

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**Saturday – December 5**

3:30-4:00 pm Confessions  
4:30 pm Roger Wentz

**Sunday – December 6 (Second Sunday of Advent)**

7:30 am People of Corpus Christi  
10:30 am Joseph Ambrosius  
**5:00 pm** Tyler Frea

**Monday – December 7**

\*5:05 pm Edward Partyka

**Tuesday – December 8 (The Immaculate Conception)**

\*5:05 pm Frank Kohlbeck Family

**Wednesday – December 9 (Christ Child Mass)**

**\*8:20 am** Diane Stracka

**Thursday – December 10**

\*5:05 pm People of Corpus Christi

**Friday – December 11**

**\*8:00 am** Jovita DeWitt

**Saturday – December 12**

3:30-4:00 pm Confessions  
4:30 pm People of Corpus Christi

**Sunday – December 13 (Third Sunday of Advent)**

7:30 am Jenna Baranczyk  
10:30 am Bob Pomerville  
**1:00 pm** Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass  
**5:00 pm** NO MASS

\*The Rosary is prayed 20 minutes before Mass.

**Scripture Readings: 2nd Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday** Baruch 5:1-9, Psalm 126:1-2,2-3,4-5,6, Philippians 1:4-6,8-11, Luke 3:1-6

**Monday** Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 85:9AB&10,11-12,13-14, Luke 5:17-26

**Tuesday** Genesis 3:9-15,20, Psalm 98:1,2-3AB, 3CD-4, Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12, Luke 1:26-38

**Wednesday** Isaiah 40:25-31, Psalm 103:1-2,3-4,8&10, Matt. 11:28-30

**Thursday** Isaiah 41:13-20, Psalm 145:1&9, 10-11,12-13AB, Matthew 11:11-15

**Friday** Isaiah 48:17-19, Psalm 1:1-2,3,4&6, Matthew 11:16-19

**Saturday** Zechariah 2:14-17, Judith 13:18BCDE,19, Luke 1:26-38

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**PARISH NEWS**

**"Family Choir"**

**Do you and your family plan on attending the 4:30pm Mass on Christmas Eve?** If so, please consider joining the "FAMILY CHOIR"! We are looking for families (parents, children, grandparents, etc.) to lead the congregation in song! No experience necessary, just a desire to join in the Christmas Celebration in singing traditional Christmas carols. If you are interested, or if you want to play an instrumental prelude prior to Mass, please contact Brian Fogarty, Director of Music at 495-5024 or [bffogarty@gmail.com](mailto:bffogarty@gmail.com). This ministry guarantees your family the BEST seat in the church on Christmas Eve!

**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

**Sunday – December 6 (Second Sunday of Advent)**

**Cathedral Campaign Collection**

8:00-noon Lion's Brunch w/Santa  
6:00-8:00 pm Life Night  
7:00 pm Men's Group

**Monday – December 7**

3:00-4:30 pm Boys Basketball Practice

**Tuesday – December 8 (Holy Day)**

6:00 pm Boys Basketball Home Game

**Wednesday – December 9**

5:45-7:00 pm Genesis @ St. Joe's  
6:00-7:15 pm Edge @ Corpus Christi  
7:30-8:45 pm Confirmation Class @ Corpus Christi

**Thursday – December 10**

4:30 pm Boys Basketball Home Game

**Sunday – December 13 (Third Sunday of Advent)**

**Retirement Collection**

1:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass w/social

**PARISH REPORT**

**Deposited this week, Nov. 23- Nov. 29, 2015 Week (22)**

Parish Support.....	\$4,591.00
Offertory Collection .....	\$661.00
Votive Candles .....	\$73.75
Technology & Capital Improvements .....	\$30.00
Donations.....	\$720.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT .....	\$6,075.75
Budgeted Expenses for the Week.....	\$9,181.37
<b>Weekly Shortfall .....</b>	<b>(\$3,105.62)</b>

**\$CRIP REPORT**

<b>Sales for Week of:</b> Nov. 23- Nov. 29, 2015	\$4,119.58
<b>Profit for the Week:</b>	\$194.76

**MAINTENANCE FUND**

**Cash on hand (11/30/2015).....\$27,836.68**

**PARISH NEWS**

**St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Campaign Collection**

This weekend, we will have an opportunity to help St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, the Mother Church of the Diocese, with our second collection. As you know, the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Green Bay is in 2018. A gift today will help the Cathedral be a beacon of hope to the faithful of the diocese on that occasion and for the next 150 years.

**Holy Day: The Immaculate Conception**  
**Of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Tues. Dec. 8th**



Corpus Christi Mass @ 5:05pm  
Holy Name of Mary Mass @ 8am

**NOTES FROM FR. CARL.....**



As we enter into our second Sunday of Advent we will hear the gospel we hear every Second Sunday of Advent. It is the gospel of John the Baptist and his "preparing the way of the Lord. I am hopeful each of you is taking the time to prepare for the coming of our Lord this Christmas. Even the smallest detail can encourage others to keep Christ as the center of Christmas. Have a blessed week! Fr.Carl

**FROM THE DEACON'S DESK.....**



Today we light a second purple candle for the second Sunday of Advent. This candle represents "Hope", the hope of Christ coming to the world. The word "hope" has two meanings in the Bible. The first is a sense of waiting; the second is a sense of expectancy. Biblical hope is secured by God's faithfulness to His promises. For the Old Testament leaders, their hope was in the Messiah's arrival. For us, it is the hope of the Messiah's return. Let us be a sense of hope for others as we await with certainty the coming of our Lord. God Bless! Deacon Ray

**PARISH NEWS**

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**OTHER PARISH NEWS**

**Lighthouse CD Discussion Series**

**Monday, Dec. 14, 6:30 pm: The Jesus Question"**

**Faith Formation Center, St. Joseph Parish**

Jesus was walking along the road one day when he asked his disciples two questions: The first question "Who do people say I am?" The second question: "Who do you say I am?" Matthew Kelly calls this "The Jesus Question." How you answer this will affect every aspect of your life.

**Teach My People to Pray**

A Day of Prayer with Bishop Ricken on Sat. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 9-2pm in Luxemburg at Immaculate Conception Parish. Free of charge. Lunch is provided. Pre-registration required. Register at [gbdio.org/dayofprayer](http://gbdio.org/dayofprayer) or 920-272-8194.

**OTHER NEWS**

**Men: KC Venison Stew Supper**

All men of the parish are invited to a venison stew supper at the KC clubrooms, Wed. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. Cocktails at 5pm with dinner at 6pm. Free will offering. Anyone who can donate venison please call Paul Penovich at 743-2707.

**Edge and Life Teen**

**Middle & High School Religious Education**

**IMPORTANT calendar change!** There will be NO Life Teen Mass on Sunday, Dec.13<sup>th</sup>! We are switching things up for the Our Lady of Guadeloupe celebration! We want ALL high school students to attend the 1pm Mass at Corpus Christi and then stick around for the "Life Night." The Life Night will be the celebration with the Hispanic culture! Food, music, and a good time! Why are we doing this? Because we are ONE Church and we need to celebrate with our brothers and sisters. The 1pm Mass is a Spanish Mass, BUT parts of it will be in English. Even if you don't know Spanish, you can be part of this celebration. The Church is Universal—no matter the language, the Mass is still the same! We do know that because of the switch, some students may not be able to attend. While we understand that, please try your very best to be there. This is NOT a night off ☺ Parents, you are welcome too!

Life Teen (Sun., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>)—all at Corpus Christi  
5pm Mass; 6pm food; Life Night until 8pm  
Edge (Wed. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>)-at Corpus Christi: 6-7:15pm  
Confirmation (Wed. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>) 7:30-8:45pm at Corpus

**Other news...**

Thank you for all of your support and prayers for our Confirmation class! Our retreat (yesterday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>) was incredible!

**Thank you for your poinsettia order! All poinsettias will be in this Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please pick up your poinsettia between 2-5pm at Corpus Christi (main entrance).**

**Giving Tree:** Are there still ornaments on the tree? If yes, please grab one and purchase what's on it! All gifts are due by Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>! Please help our local community! We NEED the ornament attached to the wrapped gift!

**Homeless Shelter Service project:** It's not too late to donate (or RSVP to attend) for our Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> service project to Green Bay! Please consider donating one or more of the following items: cups ( paper & styrofoam-8-10oz), women's deodorant, warm socks, gloves/mittens, winter hats, hand warmers, toiletry items, bottles of water, loaves of bread, peanut butter/jelly, granola bars, small first aid kits, hand sanitizer, face wipes, small packages of tissue, and quarters.

**GENESIS NEWS**

**Wed. Night Genesis Classes: 5:45-7pm @ St. Joe's**

December 9, 16; No Classes Dec. 23 & 30

**OTHER NEWS**

**Matinee: "The Nativity Story"**

Starring Oscar Isaac  
& Keisha Castle-Hughes

Join us Mon. Dec. 14, at 1:15 pm at Anna's Healthcare located at 839 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Ave.





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# The Compass

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## Shrine's new St. Michael statue honors World War II hero

BY SAM LUCERO | THE COMPASS

**CHAMPION** — A decorated World War II veteran was honored at the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help on Sunday, Nov. 8, just three days shy of Veterans Day.

A statue of St. Michael the Archangel was dedicated and blessed by Father of Mercy Peter Stryker, shrine rector, in honor of Edwin Gerlikowski, a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army. The statue stands in a devotional grotto, behind the shrine, which honors those who have served in the military.

Gerlikowski, a Green Bay native who died in 1994, was a recipient of the Soldier's Medal for heroism and the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service. When he was deployed to Europe, Gerlikowski asked his mother, Helen, to continue making her weekly visits to the shrine to pray the rosary and ask the Blessed Mother for his safe return.

Gerlikowski, who had a strong devotion to the Blessed Mother, carried a finger ring rosary with



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**Knights of Columbus honor guard members flank the sisters of Edwin Gerlikowski, Ellie and Mary Watermolen, who hold pictures of their late brother in front of the St. Michael the Archangel statue dedicated in his memory Nov. 8.**

him to war. According to his family, Gerlikowski promised the Blessed Mother that he would do something special for the shrine if he made it home safely from the war.

The soldier did make it home from battle, but not before witnessing the atrocities perpe-

trated by the Nazis in Germany. On April 29, 1945, Gerlikowski's 42nd Rainbow Infantry Division liberated approximately 30,000 prisoners at Dachau concentration camp.

**Our full story** appears in the Nov. 13 issue.

FRANKLY FRANCIS



Today we will reflect on a very important topic: the promises we make to children. We all say: children are a promise of life. And we are also inclined to feel a bit emotional telling young people that they are our future, it's true. But sometimes I wonder if we are as serious about their future, about the children's future and about the future of young people! A question that we should ask ourselves more often is: how sincere are we with the promises that we make to children, having brought them into our world and this is a promise. What do we promise them? Welcome and care, closeness and attention, trust and hope, are likewise basic promises, which can be summed up in a single word: love.

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Oct. 14, 2015

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## Plainfield parish introduces 'Learn Christ, Live Christ'

BY JAYE ALDERSON | FOR THE COMPASS

**PLAINFIELD** — Religious education students at St. Paul Parish are involved in a new program that is implementing in a unique way Bishop David Ricken's six-year pastoral plan, "Disciples on the Way."

Using a program developed by the parish, they are spending one week in the classroom learning about Christ and the next week putting their faith into action by going out into the community to

"live" Christ by doing service for others.

"It's transforming our program by getting our kids back into parish life and attending Mass," said Deacon Jim Trzinski, pastoral coordinator at St. Paul Parish. "We are always asking, 'How can we get young adults back into the parish?' With this early start in religious education, we will start to see them taking charge of doing these things, making a difference in the community and being refreshed by the graces through the sacraments to help them

continue to do that type of work."

The idea started with the youths themselves as they returned from this year's youth mission trip. "I asked the students where they wanted to go next year — a spiritual type of mission trip or a work-type mission trip again," Deacon Trzinski said. "They said they wanted to do something with their hands to help people. All that excitement from a mission trip burns out quickly."

**Our full story** appears in the Nov. 13 issue.

# 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

## The Feast of St. Nicholas

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- 1** St. Nicholas, whose feast is Dec. 6, was born in Asia Minor (modern Turkey) in 270 A.D.
- 2** He is patron of children, coopers, fishermen, sailors and pawnbrokers.
- 3** Nicholas, who became bishop of Myra, is very popular in Eastern Catholic and Orthodox churches, where he is called "Nicholas the Wonderworker."
- 4** The legend about oranges and stockings started when Nicholas threw three bags of gold down a merchant's chimney to save his daughters from being sold into prostitution. The gold landed in their stockings, by the fireplace.
- 5** From the same story, Nicholas merged with the legends of Santa Claus, with a few changes added via the Netherlands and Scandinavia.

## RESOURCES FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD: PART I



Bishop David Ricken

I have included in this letter my "Top 10 ways to cultivate a household of faith." Consider starting with one or two of the suggestions and throughout the year keep adding more until you integrate all 10 into your life and your home.

There is no substitute for bringing peace into your home and healing into your relationships than by praying

the rosary together. Fr. Patrick Peyton, the famous "Rosary Priest," was well known for the phrase, "The family that prays together stays together."

The rosary is a most special prayer to



strengthen you and your loved ones in faith. If you do not know how to pray the rosary, ask your parish priest or a parish staff member to direct you to some helpful resources or someone in the parish who can teach you how to pray the rosary. You can also find more information about the rosary by going to the Diocese of Green Bay's website, [www.gbdioc.org/rosary](http://www.gbdioc.org/rosary).

**Next month:** Resources for your household: Part II

## Parish SNAPSHOT



Youth from Holy Name of Mary Parish in Maplewood gathered Oct. 28 to fill shoeboxes for an Operation Shoebox. Grades one to eight participated in the service event, which will benefit children from around the world.

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## Oconto Falls children take mystery out of praying rosary

BY TOM BESCHTA | FOR THE COMPASS

**OCONTO FALLS** — Members of St. Anthony Parish gathered Nov. 12 for a live presentation of the luminous mysteries of the rosary put on by students of the school.

Dressed in costumes and using props, the students from grades three to five performed the mysteries as parishioners reflected and prayed the rosary.

The five luminous mysteries portrayed by the students included the Baptism of the Lord; the wedding feast at Cana; the proclamation of the kingdom; the Transfiguration; and the institution of the Eucharist. The luminous mysteries, added by St. Pope John

Paul II in 2002, are one of four sets of mysteries. The others are the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries.

"The kids do such a great job," said Sue Beschta, second and third grade teacher at St. Anthony School and event organizer. "It's an emotional experience."

Over the last few years, St. Anthony has drawn attention for its presentation of the four sets of mysteries that started as part of its weekly religion curriculum.

The tradition of praying a weekly rosary with the students began with Fr. Patrick Beno, now pastor at St. Agnes Parish in Green Bay.

**Our full story** appears in the Nov. 20 issue.

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# The Parish Connection

St. John Bosco  
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### From the Principal

Practice/work has begun over the past several days for our Christmas program and various classroom community endeavors. There is a great spirit here at St. John Bosco School! Staff, parents, volunteers and parishioners genuinely care about the children and our youth. Our students feel it and



care about them as well. I enjoy every minute of the time I spend in the school walking with and observing adults and students interacting with one another. We are fortunate and blessed to be surrounded by so much hope. I believe students and staff share a fundamental need to belong and to feel a sense of connectedness in their school. I think that we also all have a deep need to feel that our work has meaning and is valued by others. Maybe the holidays can provide us all the chance to demonstrate our focus for the important things, being thankful for our blessings, sharing our gifts and serving others just as Jesus has taught us.



During this Christmas season, I wish you the energy to focus on those important things and create the possibilities for them to grow and to flourish.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas.

*Mrs. Dassel*

### Annual School Fund Drive

We are excited to announce the St. John Bosco Annual School Fund Drive ~ Investing in the Future: Reaping Dividends for Life! Fr. Anthony Birdsall is the honorary chair of this year's campaign. Throughout his parish career, Fr. Tony has strongly supported Catholic education and has remained committed to the philosophy that Catholic education is an investment in the Church, our community, and our society. Each year St. John Bosco fundraises 20% of its annual operating budget. Please join Fr. Tony and invest in Catholic education at St. John Bosco- a wonderful way to reap dividends for life.



### Honoring All Who Served



In honor of Veterans Day, the students in first thru eighth grade hand-wrote personal letters of appreciation to Veterans for protecting and defending our freedom and way of life. Over 170 letters were written. 4K and kindergartners colored/painted flags which were inserted into the envelopes prior to sealing. All of the students shared how much they believe in the United States of America and the men and women who have served and continue to serve both at home and in harm's way. In response, we have received communication back from many of those veterans who were touched by the letters they received. One elderly gentleman came to school with tears in his eyes sharing that those of us in the office that he had

never received a letter thanking him for his service. He asked to meet the student who had written him so he could share how touched he was by his thoughts. The two did meet and exchanged emails and plan on communicating in the future with one another. The gentleman shared that he does not have any children and that was another reason why he was so touched.



He did return that evening to watch and give encouragement to the 6/7 grade boys basketball team and meet the student's parents. Other students have received letters from Veterans with many sharing what they did while in the military, how they felt while away from their families and some included tokens of their service that they gave to the students. One gentleman put in a conference call to Mrs. Koller's class from a nursing home sharing his gratitude with the students for their thoughtfulness. Just as the Veterans were impacted by the letters they received so were the students by the replies. *Give, and it shall be given unto you. Luke 6:38*

### Dictionaries from the Rotary Club



Our third grade students were surprised by a special gift from the members of the Rotary Club. Mrs. Smejkal and Mr. Lake presented each student with a dictionary.





**DARE Graduation!**



The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders recently completed the DARE program. The DARE program began as a drug abuse resistance education (DARE) program. It has grown to a program centered on teaching students good decision-making skills to help them lead safe and healthy lives. Officer Chris Neville from the D.C. Sherriff's Department met with our students for ten 45 minute sessions. For graduation each student received a certificate and DARE t-shirt.

**Advent Project - Shower of Love Mass**

The members of the Christ Child Society will be joining our students for Mass on Wednesday, December 9 at 8:20 a.m. The Christ Child Society is a volunteer group that helps expecting Door County mothers in need of baby supplies. Student Council is coordinating our Advent Project in support of the Christ Child Society's mission. We are collecting baby items: diapers, blankets, clothing, bottles, etc. To donate, please drop off in the box by the school office. The items that we collect will be presented at the Mass.



St. John Bosco will be sharing the message of Advent with a brief morning service in the school halls every Monday at 8:10 from November 30-December 21.

**Christmas by the Bay Parade**



St. John Bosco had a great time in the Christmas by the Bay

Parade. The 4K and Kindergarten classes, led by room parents, Kari Brilla and Brigette Shefchik, visited Whoville where the Grinch learns there is more to Christmas than presents and decorations.



Fr. Birdsall and Fr. Carl joined in the fun! We took first place in the non-profit division!

**Pajama Day!**

New this year, each class has a monthly reading goal. If the class reaches their goal, a special celebration/reward will take place. In October the entire school reached its reading goal so we celebrated with a school wide Pajama Day! Students participated in special Halloween activities in their jammies.



**You are invited!**

Mark your calendars for the St. John Bosco Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 17, at 6:30 in the Corpus Christi Church.



**Wish List Update!**

Recently St. John Bosco received a special gift from Peter and Jelaine Horton. Through Mr. and Mrs. Horton's generosity, we have



purchased Listening Centers for grades K-3. Their donation will also be used to purchase a new automated library system and some new books for the library. We hope to have the new automated library system up and running by next semester. We are blessed to have people like the Hortons share their gifts with us. Through these gifts and others', we are working to update our infrastructure to implement our new computer/technology plan and our library system upgrade and purchase new classroom devices (laptops and tablets which we have received donations from our wish list – Thank you!). We will keep you posted on our progress.

Our wish list is always a work in progress. If you are interested in funding any of our Wish List items, please contact the school. This way we do not receive duplicate items, and we do receive the item that fits the specific need.

**St. John Bosco Wish List**

- Interactive Website \$3,600
- Ellison die sets \$20.00 - \$50.00 each
- Hot Lunch tables (5) \$1200.00 each
- Guided Reading Tables(6)\$350.00 each
- Technology Infrastructure (\$35,000)

