

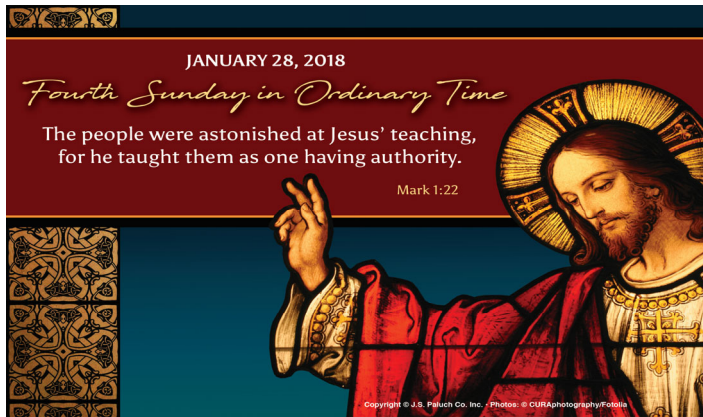


# St. Joseph Parish

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Mission: Together in faith, we celebrate Christ through prayer and service.



## ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 4

Sunday, January 28, Social after Mass  
St. Anne's Chili-To-Go Pick up after Mass  
Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday, January 30  
6:30 p.m.—RCIA

Wednesday, January 31  
4:15 p.m.—CCD  
6:30 p.m.—CCD  
6:30 p.m.—TYME 4th Night

Thursday, February 1  
12:00 p.m.—2/14/18 Bulletin Deadline

Saturday, February 3  
9:00 a.m.—Gr. 2 Parent/Child Sacrament meeting at St. Stephen Parish  
Picnic Chair Meeting after Mass  
Souper Bowl of Caring Collection

Sunday, February 4  
9:00 a.m.—Call to Justice Meeting  
Souper Bowl of Caring Collection

## PARISH

**Happiness Caravans**—Several groups have posted in the Gathering Space their Lenten plans to discuss *Resisting Happiness* by Matthew Kelly. There is room for you! Sharing in a small group is a tradition at St Joseph. In the upcoming "Good Seeds" fellow parishioners reflect on their "together-in-faith" experiences. Don't resist the chance to support each other's life journey. Follow the star in good company! To reserve a place in a group of your choice, visit our "Happiness Caravans Travel Agency" after Mass or call Leo Jacoby at 715-341-2790.

**Welcome Fr. Billy Dodge**—Next week Fr. Billy Dodge will preside all weekend Masses at St. Joseph and St Stephen Parishes. Fr. Jerzy invited Fr. Dodge to speak on behalf of the seminarians for the Diocese of La Crosse. Fr. Billy Dodge grew up near Ellsworth, WI. After graduating from High School in 2005, he attended the University of St. Thomas double majoring in psychology and philosophy. Upon graduation he worked for two years in Campus Ministry after which he entered the seminary. Bishop Callahan ordained him to the priesthood June 27, 2015, and assigned him to Blessed Sacrament and Newman parishes in La Crosse. This past summer Bishop assigned Fr. Dodge to the new position of Vocation Recruiter. His new ministry is to help young men discern if they are being called by God to the priesthood and determine their readiness for seminary studies. He goes around the Diocese talking to parishes, schools, and religious education programs about vocations.

**Souper Bowl of Caring to Support Operation Bootstrap**—Youth Ministry will be collecting non-perishable items on Souper Bowl weekend, February 3 and 4, after all the Masses to be given to needy families in Portage County! If you would like to help with the collection, please contact Jodi Moss at 920-655-2458. Thank you for your support!

**Mass Time Change**—The school Mass for Tuesday January 30, will be 9:00 a.m. and not 8:15 a.m.

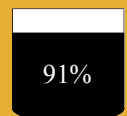
### Special Collections 01/21/2018

Milk Can Fund	\$16.00
Building Fund	\$535.00
Keeping Our Father's House	\$0.00

### Envelopes/Basket Summary—01/21/18

Weekly Giving	\$10,172
Weekly Giving Budgeted	\$7,096
Giving to Date	\$221,354
Budgeted to Date	\$212,880

<b>DAA 2017/2018 GOAL</b>	\$50,565
Weekly Pledges Received	\$1,282
Total Pledges Received	\$46,178
Total Payments Received	\$41,801
Food for Poor Housing Goal	\$3,600
Total Received	\$2,200



**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

MONDAY, January 29  
 8:00 a.m. The Living & Deceased Members of the Fisher Family

TUESDAY, January 30  
 9:00 a.m. *Mass at St. Stephen Parish*

WEDNESDAY, January 31, St. John Bosco  
 8:00 a.m. †Theresa Cisewski

THURSDAY, February 1  
 8:00 a.m. *Mass at Stephen Parish*

FRIDAY, February 2, St. The Presentation of the Lord  
 8:00 a.m. †Laura Walashek

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

SATURDAY, February 3, St. Blaise & St. Ansgar  
 4:00 p.m. †Margaret Simonis

SUNDAY, February 4  
 10:30 a.m. †Bob & Emmy Gregorich

**Liturgical Ministers for February 3-4**

**4:00 p.m. — Saturday**

**Mass Preparation:** Kris Hansen  
**Altar Servers:** Jim Krueger & Mary Davidson  
**Hospitality Ministers:**  
 Barb Bartkowiak Virginia Zakoski (w)  
 Joan Misiewicz David Sroda Dale Tetzloff  
**Readers:** Leo Jacoby & Judy S. K. Moore  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
 Kim Boden Charisse Fogarty Phyllis Ziaya  
 Rich Boden Michelle Poeschel  
**Gift Card Sellers:** Jean Bablitch

**10:30 a.m. — Sunday**

**Mass Preparation:** Deb Peltier  
**Altar Servers:** Ian Ekstrand Emmanuel Fogliazza  
 Matthew Tippel  
**Hospitality Ministers:**  
 John Droske Rick Kennedy Tari Wallner  
 Mary Hale (w) Bill Wallner  
**Readers:** Carolyn Sauer & Mary Droske  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
 Diane Dietsche Mitzi Hlavac Deb Peltier  
 Tom Ekstrand Jane Kennedy Brian Zimmerman  
**Gift Card Sellers:** Leah Shibilski


**PARISH**

**St. Joseph Parish Prayer Corner**—Please keep the health of Marlene Vircks and Janet Iwanski in your prayers. If you would like your name placed on the weekly prayer list, please call Renée at 715-341-1617 x101, or send an email to: [rschneeb@togetherinfaith.org](mailto:rschneeb@togetherinfaith.org).



**Fr. Jerzy** will be returning on February 5. We want to thank Fr. Todd Mlsna, Fr. Rex Zimmerman, Fr. Roy Witucki and Fr. Charlie Richmond for sharing their time with us while Fr. Jerzy was away. We were blessed to have them celebrate the liturgy with us. Please pray that Fr. Jerzy returns home safely.


**Winterfest 2018**—Mark your calendar for

 February 9 and join us for Winterfest from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Before we can enjoy our delicious fish dinners, we will need volunteers to help us with this event. Come and volunteer a few hours to support your parish and also enjoy a great fish fry. Volunteer sign-up continues after Masses the weekends of January 27-28 and February 3-4.

**Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development** will take place the weekend of

February 3-4. Over 43 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection). Envelopes can be found in today's bulletin or at church entrances. Checks should be made payable to St. Joseph Parish.

**Picnic 2018**—Calling one and all! It is time to plan

 our annual St. Joseph Parish Picnic. The dates this year are June 1, 2, and 3. We will hold our first meeting on February 3 following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. We are inviting all past committee chairman to join us, as well as anyone who is interested in becoming more involved with the picnic committees. If you have questions, contact Tari Wallner at 715-341-7750.

**Christmas Flowers**—If you donated a poinsettia for the Christmas season, please feel free to pick it up and take it home to enjoy. Bags are provided. Thank you for your help in making the church look beautiful!

**Operation Bootstrap**—During the month of February we will highlight baby items for collection, but anything non-perishable you donate is truly appreciated.

**Contribution Statements** for 2017 are available for pick up in the Gathering Space. Please note revised electronic statements are also available.

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**Congratulations** to our parishioners who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary the week of January 29-February 4

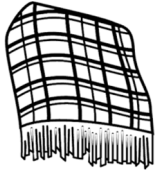
Bob & Shawna Glennon, 25 years

Jim & Barbara McCraw, 58 years

May God bless and grant you many years of happiness.



**Keepin' Kids Kozy at Children's Hospital**—The teens from our parish are going to be creating tie-blankets to donate to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin for their patients. If you would like to support our effort, feel free to bring in two coordinating 50x60 inch blankets or two yards of two different coordinating fleece fabrics.



We are hoping to keep those sweet kids warm for the winter! Blankets or fabric can be put in the Gathering Space. Final pick up will be January 31.

**Monday Morning 8:00 a.m. Mass** will continue at St Joseph Parish through Monday, March 26, 2018.

**Thank you** to all the parishioners that donated items from the Advent Tree and Wreath. Because of your generosity we had another great year of helping four charities meet their goals in a huge way. Many people will benefit and have better lives.

Call to Justice Committee

**School Building Update**—Altmann Construction is on site, the building is down and the removal of debris and clean up continues. The courtyard doors will remain closed during this process. The estimated time to complete the project is still the end of January. The door glass that was shattered during demolition has been replaced at no cost to the parish. Please use caution around all of the fenced-in areas. Thank you.

**A Celebration of Ministry**—St. Joseph Parish members, staff and councils recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in calling forth Ron Kobishop and the Building and Grounds Committee. Your dedication to *Keeping our Father's House* in the best shape possible is very much appreciated.

*How is the Holy Spirit calling you to use your gifts for our community?*

**Gift Card Seller** is needed after Mass on the fourth Saturday and fifth Sunday. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Jacob Stiemann, 715-341-1617 x102.

**Ehr Hall Update**—Updates and work in the hall are ongoing. Painting is complete in Ehr Hall and we have received the contract for the new floor from the diocese. The floor in the hallway and closets are complete and the main floor will be worked on next week. The bathrooms remain closed during this time.

**St. Joseph Parish Staff Changes:** Sally Nash, our bulletin editor, has stepped away after 5 years of service. St. Joseph Parish would like to thank Sally for using her talents in helping us create our weekly bulletin. We truly appreciate the time and energy she put into our parish while serving as the editor. May God bless you!

We welcome Ellen Miskowski as the bulletin editor and Walter Belsha as our new custodian at St. Joseph Parish.

Ellen is a long-time member of St. Joseph Parish and over the years has served the parish in numerous capacities. She is recently retired from Cooper Dental after 41 years, has one son Joshua and two grandchildren, Caleb and Lily, who are also members of St. Joseph's. She is excited about her new adventure.

Walter lives in Stevens Point with his wife of twenty four years, Theresa and his two daughters. He is a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church in Polonia and his children attend Pacelli Catholic Schools. He worked as an agent for Coldwell Banker the past seven years and is looking forward to meeting and serving the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish.

**Welcome!** St. Joseph Parish extends a warm welcome to the following new members:

Norm & Jill Kedrowski

Mark & Lori Osowski

We are so glad to have you join with us in our community of faith.



**Facebook Contest**—Check out the “Like and Share Winterfest” contest on St. Joseph Facebook page. To enter, “like” and “share” the Winterfest post on your Facebook page and you could win two Fish Fry tickets for the Friday, February 9, event. Entry deadline is Noon CST on Thursday, February 8. Tell your family and friends to “like” **and** “share” St. Joseph Winterfest!

**PARISH**

**Adult Education Opportunity**—RCIA will be discussing the *Bible* at their February 6, 13 and 20 sessions. All are welcome to join. Sessions start at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Family Center. Please call Kris Hansen at 715-341-1617 x112 if you have any questions.

**Weekly Reflections**—Paul's first letter to the Corinthians has often been used as an argument for the superiority of a celibate life. But Paul's focus was really on pleasing the Lord who would be returning very soon. What your state in life was - single, married, rich, poor, free or slave - was of little importance. What mattered was how you were living your life. Sharing what you had, encouraging others, and treating everyone with love and respect are the things that really matter. In that way, you would be ready when the Lord returned. Doing God's will should be our goal and any distractions should be unwelcome. What keeps you from focusing on the Lord? Consider how you could make your life become pleasing to God?

*Come, let us bow down in worship;*

*Let us kneel before the Lord.*

*-Psalm 95:6*

**Thank you**—Members of Pacelli Catholic School wish to thank you for your generous support of their Advent and Christmas Service projects. Because of your kindness and support they were able to fill 545 ornaments, or gift items, from their Christmas Caring Trees project and deliver them to persons in the local community. Through the Adopt-A-Kid For-Christmas project, Pacelli students and families were able to provide Christmas gifts for 32 children. Your kindness and generosity helped to make the season of Christmas 2017 special for local families in need. Thanks to St. Joseph Parish for providing financial gifts to help with purchasing gifts from unclaimed ornaments. Thank you, thank you, thank you, for your support of the Advent and Christmas projects again. Your support made Christmas special for many.

Lorie Liss

**Thank you** on behalf of Operation Bootstrap for your thoughtful contributions. Your large donation of clothing, food and your monetary donation from the Thanksgiving Collection is very much appreciated. You may be assured that your donations will be put to good use.

**Parish E-Mail Address Change** will begin in February. Watch the bulletin for more details.

**Portage County Dressed to Work Association**—Thank you once again for collecting Advent items for our organization. Your donations are always greatly appreciated. We are only able to help our clients because of generous people like you.

**AREA CHURCHES, SCHOOLS & DEANERY**

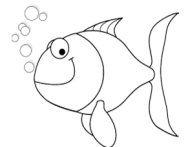
**Franciscans Downtown** next movie is *Steve Jobs* on January 24 at 1:00 p.m.

**Pacelli Catholic High School**—Please join Pacelli Catholic High School every first Thursday of the month for Adoration in the Pacelli Chapel. Adoration is from 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. while school is in session. Please call 715-341-2442 to make sure Adoration was not cancelled for that day.

**Knights of Columbus, Council 1170 Breakfast and Bake Sale**—Join us for their monthly breakfast, Sunday, January 28, from 8:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the KC Clubhouse. Menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, potatoes, desserts and refreshments. Cost is \$6.50 for adults and \$4 for children. We are also having a special bake sale to support our various charity programs.

**St. Wenceslaus Parish Soup Supper** will be held on Saturday, February 10, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. or until all is gone. Menu includes chicken soup, cream of potato soup, chili, home made rolls, cheese, crackers, desserts and beverages. Cost is \$7.00 for all-you-can-eat or carry outs are \$6.00 per quart.

**Pacelli Lenten Fish Fry**—Mark your calendars for February 16, February 23, March 2 and March 16 from 4:30 pm. to 7:00 p.m. for this annual Pacelli fundraiser. Dine in or carry out a delicious meal. New this year is homemade Mac & Cheese and Caesar Salad, along with returning items baked and beer batter fish, shrimp, potato (baked or waffle fries) and dessert. Choose from a \$7.00, \$9.00 or \$11.00 fish dinner or a \$10.00 shrimp dinner. Carry-out orders are available after 4:15 p.m. at 715-341-2442.

**DIocese/WIDER CHURCH****Pope's Prayer Intention for January**

*Evangelization:* Religious Minorities in Asia

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

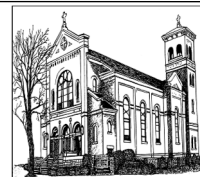


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Friday, 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
Closed Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

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*Mission:* Together in Faith,  
we Celebrate Christ  
through Prayer  
and Service.



*Welcome to St. Joseph Parish* to those who are new to our church or just visiting. We are grateful to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you are not currently a member of a local church, we invite you to become part of our parish family. Visit our Parish Office to sign up, ask questions or receive more information about our parish. We're glad you're here and hope you become involved in our parish family. Our website is [www.togetherinfaith.org](http://www.togetherinfaith.org).

*Share Your Legacy!* Have you made a will? Have you included your Parish Family? Support the work of faith within the community of St. Joseph! Estate contributions assist our annual income and help the growth of St. Joseph Parish Stevens Point Endowment Trust. Leave a legacy to the Parish that reflects your connection to your parish. Give thanks to the Lord always! As you desired in life, tithe with your estate

### *Sacraments*

*Baptism:* Please call the Parish Office for detailed information on infant Baptism, as parents are asked to attend a baptismal preparation program. The Baptism will be scheduled after completion of the class.

*Marriage:* Marriage is celebrated for couples who are active and registered members in the Parish. Please contact the Parish Office at least eight (8) months prior to the requested wedding date.

*Reconciliation:* Confessions are heard on Saturday at 3:30 p.m., before the evening Mass, or you may call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

*Funeral:* Please contact the funeral home director who will assist in making arrangements. The funeral director will then contact the Parish Office.

### *Services*

**Visitation of the Sick:** If you become homebound because of illness and would like a visit, please call the Parish Office.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Articles are due Thursday by 12:00 p.m. Drop off the articles at the Parish Office, or send by email to [bulletin@togetherinfaith.org](mailto:bulletin@togetherinfaith.org), with a copy to [rschneeb@togetherinfaith.org](mailto:rschneeb@togetherinfaith.org).