

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday – December 23
 Confessions 3:30-4:00pm
 4:30 pm Larry Neville

Sunday – December 24
 7:30 am Wallace & Marie LeCloux
 10:30 am Frank Angerer

Sunday – December 24 Christmas Eve
 3:30 pm Musical Prelude
 4:30 pm People of Corpus Christi
 9:45 pm Musical Prelude
 10:00 pm Emil & Mary Fisher

Monday – December 25 The Nativity of the Lord
 Christmas
 10:30 am James Jilot

Tuesday – December 26
 *5:05 pm No Mass

Wednesday – December 27
 *8:20 am Ray Alfson

Thursday – December 28
 *5:05 pm No Mass

Friday – December 29
 *8:20 am Margaret & Gilbert Barta

Saturday – December 30
 Confessions 3:30-4:00pm
 4:30 pm Andy Lawrence

Sunday – December 31
 7:30 am Al Lamer
 10:30 am People of Corpus Christi

Monday – January 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy
Mother of God New Year's Day
 10:30 am Jovita DeWitt
 *The Rosary is prayed 20 minutes before Mass.

Scripture Readings: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday 2Samuel 7:1-5,8B-12,14A,16, Psalm 89:2-3,4-5,27,29, Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38

Monday Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4,5-6, Hebrews 1:1-6, John 1:1-18

Tuesday Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10;7:54-59, Ps. 31:3CD-4,6&8AB,16BC&17, Matthew 10:17-22

Wednesday 1John 1:1-4, Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,11-12, John 20:1A, 2-8

Thursday 1John 1:5;2:2, Psalm 124:2-3,4-5,7CD-8, Matthew 2:13-18

Friday 1John 2:3-11, Psalm 96:1-2A,2B-3,5B-6, Luke 2:22-35

Saturday 1John 2:12-17, Psalm 96:7-8A,8B-9,10, Luke 2:36-40

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PARISH NEWS

Christmas Eve Musical Prelude

Join us on Sunday Dec. 24th at 3:30pm and 9:45pm for the musical prelude.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday – December 24
 3:30pm Musical Prelude to 4:30pm Mass
 9:45pm Musical Prelude to 10pm Mass

Monday – December 25
 Parish Office Closed

Tuesday – December 26
 Parish Office Closed

Saturday – December 30
 5-8pm Private Function/Social Hall
 **Parish Office closed Mon. Jan. 1st & Tues. Jan. 2nd.

PARISH REPORT

Deposited this week	Dec. 11-Dec. 17, 2017	(25)
Parish Support		\$6,009.00
Offertory Collection		\$462.00
Votive Candles		\$3.00
Technology & Capital		\$20.00
Donations		\$540.00
Perpet. Care/Garden		\$120.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT.....		\$7,154.00
Budgeted Expenses for the Week.....		\$10,419.96
Weekly Shortage.....		(\$3,265.96)

\$CRIP REPORT

Sales for Week of:
 12/11-12/17/2017 Sales: \$7,275.00 Profit: \$340.36
 Scrip can be purchased before and after all weekend Masses and on Thurs. 11:30-1pm in the parish center.

PARISH NEWS

Area Mass Times for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

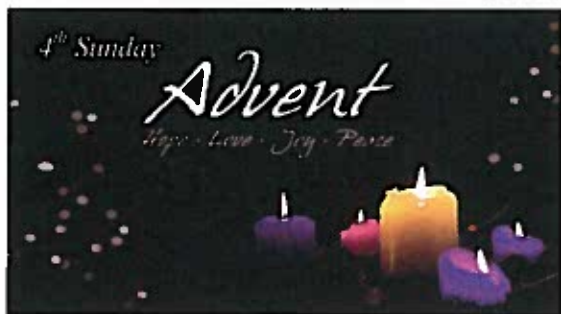
Sun. Dec. 24th	4pm	Holy Name of Mary
	4pm	St. Joseph
	4:30pm	Corpus Christi
	6pm	SS Peter & Paul
	9pm	St. Joseph
Mon. Dec. 25th	10pm	Corpus Christi
	9am	Holy Name of Mary
	10am	St. Joseph
	10:30am	Corpus Christi

Christmas Book

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses, the book "Messy & Foolish" by Matthew Warner, will be given out to you as a gift from Corpus Christi Parish. As Christians, we have a great message for the world. But if it's so great, why are more people leaving the Church than joining? Why isn't the message getting through? This book will inspire you to quit the lesser pursuits of your life and accept nothing less than the joyful, adventure-filled, contagious life God intends you to live. It's time to make a mess. It's time to change the world. And we are just the fools to do it.



MATTHEW WARNER

PARISH NEWS**PARISH & OTHER NEWS****End of Calendar Year Donations**

When planning for your 2017 end of year donations, please keep in mind any donations received on Monday January 1st and after, will be credited to 2018, which includes mail received that day, as well as those received at other parishes.

Update Your Information

Please contact the parish office if you have had a change in your mailing address, phone number and/or email. We would like to update our records prior to our end of year mailing.

Lectors Needed!

We are in need of Lectors! If you are being called to help in the ministry please contact Dianne Zirbel at 743-2260.

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 for \$24.99 in the parish office!**

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

Merry Christmas! We hope you all find time to slow down and to enjoy your family and friends this Christmas. We are praying for you and your families.

There will be no Life Teen Mass or Life Night on Sunday, December 24th or Sunday, December 31st.

There is no Edge or Confirmation on Wednesday, December 27th.

Stay tuned for teen speakers on December 30th and 31st regarding our annual March to Life Trip to Washington, DC in January. We have a great opportunity for you to help support the teenagers attending.

GENESIS NEWS (Grades 1-5)

Class Wed. Jan.3rd, 5:45-7pm @ St. Joe's

PARISH & OTHER NEWS**Ministry Volunteers Needed**

If you are being called to help volunteer in one of our ministries (lector, usher, Eucharistic minister, funeral), please give the parish office a call. Perhaps your child would like to be an altar server-please-contact the parish office.

Scripture Discussion

You are invited to come explore the upcoming Sunday Scriptures on Tuesdays, 10am at St. Joseph Faith Formation Center or Thursdays, 9:15am at SS. Peter & Paul in the Parish Center led by Penny Biwer.

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St. Andrew Dinner: Tues. Jan. 9th

Calling High School & College Men! Please join us for a gathering of disciples open to the priesthood. Mass with Bishop David Ricken at 5:30pm, followed by supper and discussion. St. Joseph Chapel, Diocese of Green Bay, 1825 Riverside Dr., Green Bay (1 mile north of Hwy 172). www.gbdioc.org/Andrew RSVP by 1/5/2018

Stress in Your Marriage?

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples who feel bored, frustrated or angry in their marriages. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend retreat January 12-14 at the Siena Center in Racine, please call 414-502-7685 or <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com>.

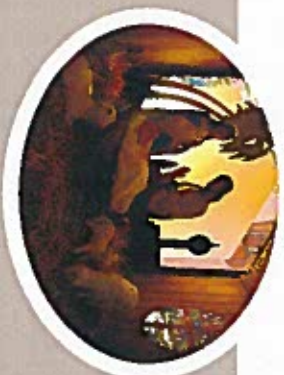


What is the Original Meaning of Christmas?

Christmas is the feast of the Incarnation, the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, true God and true man, as a little baby in Bethlehem.

While many Christians recognize Christmas as a celebration of Jesus' birth, the solemnity is also a festival of his Incarnation, that is, God becoming human in the person of Jesus. The term itself is an abbreviation of the phrase "Christ Mass," which reflects the primary understanding of Christmas as a feast day within the Church year, connected to the Eucharist.

One of the great opportunities we have these days is to savor the Christmas season. **Christmas is not a single day; it's a season** in which to enter more deeply into the mystery of the One who came to become one of us - to save us from our sins.



Christmas

Behold the Light of the World
How do you bring your light and the light of Christ into the world?

The question put to us simply by the Infant's presence is: Do I allow God to love me?

Christmas is a season of great joy. It is a time of God showing His great love for us. It can be a time of healing and renewed strength. Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of the Christ child. God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to be born. His birth brought great joy to the world. Shepherds, wise men, and angels all shared in the excitement of knowing about this great event. They knew this was no ordinary baby. The prophets had told of His coming hundreds of years before. The star stopped over Bethlehem just to mark the way for those who were looking for this special child.

Let us look to the crib and pray, asking the Blessed Mother: "O Mary, show us Jesus!"

Major Feasts Celebrated during the Christmas season

- The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- Holy Mother of God
- The Epiphany of the Lord
- The Baptism of the Lord



CHRIST



A child is born

Christmas Symbols

Gifts

Giving gifts is a ritual directly from the Bible. We give each other gifts because God set out to give us the gifts of creation, His Son and Himself. When we see Christmas presents they remind us of the most precious gift God granted us – the way to Heaven through Jesus. And like the 3 Wise Men who brought Jesus gold, frankincense, and myrror we, too, give gifts to each other.

Christmas Tree

The tree is an evergreen – it does not die or fade away or lose its needles in winter. In this sense they have come to represent the immortality of the Resurrected Christ.

Lights

Originally lights were candles – meant to symbolize Christ, his self-giving love and gift of life to us. The candle provides light and warmth as it consumes its own substance, the wax. So, too, Jesus gave his own substance – his life – so that we might find Divine Light. And when we have found Divine Light for ourselves, we, too, are enabled through the power of the Holy Spirit to give ourselves to others. Christmas is the feast of Love, where we share gifts with each other as Christ shared the gift of life with us.



WE NEED TO INVEST OURSELVES

IN CHRISTMAS

Time:

Christmas is the season that begins on Christmas Day and lasts for 12 days – until the eve of the Epiphany.

Themes:

The Nativity – Jesus Is Born

Rituals:

Blessing of the Christmas trees
Blessing of the Christmas Nativity Scene
Lightening of the Christ Candle

Color:

White or Gold

Symbols

Star
Manger
Bells
Candles
Mother and Child
Holy Family
Angels
Three Wise Men
Christmas tree
Christmas Roses
Cardinals
Holly and Ivy
Poinsettias

Christmas Wreath

Like the Christmas tree, the wreath is made from an evergreen, symbolizing our everlasting life in Christ. In addition, it's round, a circle with no beginning and no end, reminding us of God, who is eternal, never beginning or ending.

Christmas Carols

Carols are said to have begun back in the 13th century. Some believe that songs have been sung at the darkest time of the year – the Winter Solstice for thousands of years in order to bring light to the season and celebrate the turn towards longer days. Some originated as stories, prayers, poems and chants. They symbolize everything that Christmas stands for.

Angels

In Greek, the word 'angel' means messenger. Angels are the messengers of God, who played a prominent part in the birth of Jesus. They are personified as Heavenly creatures with wings that symbolize immortality, virtue, peace, love, and innocence, while the halo is the symbol of their native to Heaven. Angels are believed to be immortal, who live in Heaven, and act as intermediaries between God and humankind.

Bells

Bells act as a medium between Heaven and Earth, and their clappers represent communication between humans and God. The sound of the bells announces the birth of Christ on Earth.

Stars

The Christmas Star represents the Star of Bethlehem which was the beacon of light for the Wise Men to find Jesus.



**2017-Christmas Flower Offerings
In Memory/Honor Of.....**

George & Maureen Sawyer

Bernadette Grassel

Kitty & Pooky Tess

Jeff Hepe

Bette & Joe Challe

Dorothy & Joe Halada

MaryAnn Englebert

Marion & Dee Pisha

Terry & Fuzz Bubnik

Tanck Family

Charnetski Family

Balisteir Family

Krishka Family

Mauck Family

Matt LaLuzerne

Adam LaLuzerne

Wendell LaLazerne

Ralph Zirbel

Ray & Marion Hartl

Jerome Braun

Van Beck Family

Tom Williams

Nathan Wilson

Edward Partyka

Jenna Baranczyk

Frank Angerer



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift. Jesus is here!

2 Corinthians 9:15