

# St. Joseph & Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Parishes



DECEMBER 7, 2025

| SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John wore clothing made of  
camel's hair and had a  
leather belt around his  
waist. His food was locusts  
and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

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### WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!

#### ST. JOSEPH

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**PASTOR**  
FR. MATTHEW RAPPL

**DEACON**  
EDWARD WINTER

**DEACON**  
MARK BORTLE

As friends and followers of  
Jesus, we are devoted to  
fostering households and  
communities of discipleship  
through the mission and  
ministry of the Catholic Church.

#### BAPTISMS

Parents of candidates for Baptism are expected to be registered, participating, members of a parish. Contact either office three months in advance to schedule a date. **The paperwork must be submitted to the office 2 weeks in advance of the scheduled date.** Parents instruction class is required before baptism.

#### MARRIAGES

Candidates for Marriage are expected to be registered, participating, contributing members of the parish. Please make an appointment with the

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

## WEEKEND MASS

### SCHEDULE

Saturday-4:00 pm

Sunday- 10:00 am

### Reconciliation

Tuesdays

5:00-5:50pm

Saturdays

3:00-3:45 pm

Alternative times for

Reconciliation can be

arranged by appointment. Contact the Parish Office.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday

8:00am- 4:00pm

### Facebook

Mass is broadcasted live on our page:  
[www.facebook.com/St.JosephCatholicSB](https://www.facebook.com/St.JosephCatholicSB)

## Sanctuary Lights

**Special Intention:** Requested by Jim and Barb

**Special Intentions:** Requested by James Goodwin

*Holy Family Flowers  
 In memory of  
 Bob "Rumpy" Hunsader*



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, December 6

4:00PM—Howard & John Schlise Families: Requested by Ron & Marilynn Schlise

### Sunday, December 7

10:00AM— James Webb †: Requested by family

### Monday, December 8 Immaculate Conception

6:00PM— Dori Holzinger †: Requested by Dave Holzinger

### Tuesday, December 9

6:00PM -

### Wednesday, December 10

8:30AM—Carol Winter †: Requested by Deacon Ed Winter

### Thursday, December 11

8:30AM— Mass @ SS. Peter and Paul

### Friday, December 12

8:30AM—

### Saturday, December 13

4:00PM—Wayne Stenzel †: Requested by his family

### Sunday, December 14

10:00AM— Bob "Rumpy" Hunsader †: Requested by Nancy and family

## We Need You!



Volunteers are needed to help decorate church for Christmas. Tuesday, December 16th at 8:30am. After all your hard work, we'll enjoy coffee and donuts!

## Join us every Tuesday night at St. Joseph Parish

5:00pm: Adoration and Reconciliation  
 5:30pm: Rosary  
 5:45pm: Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions  
 6:00pm: Mass

*St. Joseph, pray for us.*

## Summary of Contributions Received:

	Week Ended 11/21/2025
Adult Envelopes	\$ 4,512
Online Giving	948
Visitor Envelopes	682
Loose Collection	908
Unrestricted Contributions	
Total Received for week	7,050
Total Budget for week	7,226
Total Surplus/(Deficit) for week	(\$176)
Year-to-date Received	\$ 156,997
Year-to-date Budget	160,169
Year-to-date Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 3,172)

**MASS SCHEDULE****Sunday– 8:00 am****Sunday Spanish Mass–**

1:00pm

**Thurs– Mass 8:30 am**

Rosary 8:00 am

**PARISH OFFICE****HOURS****Mon– 8:00am-2:00pm****Wed. 9:00am-1:00pm****Thurs. 9:00am-1:00pm****Parish Council Chair**

Heidi Teich

**Finance Council Chair**

Mark Schartner

**Parish Trustees**

Nancy Anderson

Jodie Schartner

**Secretary****Carrie Kostreva**

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**Cemetery****Mike Kostreva****Maintenance &****Grounds****Mike Kostreva****Hispanic Ministry****Sister Letty****Sister Justina****MASS INTENTIONS****Sunday, December 7th****8:00 AM Living & deceased members of St, Joseph & Saints Peter & Paul****1:00 PM Spanish Mass****Monday December 8th****8:30 AM † Danica & Doug Reimer****Thursday December 11th****8:00 AM Rosary****8:30 AM † Sharon Petersilka****Sunday December 14th Guadalupe Sunday****8:00 AM † Evelyn Floor****1:00 PM Spanish**

Next Sunday Social is December 21st after Mass. Please join us downstairs for coffee & donuts.

Next **Adoration/ Confession** is Thursday, December 18th after the 8:30 am Mass.



Pray the Rosary everyday to bring peace to the world and the end to war.

**SCRIP October & November**

Sales \$7,035.00

Profit \$ 219.20



The December Tabernacle Candle  
is lit in loving memory of  
**Roger F. Bocek**

Requested by: Paul & Joane Surfus

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

Week Ending	11/23/2025
Adult Envelopes	\$ 560
Online Giving	622
Visitor Envelopes	0
Loose Collection	181
Unrestricted Contributions	-0
Total Received for week	\$ 1,363
Total Budget for week	2,635
Total (Deficit)/Surplus for week	\$ (1,272)
Year-to-date Received	\$ 57,649
Year-to-date Budget	63,395
Year-to-date (Deficit)/Surplus	\$ (5,746)
<b>Windows</b>	\$ 350.00

**Christmas Flowers**

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 your donation in the collection basket or send to the parish office no later than December 22nd.

**Christmas Poinsettias Donations**

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Donation : \_\_\_\_\_

Please clip and put in collection basket or mail to parish office.



Serving in Christ– St. Joseph ParishDecember 13th

Lector Randy Morrow  
 Deacon Ed Winter (Preach)  
 EM Marie Paschke  
 Hilary Stauber

Ushers John Teichtler  
 Greg Tlachac  
 Stephanie Tlachac  
 Ray Gozdecki

Sacristan Servers Deacon Ed Winter  
 Chuck Heindel

Greeters Nancy Graf  
 Sarah Spude

December 14th

Lector Max Martin  
 Deacon Ed Winter (Preach)  
 EM Mary Penovich  
 Lucy Kile

Ushers Chris Switzer  
 John Coonan  
 Joe McMahon  
 Gary Bellin

Sacristan Servers Bill Graf  
 Ana & Chloe Matysiak,  
 Kellyn Jacquet  
 Bill Graf

Greeters Deanna & Max Martin

Sunday Social Coonan/Shewchuk Families

Sunday Assisted Living Home Eucharistic  
 Ministry 2nd Sunday Chris Conlon

Serving in Christ—Ss. Peter and PaulDecember 14th

Lector Rita Daubner  
 Deacon Ed Winter (Preach)  
 E M Rita Daubner  
 Ushers Dick Smith & Bob Jennerjohn  
 Sacristan Tom Ploor

**THE ADVENT WREATH**

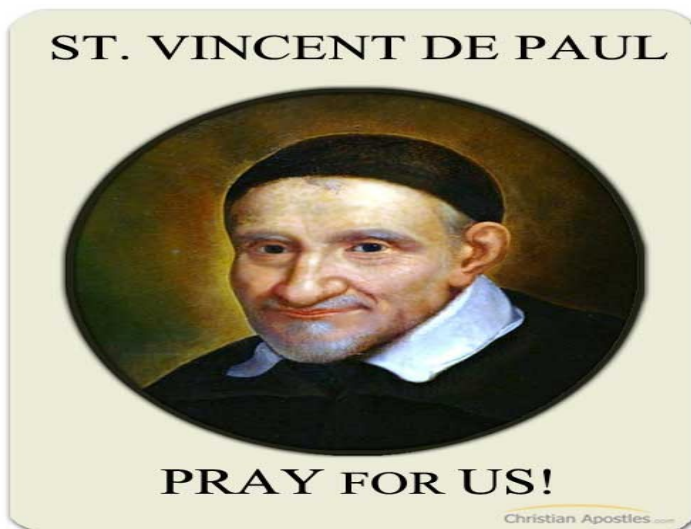
The Advent Wreath is a cherished tradition for many Catholics, especially during the month of December leading up to Christmas Day. The wreath is typically made of evergreen branches and holds four candles, which are lit one at a time on each of the four Sundays of the Advent season. The circular shape of the wreath symbolizes God's complete and unending love for us, which sent his Son into the world to redeem us from the curse of sin. It also represents eternal life, which becomes ours through faith in Jesus Christ.

Here at St. Joseph's & Saints Peter & Paul we light candles on our Advent Wreath in church each weekend mass of Advent. Each candle holds its own meaning. We will include the meaning of each candle here in the bulletin.

**Second Sunday of Advent – Candle of Peace**

We light the first and second 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.

**St. Vincent de Paul  
St. Joseph Conference  
920-388-9644**



### **Edge and Life Teen**

### **Middle & High School Religious Education & Youth Ministry**

#### **Schedule this week (December 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

Confirmation: 7:45-9pm

*We are so happy to see so many of you donate towards our annual Christmas Project! It's not too late to donate!*

Our Edge and Life Teen Youth are once again teaming up with St. Vincent de Paul to help those in need this Christmas.

This year SVdP is helping families with rent and utilities, so parents have a little extra to help make Christmas special.

Donations of cash or check can be dropped off at St. Joseph or in the weekend collection basket (Please make sure it's in an envelope labeled "SVdP")

Our students will be making cards for families, donating, and helping spread the word to raise funds!

### **Mass Minute with Deacon Ed Winter**

The "Our Father," or "the Lord's Prayer," is probably the universal Christian prayer. In fact, Jesus said, "This is how you are to pray." (Mt 6:9-13) It is so familiar that it is one of the prayers we have committed to memory and, I'm afraid, we may rush through without even thinking about it. If we do that, we need to slow down and think about each word we say.

St. Therese of Avila was approached one time by a young nun who said, "Please Sister, teach me how to meditate." St. Therese said, "Simply say the Lord's Prayer but take an hour to do it." So, let's start with the first word, "Our." When we pray the Our Father, whether at Mass or in private at home, we begin with, "Our" We are speaking not as an individual but as a member of God's Church.

We use the word "Father" in the same sense that we speak of "the Father of our country" ., meaning the source, the beginner, in fact recognizing God as the source of all being. Then we say, "Hallowed be thy name," honoring the very name of God which is used at times without honor or respect.

"Thy Kingdom, come." What is his kingdom? It is where "Thy will [is] done on earth as it is in heaven."

"Give us this day our daily bread." Our first thought may be of the Blessed Sacrament, the Body and Blood of Jesus, but we should think of all our needs including Jesus, our Christ.

Next TBC

### **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation December 8th**

Mass times:

8:30am—Ss. Peter and Paul Parish

6:00pm—St. Joseph Parish

### **Christmas Mass Times:**

December 24th; - 4:00pm—St. Joseph

December 25th: 8:00am—Ss. Peter & Paul  
10:00am—St. Joseph

**What's Happening in Children's Ministry!**

Facebook page: **GENESIS/Tri Parish Elementary Religious Education Program**

**NO Genesis on Wednesday, Dec 24th & 31st.  
Classes resume Wednesday Jan. 7th**

**Option of the Poor Project:**

The weather is starting to get colder, and we are beginning our next service project on **November 19**—collecting hats and mittens for our local schools. We will continue collecting items through the end of **January**.

“Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison and not minister to your needs? “Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me. And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.” (Mt 25:44-46)

Please place the hats and mittens on our **Christmas Tree**, located in the hallway of the Faith Formation Building.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Liturgy of the Word for Children!**

All children ages 4 through 3rd grade are invited to participate in the Liturgy of the Word for Children. This will be held at St. Joseph parish at the 10:00am Mass the second Sunday of every month.

**Women's Advent Evening of Reflection**

Thursday, December 11th  
5:30pm light dinner  
6:00pm—7:30pm  
St. Joseph Faith Formation Center



Mary & Elizabeth  
Two Strong Women  
Not too late to join us!  
Call Laura to register at 920-743-2062

**— Adult Faith Formation —**

Facebook Page: **St. Joseph Catholic Parish-Faith Formation Center**

**JAVA With JESUS**

“Taste and See the goodness of the Lord!” You are invited to join a circle of seekers who break open His Word and discern how to weave His truths into everyday life. Only requirement: come as you are with an open heart and mind and desire for Jesus! Tuesdays at 10:00 am . Faith Formation Center

**“THAT MAN IS YOU”**

“That Man Is You” at 6:00pm in St. Joseph Parish Social Hall. All men welcome.

**Italy Pilgrimage 2026**

Please join Fr. Brian Belongia and Fr. Dennis Ryan along with Tina Lauder-Boucher March 2-13, 2026 on a 12-day pilgrimage to Italy. Journey with us as we explore the traditions of our faith in beautiful churches, chapels and shrines in central and Southern Italy. Amalfi Coast, Assisi, Pompei, Rome, Eucharistic Miracles, Vatican City and more. Daily Mass!

Visit to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, where the late Pope Francis is laid to rest. Along with a visit in St. Peter's square as we join pilgrims from all over the world for an audience with our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV (provided his schedule allows). Brochures are available at the parishes for a detailed pilgrimage schedule and more or contact Tina at [tialkat12@gmail.com](mailto:tialkat12@gmail.com).

**Door County  
Toys for Tots**

It's time for the annual toy drive to support Toys for Tots. Bring in an unwrapped toy or toys for kids from ages 0-17 and help make the holidays a bit brighter for local kids in need! The drop box is located by the ramp entrance at St. Joseph Parish and at the front entrance of Church at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish. Any questions call Marsha at 920-495-0319 or Adam at 920-362-6234. Toys will be picked up Thursday, December 11th.

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15,20 Eph 1:3-6,11-12 / Lk 1:26-38  
**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14  
**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30  
**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15  
**Friday:** Zec 2:14-17 / Lk 1:26-38  
**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4,9-11 / Mt 17:9a,10-13  
**Sunday:** Is 35:1-6a,10 Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11

**DECEMBER INTENTIONS**

**Pope Leo XIV: For Christians in areas of conflict:**

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

**Bishop Ricken's For light to reign in a world of darkness:** May the Light of the Gospel be a beacon of hope for the world to dispel the darkness of despair.

**Deacon's Corner**  
**By Deacon Mark Bortle**

After the final blessing, the priest or the deacon, if present, gives the dismissal to the congregation. There are four dismissals that are allowed in the Roman Missal:

1. "Go forth, the mass is ended."
2. "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord."
3. "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." and
4. "Go in peace."

I typically use number three since it requires all of us to be mindful each and every day by glorifying our Lord and Savior in our everyday life. If we truly and honestly keep these words in our thoughts and actions during the week, we can show the world that we, as Catholics, do indeed glorify our Lord through our everyday lives, 24/7/365. And not just by honoring Him through attending mass each weekend.

"Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."