

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday – December 2

Confessions 3:30-4:00pm
4:30 pm Adam LaLuzerne

Sunday – December 3

7:30 am Thomas DeNell
10:30 am People of Corpus Christi
5:00 pm Judy Baudhuin

Monday – December 4

*5:05 pm Deceased Members of Tess Family

Tuesday – December 5

*5:05 pm No Mass

Wednesday – December 6

*8:20 am Larry Neville

Thursday – December 7 Vigil Mass for Holy Day

*5:05 pm Frank Angerer

Friday – December 8 The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

*8:20 am Joanne MacMillin

Saturday – December 9 Retirement Collection

Confessions 3:30-4:00pm
4:30 pm Barbara Schmelzer

Sunday – December 10 Retirement Collection

7:30 am People of Corpus Christi
10:30 am Mary Ann Logerquist
* 1:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

*procession prior to Mass-social to follow Mass

*The Rosary is prayed 20 minutes before Mass.

Scripture Readings: First Sunday of Advent

Sunday Isaiah 63:16B-17,19B;64:2-7, Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19, 1Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:33-37

Monday Isaiah 2:1-5, Ps. 122:1-2,3-4B,4CD-5,6-7,8-9, Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17, Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday Isaiah 25:6-10A, Ps. 23:1-3A,3B-4,5,6,Matthew15:29-37

Thursday Isaiah 26:1-6, Ps. 118:1&8-9,19-21,25-27A, Matt.7:21,24-27

Friday Genesis 3:9-15,20, Ps.98:1,2-3AB,3CD-4, Ephes.1:3-6,11-12, Luke 1:26-38

Saturday Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26, Psalm 147:1-2,3-4,5-6, Matthew 9:35;10:1,5A,6-8

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PARISH NEWS

Advent Wreaths & Candles

Advent Wreaths and Candles are available to purchase in the main entrance of church. Wreaths \$7.; candles \$5.00.



Ecumenical Service

Thank you to all who helped in any way with this service and the social. We had about 130 in attendance and lot's of compliments on the evening! We collected \$392.84.

Thank You

Thank you to all who helped change the missal and music books! Your help is greatly appreciated!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday – December 3

7:30-11:30am Brunch w/Santa/SB Lions/Social Hall
5pm Mass @ Corpus Christi
6-8pm Life Night @ Corpus Christi

Monday – December 4

3-6pm Basketball Practice

Tuesday – December 5

3-7pm Basketball Practice
5:30pm St. Ann's Christmas Party @ Samuelson White Birch Inn (dinner 6pm)

Wednesday – December 6

3-4pm Basketball Practice
5:45-7pm Genesis @ St. Joe's
6-7:15pm Edge @ Corpus Christi
7:30-9pm Confirmation Class

Thursday – December 7

3-7pm Basketball Practice

PARISH REPORT

Deposited this week	Nov. 20-Nov. 26, 2017	(22)
Parish Support		\$5,054.00
Offertory Collection		\$759.05
Votive Candles		\$33.00
Technology & Capital		\$00.00
Donations		\$985.00
Perpet. Care/Garden		\$35.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT.....		\$6,866.05
Budgeted Expenses for the Week.....		\$10,419.96
Weekly Shortage.....		(\$3,553.91)

\$CRIP REPORT

Sales for Week of:

11/13-19/2017 Sales: \$7,067.78 Profit \$319.94
11/20-26/2017 Sales: \$4,490.04 Profit: \$188.71

Scrip can be purchased before and after all weekend Masses and on Thurs. 11:30-1pm in the parish center. We will be selling a few more weekdays in December! Dec. 5, 6, 7,12,13,14=in the parish office 11:30-1pm

PARISH NEWS

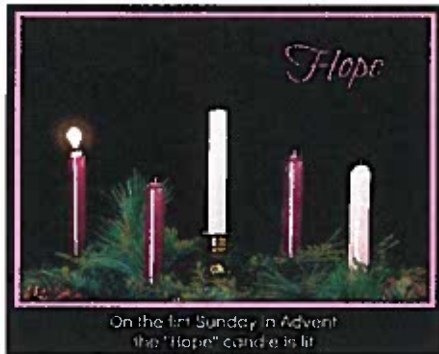
Baptism

Welcome to our parish family, Claire Rose Dietrich, who was baptized last weekend! Please pray for her and her parents, Eric and Nicole.



Retirement Collection

Next weekend, our parish will take a Retirement Collection. This will be to benefit two groups of people who have served us faithfully. We will have the opportunity to give to the National Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests. We also have the opportunity to give to the senior priests in our diocese. You may donate to both, or just one. Please use the envelope in the pews.

PARISH NEWS**PARISH & OTHER NEWS****Holy Day of Obligation: The Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of Mary**

Mass on the vigil, Thurs. Dec. 7th will be at 5:05pm and the Holy Day, Friday Dec. 8th at 8:20am.

Christ Child Society: Shower of Love

The D.C. Chapter of the Christ Child Society along with St. John Bosco School, is collecting new baby clothes and baby items. Please join them at Mass on Friday Dec. 8th as they collect and bless these items. Donations can be brought to that Mass or to the school. If questions please call 743-6087 or 495-5857.

Mark Your Calendars: Sun. Dec. 10th

Join us for Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration on Sunday Dec. 10th with Mass at 1pm. Procession prior to Mass. Food, music and fellowship to follow Mass in our social hall. All are welcome!

**150 Year Celebration Book:****The History of the Diocese of G.B.**

Discover the history of the Diocese of Green Bay in this richly illustrated book.

March 3, 2018, marks 150 years that Catholics have officially been praising God and helping others as the Diocese of Green Bay. This book offers an overview of that journey. Don't forget to check out our page (pg. 241) in the book and the other surrounding parishes! This book can be purchased now for \$24.99 in the parish office! What a great Christmas gift idea!

Help Wanted!

The funeral luncheon ministry is in need of a cook! This is a paid position, and training is available. We are hoping to find an individual, a couple, or a team, to help us prepare the meal that is offered to families. For more information, call Terie Johnson at (262)945-7150. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this important ministry.

Thank You

Thank you to all you helped decorate our church for the Advent Season! Also, thank you to our wonderful, gifted, environment person-Bette Sternard! We are so blessed to have you Bette! Thank you for sharing your gift!

Edge and Life Teen**Middle & High School Religious Education**

Did you take an ornament from the Giving Tree? Great, thank you! Please purchase whatever is on the ornament, wrap it (unless it's a gift card), secure the original ornament on the box/bag and return it to the tree by December 10th! Please, no late gifts. Feed and Clothe My People need the gifts early so they can get to the families in time for Christmas. We help 75 children! Each child gets two ornaments: clothing one and a fun one! Thank you again!

Thank you to everyone who purchased poinsettias for our March for Life and Mission Trip fundraiser! Pick up is this Thursday (December 7th) at Corpus Christi from 1-5pm and then from 6-7pm. All poinsettias will be in the front entrance of the church.

**Life Teen this weekend (December 3rd)**

Mass at 5pm (Corpus Christi and open to all)

Food at 6pm

Life Night until 8pm.

Next Sunday: There will be no regular Life Teen Mass or Life Night on December 10th. Instead, we are going to join the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration at Corpus Christi. Please be to Corpus for a special procession, prayer, and traditional dancers at 12pm, Mass at 1 and food to follow! Parents are encouraged to attend as well!

Confirmation this Wed (December 6th)

7:30-9pm at Corpus Christi. Sponsor/Candidate social! All candidates are to bring a dish to pass. Even if a sponsor can't attend, students are still to be there.

Edge this week (December 6th)

We meet from 6-7:15pm at Corpus Christi

GENESIS NEWS (Grades 1-5)

Class Wed. Dec. 6th 5:45-7pm @ St. Joe's

PARISH & OTHER NEWS**St. Bay Lions Brunch with Santa: Sun. Dec. 3rd**

Come join in an "All You Can Eat" pancake, egg, porkie, sweet roll and beverage breakfast, 7:30-11:30am in the social hall. Children can get a free picture with Santa (9-11).

Bulletin Ad Sponsor

Northland Steel Co., Inc.: As a family owned and operated business, we have been dedicated to providing our customers with the best quality material available for more than 30 years. Northland Steel's capabilities include coil slitting, coil to coil round edging, and cut to length. Located in St. Bay. Contact them @743-7410.



The Advent wreath is a Christian tradition that symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent.

- **1st Candle (purple)**

The Prophecy Candle or Candle of Hope
We remember the prophets who foretold the birth of Jesus. We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us.

- **2nd Candle (purple)**

The Candle of Peace
We are reminded that Jesus brings peace to all who trust in Him.

- **3rd Candle (pink)**

The Shepherd Candle of the Candle of Joy
The angel sang a message of JOY and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.

- **4th Candle (purple)**

The Angel Candle or the Candle of Love
The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us!

- **5th Candle (white)**

Christ Candle – Lit on Christmas
The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless Lamb of God. – Light of the World.



Advent

Advent is a Season

of Our Destiny.

It is a time to grow in appreciation of that destiny – our inheritance of Eternal Life.

The word Advent comes from The Latin '*adventus*' meaning 'arrival' or 'coming'. This is a time for Christians to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, God's greatest gift and to look forward to the time that Jesus will come again.

Feast Celebrated

Saint Nicholas - acts as a sparkplug producing the energy we need to be faithful all season long.



Our Advent Wreath Symbolizes

- the strength of life
- immortality
- a reminder of continuous life - eternity



It is in the Form of a Circle
a symbol of God who is eternal – without beginning or end, a symbol of God's promise to love us forever.

The Advent Wreath is Evergreen - ever alive

a reminder of our spiritual preparation to share in the joyful birth of Jesus who gives us eternal life.

There Are Four Candles
representing the four weeks of Advent – each week representing one thousand years, a sum of 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the birth of our Savior.

There is often a 5th candle at the center of the wreath representing Christ's coming into the world.



CHRIST



IN EARLY WREATHS

seed pods, nuts and cones were often used to symbolize the Resurrection, and fruits represented the nourishing fruitfulness of our Christian life.

WE MUST

REMEMBER

that everyday, we are an Advent People, waiting in joyful hope for the second coming of Jesus. We are the 5th candle.

We are the Light as we reflect the very light of God's grace to the world.



The Advent Wreaths actual origins are rather uncertain.

There is evidence that Pre-Germanic people used wreaths with lit candles during the dark and cold of December as a sign of hope in the future warmth and extended light.

During the winter in Scandinavia, lighted candles were placed around a wheel, and prayers were offered to the god of light to turn "the wheel of the earth" back toward the sun to lengthen the days and restore warmth.

By the Middle Ages, the Christians adapted this tradition and used Advent wreaths as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas. After all, Christ is "the Light that came into the world to dispel the darkness of sin and to radiate the truth and love of God.



WE NEED TO INVEST OURSELVES IN ADVENT

By keeping Advent we can pace ourselves, grow in faith and build momentum to a spiritual apex by December 25th. When most people have grown tired of the Christmas season, we are just approaching its glorious joy and the beginning of our celebration.

Themes:

Anticipation
Preparation
Reflection

Waiting
Promise

Color:

Bluish Purple

- symbol of the night sky in which the star appeared to announce birth of Jesus
- symbol of hope
- color of royalty
- color of a King

Symbols

Advent Wreath



The Parish Connection

St. John Bosco School is shaping future leaders by providing academic excellence in a caring 4K-8 Catholic environment where God's gifts are nurtured and where faith is put into action.

St. John Bosco
Catholic School

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From the Principal

Who Are You Thankful For?

With the holiday of Thanksgiving just completed, Advent beginning and Christmas soon to be celebrated, I ask you to think about the meaning of the word thanksgiving - it is an expression of gratitude, especially to God. Often, we get caught up in the pageantry that surrounds this holiday, and forget just who we are thankful for.

In life, you will meet many people along the way. Each person who touches our life brings a gift. Some will touch you more than others, but each person comes into your life for a reason. Many times, we don't exactly know why. This person could be a teacher, a parent, a spouse, a sibling, a friend or a stranger. Maybe this person listens when we need to talk or cry. Maybe they help us financially when we are broke. Maybe they talk to us, when we need a different perspective. Maybe they hold us when we don't deserve it. Maybe they sit with us when our grief is too much to bear alone. Maybe they are just there, so we know we are not alone.

How have we acknowledged this help? Have we taken their gifts of love, compassion, and hope out into the world and offered it to others? We all need to give

something back to this world that will help others along their paths. Possibly we all need to be more thankful. This year, stop, think, and remember all the people who have crossed our paths and be thankful for them. Say thank you out loud, say thank you in silence, but say it.

Practicing Faith, Strengthening our Community, Graduating Leaders

Mrs. Dassler

Thanksgiving Trivia Answers

The School's November 15th Newsletter listed 20 Thanksgiving Trivia Questions. We asked families to look for the answers in this month's issue of the Parish Connection. Here is a posting of the questions, with answers highlighted.

1. What year was the celebration that is most commonly considered to be the first Thanksgiving? **1621**
2. How long did the first Thanksgiving celebration last? **3 days**
3. Under which president did Thanksgiving become an annual holiday? **Lincoln**
4. What are turkey chicks called? **Poults**
5. What is the wobbly red piece of flesh on top of the beak of a turkey? **Snood**
6. What state raises the most turkeys? **Minnesota**
7. What food was present at the first Thanksgiving but is rarely eaten at Thanksgiving now? **Seafood**
8. What culture produced the idea of the cornucopia, the horn of plenty? **Greek culture**

9. Do all turkeys gobble? **No, only males**
10. What is the name of the famous rock credited to where the pilgrims first landed? **Plymouth Rock**
11. What was the name of the ship the pilgrims came over on? **Mayflower**
12. Which balloon was the first balloon in the 1927 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade? **Felix the Cat**
13. Turkeys can drown if they look up in the rain. True or False. **True**
14. At the first Thanksgiving, there were more Indians than there were Pilgrims. True or False. **True**
15. Why is Thanksgiving always observed on a Thursday? **Thursday was mid prayer week**
16. How fast can a turkey run? **25 mph**
17. Which state produces the most cranberries? **Wisconsin**
18. What traditional food do we eat at Thanksgiving today that they did not serve in 1621? **Pumpkin pie**
19. The first Thanksgiving football game was started in 1934 by which team? **Detroit Lions**
20. What are unhappy cranberries called? **Blueberries**

Advent Services

Please join us for our Advent Services each Monday, December 5, 12, 19, and Friday, December 22 at 8:10 a.m. in the hallway near the school office.



Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you for supporting SJB's Scholastic Book Fair. Many families and friends stopped in and bought books. St. John Bosco School will be able to purchase \$2000 worth of new books to be used in the classrooms!



Glory to God and Peace on Earth



Our entry in the Christmas by the Bay Parade, designed and created by our 4K and Kindergarten students and their parents took First Place in the 2017 Non-Profit Entry Category. SJB students and families were spreading peace on Earth!



Thanksgiving Mass

Thank you to our first-grade class for helping us celebrate our special Thanksgiving Mass. We are very grateful to our little Pilgrims and Native Americans and their teacher, Mrs. Mueller for helping us give thanks to God for all our blessings!



Thanksgiving Baskets

St. John Bosco School assembled 9 Thanksgiving dinner baskets for area families. Baskets included a \$25 gift card to purchase a turkey, potatoes, fresh yams, dinner rolls, gravy, stuffing, corn, beans, cranberries, jello, pumpkin and apple pies and cool whip. Sharing God's blessings brings such joy!

Third Grade Receives Dictionaries

Ms. Prue's Third Grade class received dictionaries from the Breakfast Rotary Club in mid-November.



Thanks to Ann Smejkal and Ann Jenkins for presenting the dictionaries to our students. We are eager to learn new words!

DARE Graduation

Our fifth-grade students recently completed the *D.A.R.E.* program with Juvenile Investigator Chris Neuville. The DARE program began as a drug abuse resistance education (DARE) program. It has grown into a program centered on teaching students good decision-making skills to help them lead safe and healthy lives. For a final *D.A.R.E.* project, the students wrote individual essays on what was learned during the program. One essay was selected that best represented the *D.A.R.E.* message, and that essay was read during the graduation ceremony on December 1. Door County Sheriff Steve Delarwelle also spoke during the ceremony. Officer Neuville and Mrs. Retzlaff presented each student with a certificate and T-shirt recognizing their dedication and hard work in the *D.A.R.E.* program.

Sip 'N Shop

Door County Candy is continuing with their annual tradition of the Sip 'N Shop holiday shopping event and giving back to local nonprofits. Proceeds from anyone shopping at the store between the hours of 4:00 – 6:00 on December 9th will be given to St. John Bosco. If you need to purchase those holiday favorites for your family and friends please do so on the 9th between 4:00 – 6:00. Thank you.

Christmas Concert

Please join St. John Bosco School students and staff on Thursday, December 21st for our annual Christmas concert. This year, the concert will be held at Corpus Christi Church at 6:30pm. Our singing and instrumental playing will definitely get you into the Christmas spirit.



Annual School Fund Drive

St. John Bosco School's Annual School Fund is officially underway. If you did not receive an envelope in the mail, please look for specially marked envelopes located in each of the parishes. 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 prayerfully consider making a donation to the county's only Catholic School. Thank you!

Green Day

4K celebrated Green Day! Each student along with Mrs. Kacmarynski and Mrs. Weber wore green to celebrate the day. The students were even able to enjoy green eggs and ham.



First and Fourth Grade Team Up

Before Thanksgiving break, our First and Fourth Graders took time to read to each other. A great time was had by all!

