



St. Joseph & Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Parishes



DECEMBER 28 2025

HOLY FAMILY



THE HOLY FAMILY

"Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." - Mt 2:20

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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

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
December 29th-January 2nd
Monday 8am-4pm
Tuesday 8am-12pm
Closed Wednesday -Friday

Facebook

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



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

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

Summary of Contributions Received:

| | Week Ended 12/12/2025 |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Adult Envelopes | \$ 5,615 |
| Online Giving | 367 |
| Visitor Envelopes | 196 |
| Loose Collection | 652 |
| Unrestricted Contributions | |
| Total Received for week | 6,830 |
| Total Budget for week | 7,226 |
| Total Surplus/(Deficit) for week | (\$396) |
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| Year-to-date Received | \$ 177,208 |
| Year-to-date Budget | 181,846 |
| Year-to-date Surplus/(Deficit) | (\$ 4,638) |

Religious Retirement Collection....\$2,257.00
Thank you for your support.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 27

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

Sunday, December 28 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

10:00AM—Cletus Schwoerer †: Requested by family

Tuesday, 30

6:00PM - Marian Kline †

Wednesday, 31

8:30AM—Marion Schlise †: Requested by Ron &
Marilynn Schlise

Thursday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary

6:00PM—Rev. John O'Brien

Friday, January 2

8:30AM— No Mass

Saturday, January 3

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

Sunday, January 4

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

Sanctuary Lights

**Wishing a heavenly Christmas to Mom/Dad,
Grandma/Grandpa Spiegle:** Requested by Jack &
Dianne Olson and family

**Wishing a heavenly Christmas to Mom/Dad,
Grandma/Grandpa Olson:** Requested by Jack &
Dianne Olson and family

**In memory of our cousin, Sharon DeGroot, who
recently passed away:** Requested by Jack &
Dianne Olson and family

Special Intention: Requested by Jim and Barb

Special Intentions: Requested by James Goodwin

Holy Family Flowers
In memory of Sheila Turner



**God's Blessings for a happy
and healthy New Year!**

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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Mark Schartner

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Secretary**Carrie Kostreva**

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Cemetery**Mike Kostreva****Maintenance &****Grounds****Mike Kostreva****Hispanic Ministry****Sister Letty****Sister Justina****MASS INTENTIONS****Sunday, December 28th****8:00 AM † Roger F. Bocek****1:00 PM Spanish Mass****Thursday, January 1st****Mary, Mother of God****8:00 AM Rosary****8:30 AM † Rodney Bocek****6:00 PM at St. Joseph****Sunday, January 4th****8:00 AM † Roger & Josie Bocek****1:00 PM Spanish Mass**

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

Office will be closed Wednesday December 31st and Thursday, January 1st.

Mass Thursday, January 1, 2026 Mary, Mother of God 8:30 am at Saints Peter & Paul and 6:00 pm at St. Joseph .

Father Matthew will be on Vacation Friday, January 2, 2026.

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

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



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 | 12/14/2025 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Adult Envelopes | \$ 1,792 |
| Online Giving | 537 |
| Visitor Envelopes | 50 |
| Loose Collection | 191 |
| Unrestricted Contributions | 1,000 |
| Total Received for week | \$ 3,570 |
| Total Budget for week | 2,635 |
| Total (Deficit)/Surplus for week | \$ 935 |
| Year-to-date Received | \$ 69,299 |
| Year-to-date Budget | 71,300 |
| Year-to-date (Deficit)/Surplus | \$ (2001) |
| Windows Fundraiser Total | \$ 6,655.00 |



Serving in Christ— St. Joseph ParishJanuary 3rd

| | |
|-----------|-----------------------------|
| Lector | |
| Deacon | Dennis Petrie |
| EM | Marie Paschke |
| | Hilary Stauber |
| Ushers | John Teichtler |
| | Jeff Hoffman |
| | Joshua Seaquist |
| | Ray Gozdecki |
| Sacristan | Cathy Costelow |
| Servers | Chuck Heindel & Mary Petrie |

Greeters

January 4th

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| Lector | |
| Deacon | Ed Winter |
| EM | Kim Rubens |
| | Randy Rubens |
| Ushers | Bob Spude |
| | Lawrence Tanck |
| | Paul Penovich |
| | Randy Rubens |
| Sacristan | Bill Graf |
| Servers | Kellyn Jacquet, Bill Graf |

Greeters

Sunday Social

Sunday Assisted Living Home Eucharistic
Ministry 1st Sunday Matt Ernst

Serving in Christ—Ss. Peter and PaulJanuary 4th

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|-----------|-----------------------------|
| Lector | Pam Hirn |
| Deacon | Ed Winter |
| E M | Pam Hirn |
| Ushers | Gordy Haen & Keith Felhofer |
| Sacristan | Tom Ploor |

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

Last evening, I was privileged to attend a Christmas concert at a local household as a fundraising event for St. Vincent de Paul. It was a joyous event attended by some very generous people here in Door County. The music was great, the food was delicious and the conversation was very cordial. We had the opportunity to share the story of what the Society is doing in the community. In turn, we were blessed with some very significant donations to help carry on that work. While there I was struck by the friendly conversation, the family spirit and the care that everyone expressed for those less fortunate.

Two thousand years ago, a man was born who came to spread the same word. It too was a time of great political strife. There was a lot of religious, political and ethnic discontent. There was great disparity between the haves and the have nots. But everywhere He went, He spread an air of happiness, contentment and concern for one another. It was nice to see that all His efforts have not been lost in this world. We all need to do more to spread the joy of the season. It can become contagious.

ONLINE GIVING

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GIVING**
easy. fast. effective.

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.



Thank you Huehns Funeral Home for the beautiful 2026 wall calendars. The calendars are available at the entrances of Church.

Mass Minute with Deacon Ed Winter

Further mysteries are revealed as we seek understanding of the Mass. Some people have complained that the Mass is all about ritual and tradition, not about God, however, the ritual and tradition are ALL about God.

We begin by asking forgiveness from God for sins against God. We follow with a prayer to God and then read the Word of God, inspired in God's servants by God. Usually, a homily seeks deeper understanding of God's word.

We then offer gifts to God, asking that they become the Body and Blood of the Son of God. The celebrant repeats the words of Jesus on the night before he died and we are nourished spiritually and physically by the Body and Blood of the Son of God. Finally, we are sent back out into the world to announce the gospel of the Lord to all. So, what part or even what word of the Mass is not about God?

Next: Still more mystery

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

***Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
January 1st.
Holy day of Obligation***

***Mass times:
SS. Peter and Paul—8:30AM
St. Joseph—6:00pm***

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.

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**

Love is born

Hope is here

Heaven's light has made the darkness disappear

Peace on earth

Good will to men

God with us

All because of Bethlehem

NO Confirmation, Edge or Life Teen this Wednesday, December 31st We will resume on Wednesday, January 7th.

Confirmation is just a few weeks away! January 11th at 3pm at Corpus Christi, all are welcome!

**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 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17 / Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18
Thursday: Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21
Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29 3:6 / Jn 1:29-34
Sunday: Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3,5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

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: 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.

Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you know of an incident of sexual abuse of a person who is now under the age of 18 by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer, **PLEASE IMMEDIATELY CALL THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES AND THEN THE DIOCESE.**

If the person was abused as a minor but is now an adult, please contact:

Office of Safe Environment
 Diocese of Green Bay
 920-272-8174 or 1-877-270-8174

We always encourage you to report incident to civil authorities.

**YOU MATTER TO US—
THERE IS HOPE**