

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST


SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2025

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL
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SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH
413 St. John St. | Green Bay, WI 54301
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Liturgical Schedule

Tuesday (12/16): 8:30AM at St. John
Wednesday (12/17): 8:30AM at Cathedral
Thursday (12/18): 8:30AM at St. John
Friday (12/19): 8:30AM at Cathedral

Saturday (12/20): 4:00PM at Cathedral
Sunday (12/21): 9:00AM at Cathedral
10:30AM at St. John 

Confession

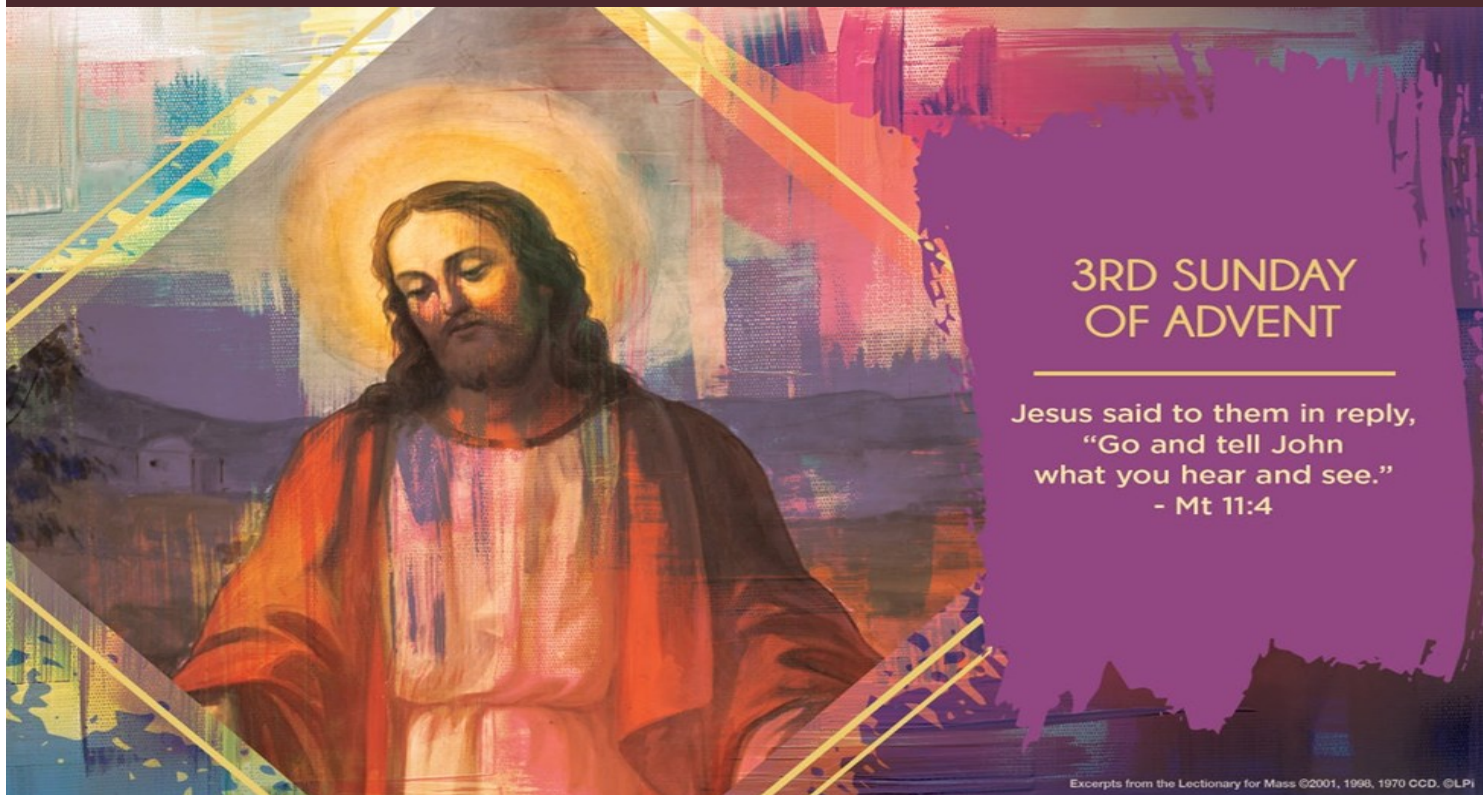
Wednesday (12/17): 6:00-7:30PM at Cathedral
Saturday (12/20): 8:00-9:00AM at Cathedral

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday (12/17): 3:00-8:00PM at Cathedral
Solemn Benediction to follow at 8:00PM

The 9:00AM Sunday Mass at the Cathedral is broadcasted on Relevant Radio 1050AM.
Mass with Bishop Ricken airs on WFRV-TV-Channel 5 Sunday at 7:30AM

Please Note: If the Green Bay Public Schools are closed due to the weather,
No daily Mass, Adoration, or Confession will be held at Cathedral or St. John the Evangelist.
If school is delayed, no morning Mass. If the schools have an early release, no Adoration or Confession.



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Monday: By Appointment Only

Tuesday: 12:30PM - 4:00PM

Wednesday & Thursday: 9:30AM - 4:00PM

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MASS INTENTIONS | Saint Francis Xavier Cathedral

Saturday	December 13th	4:00 PM	† Marjorie DeVillers
Sunday	December 14th	9:00 AM	† Edward Leo Diamond
Wednesday	December 17th	8:30 AM	The Living & Deceased Members of the John Dollar Family
Friday	December 19th	8:30 AM	Clients and Volunteers of the Alexandrina Pregnancy Resource Center
Saturday	December 20th	4:00 PM	† Oscar & Agnes Neuser
Sunday	December 21st	9:00 AM	† John Leo & Carmen Kane

Advent LESSONS & CAROLS

Hear the story of the coming of Christ with candlelight procession, readings and musical responses. Reception following liturgy.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 | 6 P.M.
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL

Questions? Office of Divine Worship | 920.272.8341

Offerings	11/23/2025
Envelopes	10,242.24
Loose	797.00
Other	900.00
Total	11,939.24
YTD Income	209,052.66
YTD Expense	330,700.86
	(121,648.20)

The Giving Tree is up in the narthex!

Please choose an ornament with a gift choice and place that gift unwrapped with the ornament tag, in a plastic bag under the tree. Donations will be delivered to **Alexandrina Pregnancy Resource Center** and **House of Hope** before Christmas.

Please return unwrapped gifts by Dec. 21st.

Thank you for your generous, thoughtful gifting during this Christmas Season.



CHOIR LOFT

The Cathedral choir loft is in need of a few upgrades: improved lighting, new chairs, and risers. These improvements will help our musicians greatly and increase the safety and usability of the loft. To contribute to this project, please mark your gift "Choir Loft", or speak with our Director of Music, Michael Miller, for more information.

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee. (Isa 35:10)

Psalm:

Lord, come and save us. (Ps 146)
OR Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. (Jas 5:7)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." (Mt 11:4-5)

Readings for the week of December 14, 2025

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

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Bishop Ricken's December Intention

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.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 24th (**Christmas Eve**)

4:00PM at Cathedral -

No Morning Mass, Adoration or Confession

5:30PM at St. John

9:00PM at Cathedral (Live on WFRV-5)

Thursday, December 25th (**Christmas Day**)

5:00AM on Channel WFRV-5

(re-aired from 9:00PM December 24th Mass)

9:00AM at Cathedral

9:00AM at St. John

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God/New Year's Day

Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, December 31st

4:00PM at Cathedral

No Morning Mass, Adoration or Confession

Thursday, January 1st

9:00AM at Cathedral

9:00AM at St. John

Today: SHARE IN THE CARE Retirement Collection

Today, we have a beautiful opportunity to **Share in the Care** of those who have spent their lives serving God and His people. Through the **Retirement Collection**, your gift supports:

- The **National Retirement Fund for Religious**, helping retired sisters, brothers, and religious priest orders.
- The **Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund**, caring for our senior priests here in the Diocese of Green Bay.



These faithful men and women have devoted their lives to prayer, teaching, and compassion service, often with little financial compensation. Now, many of their communities face serious challenges in providing for their retirement needs.

Your generosity helps ensure they receive the care, medicine, and daily support they deserve. Let's honor their lifetime of service with our prayers and gifts.

Contribution envelopes are available near the entrances of church.

Thank you for your kindness and support!

MASS INTENTIONS | Saint John the Evangelist

Sunday	December 14th	10:30 AM		† Carol Greenwood
Tuesday	December 16th	8:30 AM		The Fritsch Family
Thursday	December 18th	8:30 AM		The Roundy Family
Sunday	December 21st	10:30 AM		† John Gezella

Upcoming Liturgical Roles

Sunday, December 14th
10:30 AM
Pam G.

Happy Birthday

Luke Bennett and Chai Yang

We are truly grateful for your generosity for our "Paper Product Drive" for St. John's Ministry. We just literally hauled it all to the shelter on our largest cart! Our hearts are full knowing there are paper products to eat and drink from. Serving close to 100 people, who come for seconds and third, everything gets used quickly.

Our sincere, **THANK YOU!!**

We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful community.



Weekly Collection 10	11/30/2025	Budgeted	Over/(Short)
Parish Envelopes	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 1,827.00	\$ (447.00)
Loose	\$ 154.00	\$ 317.30	\$ (163.30)
Electronic Giving Nov.	\$ <u>734.00</u>	\$ <u>958.33</u>	\$ (224.33)
Total	\$ 2,268.00	\$ 3,102.63	\$ (834.63)

Love Life Christmas Collection

The Love Life Christmas Tree collection of infant items continues through December. The tree and manger will be at the front of the church near the elevator. Please pick an ornament tag from the tree, purchase the printed item, and put the unwrapped item in the manger.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and have a wonderful and blessed Christmas season.



Pilgrims of Hope Come Lord Jesus

Longest Night Memorial Service, December 18, 7pm

Interfaith Memorial Service remembering those who died while experiencing homelessness over the past year. Approaching the longest, darkest night we are reminded of the harsh realities of living on the streets. This is the 16th year SJE has hosted this beautiful service.

Men's Shelter Meal, Tuesday, December 30

Join the meal team preparing (SJE kitchen 2-5pm) and serving (Men's Shelter 5:30-7:30 pm) or provide ingredients for soup, winter salad and grilled cheese sandwiches

See Helen Wellens, Barb Strutz after Mass or call parish office @ 436-6380

Early Church Opening (November-April-Sundays 8:00-10:00 am)

Our homeless brothers and sisters leave the shelter at 8 a.m. and don't have transportation until 9:15 a.m. We want to keep the church open during this time as a warm and safe space. We need at least two volunteers each Sunday, with at least one male present.

Please see Dcn. Art, Helen Wellens, Barb or Jim Strutz
for information or to get involved.

Thank you and God Bless You – Parish Outreach/SJM

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John the Baptist is truly an intriguing figure of history. He was a cousin of Jesus and literally prepared all those who would listen for this new way of life ushered in by a Messiah. Besides the key role he plays in the Gospel story, his depiction in Scripture, and then in literature, movies, and other media, gives us an image of a pretty unique person. How about locusts and wild honey for dinner? Can you imagine camel's hair as a staple in your wardrobe? He lived differently, and he stood out among the status quo. Of course, his look and cuisine didn't stand out nearly as much as his message.

How do you stand out? What separates you from the crowd? God has created each of us completely unique and with a combination of gifts like no one else. How can you uncover and understand your unique gifts? First, reflect on what makes you happiest in life. We are happiest when we are using the talents God gave us. Next, think about what comes naturally to you, whether it is a skill, task, or emotion. Recurring patterns in our behavior and experiences provide clues to our giftedness. Finally, what do other people see in you? The communities we live in, whether it is our family, parish, school, or workplace are filled with people who can provide clues to us by their observations. After these steps, can you say what makes you special? Now, let's start to grow that, lean on it, and stand out in a way that brings glory to God.

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