



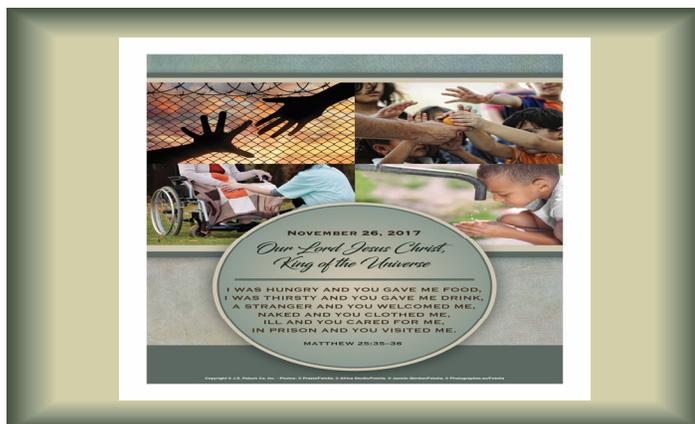
St. Joseph Parish

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



ACTIVITIES NOV. 26-DEC. 3

Sunday, November 26, Advent Sale after Mass
Poinsettia Sale after Mass
Social after Mass

Monday, November 27
9:00 a.m.—Cookie Walk Prep
5:00 p.m.—Meal of Hope

Tuesday, November 28
1:00 p.m.—Cookie Walk Prep
6:30 p.m.—RCIA
7:00 p.m.—Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 29
1:00 p.m.—Cookie Walk Prep
4:15 p.m.—CCD & 1st Grade Parent Meeting
6:30 p.m.—CCD & 1st Grade Parent Meeting
6:30 p.m.—TYME 4th Night

Thursday, November 30, **12/10/17 Bulletin Deadline**
1:00 p.m.—Cookie Walk Prep

Friday, December 1, Cookie Walk Set Up

Saturday, December 2, First Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m.—Cookie Walk

Sunday, December 3, First Sunday of Advent
St. Nicholas Visit
9:00 a.m.—Call to Justice Committee Meeting

PARISH

The Cookie Walk “Like and Share” Facebook Contest is on the parish Facebook page. To enter, “like” and “share” the Cookie Walk on Facebook and you could win one free pound of cookies at the Cookie Walk on December 2. Entry deadline is Noon CST, on November 29. Tell family and friends to “like” and “share” the Cookie Walk!

Annual Advent Sale—Don’t forget the annual Advent Sale in the Parish Family Center after Masses this weekend, November 25-26. Thank you for your help and support of this parish fundraiser sponsored by the Parish Education Committee.

Poinsettia Sale—Stop in the Gathering Space this weekend, November 25-26, and members of the Decorating Committee will take your Christmas Poinsettia order in memory of a loved one. Again, thank you for your support and making our church beautiful each year!



Cookie Walk 2017 is just one week away and this coming week the sweet smell of cookies baking will radiate from the parish kitchen. We need many hands to help with all the work; so please join us on Monday, from 9:00 a.m. to noon and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for baking at church. If you cannot come to bake at church, please bake at home and bring cookies to the parish center on Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We invite everyone to join us for the actual “Cookie Walk” on Saturday, December 2, starting at 9:00 a.m. when the Center becomes a cookie wonderland, truly a sight to behold.

Thank You Boston Funeral Service for donating the beautiful Catholic 2018 calendars to our parish. We greatly appreciate your continuing generosity.

The numbers are the same due to the Publisher’s early deadline of November 17 for this bulletin.

Special Collections 11/6/17 & 11/13/17
\$ 17.00—Milk Can Fund
\$324.00+133.00=457.00—Building Fund
\$ 220.00—Keeping Our Father’s House

Envelopes/Basket Summary—11/13/17

Weekly Giving	\$6,347
Weekly Giving Budgeted	\$7,096
Giving to Date	\$124,696
Budgeted to Date	\$134,824

DAA 2018 GOAL

Weekly Pledges Received	\$50,565
Total Pledges Received	\$1,660
Total Payments Received	\$26,817
Total Payments Received	\$20,364
Food for Poor Housing Goal	\$3,600
Total Received	\$0,000



Mass Schedule and Intentions

MONDAY, November 27
8:00 a.m. †Bill & Georgia Waldherr, Fr. Gerum

TUESDAY, November 28
8:15 a.m. *School Mass at St. Stephen Parish*

WEDNESDAY, November 29
8:00 a.m. †Verna Zmuda

THURSDAY, November 30, St. Andrew
8:00 a.m. *Mass at St. Stephen Parish*

FRIDAY, December 1
8:00 a.m. †Mae Spangle

First Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY, December 2
4:00 p.m. The Living & Deceased Members of the Lesavage Family
†Frank Zaske

SUNDAY, December 3
10:30 a.m. †Bill & Virginia Harris
†George, Geraldine & Tom Phillip

Liturgical Ministers for December 2-3

4:00 p.m. — Saturday

Mass Preparation: Kris Hansen
Altar Servers: Jim Krueger & Mary Davidson
Hospitality Ministers:
Barb Bartkowiak Betsy Muhvic (w) 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: GIFT CARD SELLER NEEDED

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

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Good Seeds—Please check your email for the current edition of the “*Good Seeds*” newsletter. Paper copies are available at the church entrances for those without internet access. If you have *not* received an electronic copy of the newsletter, please notify the parish office at 715-341-1617 x101.

Custodial Position—St. Joseph Parish is actively seeking a part-time custodian (30 hours per week). Job responsibilities include all cleaning of parish buildings, care of grounds, and general light maintenance of parish facilities. Responsible applicants will be expected to be self-directed and this highly motivated individual will take pride in the position and be attentive to the needs of St. Joseph Parish. Interested individuals can contact Renée Schneeberg at St. Joseph Parish office for more information, 715-341-1617 x101.

October Mass Counts—Because of the importance of keeping current the statistical information for the Diocese of La Crosse, Bishop Callahan annually requests that all parishes in the Diocese conduct a count of the number of Mass attendees. The count is taken over several weekends; the count this year was the first four Sundays of October. How we take the counts is left to our discretion, but we are asked to be as accurate as possible and not merely send estimates. Our Hospitality Ministers (Ushers) count all of the Mass attendees from the choir loft on the four October weekends. The sheets are turned in, numbers are forwarded to the Diocese on the requested form and Sacred Worship and the Parish Council are given the numbers to review. The following is a summary of the 2017 Mass Count:

<i>Date</i>	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Total</i>
10/7-8	269	239	508
10/14-15	229	302	531
10/21-22	240	244	484
10/28-29	271	264	535

Total 2017 October Mass count is 2,058. For comparison here are the previous total October counts:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>
2017	2058	2016	1900
2015	2038	2014	1991
2013	2126	2012	2387
2011	2148	2010	2323

We invite all to pray for the community of St. Joseph Parish for growth and a renewed sense of commitment to all that happens here.

Immaculate Conception, December 8, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Evening Mass at St. Joseph Parish that Friday is at 6:15 p.m. School Mass will be held that morning at 8:15 a.m. at St. Stephen Parish. Please note that the School Mass is changed from Tuesday, December 5, to Friday, December 8, that week.

Operation Bootstrap—In November and December, the parish will continue to support Operation Bootstrap. Whatever you are able to donate is greatly appreciated.

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Congratulations to our parishioners, Marion (Bud) and Jan Flood, who are celebrating their 58th Wedding Anniversary on November 28.



May God bless and grant you many years of happiness.

A Celebration of Ministry—St. Joseph Parish members, staff and councils recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in calling forth our Liturgical Coordinators, Ellen Miskowski and Kris Hansen. Thank you for your generosity of spirit in dutifully serving our parish. We are very grateful to you.

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

Adult Educational Opportunity—RCIA will be studying Church History on November 21, 28, and December 5 and 12. Knowing what happened from the beginning helps us understand our church today. All are welcome. Please join us! For any questions, please call Kris Hansen at 715-341-1617 x112.

Youth Ministry Service Events—On November 29, 6th through 9th grade students will be making gift bags for the homebound in our parish and other area parishes. The 4th Annual Youth Ministry Food Drive is **December 2** at Trig's, Copp's in Park Ridge and Plover, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. At that time, the youth will hand out a shopping list of donations for the Food Drive, homebound and Brookdale Bingo prizes. Confirmation students will join residents of Brookdale on December 20 for a night of Christmas caroling and Bingo. There will be collection boxes in the Gathering Space for the homebound gift bags and resident Bingo prizes. Please help our youth have another successful year. Thank you!

December 24 Kid's Noel Mass—We need children, grades 1-6, from both St. Joseph and St. Stephen Parishes, to perform in the pageant that takes place during the 4:00 p.m. liturgy at St. Joseph Parish on Christmas Eve. Grade 7 to adult are needed as helpers/coaches. Sign-up forms can be found at the church entrances. For questions or to sign up, please call Michelle Cornell at 715-341-5178.



St. Joseph Parish Holy Name Society would like to thank the anonymous benefactor that matched our gift of \$500.00 towards the purchase of new Christmas trees for the altar this year. Your Christmas Spirit is truly alive! May God bless you this season.

Holiday Light Fundraiser—Are your holiday lights missing bulbs, broken or are you tired of using the same lights? Do you have extension cords you no longer need or use? Don't throw them out because we can help! The lights and cords can be recycled for the copper inside. The greater the weight of copper, the more money the parish receives. The collection will run until January 15, 2018. Please place the lights and cords in the red box in the Gathering Space.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection—Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests need your help. A collection will be taken at Masses the weekend of December 9-10. We all have benefitted in some way from their many years of service. Often they received little to no pay. Now there is a shortage in retirement savings. Your gift provides for medication, nursing care and more. Thank you for your support!

St. Anne's/PCCW—*Ladies Group 4* will be responsible for the month of December. These ladies are asked to help with any funeral dinners.

Pauline Berna	Mary Lou Hodgson
Jan Boursier	Agnes Kobishop
Eleanor Cichosz	Sharon Mras
Jeanne Daniels	Ann Parish
Kathleen Hansen	Darlene Raflik

Co-Chairs Patricia Walther and Adrian Mitch

School Demolition—Altmann Construction is scheduled to begin demolition of the school building within the next few weeks. Be prepared for large vehicles and areas that will be roped off. Please exercise caution.

Calling All Crafters! Looking for a place to work on your crafts and some time to do it? We have the answer! Join us for our Crafting Fundraiser event at St. Joseph Parish Center on Saturday, January 13, 2018, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. You must be age 18 to register. Register by December 15, and the cost per person is \$35.00. Cost between December 15-29 is \$40.00. There is internet access for digital scrappers. (This is not a class, just time for crafting and getting the creative juices flowing!) Go to the parish website at togetherinfaith.org, click on "Stewardship Opportunities," for details and the registration form. All registration forms and payments must be sent to the St. Joseph Parish office by **December 29, 2017**. We hope you can join us!

Capital Campaign Update—Asbestos removal is complete in Ehr Hall. The next step is to decide on new flooring to place in the hall. The hall *and* the restrooms will remain closed at this time.

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Weekly Reflections, Christ the King—Rules can be helpful guides. However, ultimately, we will not be judged on how well we followed “the rules,” but on how well we loved others. What have you done to help feed the hungry, clothe the naked, etc.?

Donating to charities is certainly a good thing, but how have you extended yourself personally? Reflect on what you could do to reach out to those in need.

*Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life. —Psalm 23:5*

AREA CHURCHES, SCHOOLS & DEANERY

St. Peter Parish Annual Cookie Walk—Join St. Peter Parish on Saturday, December 9, 8:00 a.m. until sold out, in Kolbe Hall. Cookies are \$8.00 per pound and candy is \$9.00 per pound. There will be plenty of cookies and candy from which you can choose your favorites! Convenient containers will be provided for you! There will be free coffee and treats, so be sure to join us! The Cookie Walk is sponsored by Parish Family Life.

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Christmas Fair is Saturday, December 2, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Along with craft items there will be a free bucket raffle of donated crafts from each vendor. Lunch will also be for sale. Come and enjoy the holiday spirit, shopping and a delicious lunch. Mass on Saturday is at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Franciscans Downtown—The next movie, *The Long Ships*, is Wednesday, November 29, 1:00 p.m.

Pacelli Catholic Schools has an opening for an educational assistant at St. Bronislava School. To apply, send a letter of application and résumé to Gregg Hansel at ghansel@spacs.k12.wi.us. Questions can be directed to Gregg Hansel at 715-342-2015.

DIOCESE/WIDER CHURCH

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Parish, Knowlton will be having their Christmas Cookie & Breads Sale on Saturday, December 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please join them for this wonderful bake sale.

Holy Father’s Intentions for November—That **Christians in Asia**, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

Send a Prayer Intention to Bishop Callahan—On Thursday, December 7, Bishop Callahan will be inviting you to share a prayer intention via an automated phone message. If you have a particular intention for which you would like him to pray, follow the prompts at the end of his message. If you miss the call or would like to leave an intention at a later date, call 608-352-9565, or visit the diocesan website at www.dioc.org/pray to submit your prayer intention online.

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Events:

A Pontifical Mass on December 10, 9:30 a.m., will be celebrated by Cardinal Raymond Burke. All are welcome.

Feast of St. Juan Diego—The Shrine will be open all day to celebrate this feast day with many activities. For details go to: www.guadalupe Shrine.org/feast-saint-juan-diego.

Boy Scouts wishing to earn their Religious Emblems for the coming year should be working on them. Applications are due by May 1, 2018. If you are a Catholic scout in a non-catholic chartered unit and need information, contact the Diocesan Committee on Scouting at 608-782-4911 or go to: catholicscoutslacrossediocese@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY

Holiday Basket Project—Support of the Holiday Basket project by people in Portage County has been outstanding. This project matches basket sponsors with people who have many needs at the holiday time. Last year 1,186 families/singles received baskets. Please consider becoming a sponsor as a family or with friends. Sponsors are needed to make the holidays a happier time for those less fortunate. If you are interested or have any questions, call the Holiday Basket office at 715-344-9950. If circumstances for you and your family are such that you would like information regarding the qualifications necessary to receive a basket, please call the office at 715-344-9950.

Workshop #2, “Dementia Conversations”—This workshop is December 12, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Room, St. Bronislava Parish. Mass is at 5:30 p.m. The workshop, the second in a two-part series, offers tips on how to have an honest and caring conversation with family members about going to the doctor, deciding when to stop driving and making legal financial plans. All are welcome.



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Friday, 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
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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.

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, with a copy to rschnee@togetherinfaith.org.