

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 3, 2023

Mass Intentions for the Week
Saturday December 2nd
NO MASS
Sunday December 3rd
8:00 AM Maggie DeMeuse † Req by: Larry DeMeuse
1:00 PM Spanish Mass
Thursday December 7th
8:00 AM Rosary
8:30 AM 70th Wedding Anniv. Joseph & Joane Strahan
Saturday December 9th
NO MASS
Sunday December 10th
8:00 AM Harvey & Helen Haen † Req by: Family
1:00 PM Spanish Mass

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Serving in Christ
December 10th
Lector: Erika May
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Ed (Preach)
Ushers: Dick Smith & Paul Spude
Sacristan: Tom Ploor

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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

MONDAY: Is 2:1-5 / Mt 8:5-11
TUESDAY: Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24
WEDNESDAY: Is 25:6-10a / Mt 15:29-37
THURSDAY: Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21, 24-27
FRIDAY: Gn 3:9-15,20 Eph 1:3-6,11-12 / Lk 1:26-38
SATURDAY: Is 30:19-21,23-26 / Mt 9:35 10:1,5a,6-8
SUNDAY: Is 40:1-5,9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14 / Mk 1:1-8

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Summary of Contributions Received
(Treasures)

Envelopes	\$ 857.00
Visitors	\$ 83.00
Online	\$ 1,087.00
Flowers	\$ 175.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 90.00
Thanksgiving Pies	\$ 132.00
Building & Maintenance	\$ 10.00
Religious Ed	\$ 15.00

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 J. Haen 920-495-3197,
Pat Ploor 920-559-0352

This week's spotlight
SEPTIC MAINTENANCE
We strongly encourage you to support our Advertisers

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PRAY FOR US

UPCOMING EVENTS
Choir Practice dates: Dec. 4th & 18th
NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME.

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 **DECEMBER** Tabernacle Candle is lit in Loving Memory of
ROGER & JOSIE BOCHEK
Requested by: Paul & Joanne Surfus

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.

We are in need of volunteers for Sunday Eucharist Ministers for Assisted Living Homes. Please call St. Joseph's if interested 920-743-2062. Thank you

Door County Toys for Kids
It's time for the annual toy drive to support **Toys for Kids!** Last year this amazing volunteer organization helped get toys to over 550 local kids for the holidays. Bring in an unwrapped toy or toys for kids from ages 0-17 and help make the holiday a bit brighter for local kids in need! The drop box is located in the entrance to church. Any questions call Marsha at 920-495-0319 or Adam at 920-362-6234.


Next weekend, our parish will take a Retirement Collection.
This will be to benefit two groups of people who have served us faithfully. We will have the opportunity to give to the National Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps our retired sisters, brother and religious order priests. We also have an opportunity to give to the retirement needs of the senior priests in the Diocese of Green Bay. You may donate to both of these groups, or just to one. Please use the envelope provided. Envelopes are in the Pews.

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT
We light this first purple candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored—our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored.

THANK YOU
Thank you to all the Ladies who help make the delicious Thanksgiving Pies. About 110 Pie were sold.
Thank You,
Heidi Teich, Karen & Kim Schartner, Karen Haen, Fran Birnschein, Mary Kenny, Sarah Anschutz, Jocelyn Barnes and Nancy Anderson.

MASS MINUTES
By Deacon Ed Winter
Bishop Fulton J Sheen was a TV star in the 1950's and 60's, on his weekly program, *Life is Worth Living*. He had as many as ten million viewers each week. For a time, his program aired at the same time as the famous comedian's, Milton Berle. When Bishop Sheen won an Emmy, Berle said, "He's got better writers: Matthew, Mark Luke, and John."
Bishop Sheen said that Christian life is lived between two words: come and go. We are called to come worship and join ourselves to him. We bring our crosses to Mass and join them to the Cross of Christ and then we are told to go and bring the Good News to the rest of the world. He viewed the Mass as celebrated in three acts. In the first act we offer ourselves to God. Just as multiple grains of wheat come together to make bread and multiple grapes come together to make wine, we come together as our offering.
In the second act, the consecration, the bread and wine die to become the Body and Blood of Christ. The bread and the wine are consecrated separately just as the Blood, meaning life, of Christ was separated from his Body on the Cross.
Next: The third act.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
As we begin Advent we are called to "Be watchful! Be alert" as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.
Remember our "Friends in Need" as the beginning of the Christmas season unfolds.
The cold weather presents numerous difficulties for those who are suffering in poverty. In so many cases we deal with in Sturgeon Bay, they are just trying to survive. While most of us are planning ahead for family Christmas events and meals of our "friends in need" are just trying to get by for the next 24 hours. Will there be any gifts for the children? Can we afford the heating bill? The tires on the car are bald. Can we make the rent this month? And the list goes on! **Keep them in your prayers, and if you can, share some of your blessings with them through your support of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.** "Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others. Help others without any reason and give without the expectation of receiving anything in return. Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth."

 **If you care to donate money (in memory of a loved one) towards the purchase of Poinsettias, please fill out the coupon below and put with your donation in the collection basket or send to the parish office, no later than December 17, 2023. Thank you**

In memory or honor of:

Donated by: _____

Amount: _____
Please clip and put in the collection basket or mail to 4767 E Dunn Rd, Sturgeon Bay

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

Reminder: all gifts from the Christmas Wish Program are due by December 17th at NOON to the parish you took a heart from. If you are donating money, please write checks and send. Drop off to Corpus Christi. If you are donating a gift cards, you can drop off at the parish office (any of them).
Schedule this week (December 6th)
Edge at Holy Name of Mary: 6-7:30pm
Edge at St. Joseph: 5:30-6:45 pm
Life Teen at St. Joseph: 6:30-7:45pm
Confirmation: 7:30-9pm
Since the 6th is St. Nick's Day, we have a special celebration for our middle and high school students! Parent/guardians, please see your email for what we are asking you to bring!

Genesis
Facebook Page: GENESIS/Tri Parish Elementary Religious Education Program
MOVIE NIGHT: Christmas with the Chosen "The Messengers"
Monday, December 4, at 6:00pm and Tuesday, December 5, at 9:00am St. Joseph Faith Formation Center Contact Laura Hoffman If interested 920-743-2062 Email: lhoffman@stjosephsb.com
***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.

ENCOUNTERING JESUS- Heaven on Earth
The Mass is a moment of tremendous significance, and we should recognize it as such. Scripture tell us: "We should offer worship pleasing to God in reverence and awe. For our God is a consuming fire" (28-29)
The book of Revelation seems a cryptic and puzzling book to many Christians. But it makes far better sense is read in light of the liturgy. We recognize so many of its small details as items familiar from Sunday Mass. There are priestly vestments, incense, chalices, hymns, the "Holy, Holy, Holy," the "Lamb of God." There is the "hidden manna" of the Eucharist.
Even the structure of the book reflects the Mass, which has been divided in two since the beginning of the Church. The early chapters deal with the opening and reading of the scrolls. The later chapters deal with the banquet of the Lamb of God. The author of the Book of Revelation, St. John, presents heaven as a sacred banquet that lasts for eternity. Yet that banquet does not begin when we die. It begins when we go to Mass, whenever we go to Mass and wherever we go to Mass, because the Mass is the one place where—really, truly, substantially and sacramentally—heaven touches down to earth and God feeds us with the Bread of Life. In Revelation, we see the heavenly-earthly liturgy as the perfect act of thanksgiving. In the Lamb, we see the perfect paschal victim, whose feast is everlasting.
Next week : Heaven on Earth continues

