
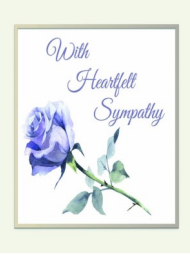


THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 17, 2023

Today we rejoice in the glad tidings
Our Savior has brought to all the world

Mass Intentions for the Week	
Saturday December 16th	
NO MASS	
Sunday December 17th	
8:00 AM Larry Henkel †	Req by Jean Henkel
1:00 PM Spanish Mass	
Thursday December 21st	
8:00 AM Rosary	
8:30 AM John & Dorothy Leist †	Req by; Ed & Diane Leist
9:15AM Adoration & Confession	
Saturday December 16th	
NO MASS	
Sunday December 24th	
8:00 AM Bernard Geisel †	Req by: Shirley Geisel
1:00 PM Spanish Mass	
6:00 PM Daren Dexheimer †	Req by Family
Monday December 25th	
8:00 AM Congregations	
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Serving in Christ	
December 24th 8:00 AM	
Lector:	Richard Johnson
Eucharistic Minister:	Deacon Ed
Ushers:	Pete Polich & Mark Behrendt
Sacristan:	Tom Ploor
December 24th 6:00 PM	
Lector	Rachel DeMeuse
Eucharistic Minister:	Deacon Mark
Ushers:	Gordy Haen & Pete Polich
Sacristan:	Tom Ploor
December 25th 8:00 AM	
Lector:	Richard Johnson
Eucharistic Minister:	Deacon Mark
Ushers:	Dick Smith & Dale Peterson
Sacristan:	Tom Ploor
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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS	
MONDAY: Jer 23:5-8 / Mt 1:18-25	
TUESDAY: Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a / Lk 1:5-25	
WEDNESDAY: Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38	
THURSDAY: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a / Lk 1:39-45	
FRIDAY: 1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56	
SATURDAY: Mal 3:1-4,23-24 / Lk 1:57-66	
SUNDAY: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38	
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Summary of Contributions Received	
(Treasures)	
Envelopes	\$ 2,333.71
Visitors	\$ 50.00
Online	\$ 822.00
Flowers	\$ 255.00
Retirement Fund	\$ 679.00
Building & Maintenance	\$ 5.00
Religious Ed	\$ 20.00
Candles	\$ 25.00
Advent Candles & Books	\$ 10.00
SAINTS PETER & PAUL PRAY FOR US	

UPCOMING EVENTS	
“That Man Is You”	
Will resume in January . 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 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	
Thank you to all who gave generously last weekend through the Retirement Collection. If you still wish to donate, you may use the envelopes in church or the parish office to share in the Care of our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests, as well as our own diocesan priests. On behalf of them, thank you for your generous care!	
THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT	
We light these candles, the candle of joyous hope, of proclaimed peace, and of deep and everlasting joy as a sign that we are those who walk with a skip in our step because we can see the destination, and it is pure joy. We are ascending to God’s promise.	
END OF YEAR CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS	
As you begin year-end tax planning for your family or business, don’t forget that donations to Saints Peter & Paul 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.	
 Please pray for the repose of the soul of Arvin Dexheimer May God welcome him home and comfort his family in this time of sorrow. May the knowledge of our prayers and support give his family comfort and peace.	

MASS MINUTES	
By Deacon Ed Winter	
Some words do or cause what they say. For example, If I say, “you’re under arrest,” it means nothing but if a police officer says, “You are under arrest,” you are under arrest. The difference is authority. God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. Jesus said, “This is my body,” and it was his body.	
Bishop Robert Barron said when we receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Communion, we become Christified. What does that mean? This is the way we come to participate in Him. Bishop Barron said, “...we are grafted onto him [Jesus] as branches are grafted onto a vine.”	
“The Christified person knows that his life is not finally about him but about God. The Eucharitized person understands that her treasure is to be found above, not below.” St. Paul: “It is no longer I who live but it is Christ who lives in me.” (Gal. 2:20) After calling down the Holy Spirit, the priest celebrant prays, “Grant that we who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit may become one Body, one Spirit in Christ.” Next: the Big Picture	
 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT In today’s Gospel John the Baptist says, “I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord.” Let us ask for the grace to help others know the love of the Lord. Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please remember those who are in need. We refer to the people we help at St. Vincent de Paul as our “Friends in Need” and we always try to see the face of Christ in them. It is something we truly mean and take very seriously. Recently we were visiting a homeless young woman who was struggling with many issues. She told us she did not have a jacket to wear and then, without hesitation, my Vincentian partner took off her own jacket and gave it to the woman. Wouldn’t you give your jacket to a friend who needed it? Deacon Ed in last week’s homily raised the question of are we true followers of Christ or merely admirers? Christ who choose to be poor, and frequently showed his concern for those in need certainly showed us one of the ways to follow Him. Are we followers or just admirers? “No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. If you don’t have charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble. Never look down on anybody unless you’re helping them up.”	
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	
This week’s spotlight MILL SUPPER CLUB We strongly encourage you to support our Advertisers	

Edge and life Teen Middle and High School Religious Education and Youth Ministry	
ALL GIFTS, DONATIONS, AND GIFT CARDS ARE DUE ON THE 17TH, WE ARE distributing gifts this week to the families and individuals, please no late gifts. <u>Schedule this week (December 20th)</u> 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. Genesis Facebook Page: GENESIS/Tri Parish Elementary Religious Education Program If NO GENESIS CLASSES WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27th THROUGH JANUARY 3rd. CLASSES RESUME WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10th	
The Religious Education office will be closed December 21st. Through January 7th.	
The Catholic Mass is an amazing and rich aspect of our 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.	
ENCOUNTERING JESUS- Heaven on Earth In Reality! That is why we speak of the real presence. We are going to see the King of Kings, and this should unstill us with awe. St. John Chrysostom, in the fifth century, urged his people to cultivate a profound sense of eucharistic amazement. And yet they were reluctant even to show up for Mass! He said to them: “Look, I beg you: a royal table is set before you; angels minister at that table; the king himself is there... {Christ} has invited us to heaven, to the table of the great and wonderful King, and do we shrink and hesitate, instead of hastening and running to it?”	
The saints I invoke are not outliers. They represent the mainstream of Christianity, and the doctrine they express has been the constant faith of the Church since the beginning. It is still our faith today. You can read it in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. To be with the King, Jesus Christ, is to be in heaven. We behold Jesus with eyes of faith, and that is itself a privilege greater than we could ever have imagined. It is a profound gift. Next: Greatest Act of Gratitude	

