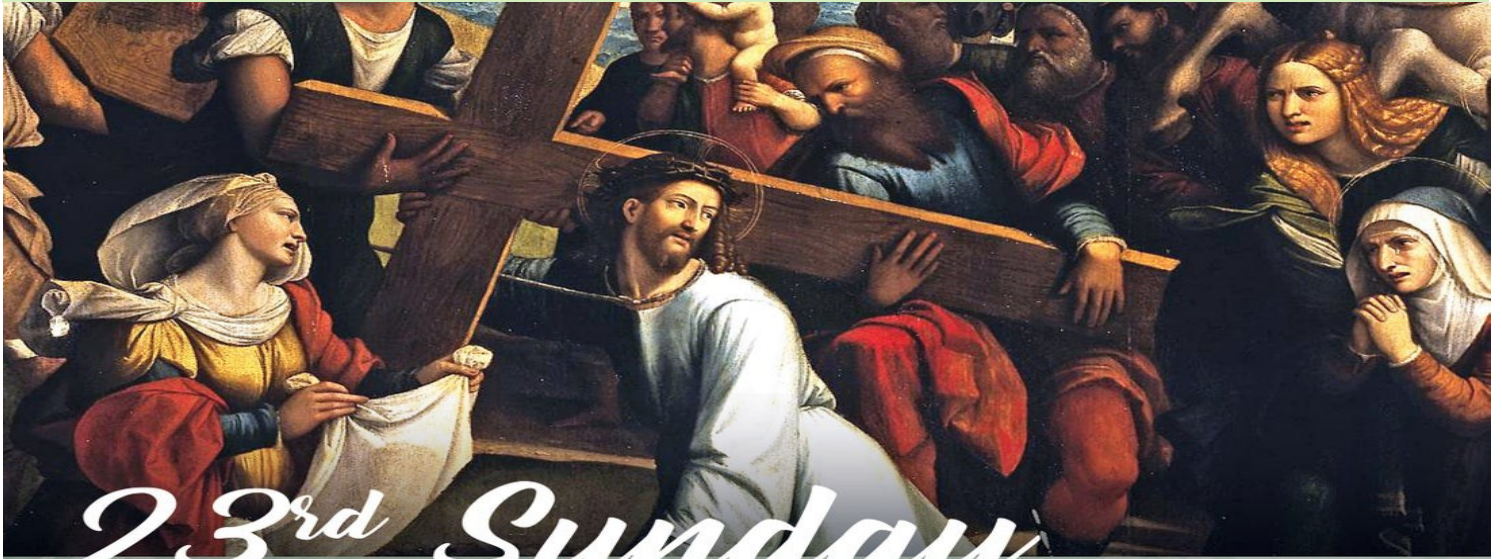


St. Joseph & Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Parishes

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

| 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



23rd Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me
cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27

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WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!

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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- Saturdays
3:00-3:45 pm

Alternative times for
Reconciliation can be
arranged by appointment.
Contact the Parish Office.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Wednesday

8:00am- 4:00pm

**Closed Thursday Sept. 11th
and Monday, Sept. 15th
Church Ramp Door is open**

Monday—Thursday

8:00am-4:00pm

Facebook

Mass is broadcasted live on
our page:

[www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/St.JosephCatholicSB)

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Faith Formation Ctr/Rectory

Barb Enigl

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 6

4:00PM—living and deceased members of St. Joseph
and SS. Peter and Paul Parishes

Sunday, September 7

10:00AM—Wesley Dworakowski †: Requested by
Dennis & Marguerita Skahen

Tuesday, September 9

6:00PM-

Wednesday, September 10

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

Thursday, September 11

8:30AM— Mass @ SS. Peter and Paul

Friday, September 12

8:30AM— Communion Service

Saturday, September 13

4:00PM—Wayne Stenzel †: Requested by Sally &
Family

Sunday, September 14

10:00AM—Joan Kilcoyne †: Requested by
Catherine Kilcoyne



Please join us on **September 20th and 21st** in the
Parish Social Hall for our Ministry Fair! The Ministry
Fair is a fun, no-pressure environment in which to
explore all the ministry opportunities available at
St. Joseph Parish. See you there!

Holy Family Flowers St. Joseph Parishioners



If you are interested in offering a donation in honor or
in memory of someone or in thanksgiving for some-
thing, please stop by the parish office. Flowers will be
placed by the Holy Family Statues at your request.

Sanctuary Lights

Special Intention: Requested by Jim and Barb

Special Intentions: Requested by James Goodwin

**No Summary of Contributions this weekend due to
early bulletin print.**

**Second collection August 23rd and 24th for our
St. Vincent de Paul.....\$2,412.25
Thank you for your generous support!**

Welcome! Whether you're
here for the first time or are a
regular attendee, we are
grateful for your presence.



Parish Office Closure

St. Joseph Parish office will be closed Thursday,
September 11th and Monday, September 15th.

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

1:00pm

Thursday– Mass 8:30

am

Rosary 8:00 am

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

Heidi Teich

Finance Council Chair

Mark Schartner

Parish Trustees

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Cemetery**Mike Kostreva****Maintenance &****Grounds****Mike Kostreva****Hispanic Ministry****Sister Letty****Sister Justina****Summary of Contributions Received:**
(Treasures)

Week Ending	8/24/2025
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,252
Online Giving	627
Visitor Envelopes	70
Loose Collection	447
Unrestricted Contributions	-0
Total Received for week	\$ 2,396
Total Budget for week	3,100
Total (Deficit)/Surplus for week	(704)
Year-to-date Received	\$ 21,918
Year-to-date Budget	24,800
Year-to-date (Deficit)/Surplus	(2,882)

**Due to early bulletin printing no
Summary of Contributions****MASS INTENTIONS****Sunday, September 7th Elections****8:00 AM † Ray & Marilyn Gosser****1:00 PM Spanish Mass****Thursday September 11th****8:00 AM Rosary****8:30 AM † Danica & Doug Reimer****Sunday September 14th****8:00 AM Members of St. Joseph & Saints Peter & Paul****1:00 PM Spanish**The September Tabernacle Candle
is lit in loving memory of**Martin & Elaine Polich**

Requested by: Kerry & Monica Field

Parish Trustee Election

Our parish will be holding an election for the treasurer trustee position on the weekend of Sept 6/7. The parish trustees assist the pastor in administering the temporal affairs of the parish. Trustees serve two-year terms, and can serve 3 terms consecutively. Fr. Matthew has nominated Jodie Schartner for the position. Jodie is married to her husband Jesse, and currently serves on the finance council for the parish. Jodie's professional background is in banking, and she currently works as an office manager/support staff for a local funeral home. Additional nominations may be made, but require 10 written nominations from adult parishioners to be received, and must be received two weeks prior to the election.



If you know anyone who would like a home visit by one of our Deacons or the Priest, please call the office to set one up. They have home visits the last Friday of the month. 920-743-4842

Serving in ChristSeptember 13th

Lector Tom Schueppert
 Deacon Dennis Petrie
 EM Hilary Stauber
 Mac Schueppert

Ushers John Teichtler
 Jeff Hoffman
 Linda Rockwell
 Ray Gozdecki

Sacristan Cathy Costelow
 Servers Mary Petrie
 Chuck Heindel

Greeters Sarah Spude
 Nancy Graf

September 14th

Lector Tonya Felhofer
 Deacon Dennis
 EM Theresa Fett
 Stewart Fett

Ushers Bob Spude
 Lawrence Tanck
 Paul Penovich
 Randy Rubens

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

Greeters Deanna & Max
 Martin

Sunday Social Catholic Daughters

Serving in ChristSeptember 14th

Lector Pam Hirn
 Deacon Dennis Petrie
 E M Pam Hirn
 Ushers Bob Jennerjohn & Mike Kostreva
 Sacristan Carrie Kostreva

Online Giving—

Online giving is a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring donation. Getting started is easy!

Visit our website, www.sspeterpaulsb.org or www.stjosephsb.Com and click on our Online Giving link. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account. Thank you for donating! Call the parish office with any questions. Saints Peter & Paul 920-743-4842 or St. Joseph at 920-743-2062.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a / Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33 / Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a / Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5 / Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30 / Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32 50:15-26a / Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Dt 30:10-14 Col 1:15-20 / Lk 10:25-37

September Intentions

Pope Leo XIV: Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Bishop Ricken's For Catechists: May the Holy spirit guide their hearts, as they echo the Gospel by word and example so that they may be found as faithful ministers of the truth

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

Most of our “Friends in Need” lead a fairly disadvantaged existence. Often, they struggle to understand why they are where they are or how God fits into their situation. Truly God works in mysterious ways. I was recently reacquainted with the book of Ruth. She lived at a very difficult time in history. Most people in her situation would feel abandoned, but God did provide for her. She had to be resourceful. She had to work as she gleaned the fields for her subsistence. But if you go back to the time of Mose, God told his people to leave some of their crops for the needy to glean. We are all part of God’s plan for each other’s survival. Maybe winning the Powerball seems a more straightforward solution to your needs. Experience has taught me that it’s not that easy. The solutions to your needs are out there. Like Ruth, you need to trust god, you need to be resourceful and you probably will have to work hard. If the Society of St. Vincent de Paul can help, call us at 920-388-9644.

Edge and Life Teen

Middle & High School Religious Education & Youth Ministry

This is a BIG weekend in the Church!

Pope Leo XIV on Friday set Sept. 7th as the rescheduled date to canonize the Catholic Church’s first millennial-era Carlo Acutis.

Not only will he become St. Carlo, but there will also be another young saint canonized! Pope Leo announced that Acutis would be canonized along with another Italian Catholic Pier Giorgio Frassati, who also died young at age 24 after contracting polio.

We will be celebrating on Sunday, September 7th from 4-6 pm at St. Joseph. This is our official Confirmation event/kick off, but ALL 6-12th graders are invited and encouraged to attend!

Confirmation 2026

Incoming seniors and parents/guardians, if you were unable to make one of our meetings to discuss the upcoming school year and Confirmation 2026, please contact Sarah ASAP at stgavin25@gmail.com Confirmation prep has begun!

Save the date:

Kick off for our Edge and life Teen year will be Wed. October 1st. Please email Sarah if you don’t get weekly updates from her.

**Mass Minute
with Deacon Ed Winter**

Prophets played an important role in unfolding history and truth. The bible prophets, that is, those whose books are part of the bible, wrote and preached from about 740 B.C. to 455 B.C. The most prominent of the Major Prophets is Isaiah, who wrote in the 8th century B.C. to the Kingdom of Judah, the southern kingdom, anticipating the coming of the Messiah.

Jeremiah is sometimes called the “weeping prophet”. He ministered before and during the exile in Babylon. His writing warned of God’s judgement, the destruction of Jerusalem, and included a promise of a new covenant...

Ezekial was among the Babylonian exiles. He used vivid symbolic actions to reveal God’s message of judgement and restoration of Israel.

Daniel, renowned for his apocalyptic vision, wrote largely of history, about the fall of future empires, the coming of “One like a son of Man” and God’s eternal Kingdom.

Among the 12 Minor Prophets, Hosea used imagery of his own marriage to illustrate God’s covenant faithfulness, Joel prophesied the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and Jonah was called to preach repentance to Nineveh, showing God’s mercy extending beyond Israel. Others spoke of social justice, God’s care of the poor, his judgement, hope for the humble, Messianic references, and why God allows evil.

**“Attention all green thumb enthusiasts!
Fundraiser for St. John Bosco Class Trip**

Our current 7th grade class at St. John Bosco Catholic School continues to raise funds for their trip next year to Washington D.C. Please consider supporting them in the **Fall Flower Power Fundraiser**. Their online storefront is open until 9/15, and all orders will be delivered early October right to your door!

If you have no need at your home, please consider purchasing and donating to help beautify the landscaping of the school! Visit their personalized website here at

<http://DCTripSJB.fpfundraising.com>

Thank you for your continued support of SJB!!

What's Happening in Children's Ministry!

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

Registrations have been emailed this past week! If you have not received your registration packet, please contact Laura Hoffman at 743 2062 lhoffman@stjosephsb.com.

There will be registration packets located in all entryways of each parish. The Genesis program will start Wednesday, October 1st at 5:30 to 6:45 located in the Faith Formation Center Building.

The children in our Genesis Elementary Religious Education Program, invite you to help them come to know and love Jesus Christ along with what it means to have a relationship with him through their faith. Our Genesis Ministry is a vital part of the parish.

2025-2026 Year...

We are in need of a third grade Catechist and aide. Also, we are looking for a person to greet, monitor halls during class, and help dismiss students. Please, give your prayerful consideration! Please contact Laura at 920-743-2062 or lhoffman@stjosephsb.com.

Please consider helping us reach our goal of 25 bibles!

Sharing the words of our Lord is one of the greatest gifts given to us! Bishop Ricken of the Green Bay Diocese has challenged all of us to get the words of our Lord into the hands of every child. We are inviting you to help make Bishop Ricken's dream a reality by sponsoring the **Elementary Faith Formation Bible Buddy Program**. Each Bible will have the name of the sponsor, and each sponsor will receive the name of the child who received their bible as each will be encouraged to pray for the other. Forms are at the entrances to Church.

Thank you, Genesis Religious Education Team helping bring the words of our Lord to life for our children.

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.

"The Chosen" The Last Supper

Dates: Tuesday, September 16, 23, and 30
Tuesday, October 7, 14, and 21
Tuesday, November 11 and 18

Time: 1:30 pm

Location: Faith Formation Center

Facilitator: Penny Biwer and Laura Hoffman

— Adult Faith Formation —

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

There is a wonderful Bible Study every Tuesday at 10:00 am 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.

**"THAT MAN IS YOU"**

"That Man Is You" will begin our 4th season on September 14th at 7:00pm in St. Joseph Parish Social Hall. All members are welcome from all 4 parishes around Sturgeon Bay for a short video (30 min) and small group discussion of said video. This is a nationwide Catholic program begun in Houston, TX., with over 900 parishes in the US participating. We talk about our faith & beliefs with no criticism. Come and learn why you believe and meet some new friends! Coffee will be served!

2nd Annual "Coats for Kids"

Knights of Columbus, in partnership with the Door County YMCA, is proud to announce the launch of the 2nd Annual "Coats for Kids", aimed at ensuring that children in need have warm coats to protect them during the upcoming 2025-2026 winter months. ***Starting Sept. 8th**, drop off any Lightly Used Winter Coat that is no longer needed in your household to the Door County YMCA.

- If you do not have any lightly used coats that you no longer need, but would like to donate to this program, you can send your donations in the form of a check for the purchase of additional new coats to
- Knights of Columbus—Coats for Kids
PO Box 533
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

New coats will be purchased by the Knights of Columbus. For more information about Coats for Kids contact Chris Switzer at 203-856-1964 ckswitz@gmail.com or Gary Drexler at 262-893-6953 gary.drexler@EQMC2.com

Deacon's Corner By Deacon Mark Bortle**WHY DOES THE PRIEST AND DEACON KISS THE ALTAR AT THE BEGINNING OF MASS?**

Before celebrating every Mass the priest and deacon approach the altar and kiss it. To some this practice seems rather odd, as altars are material objects of stone or wood and don't seem to warrant any particular reverence. What is the significance behind this ancient custom?

Jesus is the center, source and goal of our worship and the altar is the center point of the celebration of the Mass, so when the priest and deacon reverence the altar with a kiss, he is showing his love for Christ who is the center of life and worship.

In kissing the altar:

- * The priest symbolizes the bond between Christ and his Church;
- * Acknowledges the sacrifices of those martyrs (relics) who gave their life for the furtherance of the faith;
- * And, when performed with the deacon, is an extension of peace to the community.

CONCLUSION

The next time you see the priest and deacon reverence the altar with a kiss, remember these reasons for the action and thank the Father for the gift of his Son, Jesus, and the many saints that have given their lives to Christ and intercede for us daily, and especially as we gather for the worship of Christ, the Eternal Priest.

Deacon Mark