



St. Joseph & Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Parishes



JANUARY 4, 2026

| EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!

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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 priest at least 6 months in advance.

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

Monday—Thursday

8:00Am—4:00PM

Facebook

Mass is broadcasted live on our page:
www.facebook.com/St.JosephCatholicSB



**Please pray for the repose of the
soul of**

Judith “Judy” Ellenbecker

May the knowledge of our prayers bring
peace and comfort to her family.



Saturday, January 3

4:00PM—Living and Deceased of St. Joseph and
SS. Peter and Paul Parishes

Sunday, January 4 The Epiphany of the Lord

10:00AM— Barb Spude †: Requested by
Mary Hafeman

Tuesday, January 6

6:00PM - Rev. Gary Dantine †

Wednesday, January 7

8:30AM—The Souls in Purgatory: Requested by
O’Grady/Jerge Family

Thursday, January 8

8:30AM—Mass at SS. Peter and Paul

Friday, January 9

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

Saturday, January 10

4:00PM—Joanne DeNamur †: Requested by her Family

Sunday, January 11 Baptism of The Lord

10:00AM— Living and Deceased of St. Joseph and
SS. Peter and Paul Parishes

Sanctuary Lights

Barb Spude: Requested by The Friends Gang

Special Intention: Requested by Jim and Barb

Special Intentions: Requested by James Goodwin

***Holy Family Flowers
In memory of Sheila Turner***



Summary of Contributions Received:

**Week Ended
12/19/2025**

Adult Envelopes	\$ 7,398
Online Giving	898
Visitor Envelopes	81
Loose Collection	856
Unrestricted Contributions	
Total Received for week	9,233
Total Budget for week	7,426
Total Surplus/(Deficit) for week	\$1,807

Year-to-date Received	\$ 186,441
Year-to-date Budget	189,272
Year-to-date Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 2,831)



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

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Cemetery**Mike Kostreva****Maintenance &****Grounds****Mike Kostreva****Hispanic Ministry****Sister Letty****Sister Justina****MASS INTENTIONS****Sunday, January 4th****8:00 AM † Roger & Josie Bocek****1:00 PM Spanish Mass****Thursday, January 8th****8:00 AM Rosary****8:30 AM † Irene Urban****6:00 PM at St. Joseph****Sunday, January 11th****8:00 AM † John & Laura Brauer****1:00 PM Spanish Mass**

The next Sunday Social is January 18th. Please join us downstairs for coffee & donuts.

Confirmation January 11, 2026 at Corpus Christi at 3pm. All are welcome!

Office will be closed January 7th for office Christmas party.

Christmas Flowers

Ken, Virginia & Anita McFarlane

James & Mary Harwig

Maggie DeMeuse

Larry DeMeuse & family

Marvin, Virginia & Robert Kreft

Doug Jorns Family

Hub & Rosann Jorns

Doug Jorns Family

Bernie Geisel

Shirley Geisel

MaryJo & Gerry Fritz

Kathy Gibson

Alfons & Martha Seifert

Elfriede Leporte

Next Finance and Parish Council meetings February 19, 2026.



The January Tabernacle Candle
is lit in loving memory of
Jack Brauer

Requested by: Joanne Lauder

Summary of Contributions Received:
(Treasures)

Week Ending	12/21/2025
Adult Envelopes	\$ 3,605
Online Giving	562
Visitor Envelopes	160
Loose Collection	175
Unrestricted Contributions	-0-
Total Received for week	\$ 4,502
Total Budget for week	2,635
Total (Deficit)/Surplus for week	\$ 1,867
Year-to-date Received	\$ 73,801
Year-to-date Budget	73,935
Year-to-date (Deficit)/Surplus	\$ (134)
Windows Fundraiser Total	\$ 7,415.00



Serving in Christ— St. Joseph ParishJanuary 10th

Lector	Randy Morrow
Deacon	Mark Bortle (Preach)
EM	Randy Morrow Mary Morrow
Ushers	John Teichtler Jeff Hoffman Joshua Seaquist Ray Gozdecki
Sacristan Servers	Cathy Costelow Chuck Heindel Mary Petrie
Greeters	Tom & Cheryl Horvath

January 11th

Lector	Max Martin
Deacon	Mark Bortle (Preach)
EM	Lucy Kile Christine Miller
Ushers	Bob Spude Lawrence Tanck Paul Penovich Randy Rubens
Sacristan Servers	Bill Graf Kellyn Jacquet, Mia Olson Bill Graf
Greeters	John & Marianne Newton

Sunday Social

Sunday Assisted Living Home Eucharistic
Ministry 2nd Sunday Chris Conlon

Serving in Christ—Ss. Peter and PaulJanuary 11th

Lector	Dick Johnson
Deacon	Mark Bortle (Preach)
E M	Dick Johnson
Ushers	Pete Polich & Gordy Haen
Sacristan	Tom Floor

Why Latin Still Matters at Mass

You may notice that some prayers at Mass are sung or spoken in Latin—Sanctus (“Holy, Holy, Holy”), Agnus Dei (“Lamb of God”), or Kyrie eleison (“Lord, have mercy”). These aren’t just old words; they’re part of our unique Catholic identity.

Vatican II guidance: The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium), reminds us that “the use of the Latin language is to be preserved in the Latin rites” (SC 36). It also encourages the faithful to know and sing parts of the Mass in Latin (SC 54).

Our heritage: As members of the Latin Rite Church, Latin is our “mother tongue” of worship. It links us with Catholics across the world and across centuries.

Why it’s beautiful: Latin gives a sense of universality, connects us to tradition, and adds reverence and mystery to our prayer.

So when we sing Agnus Dei or the Sanctus in Latin, we’re not stepping back in time—we’re stepping into the living stream of our faith, united with the universal Church, across all time. What a gift!

Blood Drive

St. Peters Lutheran Church

Monday, January 5, 2026

12:00 pm—6:00 pm

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

9:00 am—3:00 pm

For an appointment, please visit

RedCrossBlood.org

Or call 1-800-733-2767

St. Vincent de Paul St. Joseph Conference

I have a fear of being late for things. As a result, I always leave early. Consequently, I arrive at most of my appointments about 15 minutes early. The result is I have time to settle myself and prepare my thoughts. It works great for mass on Sundays. I have time to look over the readings and preview the music. Overall, it teaches me to be patient, which I truly believe is a learned skill.

Last week, I went to mass in Brussels. On the cover of the missalette was a picture of an old church. Inside the cover it explained that the church was the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hanoi, Vietnam. As communist regimes tend to do, they shuttered the church when they took over in 1954. It lay vacant throughout the conflicts that ensued. Despite the turbulence and disuse, it remained undamaged. In 1990, on Christmas Eve, it was reopened for services. Often, we wonder where God is in these situations. Sometimes, He's just waiting for us to do the right thing. I'm glad I showed up early.

Jan 4th

As the Christmas season draws to a close, we would like to thank all the generous donors who contributed to our efforts to spread some joy to the less fortunate in our community. With much support from the various children's religious education groups in the parishes, a very successful Christmas Concert and abundant gifts from parishioners, we were also able to proactively provide rent payments, Sturgeon Bay Utilities payments and Pick-N-Save gift cards to many of our "Friends in Need" who we had previously supported during the year.

Our goal this year was to cover some of their regular monthly expenses, giving them the opportunity and the dignity to go out and purchase gifts for their family members. One of the key differences between our Society and other charities is that we go out to our "Friends". We don't line them up and give them up a number. We always strive to make our encounters personable and encouraging. With your help, we've been able to bring that experience to many worthy families here in Sturgeon Bay this Christmas.

Mass Minutes By Deacon Ed Winter

A part of the mystery of the Mass, not recognized or understood by many of our non-Catholic brothers and sisters is that the celebrant priest or bishop is standing in the Person of Christ, in *Persona Christi*. The celebrant is not speaking on behalf of himself but in the name of and with the power of Christ. It is not the priest who changes the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ but Jesus Christ himself. Repeating the words Jesus used the night before he died, it is Jesus speaking through the instrument of the priest with the lips and mouth of the priest saying, "This is my Body, and "This is the chalice of my Blood." as explained by Pope Pius XII in 1947 and the bishops in the Vatican Council in 1964.

Words have power for good or ill and some words have the power to cause what they describe. Bishop Barron uses the example of a baseball umpire; when he says, "You're out!", you are out by his very word. When a police officer says, "You are under arrest," you are arrested. When God said, "Let there be light," there was light. When Jesus says, through a priest, "This is my Body," it is his Body.

Next: Sending

Did You Know?

If you are 73 years old and required to take an annual minimum distribution from your IRA, and do not need the funds for living expenses, you can donate to your RMD to a charitable organization.

Benefits Include:

1. Give directly to a Charity
2. Can give up to \$108,000 for 2025 and \$111,000 for 2026
3. Distribution is nontaxable.

Contact your financial advisor to learn more about how making this charitable contribution can save you money

What's Happening in Children's Ministry!

Facebook page: [GENESIS/Tri Parish Elementary Religious Education Program](#)

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.

Second-grade parent meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 21st at 5:30pm

Location: Faith Formation Building

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.

— 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

Edge and Life Teen

Middle & High School Religious Education & Youth Ministry

The Confirmation Mass is next Sunday, January 11th at 3pm at Corpus Christi. All are welcome! Come celebrate and welcome the incredible young men and women who have been prepping and praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit!

Schedule this week (January 7th)

Edge at Holy Name of Mary: 6-7:30pm

Edge at St. Joseph: 5:30-6:45pm

Life Teen: 6:30-7:45pm

Confirmation: 7:45-9pm

**Inclement Weather – Mass Cancellation Policy**

Please listen to WDOR – 93.9FM or 910AM for the day's cancellations and closures. If it is announced that St. John Bosco Catholic School is closed or has a 2 hour delay because of inclement weather, then the 8:30am Mass scheduled at St. Joseph or SS. Peter and Paul Parish is canceled. On days of inclement weather, please call the parish office before visiting to confirm that the parish office is opened or closed. We want everyone to be safe.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 4:6 / Mt 4:12-17,23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18 / Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 5:4 / Lk 4:14-22
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13 / Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4,6-7 Acts 10:34-38 / Mt 3:13-17

JANUARY INTENTIONS

Pope Leo XIV: For prayer with the Word of God: Let us pray that praying with Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Bishop Ricken: For the Diocese of Green Bay, as we enter the Share Jesus years: May we, who have discovered, and now follow and worship him every Sunday, go out on mission to foster households and communities of discipleship who share Jesus with everyone we meet.

The Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ

God of all,
 Be our daily star that guides our lives as we search for your love.
 May we always follow your light of truth in all that we do,
 Forever trusting, hoping and believing in your word.
 Life our eyes to the heavens so we too may follow your guiding star
 As we travel home to you.

Amen.

