

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**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**

**Monday – December 28**  
 \*5:05 pm Dave & Tress Barta

**Tuesday – December 29**  
 \*5:05 pm Walter Allen

**Wednesday – December 30**  
 \*8:20 am Betty Lawrence

**Thursday – December 31 (Vigil for Holy Day)**  
 4:30 pm People of Corpus Christi

**Friday – January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God)**  
 10:30 am Donna Cumming-Goetz

**Saturday – January 2**  
 3:30-4:00 pm Confessions  
 4:30 pm Harriet Henkel

**Sunday – January 3 (The Epiphany of the Lord)**  
 7:30 am Marge Ramuta  
 10:30 am People of Corpus Christi  
 5:00 pm Dave & Ann Neuville

\*The Rosary is prayed 20 minutes before Mass.

**Scripture Readings: The Holy Family**

**Sunday** Sirach 3:2-6,12-14, Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5, Colossians 3:12-21, Luke 2:41-52

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

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

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

**Thursday** 1John 2:18-21, Psalm 96:1-2,11-12,13, John 1:1-18

**Friday** Numbers 6:22-27, Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8, Luke 2:16-21

**Saturday** 1John 2:22-28, Psalm 98:1,2-3AB,3CD-4, John 1:19-28

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**PARISH NEWS**

**Solemnity of Mary,**

**The Holy Mother of God**

**Holy Day Vigil & Holy Day Mass Times**



**Thurs. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> Vigil**  
 4pm St. Joseph  
 4:30pm Corpus Christi

**Fri. Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Day**  
 8:30am Sts. Peter & Paul  
 9am Holy Name of Mary  
 10:30am Corpus Christi

Wishing you and your families  
 a Blessed New Year!

**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

**Sunday – December 27 (The Holy Family)**  
 5:00 pm **NO MASS**  
 6:00-8:00 pm **NO LIFE NIGHT**

**Wednesday – December 30**  
 5:45-7:00 pm **NO GENESIS**  
 6:00-7:15 pm **NO EDGE**

**Thursday – December 31 (Vigil for Holy Day)**  
 Parish Office Closed

**Friday – January 1 (Solemnity of Mary)**  
 Parish Office Closed

**Sunday – January 3 (The Epiphany of the Lord)**  
 5:00 pm Mass  
 6:00-8:00 pm Life Night  
 7:00 pm Men's Group

**PARISH REPORT**

**Deposited this week, Dec.14-Dec. 20, 2015 Week (25)**

Parish Support.....	\$10,721.00
Offertory Collection .....	\$743.57
Votive Candles .....	\$45.00
Technology & Capital Improvements .....	\$210.00
Donations.....	\$1,385.00
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT .....</b>	<b>\$12,915.57</b>
Budgeted Expenses for the Week.....	\$9,181.37
<b>Weekly Surplus.....</b>	<b>\$3,734.20</b>

**\$CRIP REPORT**

<b>Sales for Week of:</b> Dec. 14- Dec. 20, 2015	\$11,203.32
<b>Profit for the Week:</b>	\$510.47

**MAINTENANCE FUND**

**Cash on hand (12/21/2015).....\$28,492.68**

**PARISH NEWS**

**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. 27<sup>th</sup> to be recorded for this year. So, any mailings received after Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> will be for 2016.



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



I hope each of you had a very blessed and joyful Christmas! Let's keep that joy of Christmas alive in our hearts all year long!! This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family... Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Each family unit in the Diocese should have received a gift from our Bishop. It

is a card with the Holy Family and we are asked to dedicate our families to the Holy Family. Please do so and also continue to pray for healing in families and strong families. May your family be given many blessing in this upcoming year.

Have a blessed week! Fr. Carl

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



The Gospels speak little of the life of the Holy Family in the years before Jesus' public ministry. All that is known are the sojourn in Egypt, the return to Nazareth, and the incident that occurred when the twelve-year-old Jesus accompanied his parents to Jerusalem. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family in honor of Jesus, his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and his foster father, Saint Joseph, as a family. The primary purpose of this feast is to present the Holy Family as a model for Christian families. Today families take on many different forms. We have blended families, foster families, and families with one parent or two, families with no children to families with ten or more children. Regardless of how our family looks, we can each model our family after the Holy Family. As children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ, let us strive to be a family of mutual respect, kindness and love.

Christmas blessing! Deacon Ray

**PARISH NEWS**

**Christmas Book**

Please make sure to take our gift to you this year-the book by Matthew Kelly, "Rediscover Jesus". At a time when so many people are spiritually disillusioned and searching for ways to live, love, work and play that nurture the soul rather than destroy it, Matthew Kelly, once again, delivers a powerful book that encourages us in our weariness, challenges us in our comfort, and invites us to rediscover the beautiful possibilities God places before us daily. Rediscover Jesus is a profound invitation to seek deeply personal answers to our deeply personal questions. Each page seems to effortlessly reach deep into our lives, providing spiritual wisdom and practical insights that help us get to know both Jesus and ourselves in a new way.

**Edge and Life Teen**

**Middle & High School Religious Education**

Merry Christmas! That's right, just because Christmas day is over; we are still celebrating the Christmas season as Catholics! \$10 gift card to the first high school teenager or middle school student to tell me when the Christmas season is officially over.

**NO Life Teen Mass or Life Night this Sunday (December 27<sup>th</sup>).** We will be back with our regular schedule next Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at Corpus Christi. We don't switch to St. Joseph until January 17<sup>th</sup>.

Speaking of January 17<sup>th</sup>, PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW TO BE PRESENT AT THE LIFE TEEN MASS at St. Joseph. Why? 49 high school seniors will be confirmed into the Church! Let's pack the church and show the young people our support as we welcome them! Please attend! And please pray for the candidates as they are nearing the end of their preparation.

**NO Confirmation Class until January 6<sup>th</sup>.** However, letters to the Bishop are due by December 29<sup>th</sup>. All letters are to be typed and dropped off at Corpus Christi.

**NO Edge until January 6<sup>th</sup>.** We hope you are enjoying your break!

**GENESIS NEWS**

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

No Classes Dec. 30 (Class resumes Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>)

**OTHER PARISH NEWS**

**Breaking Open the Word**

Bible study at St. Joseph & Sts. Peter and Paul will resume on Jan.5 & Jan.7. This doesn't leave you off the hook! I'll be testing you when we get back together! Just kidding!

**Matinee Monday**

You are invited to "The Fourth Wiseman" starring Martin Sheen at Anna's Healthcare, **Monday, January 11, 1:15 pm.** Come join the fun! Free popcorn!!

**Mark your Calendars**

Adult Catechism Class will start again on **Monday, January 18, 6:30 pm at the Faith Formation Center at St. Joseph.** We will begin studying **Christian Morality: The Faith Lived.** Do you have a desire to learn more about the Catholic faith? This class is for you.

**Health and Wellness News**

The Health and Wellness Ministry has added The Daniel Plan, a ground breaking healthy lifestyle program founded on biblical principles and focused on The Essentials: Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus and Friends. Low Impact classes begin Wed. Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 9:30-10:30am. Higher Level Low Impact classes begin Thurs. Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30pm. All classes will be held at the St. Joseph Faith Formation Center. What a great way to start a healthier new year!





**JANUARY 2016**  
**FUNERAL MEAL VOLUNTEERS**

AMY ALBERTS  
KATHY ANDERSON  
TRESS BARTA  
KATHY BEHLING  
CASEY BIERI  
SHIRLEY CHERNEY  
JUDY DELWICHE  
LUANN GAUTHIER  
JOANNE GUILLETTE  
BARB JACQUET  
KELLY LUMAYE  
MISSY MARCHANT  
MEREDYTH NELSON  
KELLY OAKLEY  
SARA PAYE  
BELINDA RICHARD  
AMIE SCHOMMER  
CHERYL SHEFCHIK  
SHARON SMITH  
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SUE STANGEL  
TERRY SWIGGUM  
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## Bellevue parishioners create their own holy doors of mercy

BY SAM LUCERO | THE COMPASS

**BELLEVUE** — While holy doors were being opened last Sunday at cathedrals and shrines around the world, Prince of Peace Parish was already teaching families to practice opening doors of mercy.

As a way to illustrate the parish's Advent theme of mercy, Prince of Peace invited six families to take home real wooden doors donated by a parishioner and turn them into doors of mercy. They used paint, paper, metal, glass, rocks, mirrors and other materials to decorate the doors.

Using mercy themes featured in an Advent daily reflection booklet, "A Season of Mercy," published by Twenty-Third Publications, the families created doors of mercy that have attracted the attention of everyone who enters the church gathering space.

The idea to create and illustrate doors of mercy came from the pastor, Fr. Dan Viertel, who, before entering the priesthood, owned five gift stores in Berlin, Wis. Fr. Viertel and the parish's



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**A table in the gathering space at Prince of Peace Church offers materials on the topic of mercy, which is the theme of the Holy Year proclaimed by Pope Francis. It includes a description of the Jubilee Year of Mercy.**

arts and environment committee chair, Anne Counard, attended a diocesan meeting about the Holy Year of Mercy that got the parish project rolling.

"We were talking about decorating one of our big doors and the diocese said, 'Well, it's really for the cathedrals more than it is for the parishes,'" said Fr. Viertel.

Since the parish's Advent theme of mercy — which will continue during Lent — was already set, the parish decided to tie it in with something parishioners could relate to, added the pastor, and doors were "just a natural."

**Our full story** appears in the Dec. 18 issue.

### FRANKLY, FRANCIS



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Turning our gaze to God, merciful Father, and to our brothers and sisters in need of mercy, means focusing our attention on the essential contents of the Gospel: Jesus, Mercy made flesh, who renders the great mystery of the Trinitarian Love of God visible to our eyes. Celebrating a Jubilee of Mercy is equivalent to placing once again the specific nature of the Christian faith, namely Jesus Christ, the merciful God, at the centre of our personal life and that of our communities.

It is a Holy Year, therefore, so as to live mercy. Yes, dear brothers and sisters, this Holy Year is offered to us so that we may experience in our lives the sweet and gratifying touch of God's forgiveness, his presence beside us and his closeness especially in the moments of greatest need.

+ Pope Francis,  
Dec. 9, 2015

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## Bishop Ricken begins Year of Mercy with opening of Holy Door

BY SAM LUCERO | FOR THE COMPASS

**GREEN BAY** — After opening the Holy Door of Mercy at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Dec. 13, Bishop David Ricken said it is now time "to walk across the threshold from selfishness and to claim our freedom in Christ."

This message came during his homily on the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, which marks the joyful anticipation

of Christmas and is often symbolized by rose-colored vestments worn by clergy at Mass.

Joyful expectation filled the Bishop Wycislo Center, where a large crowd gathered prior to Mass, for the Rite of Opening of the Door of Mercy. The rite inaugurated the Year of Mercy in the Diocese of Green Bay, an extraordinary holy year proclaimed by Pope Francis from Dec. 8 through Nov. 20, 2016. The pope asked that Holy Doors be opened at cathedrals and shrines of special signifi-

cance around the world as a sign of God's mercy.

Two other Holy Doors designated by Bishop Ricken were blessed and opened in the diocese Dec. 13. The Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion and the National Shrine of St. Joseph, located at Old St. Joseph's Church on the campus of St. Norbert College, held rites of opening for their Holy Doors.

**Our full story** appears in the Dec. 18 issue.

# 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

## About Epiphany

PATRICIA KASTEN | THE COMPASS

- 1 Epiphany (or Twelfth Night) is traditionally celebrated on Jan. 6: the 12th day after Jesus' birth. This year, it is marked on Sunday, Jan. 3, in the Western church.
- 2 The word "Epiphany" is Greek and means "to show forth" or "to come into light." In church teaching, Epiphany encompasses three events that reveal Christ.
- 3 The first event of Epiphany is the story of the three Magi who appear in Matthew's Gospel (2:1-12).
- 4 Eastern-rite churches focus their Epiphany celebration (Jan. 19 on the Gregorian calendar) on the event of the Baptism of the Lord, marked this year on Sunday, Jan. 13, in the Western church.
- 5 The third Epiphany event is the wedding at Cana.

## RESOURCES FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD: PART II

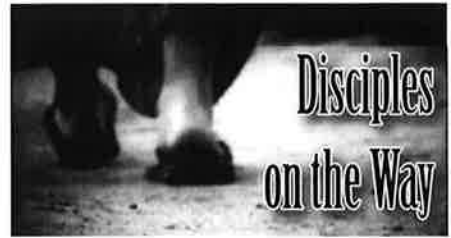


Bishop David Ricken

I would also like to recommend that you read my reflection entitled, "Teach My People to Pray," along with a fine resource for you. It is a five-part study guide, also called "Teach My People To Pray," which you can use in your home with family, friends or even alone to deepen your prayer life. These resources can be downloaded from the

diocesan website at [www.gbdioc.org/teachmypeopletopray](http://www.gbdioc.org/teachmypeopletopray).

These will be my gifts as bishop to you.



Your gift to me and to the church could be the increased prayers of your household and attendance at Sunday Mass. As you grow in faith together our parishes and our diocese become even stronger and more faithful. Together we can transform our world for Christ!

Will you join with me this year to increase our prayers and to strengthen the lives of families in our diocese and throughout the world?



## Parish SNAPSHOT

Families at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Newton celebrated a stewardship weekend in November by having their picture taken with signs what they are grateful for. With the theme "Every Knee Shall Bend," the photo area included a backdrop banner with the words, "Be Joyful, Give Thanks." A kneeler and poster board were also placed where people could write what they are thankful for.

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## Teen's Eagle Scout project nets 300 pounds of soccer gear

BY JEFF KUROWSKI | THE COMPASS

**NEENAH** — Scouting and soccer are among Joe Kerwin's passions, so the St. Mary Catholic High School junior welcomed the opportunity to combine the two for the benefit of young people in Africa.

For his Eagle Scout project, Kerwin, a member of St. Margaret Mary Parish in Neenah, collected more than 300 pounds of soccer equipment for Matoso Academy, a school just outside Kisumu, Kenya.

"We shipped shoes, balls and sent them pumps," said Kerwin, who plays soccer for both the Zephyrs and a club team. "To compact the space, we deflated the balls, so we could fit more in the box. We sent jerseys as well."

Kerwin, a member of Troop 81, found the project, "Kicking in for Kenya" online. He promoted the collection through email and set up a tent for donations at a club tournament.

Our full story appears in the Dec. 11 issue.

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