

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday – December 31
 3:30-4:00 pm Confessions
 4:30 pm Jovita DeWitt

Sunday – January 1 Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
 7:30 am People of Corpus Christi
 10:30 am Marian Schultz

Monday – January 2
 *5:05 pm Charles Schommer

Tuesday – January 3
 *5:05 pm Frank & Lillian Petrina

Wednesday – January 4
 *8:20 am Gladys Ciha

Thursday – January 5
 *5:05 pm People of Corpus Christi

Friday – January 6
 *8:20 am Dan Viste

Saturday – January 7
 3:30-4:00 pm Confessions
 4:30 pm Neuville Family

Sunday – January 8 The Epiphany of the Lord
 7:30 am Debra Polster
 10:30 am Bernie Bykoski
 5:00 pm People of Corpus Christi
 *The Rosary is prayed 20 minutes before Mass.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday – January 1 New Year's Day
 5:00 pm NO MASS & NO LIFE NIGHT

Monday – January 2 Parish Office Closed

Tuesday – January 3
 3-4:30 pm Boys Basketball Practice

Wednesday – January 4
 3-4:15 pm Boys Basketball Practice
 5:45-7:00 pm Genesis @ St. Joe's
 6:00-7:15 pm Edge at Corpus Christi
 7:30-8:45 pm Confirmation Class @ Corpus Christi

Thursday – January 5
 3-4:30 pm Boys Basketball Practice

Saturday – January 7
 4:30 pm Confirmation Mass

Sunday – January 8
 5:00 pm Mass & Life Night

PARISH REPORT

Deposited this week	Dec. 19-Dec. 25(26)
Parish Support	\$16,964.00
ACH Monthly	\$3,752.00
Offertory Collection	\$1,740.59
Votive Candles	\$11.00
Technology & Capital	\$115.00
Donations	\$1,585.00
Perpet. Care/Garden	\$20.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT.....	\$24,187.59
Budgeted Expenses for the Week.....	\$9,181.37
Weekly Surplus.....	\$15,006.22

\$CRIP REPORT

Sales for Week of: Dec. 19-25 Sales \$4,275. Profit \$196.98
 Scrip can be purchased before and after all weekend Masses and on Thurs. 11:30-1pm in the parish center.

PARISH NEWS

Parish Office

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Monday January 2nd.

Christmas Book

Please make sure to take our gift to you this year-the book by Matthew Kelly, "Resisting Happiness". Are you happy? It may be the wrong question. Most of us think we are relatively happy, while at the same time knowing that we could be happier-maybe even a lot happier. Ordinary people and the finest philosophers have been exploring the question of happiness for thousands of years, and theories abound. But this is not a book of theory. Resisting Happiness is a deeply personal, disarmingly transparent look at why we sabotage our own happiness and what to do about it.



Scripture Readings: The Solemnity of Mary

Sunday Numbers 6:22-27, Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:16-21
Monday 1 John 2:22-28, Psalm 98:1,2-3AB,3CD-4, John 1:19-28
Tuesday 1 John 2:29;3:6, Psalm 98:1,3CD-4,5-6, John 1:29-34
Wednesday 1 John 3:7-10, Psalm 98:1,7-8,9, John 1:35-42
Thursday 1 John 3:11-21, Psalm 100:1B-2,3,4,5, John 1:43-51
Friday 1 John 5:5-13, Psalm 147:12-13,14-15,19-20, Mark 1:7-11
Saturday 1 John 5:14-21, Psalm 149:1-2,3-4,5 & 6A & 9B, John 2:1-11

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PARISH NEWS

Update Our Records

Don't forget to contact the office with any address changes or phone number changes. Thank you!



Christmas Flower Offerings-In Memory/Honor Of:

Walter Lasee Thenell & Baudhuin Families

2017 Calendars

Please take a 2017 calendar from the entrances at the church.

NOTES FROM FR. CARL.....



Happy New Year! I can't believe another year has flown by! It is a good time to reflect on the blessings we have had in the past year. They may be blessings of great joy or maybe blessings of strength to get through a difficult time. We know that God will always be there for us and that we need to trust in Him!

This weekend we celebrate Mary, the Mother of God. Mary was able to stop, reflect, and focus on God's presence. We as Christians, just like Mary, need to be strong by keeping a clear focus on how God's presence in our lives will help us to clearly stay on a faithful life journey.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Carl

PARISH NEWS



Main Entrance Bulletin Board

As you enter and exit the church, don't forget to check out all the happenings with our parish and other parish events on this bulletin board. Retreats are also posted weekly. Check it out!

New: Funeral Luncheon Ministry

The Funeral Meal Ministry is a newly redesigned branch of St. Ann's Society. Historically, only the women of the parish have been asked for assistance in preparing and serving the meals, so there will be no monthly list. In an effort to reorganize and improve this parish ministry, we are now asking for help from ALL of our parishioners: men, women, young adults, teens and children. Assistance with kitchen preparations, table service and clean up are needed to host a meal. Unlike in the past, donations of food will no longer be requested. If you feel that you are called to this ministry please call President of St. Ann's Terie Johnson at 262-945-7150.

Bulletin Ad Sponsors

Door County Cooperative: Check out their store too! Located in Sturgeon Bay at 317 Green Bay Rd. 743-6555
Mays Sport Center of Door County: Need a new snowmobile? Stop in and take a look. 743-3838

Edge and Life Teen

Middle & High School Religious Education

Happy New Year! And of course, Merry Christmas! (yes, we are still in the Christmas season)

No Life Teen Mass or Life Night on January 1st.

Life Teen will be back in action on Sunday, January 8th at Corpus Christi. Life Teen switches over to St. Joseph on January 15.

Edge this week: January 4th

6-7:15pm at Corpus Christi

We are at Corpus Christi on the 4th and the 11th. We switch to St. Joseph on January 18th.

The next Confirmation class is on Wednesday, January 4th from 7:30-8:45pm at Corpus Christi.

Confirmation Mass is next weekend, Saturday, January 7th at the 4:30pm Mass at Corpus Christi with Bishop Ricken! We hope you can all make it to welcome our newly initiated students! Let's pack the church!



GENESIS NEWS

Genesis: Elementary Faith Formation @ St. Joe's

Happy New Year!

Class on Wed. January 4

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Hey Ladies!

Do you ever feel overwhelmed? Do you ever wonder where God is in the business of daily life? Scripture tells us that there is a "time for everything" (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8). So...maybe it's time for a mini-retreat! Join presenter Deborah Gretzinger on Sun. Jan. 29th 1-3pm at Lautenbach Orchard Country in Fish Creek. Through prayer, reflection and discussion you will walk away with a better understanding of how to live God's blessings, love others, and approach the work God gives us and...how to find God in our everyday lives. Register early! Cost is \$10.00 for the presentation. Make checks payable to St. Joseph Parish and send to St. Joe's parish by Jan. 23. There will hors d'oeuvres, chocolate and a Cash Wine Bar available. Call Penny at 743-2062.

St Andrew's Dinner

Have you noticed any young men praying at the parish over the holidays? Is there someone you know who seems to be serious about discipleship? Those could be signs of a calling to the priesthood. High School, College and Young Adult single men are invited to join Bishop Ricken & Fr. Schuster for Holy Mass and Dinner on Tues. Jan. 10th at the St. Joseph Chapel on the Diocesan Campus. Visit www.gbdioc.org/andrew for more details and how to register.

Health and Wellness News

Daniel Plan:

An informational meeting for **The Daniel Plan** will be held **Monday 1/9, 6pm, at Corpus Christi Parish Center**. The Winter session is set to begin on Monday 1/16 from 6 - 7:15 pm at Corpus Christi's parish center. We will meet every Monday through 4/3. **The Daniel Plan** is about abundance, not deprivation as you make the change to a healthier lifestyle. God is at the center of this plan using the power of His word for the encouragement to gain victory in becoming a healthier, happier person. The Daniel Plan book will be available to purchase the first night for \$7 total or you can purchase your own copy and bring it along with your Bible and a note book. Please register either online at cparish.net or call me, Lynda Ciganik, at 743-2429.



Here are excerpts for some of this Fall's participants:

" I wasn't sure if I could stick to a diet plan, but this isn't only about losing weight. The His plan has given me more faith in Jesus Christ and the ability to say no to foods that are unhealthy for me. God has given me a new family of friends who are all working with Him for the betterment of a healthy body. I made a goal for myself that by Christmas I could lose twenty five pounds, I am one half pound away. This all started for me in September. Not only did I lose weight, I am down to half the dose of my pills. I may be off from them when I see my Dr in January. Now this is the first time in years that this has ever happened. So I can testify that this plan is very healthy for you, plus my energy level is way up."

" I'm new to The Daniel Plan so you could say I am still in the 'short term' stage, but there is something different this time. Something that gives me hope and optimism for a long term effect this time. That something is the Faith component of the plan. There are five components - Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus and Friendship. I have tried other her programs with all these components except Faith in the past. There is a reason I believe it is listed first, it has proven to be key and provides the hope that long term positive effects are possible for me. There are things I would like to do for myself and others, but arthritis and weight were starting to significantly limit me physically. As I write this, I am happy to say I have lost weight (more than I expected). I feel more physically able than I have in a long time. Foremost I feel enriched spiritually in a deeper personal way. Along with some other healthier choices, I believe I am being lead forward with more positive physical changes and a renewed hope for the future."

With God's help all of the women who finished the Fall session are living healthier and happier lives. Prayerfully ask God if joining The Daniel Plan small group is where He is calling you to be.

Wellness Fall Exercise Sessions

Wellness exercise will meet on **Monday's beginning 1/9 through 4/3 from 8:30-9:30 am and Tuesday's 1/10 through 4/4 from 6-7pm at St Joseph's Faith Formation Center**. This is a low impact total body workout that includes cardio, core strengthening, balance and stretching. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes with good foot support. All equipment is provided except for yoga mats. Mats are not required but you might prefer to bring one for the floor exercises and some stretching.

Laughter, smiles, and time with God are what makes Wellness exercise sessions fun for the women that have been participating in previous classes. We workout to the "Oldies" and frequently sing along. Please come check us out!

Blessings, Lynda Ciganik Corpus Christi Health and Wellness Minister/Coordinator



Need a *Great Hot Meal?*
LOAVES & FISHES
Community Meal
Friday Evenings
Year 'round – Usually 1st, 3rd & 4th

Who: All Ages are Welcome

What: Family Style Dinner

Time: Serving from 5:30-7:00 pm

Where: Northeastern Wisconsin Technical College
229 North 14th Avenue, Sturgeon Bay

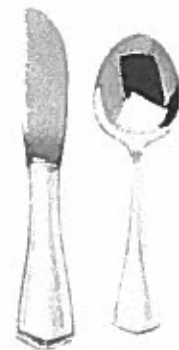
Cost: Free

Sponsored by the community, local churches, businesses and individuals. There are no government funds used for the Loaves & Fishes community meal program.

Need more information: Call 920.493.5318.



January 6, 20, 27
February 3, 17, 24
March 3, 17, 24





They make season bright for others

Floyd and Jean Wouters, aka Santa and Mrs. Claus, share smiles, faith

BY JAYE ALDERSON | FOR THE COMPASS

REDGRANITE — Floyd Wouters, 70, and Jean Wouters, 65, members of St. Mary Parish in Winneconne, truly know how to keep Christmas in their hearts all year. They have been playing Santa and Mrs. Claus for more than 20 years for venues such as their parish, Mercy Medical Center and Father Carr's Place 2B in Oshkosh and St. Vincent de Paul in Appleton.

It all started 24 years ago in true Santa fashion. Floyd was then working at St. John Neumann Middle School in Oshkosh. He had a snowy beard and loving nature and attracted the attention of Melanie, the 3-year-old daughter of a woman who worked in the lunch line. Melanie was convinced from September on that Floyd was Santa Claus. Just before Thanksgiving vacation, she wanted to sit on his knee and confide her Christmas wishes.

Floyd wanted to do something special for Melanie. He received permission to throw her a little party at the school the day before Christmas vacation. All



BRAD BIRKHOLZ | FOR THE COMPASS

Floyd and Jean Wouters, members of St. Mary Parish in Winneconne, have played the role of Santa and Mrs. Claus for more than 20 years.

the middle school students cooperated in making it a special day for the young girl.

The word got around quickly and Floyd was asked to play Santa by others. Even after his family moved to Winneconne and Floyd moved on to teach mathematics at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, his appearances continued.

His wife, Jean, quickly became part of the team as Mrs. Claus. "I'm shy and I don't like doing it by myself," Floyd said. "I needed her support. Jean became just as hooked on that whole business as I was."

Our full story appears in the Dec. 23 issue.

FRANKLY, FRANCIS



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we shall begin a new series of catechesis, on the theme of Christian hope. It is very important, because hope never disappoints. Optimism disappoints, but hope does not! We have such need, in these times which appear dark, in which we sometimes feel disoriented at the evil and violence which surrounds us, at the distress of so many of our brothers and sisters. We need hope! We feel disoriented and even rather discouraged, because we are powerless and it seems this darkness will never end. We must not let hope abandon us, because God, with his love, walks with us. "I hope, because God is beside me." We can all say this. Each one of us can say: "I hope, I have hope, because God walks with me."

+ Pope Francis, Dec. 7, 2016

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Follow Him On



Little Chute parish directs village initiative that will feed thousands

BY JEAN PEERENBOOM | FOR THE COMPASS

LITTLE CHUTE — Residents of Little Chute believe it takes a village to raise a child. Led by St. John Nepomucene Parish, the villagers and their neighbors have packed 100,000 meals that will be sent to children in need around the world as part of the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) program. About 500 volunteers gathered on Dec. 2 and 3 at

St. John Church to pack the meals.

Feed My Starving Children is a Christian nonprofit organization that has been providing meals for children in schools, orphanages, clinics and meal programs around the world since 1987. The organization's goal is to break the poverty cycle in places such as Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and nations in the Americas, Africa, Europe and Asia.

Last year, more than 1 million volunteers were

engaged nationwide. Each meal costs about 25 cents, so \$80 feeds one child for a year. This year, parishioners at St. John recruited friends, families, neighbors and community organizations to help meet their commitment to raise \$22,000 and pack 100,000 meals. They surpassed the financial goal very quickly and were over \$35,000 within less than two months.

Our full story appears in the Dec. 9 issue.

5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

The Three Kings

PATRICIA KASTEN | THE COMPASS

- 1 The number of Magi who came to Bethlehem is not listed in Matthew's Gospel (2:1-12).
- 2 We now say there were three Magi because they brought three gifts. Their gifts were expensive, so they later came to be called kings.
- 3 Later still, the Magi came to represent the three known continents of the time: Asia, Europe and Africa.
- 4 The word "Magi" comes from a Greek word, *Magas*, meaning a member of a learned, priestly class.
- 5 The three Magi are traditionally named Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar.

Kasten recently published a book on the Magi: "Journeys with the Magi."

Have a Blessed Christmas

These snow covered days and frigid temperatures are certainly doing their part to put us in the mood for the Christmas

holidays. Advent is a time of deeper appreciation of the great



BISHOP'S CORNER

Bishop David Ricken

lengths of love to which our Lord has gone to save us from a life of desperation.

Last spring, in *The Compass*, we provided a beautiful insert featuring the theme of the Love of the Merciful Father. God's love is so comprehensive

and his mercy so thoroughgoing, that his love has become one of us in everything but sin. The Word has become flesh and blood in everything but sin, in the person of Jesus Christ.

The fact that God the Father would choose

a very young woman, (probably age 13 or 14) formed in a deep life of faith in the Jewish tradition; and selected from the lowest caste

of her own people, choosing to be born in the humblest of circumstances — this is living historical proof of the depth and breadth of that merciful love.

My prayer for all of you, this Christmastime, both personally and as a family, is that you expand in your awareness of how much God loves each one of you and your family, his family, the church and all of humanity and creation. This little babe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, born in a manger, was the very Word God spoke in the beginning to create all of time and history. WOW!

May you meditate on these deep mysteries and have a Blessed Christmas Mass and a joyous Christmastime together in the days ahead!

This column appeared in the Dec. 23 issue.

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Parish SNAPSHOT

Elementary students at St. Thomas Aquinas Academy in Marinette were busy during this Advent season. Each week of Advent, they chose projects that gave them the opportunity to engage in outreach and support in the community. Students collected games and toys for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, filled totes with supplies for the emergency homeless shelter at Abundant Life Mission in Menominee, Mich., and rang bells for the Salvation Army.



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