# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 7, 2024

# We gather today to celebrate the lowly handmaid who brought eternal Light into the world.

### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

Saturday January 6th NO MASS

Sunday January 7th
8:00 AM The Kerscher Famil

8:00 AM The Kerscher Family 1:00 PM Spanish Mass

Thursday January 11th

8:30 AM Larry Henkel † Req by: Jean Henkel

Saturday January 13th

NO MASS Sunday January 14th

8:00 AM Ernest & Lucille Stoeger † Req by: Carol Kerscher 1:00 PM Spanish Mass

## **Serving in Christ**

January 14th

Lector: Juliane Spude Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Mark

Ushers: Gordy Haen & Paul Spude Sacristan: Tom Ploor

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

MONDAY: Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9 / Mk 1:7-11

TUESDAY: 1 Sm 1"9-20 / Mk 1:21-28 WEDNESDAY: 1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20 / Mk 1:29-39

THURSDAY: 1 Sm 4:1-11 / Mk 1:40-45

FRIDAY: 1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a / Mk 2:1-12 SATURDAY: 1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19,10:1a / Mk 2:13-17

SUNDAY: 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20 / Jn 1:35-42

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### **Summary of Contributions Received**

(Treasures)

Parish Support \$ 3,413.50 Visitors \$ 25.00 Online \$ 1612.00

### **Blood Drive**

Monday, January 8th 12:00pm to 6:00pm Tuesday, January 9th 9:00 am to 3:00pm

St. Peters Evangelical Lutheran Church
108 W Maple Street
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We Welcome to our Christian Community

Dawsyn Ainslee Staats

The Son of Andrew & Ashley Staats Through the Sacrament of Baptism January 7, 2024

This week's spotlight MEISSNER LANDSCAPE INC.

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Next Choir practice is January 8th at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

"That Man Is You"

**TMIY** is starting January 7th. At St Joseph Parish Hall. Call Ron White with any questions at 715-820-1704

### **Suffering In Christ**

If you know of anyone that is homebound and would like one of our Deacons or Father to visit and bring communion please call the office at 920-743-4842 Father and the Deacon will visit parishioners on the last Friday of the month.

A perpetual candle burns in the sanctuary by the tabernacle representing the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist at all times. The tabernacle candle is available to parishioners who wish to donate. The candle cost of \$30 a month in honor of a loved one



The **JANUARY** Tabernacle Candle is lit in Loving Memory of **JIM KERSCHER**Requested by: Carol Kerscher

### **Funeral Note**

When we have a Funeral during the week on a Mass day the Mass will be cancelled due to the Funeral.

Funeral Masses will ordinarily be celebrated at Saints Peter & Paul Parish on Tuesdays—Fridays at 11am.

### Deacon's Corner By Deacon Mark Bortle

"You may have noticed that during the past weeks the church has been using different colors for our altar cloth, clergy vestments, and other church decorations. There are four liturgical colors used that were coded by Saint Pope Paul VI in the Roman rite in 1969" white, green, red and purple. In addition to these, there are other colors, such as pink and black, used in liturgical vestments for specific days or masses.

White symbolizes purity, light, glory, and joy resulting from Faith. It is particularly related to the worship of Jesus and Mary for **Easter and Christmas**. It also symbolizes the resurrection, Christ rising in exaltation of the Faith.

During **Ordinary Time** the liturgical color is green, a symbol of life, hope, perseverance and anticipation. It accompanies the daily path of clergy and the faithful.

The color purple is linked to penance, sacrifice and preparation and also mourning. It is used during **Advent and Lent.** Purple liturgical vestments can also be used at a funeral Mass where it can be replaced by black vestments.

Red symbolizes the passion of Christ and the Blood spilled in martyrdom by Him and Saints. This color is used on **Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Pentecost.** 

Pink, which indicated joy and solemnity for the Third Sunday of Advent (**Gaudete Sunday**) and the fourth Sunday of Lent (**Laetare Sunday**)."

# MASS MINUTES By Deacon Ed Winter

One time as I was walking the track at a health club. I passed a group of four ladies who were talking; and I mean they were all talking at the same time! No one was listening. If I an engaged in a conversation with a friend, a loved one, or even a stranger, it will not be a conversation unless I stop talking from time to time to let the other person speak. So it is when we speak to God in prayer. If we want a response from God, we need to stop talking occasionally. That is where silence comes in. Some people seem uncomfortable with silence but it is necessary and we need to learn how to do it. During Mass, there are two times when we have the opportunity for God to speak to us in our silence. First, after the homily we can ask God to speak to us. What thought, phrase, or even what word applies to our life? What is God telling us through the speaker? Because God is telling us something.

The other time of silence is after we have received the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ. Being united to Jesus is a time to meditate on this union and listen carefully for what he is telling us. Having learned to do this will enable us to practice silence even in the busy days of our lives.

Next: What does it mean to be "eternalized"?

# EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer his gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Please support the Society of St. Vincent de

Paul as we bring gifts to the Christ child in the form of assistance to those in need. This past year our Conference saw an increase of calls for assistance, mostly in requests for help with utilities and rent. The new year is promising to be even busier.

We encourage all in our Parishes to have ears to hear the "Cries of the poor," and to have hearts that bring God's love to the poor through their generosity, prayer and donations.

"And what are we doing is we are not doing God's will"?

### Blessing Box Located on the side of Church

We are in need of mittens, hats and gloves, & boots any cold weather items Please no Perishable items.

Nancy Anderson 920-743-0216, Cathy Gerdmann 920-823-2934, Rae Ann Gosser 920-743-2781, Karen Haen 920-495-3197 Pat Ploor 920-559-0352

#### Family

Loving the family means being able to appreciate its values and capabilities, fostering them always. Loving the family means identifying the dangers and the evils that menace it, in order to overcome them. Loving the family means endeavoring to create for it an environment favorable for its development. The modern Christian family is often tempted to be discouraged and is distressed at the growth of its difficulties; it is an eminent form of love to give it back its reasons for confidence in itself, in the riches that it possesses by nature and grace, and in the mission that God has entrusted to it. "Yes indeed, the families of today must be called back to their original position. They must follow Christ."

# Edge and life Teen Middle and High School Religious Education and Youth Ministry

It's Confirmation weekend! Please pray for our students who will receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Sunday, January 7th at 1pm at Corpus Christi! This group truly wants to live as disciples of Christ

## Schedule this week: January 10th

Edge at Holy Name of Mary 6-7:30pm Edge at St. Joseph 5:30-6:45pm Life Teen at St. Joseph 6:30-7:45pm

#### Genesis

Facebook Page: GENESIS/Tri Parish Elementary Religious Education Program
CLASSES RESUME WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10th

### **Reconciliation parent meeting**

Genesis Second Grade

Date: Wednesday, January 24th

**Time:** 5:30pm in the Faith Formation Building

Speaker: Tommy Nelson—Green Bay Diocese Youth Evangeli-

zation Coordinator

The Catholic Mass is an amazing and rich aspect of tour faith, but it is difficult for children to engage with its language, symbolism, and miraculous nature. You can find a Catholic Kids bulletin at the entrance to church. These bulletins will help children to learn about the Sunday Mass with different activities while they grow up in our amazing faith.

\*There is a wonderful Bible Study every Tuesday at 10:00am at St. Joseph's Faith Formation Center. Come join Penny Biwer as she leads a reviving bible study on the weekly readings that will stir your spirit.

### **Our second Genesis Service Project!**

We are collecting hats and mittens for our local school children starting Wednesday, November 15th. The Faith Formation Center will have a Christmas Tree where you can place hats and mittens on. Thank you for your donations.

Knights of Columbus Council 2478 of Sturgeon Bay has selected Gregory & Sue Ebel Family to receive its Family of the Month award. Each month the council selects a family from one of the four parishes. It is not required that a KC member be 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 Gregory and Sue Ebel Family. Cletus Schwoerer Family director of Knights of Columbus 2478 of Sturgeon Bay 608-516-1448 schwocj@yahoo.com

