

DECEMBER 18, 2022 | THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Maan OF ADVENT

Pastor Fr. Ryan Krueger **Pastoral Associate Deacon Mark Hibbs**

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 8:20am Friday | 8:20am

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:30pm

Confession

Saturday | 3:30pm - 4:00pm First Friday | 7:50am Other | By Appointment

Adoration

Saturday's 3:30-4pm Sunday | 7:30am, 10:30am 1st Thurs. of the Month 7-4pm

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Join us on Wed. Dec. 21st 6:30-7:30pm at Corpus Christi for quiet time with our Lord! A night of prayer, scripture readings, examination of conscience, adoration and reconciliation.

An entire town is wiped out by fire, a tornado rips through

GOSPEL MEDITATION

4th Sunday of Advent



several neighborhoods, a bomb claims a maternity hospital and a sudden heart attack takes the life of a soul mate. Life is unpredictable and dramatic. Many buy into the sad illusion that the securities and familiarities we see around us today will remain forever: our homes, our friends, our spouses, our churches, and even our health. We are stunned and shaken by a sudden change, finding ourselves bewildered, mortified, and even embittered. We do not like change, especially change driven by sources beyond our control. Are there any quarantees in life? We often live as if our lives come with lifetime warranties. When they break, they can be fixed or replaced. Such is not the case. Many things are irreplaceable and unable to be fixed. During life's inevitable chaos, God says: "Do not be afraid." Seriously? How can one not be afraid when things are falling apart? Fear is normal and it has a purpose. It is unrealistic, and somewhat unhealthy, to strive to live without any fear. Fear teaches us lessons and can be a catalyst to discovering more profound things. What we do with fear and how we understand it is critical. Fear can either cripple us or move us forward. God does not want fear to cripple us. If we look around at all that can change in our lives and consider what we might have to do, we can easily wallow in the mire of self-misery. Or we can step up to the challenge, as Mary did, and do what needs doing! We can stand tall, as did Joseph, and do the right and just thing! What gives us this courage? Faith.

God is with us. This is the focus of our Advent preparations. We need to be reminded that we are not in this alone. God not only made us and loves us, but God keeps us! In the person of Jesus Christ, God is the sign we need to persevere! Do not be afraid and do not be unbelieving! Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. God has blessed us with the birth of His Son. Trust that He is with us and will not abandon us, even in death. ©LPi

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MASS INTENTIONS

The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 2022/ 3

Saturday, December 17

03:30-04:00pm | Adoration & Confessions

04:30pm | Edward Partyka (deceased)

Sun. December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

07:30am | Kathleen Kerscher (deceased) 09:00am | Mass at Holy Name of Mary 10:30am | People of Corpus Christi

Tuesday, December 20

10:00am | Rosary in the Church

09:00am | Mass at Holy Name of Mary

Wednesday, December 21 6:30-7:30pm Advent Penance Serv.

07:50am | Rosary

08:20am | Marilyn Zirbel (deceased)

Thursday, December 22

09:00am | Mass at Holy Name of Mary

Friday, December 23

07:50am | Rosary

08:20am | The Kreft Family

Saturday, December 24 *Music Prelude 1/2 prior to Masses

04:00pm | People of Corpus Christi 04:00pm | Mass at Holy Name of Mary

06:30pm | The Homebound

Sunday, December 25 Christmas Music Prelude 1/2 prior to Mass

09:00am | Emil & Mary Fisher (both deceased)

09:00am | Mass at Holy Name of Mary

STEWARDSHIP

For the Week of Dec. 2-8, 2022

Weekly Shortage	(\$1,299.71)
Weekly St. John Bosco School Subsidy	\$3,461.54
Budgeted Weekly Expenses	\$6,698.17
Total Deposit	\$8,860.00
Offertory	\$866.00
Online Giving	\$1,312.00
Parish Support	\$6,682.00

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Corpus Christi Catholic Parish Support 2022 & 2021 Calendar Year Comparison

Parish Support	Jan. 1-Dec. 8, '22	Jan.1- Dec. 8, '21
Support Envelopes	\$269,385	\$279,374
Loose Collection	\$44,346	\$34,553
Online Giving	\$59,406	\$62,276
Total	\$373,137	\$376,203

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Mon.: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25 Tuesday: ls 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56 Fri.: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66 Saturday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Next Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: ls 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: ls 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3])/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

EDGE LIFE TEEN

Middle & High School Religious Education and Youth Ministry News

Stay tuned on how you can support our 2023 mission trip to Houston Texas. Like most things in the world, the prices are very high right now so we are working on new and creative ways we can fundraise!

Youth Ministry this week (December 21st)

Edge at Holy Name of Mary: 6-7:30pm (Christmas program)

NO Edge, NO Life Teen & NO Confirmation at St. Joseph Confirmation Student Bios

Check out any of these Face Book Pages: Sturgeon Bay Edge and Life Teen, Corpus Christi Catholic Parish, St. Joseph Catholic Church, SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church Institute WI, or Holy Name of Mary Maplewood and learn more about this amazing class!

Happenings in Children's Ministry
Genesis Class Schedule for Wednesday's for December:

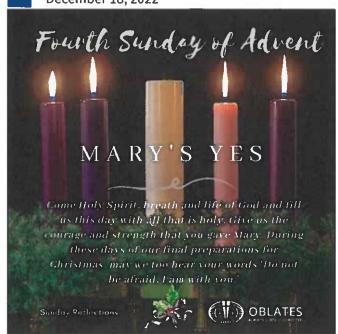
Genesis Class Schedule for Wednesday's for December: No classes on Dec. 21 & 28th! Class will resume on Jan.



Second Genesis Service Project! The collection of hats and mittens for our local school children continues. The Faith Formation Center has a Christmas Tree up in the hallway for the hats and mittens to be placed on. Thank you!

Wish List: The Faith Formation Center is looking for money donations toward paint! They would like to brighten up some of the classrooms and add a fresh coat of chalkboard paint to all the chalkboards. Contact Laura at St. Joe's regarding this donation at 920-743-2062.

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PARISH NEWS

Charitable IRA Rollovers: As the year ends, please note that Charitable IRA Rollovers allow individuals aged 70 ½ years or older to make a qualified charitable distribution directly to Corpus Christi Parish from traditional individual retirement accounts (IRA). Charitable IRA Rollovers are tax-free and not included in a donor's annual income.

Also note that at age 72 the IRS requires withdrawal of funds from IRAs in statutorily mandated annual increments known as Required Minimum Distributions (or RMDs). As you are aware, the way traditional IRAs are structured, an individual receives a tax deduction at the time of the contribution on the condition that withdrawals are taxed as ordinary income. This means two things: 1) at age 72 distributions are required (there is a significant penalty for not taking the required distribution) and 2) the RMD funds may push your adjusted income into a higher tax bracket.

A Qualified Charitable Distribution/Rollover may be a suitable tax-relief strategy. Starting at age 70 ½, you may direct IRA distributions to qualified 501(c)3 charities like Corpus Christi Parish. Charitable distributions satisfy the Internal Revenue Service's required distribution rules, and since the money is going to a charity you're not required to report the distribution as income (or pay taxes on the distribution).

Please contact your tax professional for guidance.

Area Free Meals in St. Bay for Christmas Eve & Day

You are invited to the 5th Annual Community Christmas Eve Lunch -Sat. Dec. 24th at the KC Hall (692 Tacoma Beach Rd.) 11:30-2pm dine-in or carry out. Reservations are helpful, but not necessary-call or text 920-495-2161. Hosted by Kyle & Carrie Starr and friends.

Free Christmas Day Meal for Veterans & Family 12-2pm-Dec. 25th at VFW Post 3088 Clubhouse (744 Delaware St.). Please call 920-304-6188 or 920-304-6058 to make your reservation-no later than December 20th.



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PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Diane M. Tess. May God welcome her
home and comfort her family in this time
of sorrow. May the knowledge of our
prayers and support give the family peace.



Retirement Collection

Thank you to all who gave generously last weekend for this collection. If you still wish to donate, you may use the envelopes in church/church brochure rack to donate. On behalf of them, thank you for your generous care!

Parish Office Closure for Christmas & New Year

The parish office will be closed on Monday Dec. 26th, Tues. Dec. 27th, Mon. Jan. 2nd and Tues. Jan. 3rd.

Helping Hands Needed

Helping hands are needed to help decorate God's House for Christmas on Sunday Dec. 18th after the 10:30am Mass. Your time and talents would be much appreciated.

Giving Tree: Deadline Sun. Dec. 18th

Don't forget your gifts need to be wrapped with ornament attached to the outside and under the tree this Sunday. No late gifts please! Thank you!

Mass Cancellation & Office Closure

Please listen to WDOR-93.9FM or 910AM for cancellation



Mass Times for Area Churches for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Holy Name of Mary: Dec. 24th 4pm & Dec. 25th 9am St. Joe's: Dec. 24th 4pm & 9pm & Dec. 25th 10am SS Peter & Paul: Dec. 24th 6pm & Dec. 25th 8am

Year End Contributions

As the 2022 year comes to an end-please remember to get in your contributions before December 30th. Any contributions for the weekend of Dec. 31st and January 1st will go to the New Year 2023.

Join Us For Rosary

Don't forget Rosary on Tuesday's in the church at 10am.

Bible Study at Faith Formation Center Tuesday's
Join Penny Biwer at St. Joe's at 10am for bible study.

Knights of Columbus Council 2478 of St. Bay

Congratulations and blessings to the Keith & Julie Kasbohm Family for being selected Family of the Month!











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.

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?

great joy to the world. Shepherds, wise child. God sent His Son, Jesus, into the event. They knew this was no ordinary excitement of knowing about this great coming hundreds of years before. The Christmas is a season of great joy. It is renewed strength. Christmas is when a time of God showing His great love for us. It can be a time of healing and star stopped over Bethlehem just to baby. The prophets had told of His world to be born. His birth brought we celebrate the birth of the Christ men, and angels all shared in the 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





Christmas Symbols

we, too give gifts to each other. who brought Jesus gold, frankincense, and myrrh we see Christmas presents they remind us of the Giving gifts is a ritual directly from the Bible. We Heaven through Jesus. And like the 3 Wise Men most precious gift God granted us - the way to the gifts of creation, His Son and Himself. When give each other gifts because God set out to give us

Christmas Tree

resurrected Christ. have come to represent the immortality of the away or lose its needles in winter. In this sense they The tree is an evergreen - it does not die or fade

might find divine light. And when we have found shared the gift of life with us. where we share gifts with each other as Christ ourselves to others. Christmas is the feast of love, through the power of the Holy Spirit to give divine light for ourselves, we, too, are enabled Jesus gave his own substance - his life - so that we consumes its own substance, the wax. So, too, Christ, his self-giving love and gift of life to us. Originally lights were candles - meant to symbolize The candle provides light and warmth as it

Compiled by Monica Hilbert







Christmas Wreath

evergreen, symbolizing our everlasting life in Christ. no end, reminding us of God, who is eternal, never In addition, it is round, a circle with no beginning and beginning or ending. Like the Christmas tree, the wreath is made from an

Christmas Carols

originated as stories, prayers, poems and chants. celebrate the turn towards longer days. Some of years in order to bring light to the season and time of the year - the Winter Solstice-for thousands Some believe that songs have been sung at the darkest They symbolize everything that Christmas stands for Carols are said to have begun back in the 13th century

while the halo is the symbol of their native to Heaven immortality, virtue, and peace. Love, and innocence part in the birth of Jesus. They are personified as Heaven, and act as intermediaries between God and Angels are believed to be immortal, who live in heavenly creatures with wings that symbolize are the messengers of God, who played a prominent In Greek, the word 'angel' means messenger. Angels humankınd.

Bells

humans and god. The sound of the bells announce and their clappers represent communication between the birth of Christ on Earth. Bells act as a medium between Heaven and Earth,

which was the beacon of light for the Wise Men to find Jesus. The Christmas Star represents the Star of Bethlehem

WE NEED TO INVEST OURSELVES IN CHRISTMAS

Epiphany. Day and lasts for 12 days – until the eve of the Christmas is the season that begins on Christmas

Themes:

The Nativity – Jesus Is Born

Rituals:

Lightening of the Christ Candle Blessing of the Christmas Nativity Scene Blessing of the Christmas trees

Color:

White or Gold

Symbols

Bells

Manger

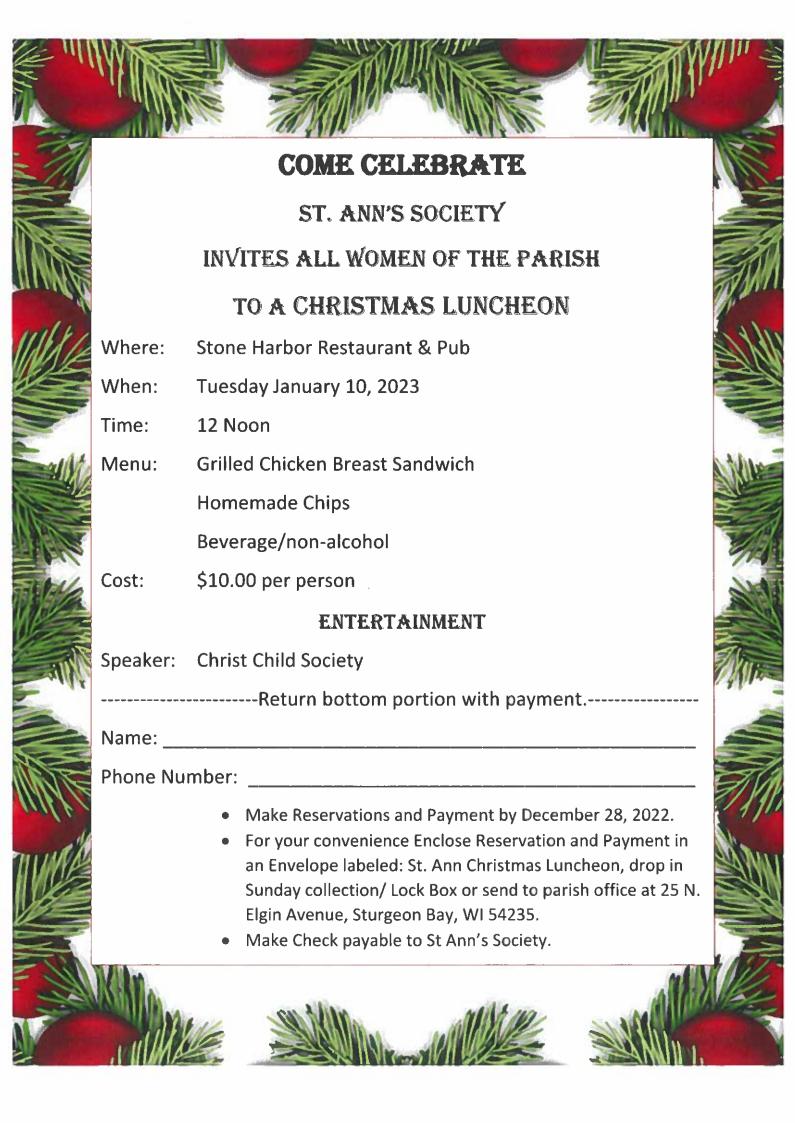
Candles

Holy Family Mother and Child

Angels

Christmas tree Three Wise Men Christmas Roses

Poinsettias Holly and Ivy Cardinals



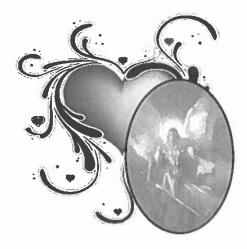
Spirituality For The Long Haul Monica Hilbert Be Bold Protecting The Gift of Christmas

We have all, at some point or another, called upon Archangel Michael for protection. We have seen artist's renditions of him. We may have prayed the Archangel Michael Prayer, and most certainly in our early schooling learned of his place in the Heavens and his role as the warrior protector. Archangel Michael may just be the perfect one to teach and guide us as we move from Advent into the Christmas Season. One week at a time we have filled our hearts with joy, hope, peace and love during the Advent Season in order to prepare a dwelling place for the birth of Jesus in our hearts. With His birth we now enter into the beautiful season of Christmas.

Archangel Michael is a soldier, peacekeeper, warrior, and guardian of all God's creation. It is now our responsibility to take up our role as soldiers as we carry the Light into the world. Who better to show us the way than Michael? He is lovingly vigilant, lovingly fierce, and never lets his guard down. But now, we too as warriors must boldly carry our shields of hope, joy, peace and love in our hearts, as we move forward in our lives, protecting and proclaiming our connection to God. We carry a spark of the Divine within us. We, too, need to be vigilant, steadfast in our love, faith, and belief as we celebrate and live this season of Christmas.

This is our time to take the gifts of Advent and live them joyously, robustly, fiercely, cementing them in our hearts lovingly. We must have the exuberance of a warrior, a loving warrior. This is our purpose and calling. Step out fiercely and boldly as warriors for God carrying them powerfully within our hearts and through our actions and words. We cannot rest in the peace of Advent. We have a job to uphold - to take the gifts of Advent and proclaim them to the world.

We have been given a beautiful gift in the birth of Jesus. Be lovingly fierce and robust in defending and proclaiming that gift. Be bold in the name of hope, joy, peace and love as we carry the Divine Light into the word.







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