

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday – December 19

3:30-4:00 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Kathleen Kerscher

Sunday – December 20 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

7:30 am Walter Nault

10:30 am People of Corpus Christi

5:00 pm Fr. Bob Konkell

Monday – December 21

*5:05 pm Robert Stoneman

Tuesday – December 22

*5:05 pm Edward Partyka

Wednesday – December 23

*8:20 am People of Corpus Christi

Thursday – December 24

4:30 pm Wallace & Marie LeCloux

10:00 pm Emil & Mary Fisher & Judy Riederer

Friday – December 25 (The Nativity of the Lord)

10:30 am Bob Schmidt

Saturday – December 26

3:30-4:00 pm Confessions

4:30 pm People of Corpus Christi

Sunday – December 27 (The Holy Family)

7:30 am Rita Arbter

10:30 am Ray Alfson

5:00 pm **NO MASS**

*The Rosary is prayed 20 minutes before Mass.

Scripture Readings: 4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday Micah 5:1-4A, Ps. 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19, Hebrews 10:5-10, Lk. 1:38

Monday Songs of Songs 2:8-14, Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21, Lk. 1:39-45

Tuesday 1Samuel 1:24-28, 1Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8ABCD, Luke 1:46-56

Wednesday Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24, Psalm 25:4-5AB, 8-9, 10&14, Luke 1:57-66

Thursday 2Samuel 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16, Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27&29, Luke 1:67-79

Friday Isaiah 9:1-6, Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13, Titus 2:11-14, Lk. 2:1-14

Saturday Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59, Psalm 31:3CD-4, 6&8AB, 16BC&17, Matthew 10:17-22

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PARISH NEWS

Christmas Eve & Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve: 4pm Holy Name of Mary

4pm St. Joseph

4:30pm Corpus Christi

6pm Sts. Peter & Paul

9:30pm Prelude/Choir 10pm Corpus Christi

Christmas Day: 8am Sts. Peter & Paul

9am Holy Name of Mary

10am St. Joseph

10:30am Corpus Christi

**Wishing you and your families
a Blessed Merry Christmas!**

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday – December 20 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

5:00 pm Mass

6:00-8:00 pm **NO LIFE NIGHT**

7:00 pm Men's Group

Monday – December 21

3:00-4:30 pm Boys Basketball Practice

Tuesday – December 22

3:00-4:30 pm Boys Basketball Practice

Wednesday – December 23

5:45-7:00 pm **NO GENESIS**

6:00-7:15 pm **NO EDGE**

Thursday – December 24

Parish Office Closed

Friday – December 25

Parish Office Closed

Sunday – December 27 (The Holy Family)

5:00 pm **NO MASS**

6:00-8:00 pm **NO LIFE NIGHT**



PARISH REPORT

Deposited this week, Dec.07-Dec. 13, 2015 Week (24)

Parish Support.....\$5,990.00

Offertory Collection\$612.35

Votive Candles\$66.10

Technology & Capital Improvements\$1.00

Donations.....\$242.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT\$6,911.45

Budgeted Expenses for the Week.....\$9,181.37

Weekly Shortfall(\$2,269.92)

***Retired Collection.....\$2,241.80**

\$CRIP REPORT

Sales for Week of: Dec. 07- Dec. 13, 2015 \$8,045.00

Profit for the Week: \$333.70

MAINTENANCE FUND

Cash on hand (12/14/2015).....\$27,886.68

PARISH NEWS

Hands Needed to Decorate God's House

Looking for volunteers to help decorate the church after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday December 20th!

Retirement Collection

Thank you to all who gave generously last weekend through the Retirement Collection. If you still wish to donate, you may use the envelopes in the magazine rack in the main entrance of church, to share in the care of our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests, as well as our own diocesan priests. Thank you!

Year End Contributions for 2015

As the year end is fast approaching, please be aware that any contributions for 2015 need to be to the parish office **by Dec. 27th** to be recorded for this year. **So, any mailings received after Dec. 27th will be for 2016.**

NOTES FROM FR. CARL.....



We celebrate our Fourth Sunday of Advent. I do hope that these last days before Christmas are filled with excitement and joy for you.

On this 4th Sunday of Advent we reflect on Mary's yes to God to be the Lord's handmaid. She said yes to God and put her faith and trust in Him. We also need to say yes to God and put our faith and trust in Him, because when we do great things will happen.

May your Christmas be filled with joy and gratitude for all God has given you. Have a blessed week! Fr. Carl

FROM THE DEACON'S DESK.....



With Christmas less than a week away, our gospel paints a joyful meeting between two amazing women; cousins and friends, the mother of John the Baptist and the mother of Jesus. Christianity is all about living in relationship. This is obvious as we look at the life of Christ, but it may not always be so easy to imitate Him as we should. The example of Mary and Elizabeth is a great tangible model to show us how to live in relationship. I'm sure we can all think of someone who was there for us in our need as Mary & Elizabeth were for each other; be it a cousin, a sibling, a spouse, a friend. Make sure you take some time this Christmas to tell that someone just how special they are! Merry Christmas to you all, Deacon Ray



PARISH NEWS

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Collection

Thank you to all who gave generously to this collection. Each and every gift is gratefully received and will be wisely used. If you still wish to donate, you may use the envelopes in the magazine rack in the main entrance of church. Please plan a visit to our Cathedral in the year ahead to see the impact and beauty of your gift!

Bulletin Advertisers

Forbes Funeral Home & Cremations: Contact Mark, Harold and Jonathan to help assistant @743-6574.

Ahnapee Hill Cleaning: Contact them to help with carpet, window and general cleaning at 743-8312.

PJ's Of Door County: Don't forget to fuel your car! BP station located on Hwy 42-57. Don't forget to fuel yourself with snacks and beverages in their store too!

OTHER PARISH NEWS

Breaking Open the Word: Exploring Sunday Scriptures

No bible study for two weeks beginning Monday, December 21 through Friday, January 1. Classes will resume on January 5.

Edge and Life Teen

Middle & High School Religious Education

Thank you to everyone who donated towards our Shelter the Homeless Service Project! Because of your donations, we were able to help a lot of people! Go to Sturgeon Bay Edge and Life Teen on Facebook to see pictures!

Another big thank you to everyone who purchased a gift or gift card for our Annual Giving Tree! All gifts were delivered last week! We truly have such a giving and generous community!

Life Teen schedule this weekend (Sun. December 20th)

Christmas Caroling from 1-4:30pm. We are meeting at Corpus Christi. A bus will take us around to local nursing homes. We will be back in time for the 5pm Life Teen Mass at Corpus Christi! All are welcome to carol and to Mass! NO Life Night after Mass.

NO Life Teen Mass or Life Night next Sunday, December 27th! YES, we will be back on January 3rd with our regular schedule!

No Confirmation class until Wed. January 6th! Remember letters to the Bishop are due NO LATER THAN Tuesday, DECEMBER 29TH. All letters MUST be typed and delivered to Corpus Christi –no exceptions!

NO Edge on Wed, December 23rd or 30th!

Merry Christmas from everyone at Edge and Life Teen!

GENESIS NEWS

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

No Classes Dec. 23 & 30

College Care Packages

Thank you so much for your generosity of items and donations collected for the **30 college care packages** that were sent out. Many thanks to Debby Brauer for packing them all. We have gotten back some wonderful thank you messages from the students, such as, "thank you for the care package, this is amazing!" "I got my package today, it actually saved my life because my nose was running and it had tissues! Thank you, thank you!" "There's so much in here, thank you!" "Received my care package today, it is very much appreciated. Send my thanks to all involved." "Great care package. Tell the church I really appreciated it." This season offers a wonderful reminder that "it is the little things we do with a lot of love" that counts!

Christmas Wreath Sale

Thank you to everyone for your support in purchasing wreaths this year from our program. Another huge success! Thank you to Jocelyn Barnes and Janet Grota for all your help putting on bows and helping with pickup.



**May the love that came with the birth of our Lord...
And the blessings that were bestowed on us...
Shine upon you on Christmas & always!
Have a Blessed Merry Christmas
from the staff & parish of Corpus Christi!**





You can give right from the website below or by scanning the QR code.

This Christmas Give Your Gifts Online.

It's safe. It's simple. It's convenient.

Donating online is made easier than ever with Corpus Christi's online giving and registration system, WeShare. Donate today using your debit card, credit card, checking, or savings account.

TO START GIVING ONLINE TODAY:

- 1 Visit <http://ccparish.net> and click on "Give Online".
- 2 Select your donation amount and frequency.
- 3 Enter in your account and payment information.





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 myrrh 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.

Christmas Wreath

Like the Christmas tree, the wreath is made from an evergreen, symbolizing our everlasting life in Christ. In addition, it is 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 originate 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, and 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 announce 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.

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





2015-Christmas Flower Offerings

In Memory/Honor Of.....

Nathan Wilson

Jerome Braun Millard Moore Family

Joseph Cornette Family Ray & Marion Hartl Arthur Gruner

Kitty & Pooky Tess Leonard & Joan Schartner Wally Lasee

Tom & Barbara Tierney Louis & Eleanor Jossart Bernice Lasee

Joe & Betty Challe Alvin & Grace Slaughter Curran Wilbanks

Patricia Slaughter Baugh Clyde Christoferson Christine Walker

Rev. Herman Schmitz Margie & Harry Jindra Mary May

Fred & Isabel Durocher Harold & Erma Bartz Ernie Mullen

Harry & Rose & Shirley Bournoville Betty & Cindy Lawrence

Gordon & Ceil & Billy & Gerald Hendricks Cliff Mauck

Ryan Zirbel Walter & Kathleen Kerscher Jeff Heppe

Rose & Leo Charnetski Peter Balistreri Leon Charnetski



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Brittany Denil

Nicole Denil

Matt LaLuzerne

Ralph Zirbel

Wendell LaLuzerne

Richard Trinkner

Walter Nault

Alexander Athanases

Bill & Dale Buschmann

Charles Cihlar

Jimmy Senger

Bob Delain

Gary & Althea Stangel

Byron Anschutz

Steve Anschutz

Gloria Werkheiser

Vivian & Fred Bittorf

Theodorou Family

Chad Walotkiewicz

Lorence Moore

Raymond & Ethel Brey

Jenna Baranczyk

Edward Partyka

Sandra Larson

Kathy Beno

Maria Boenak

Verner & Jeanette Gillick

Mr & Mrs Grant Hanson

Mr & Mrs Marvin Daubner

Clayton & Myrtle LeGrave

Deceased Members of Fernandez Family & Garot Family