

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
DECEMBER 31, 2023

Mass Intentions for the Week
Saturday December 30th
NO MASS
Sunday December 31st
8:00 AM Roger F Bocek † Req Paul & Joanne Surfus
1:00 PM Spanish Mass
Thursday January 4th
8:30 AM NO MASS Father Matthew on Vacation
Saturday January 6th
NO MASS
Sunday January 7th
8:00 AM The Kerscher Family
1:00 PM Spanish Mass

Serving in Christ
January 7th
Lector: Erika May
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Ed
Ushers: Gordy Haen & Pete Polich
Sacristan: Tom Ploor

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS
MONDAY: Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21
TUESDAY: 1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28
WEDNESDAY: 1 Jn 2:29– 3:6 / Jn 1:29-34
THURSDAY: 1 Jn 3:7-10 / Jn 1:35-42
FRIDAY: 1 Jn 3:11-21 / Jn 1:43-51
SATURDAY: 1 Jn 5:5-13 / Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:33-38
SUNDAY: Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

Summary of Contributions Received
(Treasures)

Parish Support	\$ 1,439.00
Visitors	\$ 118.00
Online	\$ 1,107.00
Christmas	\$ 1,412.85

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.


HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Week of January 1st the Office will be open Thursday January 4th from 8:00 am to Noon.

Blood Drive January 3rd
11:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saints Peter & Paul Church Basement.
Go to American Red Cross to register

UPCOMING EVENTS
Next Choir practice is January 8th at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!
“That Man Is You”
Will resume in January . Call Ron White with any questions at 715-820-1704

Father Matthew will be on vacation January 1 thru January 5th
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 everyone who cleaned and decorated church for Christmas. The Church looks beautiful.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope
alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits
to be born again.
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that in our time,
many will see the
wonders of God
And live forever to praise
Your glorious name.

Amen



MASS MINUTES
By Deacon Ed Winter
Non-Catholics may express surprise that we move during Mass, but attending Mass is not like attending a play, movie, or concert. At Mass, we are not just audience, we are participants in the celebration, more like a performer in those other activities. We are involved physically as well as spiritually, our bodily movement and posture expressing what we are doing.

Standing expresses readiness and a unifying of service as the ministers process in at the beginning of Mass. Think of the cry, “Attention!” when an officer enters a military barracks. Sitting is the posture of listening and learning while scriptures are proclaimed, (not just read), and a homily is preached.

We stand again when we pray in union, “Holy, holy, holy...” and when we pray, “Our Father...” Kneeling for those able to do so, is the most profound sign of reverence during the Consecration and Communion. In medieval times one would kneel before the king. So do we. We sit in silence for a short period of meditation after Communion and then stand to pray together at the end and for the recession of the ministers.
Next: The importance of silence



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year may our families “grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them.”

Through the generosity of the people of St. Joseph and Saints Peter and Paul Parishes, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to brighten Christmas for numerous families by providing assistance and gifts. Thank you! Your support is so important as we all try to help our “brothers and sisters” in need.

Please keep the St. Joseph Conference in your prayers as we face the many challenges the new year will undoubtedly bring. St. Vincent de Paul has reminded us, “that in serving the poor, we serve Jesus Christ.” Let us do this together.

We also need personal hygiene products, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, ect., to hand out on our home visits. Items may be placed in the basket at the entrance to Church.

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
VANDER LEST SOIL TESTING
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Edge and life Teen Middle and High School Religious Education and Youth Ministry
*Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!*
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Life Teen and Edge have another week off, but Confirmation students will meet on Wednesday, January 3rd at 6:00 pm at St. Joseph!
Confirmation is just a week away! Sunday, January 7th at 1:00 pm at Corpus Christi ! Come and celebrate our newly confirmed young men and women.
See the bulletin insert for a list of the student's names, please pray for them during this final week of prep! (Note, a few of them will be confirmed with St. Mary/St. Francis in Brussels and will not be getting confirmed on January 7th...but you can still pray for them!)

Genesis
Facebook Page: GENESIS/Tri Parish Elementary Religious Education Program
IF NO GENESIS CLASSES 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- Greatest Act of Gratitude
If you and I take a moment to reflect, we will conclude that each of us has been generously blessed in life. Even those who are struggling mightily must acknowledge that they have been blessed in many ways. In fact, many of our struggles involve blessings that we once had, but then lost. We are always on the receiving end of many blessings, but we rarely appreciate them while we have them. We rarely take the time to give thanks. The Mass is the perfect time to do so, as Jesus and St. Paul did. **Some people** keep a journal of blessings, Others find other ways to give thanks every day. People who do this report a steady improvement in their attitude moves them along the path of transformation to a much greater joy and happiness.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL PRAY FOR US!

