

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 18, 2022

Celebrating in Christ
Saturday December 17th
4:00 PM Mass St. Joseph
6:00 PM Walter & Verna Tanck Req by: Ed & Diane Leist
Sunday November December 18th
8:00 AM Congregations of St. Joseph & SS Peter & Paul
10:00AM Mass St. Joseph
1:00 PM Spanish Mass
Thursday December 22nd
8:00 AM Rosary
8:30 AM Dave Weber Req by: His Family
Saturday December 24th
4:00 PM Mass St Joseph
6:00PM The Kerscher Family Req by: Carol Kerscher
Sunday December 25th
8:00 AM Bernard Geisel Req by: Shirley & Family
10:00 AM Mass St. Joseph
1:00 PM Spanish Mass

Serving in Christ
December 24th
Lector: Rachel DeMeuse
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Ed
Usher: Derek Denil & Doug Schopf
Sacristan: Dan Floor
December 25th
Lector: Richard Johnson / Comm Choir
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Ed
Ushers: Dale Peterson, Peter Polich & Dick Smith
Sacristan: Tom Floor

| Summary of Contributions Received | | |
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| (Treasures) | | |
| Envelopes | \$ | 2,936.06 |
| Visitors | \$ | 25.00 |
| Online | \$ | 662.00 |
| Candles | \$ | 83.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$ | 260.00 |
| Building & Maintenance | \$ | 255.00 |
| Mass Stipends | \$ | 180.00 |
| Retirement Collection | \$ | 577.00 |
| Blue Books | \$ | 35.00 |

Suffering In Christ
If you know of anyone that is homebound and would like one of our Deacons to visit and bring communion please call the office at 920-743-4842.

There are Church Christmas cards in the back of church
Please Help yourself to a pack or two.

If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one we have started to fill in next year and there are a lot open. Get your Mass in the books. They are \$10.00 a Mass.

OFFICE HOURS
Office Closed December 23rd, December 26th, December 30 and January 2nd

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS
MONDAY: Jgs 13:2-7 24-25a / Lk 1:5-25
TUESDAY: Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38
WEDNESDAY: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a / Lk 1:39-45
THURSDAY: 1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56
FRIDAY: Mal 3:1-4,23-24 / Lk 1:57-66
SATURDAY: 2Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a 16 / Lk 1:67-79
SUNDAY: Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5,9-14

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 **JOHN LEIST**
Requested by: Dorothy Leist

MASS MINUTES
By Deacon Ed
After reading the sacred scriptures, listening to a reflection on their meaning to us today in the homily, we are called to recite the creed. The creed is not scripture but it summarizes scripture: creation, Christ's incarnation, death and resurrection, sending of the Holy Spirit, the Church, and Christ's second coming, (theologian D. Edward Sri)
That word, Creed, means "believe." We state what we believe. The Catechism of the Catholic Church points out two levels of belief: first, the intellectual assent to all that God has revealed and, secondly, a personal adherence to God. One Hebrew word for belief is –aman, -from which we get –amen– it means taking a stand, entrusting one's life to God.
Early in our marriage my wife and I made a commitment that first thing in the morning and last thing at night we would tell each other, "I love you," no matter what was going on in our lives; not "I feel love for you" but "I will love you!" I reminded her and, more importantly, I reminded myself that I loved her. In a similar way each week, we repeat, "I believe. I entrust my life to these truths and to you, God." More next week



FORTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like Him more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God. Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that "God is with us."
Our Conference here at St. Joseph is extremely grateful for all the Parish support we have received on behalf of the poor that we serve. It has truly been a blessing for our "friends in need." You all remain in our prayers. "May God grant the grace to move our hearts in favor of the poor and to believe that, in giving them relief, we are doing justice and not mercy." St. Vincent de Paul



MITTEN TREE
We are collecting hats and water proof mittens. They can go on the Tree at the entrance to church.
Thank you

“Let the clouds rain down the Just One. Let the earth bring forth a Savior.”
With hearts brimming with expectation for the Lord’s coming, we gather.

Blessing Box

Located on the side of Church

With cold weather here the Blessing Box could use warm clothes, coats, hats and mittens . Please contact a volunteer if you have any questions. Thank You for supporting our parish Blessing Box.



Nancy Anderson 920-743-0216,
Cathy Gerdmann 920-823-2934,
Rae Ann Gosser 920-743-2781,
Karen J. Haen 920-495-3197,
Pat Ploor 920-559-0352

Bulletin sponsorships are essential to our parish's communication efforts. We are so incredibly grateful for the generosity of all our Bulletin sponsors. Please take the bulletin home and use the services provided by our sponsors. Tell them “Thank You” when visiting their business or when you see them in Church.

This week’s spotlight:
WELSING’S FOODLAND
Thank you for supporting our parish



DEACON’S CORNER

“Recently you have seen both Deacon Ed and I wear new looking vestments. This new vestment is the deacon’s dalmatic. According to the General Instructions for the Roman Missal (GIRM) the proper liturgical dress for a deacon is the dalmatic which is worn over his left shoulder and drawn across the chest to the right side, where it is fastened—(GIRM 388).—The deacon’s stole and dalmatic should be of the proper liturgical color for the day or event, such as a wedding or baptism.”

RETIREMENT COLLECTION

Thank you to all who gave generously last weekend through the Retirement Collection. If you still wish to donate, you may use the envelopes in church or the parish office to share in the care of our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests, as well as our own diocesan priests. On behalf of them, thank you for your generous care!

End-Of-Year Church Contributions

As you begin year-end tax planning remember that donations to Saints Peter and Paul Church qualify as a tax-deductible charitable contribution. Talk to your tax professional and keep in mind this alternative method for providing a gift to your Parish.

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

St Joseph: Saturday — 4:00 PM & 9:00 PM
Sunday — 10:00 AM

SS Peter & Paul: Saturday — 6:00 PM
Sunday — 8:00 AM

Holy Name of Mary: Saturday — 4:00 PM
Sunday — 9:00 AM

Corpus Christi: Saturday — 4:00 PM & 6:30 PM
Sunday — 9:00 AM

Edge and Life Teen Middle and High School Religious Education and Youth Ministry

Stay tuned on how you can support our 2023 mission trip to Houston Texas. Like most things in the world, the prices are very high right now so we are working on new and creative ways we can fundraise that will hopefully help you too!

Youth Ministry this week (December 21st)

NO Edge at St Joseph:
Edge at Holy Name of Mary: 6:00-7:30 pm (Christmas Program)
NO Life Teen
NO Confirmation

Confirmation Student Bios

Do you want to know more about the 2023 Confirmation class? Are you on Facebook? If yes, all you need to do is go to any of these Pages: Sturgeon Bay Edge and lift Teen, Corpus Christi Catholic Parish, St. Joseph Catholic Church, SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church Institute WI, or Holy Name of Mary Maplewood and learn more about this amazing class! You can also check out those Facebook pages to see pictures from last weekend’s Confirmation retreat!

What’s Happening in Adult Formation!

There is a wonderful Bible Study every Tuesday at 10:00 am at St. Joseph Faith Formation Center. Come join Penny Biwer as she leads a reviving bible study on the weekly readings that will stir your spirit.

NO Genesis

Wednesday, December 21st

Wednesday, December 28th

Classes resume Wednesday, January 4th

Our second Genesis Service Project!

We are collecting hats and mittens for our local school children. The Faith Formation Center will have a Christmas Tree up in the hallway for the hats and mittens to be placed on. Thank you for your donations.

The Faith Formation Center is looking for money donations toward paint! We would like to brighten up some of our classrooms and add a fresh coat of chalkboard paint to all our chalkboards.

What if... Imagining Possibilities

Our goals for the Faith Formation Center will be accomplished by developing experiences, programs, activities, and resources for each faith stage. Each goal incorporates knowing and understanding more fully our faith (Informing), developing and deepen a relationship with Jesus Christ and the faith community (Forming), and living our faith in every aspect of our lives (Transforming).

Maturing in faith reflects a significant shift from a provider-centered, program and a content-driven approach to a person-centered approach to faith formation. Becoming goal-centered opens multiple ways (faith sharing, encounters, and discussions) to promote faith and discipleship through developmentally appropriate faith-formation experiences at each stage of life. We are creating a faith formation center that fosters faith growth.

