

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
DECEMBER 10, 2023

We begin this season of Advent with the call  
To stay awake, to open our hearts, and to return to God.

**Mass Intentions for the Week**  
**Saturday December 9th**  
NO MASS  
**Sunday December 10th**  
8:00 AM Harvey & Helen Haen †     Req by: Family  
1:00 PM Spanish Mass  
**Thursday December 14th**  
8:00 AM Rosary  
8:30 AM Pat Lake †     Req by: Karen & Darrel Schartner  
**Saturday December 16th**  
NO MASS  
**Sunday December 17th**  
8:00 AM Larry Henkel †     Req by: Jean Henkel  
1:00 PM Spanish Mass

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**Serving in Christ**  
**December 17th**  
Lector:             Juliane Spude  
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Mark  
Ushers:             Dale Paterson & Gordy Haen  
Sacristan:           Tom Ploor

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**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

MONDAY:     Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26  
TUESDAY:    Zec 2:14-17 / Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
WEDNESDAY: Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30  
THURSDAY:   Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15  
FRIDAY:      Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19  
SATURDAY:   Sir 48:1-4,9-11 / Mt 17:9a,10-13  
SUNDAY:      Is 61:1-2a,10-11 1 Thes 5:16-24 / Jn 1:6-8,19-28


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**Summary of Contributions Received**  
**(Treasures)**

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| Envelopes              | \$ | 3,020.25 |
| Online                 | \$ | 957.00   |
| Flowers                | \$ | 160.00   |
| Mass Stipend           | \$ | 10.00    |
| Baptism                | \$ | 10.00    |
| Building & Maintenance | \$ | 186.80   |
| Religious Ed           | \$ | 3.00     |
| Candles                | \$ | 17.00    |
| Advent Candles & Books | \$ | 35.00    |

We Extend a warm welcome to:  
**Kathy & James Gibson and**  
**Danny & Danielle Hanson and there family**  
who have recently joined our Parish Community. We are happy to have you as part of our Faith Community.

This week's spotlight  
**ALLIANCE INSURANCE CENTER**  
We strongly encourage you to support our Advertisers



We welcome  
**TUCKER LEE HANSON**  
son of Danny & Danielle Hanson  
who will be baptized this weekend.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
**Choir Practice dates:** 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

**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 Pews to make your contribution. Please be generous in helping those who have given so much over the years.

**SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT**  
We light the first and second purple candles, the candle of joyful hope and the candle of proclaimed peace, in part to remind ourselves that we are a people rising toward God's promise. But we also light them as a sign to the world, an announcement there are some who hold on to hope and there are some who work the ways of peace. We stand as a sign that Emmanuel is still our fervent prayer.

**Knights of Columbus Council 2478**  
of Sturgeon Bay has selected John & Maggie Coonan Family to receive its Family of the month award. Each month the Council selects a family from one of it's 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 John & Maggie Coonan Family. Thank you Cletus Schwoerer Family Director Knights of Columbus council 2478 of Sturgeon Bay 608-516-1448 schwocj@yahoo.com.

**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.**

**SAINTS PETER & PAUL PRAY FOR US!**

**MASS MINUTES**  
**By Deacon Ed Winter**  
Bishop Fulton J Sheen saw that Holy Mass as occurring in three acts. In the first act we offer ourselves to God. In the second, we die. In act three, we rise to new life.  
Sun, water, and air say to plants, "Unless you eat me, you will not have life in you." Plants say to animals, "Unless you eat me, you will not have life in you," Plants and animals say to us, "Unless you eat me, you will not have life in you," Christ says to us, "...unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." (John 6:53,54) If I eat an orange, the orange becomes me and I become (the fruit, not the color) orange. When we eat the Body and Blood of Christ in receiving Communion, we become "Christified," according to Bishop Robert Barron.  
Next: What does it mean to be "Christified"?

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord"...We are all called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. **Is there some family you know who needs assistance?** Please reach out to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are poor and suffering to celebrate Christmas. The Christmas season is often very difficult for those struggling in poverty. **Help us help them.** Both in prayer and action, so that they may truly experience the blessings of God's creation. **"Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another."**

**Deacon's Corner**  
By Deacon Mark  
"As Catholics we use religious items during our devotional times. We may have some that are broken or deteriorated and wonder how we should properly dispose of them, such as a broken rosary? Living in today's society when so many things become disposable, we must remember that religious items that have been blessed are for sacred use. How often have I seen religious items in an antique store or consignment shop and either my wife or I have saved it by purchasing the item and bringing it home. The original owner should have donated the item or disposed of it properly. We should all cherish these blessed religious objects, venerate them with piety and if necessary, disposed of them properly.  
**According to the Code of Canon Law #1171,** "Sacred objects, which are designated for divine worship by dedication or blessing, are to be treated reverently and are not to be employed for profane or inappropriate use even if they are owned by private person."  
If an item such as a rosary is repairable, then yes, repair it if possible. If the item is not repairable, then it must be properly disposed of. The Diocese of Superior, Wisconsin provides these suggestions for damaged blessed items:  
1) Do not throw blessed items away if they are not burnable.  
2) Disassemble or destroy the blessed object in a manner that prevents profane use. Give them to your parish for burial in a cemetery or on Church grounds.  
3) "If the item is metal that could be melted down for re-use, it must first be disassembled or destroyed in a way that prevents any profane re-use in its recognizable form prior to its trip to the smelter."

**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). If you have any questions regarding the Christmas Wish, Please contact Sarah at stgavin25@gmail.com**  
Schedule this week (December 13th)  
**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**  
Are you looking at Sturgeon Bay Edge and Life Teen's Facebook Page? We are highlighting a Confirmation student almost daily! Go check it out to learn more about the great class.  
**Thank you** to those who have taken ornaments for our Christmas Wish Program. We still have a few left, please take one or two on your way out. All gifts are for local families who need a little extra help this Christmas season. Ornaments have the gift request and gifts are to be wrapped and brought back to the church by December 17th. Thank You!  
**Genesis**  
**Facebook Page: GENESIS/Tri Parish Elementary Religious Education Program**  
**If you are struggling** this holiday season with grief please join us for our Blue Christmas Service on Thursday, December 14th. At the Faith Formation Center at St. Joseph's. Patti Hovde our guest speaker is the Bereavement coordinator/grief educator at Heartland Hospice. Please Email: lhoffman@stjosephsb.com or Phone 920-743-2062  
**\*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**  
Jesus implied all of this in his declaration that the Eucharist is his body and his real presence. If Jesus is truly present, then heaven is there. Wherever the King goes, he is attended by his court. We acknowledge this so many times when we attend the liturgy. In the Penitential Rite, we recognize that we stand in the presence of "all the angels and saints." As we begin the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest observes: "And so, with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the hosts and powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory. As without end we acclaim..."  
This is how the great figures in Church history experienced the Mass. In the fourth century, St Athanasius told his congregation: "My beloved brethren, it is no temporal feast that we come to, but an eternal, heavenly feast. We do not display it is shadows; we approach it in reality"  
Next week more of Heaven and Earth

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Cathy Gerdmann 920-823-2934,  
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