

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST, 2025

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413 St. John St. | Green Bay, WI 54301
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Liturgical Schedule

Tuesday (12/23): 8:30AM at St. John

Christmas Eve (12/24): 4:00PM at Cathedral

5:30PM at St. John

9:00PM at Cathedral

Christmas Day (12/25): 9:00AM at Cathedral

9:00AM at St. John

Friday (12/26): 8:30AM at Cathedral

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday (12/27): 4:00PM at Cathedral

Sunday (12/28): 9:00AM at Cathedral

10:30AM at St. John 

Confession

Wednesday (12/24): **No Confession**

Saturday (12/27): 8:00-9:00AM at Cathedral

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday (12/24): **No Adoration**

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.



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

When Joseph awoke, he
did as the angel of the
Lord had commanded
him and took his wife
into his home.
- Mt 1:24

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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 20th	4:00 PM	† Oscar & Agnes Neuser
Sunday	December 21st	9:00 AM	† John Leo & Carmen Kane
Wednesday	December 24th	4:00 PM	Living and Deceased Members of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral
Wednesday	December 24th	9:00 PM	Living and Deceased Members of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral
Thursday	December 25th	9:00 AM	Living and Deceased Members of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral
Friday	December 26th	8:30 AM	† Jennie, Roland, Mylan & Niles Delfosse
Saturday	December 27th	4:00 PM	The Living and Deceased Members of the Knowles Family
Sunday	December 28th	9:00 AM	Living and Deceased Members of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral



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.

Offerings	11/30/2025
Envelopes	7,798.00
Loose	806.00
Other	790.00
Total	9,394.00
YTD Income	218,446.66
YTD Expense	346,448.52
	(128,001.86)



Pope Leo's December Intention

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.

Are you looking for authentic spiritual friendships to support you in that walk?

Then perhaps God is calling you to live out the Gospel more intensely and more deliberately as a Domestic member of the Brothers and Sisters of Charity.

Join us to learn more about this way of life as permanently professed members start a new chapter here in the local area. Our Rule & Way of Life is based on monastic spiritual wisdom and principles, and balances charismatic with contemplative prayer, silence & solitude with community, and Franciscan with Benedictine influences.

Mondays from 7-8:30pm

Meeting in the K of C room below the Cathedral book store

November 24th - Basic Vision and Communal Life

December 8th - Prayer, the blend of contemplative and charismatic

December 22nd - Study, Formation, and Apostolic Service

Meeting in the Cathedral Center

January 12th - Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience

January 26th - Covenant Promises and the Larger Picture of Community

There is no commitment needed to attend this informational series - it is open to everyone who is longing for authentic Christian community.



Questions? Contact Emily & Michael Lah at thelahs@gmail.com

Learn more at www.bscdomestic.org

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel. (Isa 7:14)

Psalm:

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory. (Ps 24)

Second Reading:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom 1:7)

Gospel:

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." (Mt 1:20-21)

Readings for the week of December 21, 2025

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

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/ Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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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

5 ALIVE PRACTICES:

Journeying Together Toward Jesus

Thurs., Jan.
8, 2026

Thurs., Jan.
15, 2026

Thurs., Jan.
22, 2026

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Join us for three sessions and dive into Bishop Ricken's pastoral letter to learn how you can encounter Jesus through these Catholic practices:

- Mass
- Lectio Divina
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Confession
- Rosary

Sessions will be held virtually.

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ENCOUNTERING JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST

Disciples Called To Worship

A Pastoral Letter from
Bishop David L. Ricken, DD, JCL





Register here!



Cost: \$25

MASS INTENTIONS | Saint John the Evangelist

Sunday	December 21st	10:30 AM 	† John Gezella
Tuesday	December 23rd	8:30 AM	† Paula Nault
Wednesday	Christmas Eve December 24th	5:30 PM	Living and Deceased Members of St. John the Evangelist Parish
Thursday	Christmas Day December 25th	9:00 AM	Living and Deceased Members of St. John the Evangelist Parish
Sunday	December 28th	10:30 AM 	† Elizabeth Miskella

**There are no interpreters available Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
These Masses will not be interpreted**

Upcoming Liturgical Roles

Wednesday, December 24th

5:30 PM

Jim S.

Thursday, December 25th

9:00 AM

Pam G.

Sunday, December 28th

10:30 AM

Jim S.

**Please pray for Howie Gerstner as
he discerns his call to the
priesthood.**

**Howie is a seminarian at Pro
Ecclesia Sancta (For the Holy
Church) in North Dakota.**

Mass Times

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24th

5:30 PM

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25th

9:00 AM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, January 1st

9:00 AM

SJE office will be closed 12/24 & 12/25

Happy Birthday

*Patrick Riordan, Laurie Nyland,
Robert Weydt & Molly Shier*

Weekly Collection 10	12/7/2025	Budgeted	Over/(Short)
Parish Envelopes	\$ 3,844.00	\$ 1,827.00	\$ 2,017.00
Loose	\$ 155.00	\$ 317.30	\$ (162.30)
Total	\$ 3,999.00	\$ 2,144.30	\$ 1,854.70

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 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 @ 920-436-6380

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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On Our Journey.....to gratitude

For many of us, the holiday season is a magical time with family, food, gifts, laughter, and fond memories. For others of us, it is a time of regret, lack, failure, sorrow, and loneliness. I suspect most of us are somewhere in between or vacillating between extremes based on the circumstances and business of the day.

Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year, individually and combined can be a very busy and stressful time of the year.

Whenever I begin to catch myself feeling in the blues, gloomy, or low down, I find comfort in serving others and being grateful.

The number of volunteers who show up, give extra effort, or display extraordinary generosity, this time of year, is truly inspiring to me. Just looking at the church decorations, extra days to lector, usher, sing, play music, or altar serve is heroic.

I am so very thankful to the many people who are so generous with their time, talent, and treasure to the Church. Your generosity and kindness are very much appreciated!

There is plenty of Scripture to remind us to be grateful, I'll close with a few.

Psalms 100:3-4 Know that the **LORD** is God, he made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the flock he shepherds. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful.

Finally, from Philippians 4:6 Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

If you find yourself feeling down this season, turn to God, turn to a friend, turn to clergy. I know you will be comforted by the many loving people out there to help and be with you.

If you are feeling overjoyed, blessed, delighted, thrilled, or elated, know that you are appreciated and that you are an inspiration to those around you.

Our Lady of Gratitude, Pray for us!

-Deacon Art

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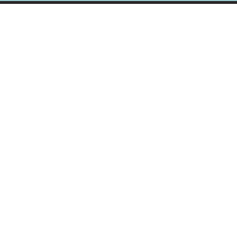
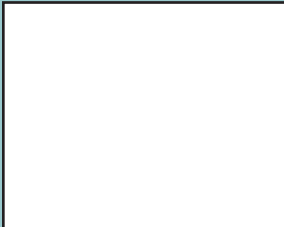
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