



The good news is that Jesus' birth is near. He is mighty and will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire which will cleanse us of our faults. He will save us.

Together We Celebrate

Saturday, December 11

4:00 PM – Terry & Fuzz Bubnik - Requested by their family

Sunday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 AM @ SS Peter & Paul

10:00 AM – Shawn Madden – Requested by Dan Beauchamp

1:00 PM Spanish Mass @ SS Peter & Paul

Tuesday, December 14

7:00 PM – Elizabeth Kalis – Requested by Bruce & Kathy Pepin

Wednesday, December 15

8:30 AM – James Ruth- Requested by Joan Green

Thursday, December 16

8:30 AM @ SS Peter & Paul

Friday, December 17

8:30 AM – Irene Laubenstein – Requested by Catholic Daughters of the Americas– 1058 Pere Marquette

Saturday, December 18

4:00 PM – Jim Weyers – Requested by Chuck & Dolores Heindel

Sunday, December 19

8:00 AM @ SS Peter & Paul

10:00 AM – David & Robert Delfosse – Requested by Stewart & Theresa Fett

1:00 PM Spanish Mass @ SS Peter & Paul

Breaking Open the Word

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a *Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 * Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25 * Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10 *Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 49:2,8-10 *Mt 1:1-17

Saturday: Jer 23:5-8* Mt 1:18-25

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a * Heb 10:5-10 * Lk 1:39-45

Confession is available every Saturday 3:00 - 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.



We welcome in Holy Baptism.

Rowen Lillian Borkovetz

Daughter of Brandon and Lacy Borkovetz

Come One, Come All!

All are invited to help decorate the church for Christmas on Monday, December 20th at 9am. Refreshments will be offered.



Summary of Contributions Received:

	Year to Date Week Ended	Since
	<u>12/10/2021</u>	<u>7/1/2020</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$ 4,026	\$ 104,286
Online Giving	1,290	25,414
Visitor Envelopes	148	7,840
Loose Collection	302	14,173
Unrestricted		<u>16,279</u>
Total Contributions Received	5,766	167,992
Budgeted Contributions	<u>\$ 6,361</u>	<u>\$ 176,294</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ (595)	\$ (8,302)

End – of – Year Church Contributions

As you begin year-end 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.

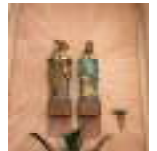
Vigil Candles

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.

Grace & Elmer Worachek: Requested by Pat & Jane
To my lovely mother, June Kuehn DeMeuse on the 5th anniversary of her passing, December 10th, 2016: Requested by her loving son, Danny
In Loving Memory of Jeffrey Scott Makie-now and forever-amen: Requested by his wife, Diane

The December tabernacle candle is lit in loving memory of all Anton and Gertrude Panosh.

**Flowers by the Holy Family Statues
 For the living and deceased of
 St. Joseph Parish**



If you are interested in offering a donation in honor or in memory of someone or in thanksgiving for something, please stop by the parish office. Carnations will be placed by the Holy Family Statues at your request.

Retirement Collection - December 11th & 12th

Today, through the Retirement Collection, we are able to Share in the Care of our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests through the National Retirement Fund for Religious, as well as of the senior priests of our own diocese. Envelopes are available in the pew to make your contribution. Please be generous in helping those who have given so much over the years.

**From the Office of Divine Worship,
 Diocese of Green Bay**

We know that we are beyond COVID fatigued, however the health and safety of those who worship with us is our priority. Although not required, masks remain highly recommended for all.



Genesis...the beginning
Religious Education for Grades 1-5
class December 15th.

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

Life Teen this week (Sunday, December 12th): 6-7:15pm at Corpus Christi

Edge this week (December 15th): 6-7:15pm at Corpus Christi and 6-7:30pm at Holy Name of Mary

Confirmation this week (December 15th): 7:30-9pm at Corpus Christi

Other news...

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts or gift cards towards our annual Giving Tree project! Because of your generosity, we were able to help hundreds of people in our community! Thank you! All gifts are due on the 12th! If for some reason your gift is late, please contact Sarah ASAP at stgavin25@gmail.com so you can set up a time with her to drop off.

All the above Facebook pages will also have a spotlight on our Confirmation Class! Go check it out and “like” or “love” it so more people can see our awesome group of seniors!



Explore the Sunday Scriptures!

St. Joseph Faith Formation Center
Tuesdays, 10:00 am

This Bible discussion provides an opportunity for adults to explore and discover what the Bible says by asking questions about its content, searching for answers and discover what it means to individuals as they are challenged to live the Scripture’s life transforming message. All are welcome! Come see what we are all about!

Knights of Columbus - Venison Stew Dinner

All men are invited to a venison stew dinner on December 15th at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 692 Tacoma Beach Rd.

Social starts at 5pm, dinner at 6pm.

Questions call:

Paul Penovich 920-495-2709 or Bob Spude 920-677-2345

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 9:00am and 6:00 pm and Sundays at 1:00am & 6:00pm

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

Stauber Electrical Services

Thank you, Famerec Family for supporting our Parish.



According to tradition, Mary appeared to Juan Diego, who was an Aztec convert to Christianity, on December 9 and again on December 12, 1531. During her first apparition she requested that a shrine to her be built on the spot where she appeared,

Tepeyac Hill (now in a suburb of Mexico City). The bishop demanded a sign before he would approve construction of a church, however. Mary then appeared a second time to Juan Diego and ordered him to collect roses. In a second audience with the bishop, Juan Diego opened his cloak, letting dozens of roses fall to the floor and revealing the image of Mary imprinted on the inside of the cloak—the image that is now venerated in the Basilica of Guadalupe.



December 12 – December 18

Sunday: Mass – 10:00am

“That Man is You”: Parish Social Hall – 5:00pm-7:15pm
Life Teen at Corpus Christi – 6-7:15pm

Tuesday: Bible Study: Faith Formation Center – 10:00 am
Mass – 7:00pm

Wednesday: Mass – 8:30am
Mary Gilson Prayer Group – Following Mass
Genesis Class: 5:30 pm
Confirmation at Corpus Christi: 7:30-9pm
Edge at Corpus Christi: 6-7:15pm

Friday: Mass – 8:30 am

Saturday: Mass – 4:00pm



St. Joseph Parish is hosting

“THAT MAN IS YOU” (TMIY)

When: Sunday Evening
5:00pm – 6:15pm

Where: St. Joseph Parish Social Hall
For all men are invited to attend!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Joseph Conference

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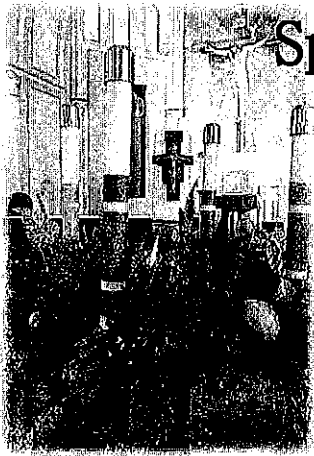
In today’s Gospel John the Baptist says, “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise...”

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas. Donations can be put into collection basket or dropped off at the Parish office.

Weekend Mass Ministries

Love as HE Loved  Live As HE Lived  Serve as HE Served

4th Saturday in Advent <i>December 18th 2021</i>	Ushers	Lectors	Servers	Sacristans
	John Teichtler Jeff Hoffman Wayne Stenzel Ray Gozdecki	Sandy White	Dolores & Charles Heindel	Cathy Costelow
	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters		
Father Bob – F Tom Knab – F Deacon – B Hilary Stauber – B <i>Adult Server - Choir</i>	Kiekhafer Family			
4th Sunday in Advent <i>December 19th 2021</i>	Ushers	Lectors	Servers	Sacristans
	Dan Beauchamp John Coonan Ron Tanck Gary Bellin	Margaret Lowrey	Bill Graf & Emery Berns	Bill Graf
	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters		
	Father Bob – F Kim Rubens – B Deacon – B Randy Rubens – B <i>Adult Server – Choir</i>	John & Marianne Newton		
		Assisted Living Homes Eucharistic Ministry		
	Bill Graf			



Spirituality for the Long Haul – Monica Hilbert

Fostering Our Divine Attributes of Hope, Joy, Peace, Love

The spiraling adventure of the Liturgical Year can pose quite a challenge as we try to balance the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparation with the contemplative season of Advent. As we shop to find just the right gift for our loved ones, Advent beckons us to discover what gifts we can bequeath to each other. During my own reflection, I've come to the realization that perhaps the best gift we may give is essence of our Divine selves.

Advent is a time to reflect on ourselves as Divine human beings and contemplate our Divine nature. We sometimes lose sight of this and forget our true identity. Advent is the season that reminds us to foster and nurture the Divinity within us that we may bring the birth of Jesus to the world. How do we accomplish this? Our instruction manual is the Advent wreath and each of the four candles – hope, peace, love, and joy.

- **We light the Candle of Hope.** Take time to focus solely on the divine attribute of hope. Ask yourself, “How can I help people to have hope?” “How can I foster hope in myself and others?” Hope is knowing that God is part of my life and I am part of God. It is good and right to put our hope in God, for it is He that is carrying us through this life. We have a responsibility to nurture hope.
- **We light the Candle of Joy.** Contemplate and ask yourself, “Where is joy in my life?” “How can I bring more joy into my home?” “How do I let it shine?” Joy is the deep soul-felt feeling that all is right, and I am part of something much bigger than myself.
- **We light the Candle of Peace.** Once again, ask yourself, “Where is peace in my heart?” “How can I give peace?” “What would it feel like to be at peace?” “What do I need to let go of to experience peace?” Experience peacefulness in those precious moments of this season- singing carols, baking, wrapping presents, sharing special moments with family, trimming the tree.
- **We light the Candle of Love.** Do we really know love? We have all had moments when we truly felt the power of love. Take time to look into the faces of family, people around you, or reminiscing with old photos of loved ones. How is that love being fostered and maintained? What are my words and actions doing to maintain and foster love? How can I contribute to love being spread in the world?

These are the critical attributes of our Divine being that bring us to salvation if we live, breathe, and speak them. These are what bring us to God. Salvation is coming home to God – recognizing we belong to Him, living these attributes. We cannot ever forget that we do not travel alone. God is here to support us, carrying us, giving us reminders and signs of His presence.

This season of Advent is a time of contemplation. As you're doing simple acts around the house such as rolling cookie dough or wrapping presents, use it as a time to open spaces in your heart to let Divine thoughts flow freely. Christmas is the beginning of our life with and in Christ. It represents the Divine Child born in each of us. How do we live in a Christ-like way? This is the crux. It happens when we are open to the possibility of hope, live in the understanding of peace, and when we give love. We light the candle of joy to remind ourselves of the power and presence within us. The birth of Christ happens every minute of every day when we put our feet to the ground and perform acts of hope, peace, love, and joy. It is what the world needs now more than ever. Imagine how different our world would be if we deliberately lived our Divine attributes of Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love.

Advent is an opportunity for us to reconnect with our Diving Being. Listen to the voice of Advent prodding you to bear Christ to the world.