the legacy through us and our Church. How beautiful that we are part of this amazing history! Could it be better? Of course. But our growth and transformation are all part of our journey here on Earth. We must the carry on in spirit and love.

The growth of the early Church has a direct parallel to the Church of today as we continue to navigate through this world pandemic. We so often hear people say, "I can't wait to get back to normal." After the resurrection, there was no going back to normal. There was no sitting with, listening to, or witnessing the life of Jesus. It was gone and had to be replaced with something new. In the year 2021 it has become evident that people want to get back to normal. That normal is gone. The past is the past. We need to create something new out of all the trials and tribulations of the past year. We can't live in what isn't any more. But we can choose to be optimistic. We have amazing opportunities to create something new, to live in the glorious new light with the Holy Spirit guiding us on this new adventure – if we choose. That is the crux-our choice. We need to ignite the Holy Spirit that dwells within us – that which rests at the heart of our faith.

How will we choose to venture out into this new beginning? The disciples were changed having lived in the presence of Jesus and could never have gone back to living what was normal. Now they were sustained by His Holy Spirit. Once the Holy Spirit has been ignited in you there is no going back to the old. Everything is new. We have the opportunity to step out into the light, an opportunity to be ignited by the Holy Spirit and become better than we ever thought we could be. As we begin to step out of the pandemic what are we going to do? Let's step up to the plate. Let's make something new and beautiful for everyone. Let's use the wisdom we have learned to be better than we ever thought we could be. There is no going back. And besides, why would we want to go back when there are so many new and beautiful opportunities ahead of us!