THUNDERSTORMS IN THE AREA FROM RAIN AND/OR HAIL.

**THE HOLY FAMILY**

“Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” - Mt 2:20

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Holy Trinity Church—Kewaskum
Tuesdays: 8:30 p.m. (starting in January 7:30pm)
Fridays: 7:15 a.m.
Saturdays: 3:15 p.m.

**AREA SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

HOLY ANGELS CHURCH
West Bend
Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

SAINT FRANCES CABRINI
West Bend
Tuesday 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.,
Sat. after the 8 a.m. Mass

ST. MARY’S IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
West Bend
Thur. Evenings 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH
Campbellsport
Saturday 3:30 p.m.

**EUCHARISTICADORATION**

Tuesdays 5:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Benediction—HT (starting in Jan. 8pm Benediction)
(Tuesdays 8:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.—Holy Hour with Music) (starting in Jan. 7pm-8pm)
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Benediction—SM
Fridays 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Benediction—HT

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

(K thru Grade 11)
Phone: 262-626-2650
htsmreligioused@hotmail.com

**ST. MATTHEW CHURCH**

Church
Campbellsport
Saturday 3:30 p.m.

**DECEMBER 29TH—THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**
Dear Parishioners,

As we continue our celebration of the Octave (8 days) of Christmas, this weekend, we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As we meditate upon the virtues of the Holy Family, this feast also begs us to consider the importance of the family in society. The Church as always taught that the family is the building block of a just society. The future of humanity passes by way of the family, as St. John Paul II frequently reminded us during his life.

Because of the strong connection between the Church and the family, the latter has been referred to since ancient times as a “domestic Church.” This is because a baptized Christian’s first experience of the Church is generally in the family. The Catechism explains that it is in the family home where children are taught “the joy of work, fraternal love, generous (even repeated) forgiveness, and above all divine worship in prayer and the offering of one’s life” (CCC 1657).

The “domestic Church” of the family also provides children a place of refuge from the negative dimension of the world. In the “womb” of the family, they can cultivate virtue and grow in relationship with God. The Catechism explains that just as families in the early Church “who became believers were islands of Christian life in an unbelieving world,” so too in our own time, “In a world often alien and even hostile to faith, believing families are of primary importance as centers of living, radiant faith” (CCC 1655, 1656).

I often find myself repeating to parents with children enrolled in our Religious Education classes or Holy Trinity School that anything the parish and/or school offers is only supplemental to what they must be offering their children at home. One best learns how to live as a faithful Catholic by growing up in a family home entirely permeated by the actual practice of the Catholic faith. If children ever perceive faith as extrinsic to their family life, which is to say, something that only matters on Sundays and at religion class, then they will likely deem it unnecessary and excise it from their lives.

Given the obvious challenges faced by every family, this week let us all be sure to pray for parents and children alike. Let us also remember in our prayers those without supportive families, those who have struggled in family life, and those whose families are not what they expected they would be. As we do this, let us turn to our Blessed Mother and ask her to intercede on behalf of all families.

Remember that this week Wednesday, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation. (Mass is on Tuesday (New Year’s Eve) at 4pm at St. Michael and on Wednesday (New Year’s Day) at 9am at Holy Trinity.) As the mother of Jesus, Mary is indeed the mother of God, but she wants to be our mother also. As the paradigm of all motherhood, her prayers for families are particularly powerful. Please join with me in begging the prayers of the Mary, asking her to intercede for the wives, husbands, mothers, fathers, and children of our parishes.

In Christ,
Father Strand

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**Solemnity of Mary**
*(Holy Day of Obligation) Mass Schedule*

- Tuesday, December 31st—4pm at St. Michael
- Wednesday, January 1st—9am at Holy Trinity

**Epiphany**—On Sunday, January 5th, we celebrate Epiphany (the feast of the Magi). It is a traditional time to bless homes. One of these rituals is the “chalking” of the doors to the home as follows—20+C+M+B+20. This is done on the inside lintel above the door. The St. Michael 9am Mass on this feast day will start the celebration with the blessing of the door that the community uses to enter and leave. You are also encouraged to bless the front door of your own home in the same manner. The letters have two meanings—they are the initials of the traditional names of the Magi: Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar—and they also abbreviate the Latin words, “Christus mansionem benedicat”, translated as “May Christ bless the house.” The crosses represent Christ, whom we invoke the saintliness of the Magi. The inscription is made over the front door so that all who enter and depart this year may enjoy God’s blessing. Why not start a new family ritual in your own home this year?
Heartfelt Thanks—Our thanks and appreciation goes out to Peter, Jenny, Nolan & Parker Marx who provided us with a neat and clean worship area.  

Cleaning Schedule January 4—The Schumaker Family

2019 Increased Offertory Update
I want to express my deep gratitude to all those who pledged financial support to our parishes this fall.

At Holy Trinity, we mailed 715 pledge cards and 271 were returned. Although the amount of pledge cards returned was only several more than last year, we did receive a $90,000 increase in pledging in comparison to last year. Clearly, many of you increased your pledges. Thank you so much!

At St. Michael, we mailed 324 pledge cards and 92 were returned. In comparison to last year, we received 32 more pledge cards and a $55,000 increase in pledging. Thank you! St. Michael has only followed the Increased Offertory Initiative for a couple years. Given the novelty of it, it’s encouraging to see people catch on by beginning to pledge.

A few things to keep in mind. First, if you have not yet returned your pledge card, I would encourage you to do so. The more pledge cards we receive, the more accurately we can budget for next year. Second, if you increased your pledge, please be mindful of the need to increase your envelope giving or adjust your online we share contribution. Third, keep in mind that these pledges pertain to the calendar year beginning January 1, 2019. The parish fiscal year began July 1, 2019, so your new pledge will impact only the second half of our parish fiscal year.

Finally, thank you again for living as generous stewards of the gifts God has shared with you!

In Christ,
Father Strand

Students receive a leaf from a teacher or the principal when they do something good. They write their name on the leaf and it gets added to the vine. Keep up the good work! There are many leaves on the branches!

Christmas Break
Monday, December 23, 2019—Friday January 3, 2020
Classes Resume on Monday, January 6, 2020
**Question of the Week**—Is there someone I know who is vulnerable because they have no family to rely on? What can I do for them?

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**
Preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism involves special instruction for the parents. Please call the parish office preferably before the child is born for more information. Baptisms occur on the 2nd Sunday of the month during the 9am Mass at St. Michael and on the 3rd Sunday of the month during the 11am Mass at Holy Trinity. Deacon Ralph Horner will provide private baptism ceremonies after Sunday Mass upon request. Baptism sponsors must be practicing Catholics who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and are at least 16 years old. If married, they must be in a sacramental (valid) marriage. If two sponsors are chosen, one must be a man and the other a woman.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**
Please contact the parish at least six months in advance of the anticipated wedding date. Couples should refrain from setting a firm date until they have talked to the Priest to discuss Marriage plans. At least one of the parties must be a registered, practicing Catholic member of our parish.

**Marriage Encounter**—A Marriage Encounter weekend provides a great opportunity for married couples to spend a weekend together focusing on communication in their marital relationship. Green Bay Marriage Encounter is pleased to bring you this weekend experience during which couples discover together “how their good marriage can be even better” or “new pathways to get their marriage back on track.” Spouses will enjoy spending some quality time with each other after the busy Christmas season on January 10-12, 2020 at the Norbertine Center for Spirituality at St. Norbert Abbey in De Pere. Call 920-544-5166 or visit www.gbme.org for more information or to register. There will be another Marriage Encounter Weekend on March 27-29, 2020 in De Pere.

**Year-End Contributions**—In order for your contributions to qualify as a 2019 charitable gift and contribution for federal income tax purposes, they must be hand-delivered or postmarked before December 31, 2019. In the case of stock transfers and IRA distributions, the transactions must be completed by December 31st, 2019. Thank you!

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP** Families and single persons 18 years and older are to be registered at the Parish in order to receive the service the Church offers to all members of our Parish Family. To join St. Michael or Holy Trinity parish please contact Jenni Bolek at: stmickew@kmoraine.com or htparish@htschoo.net
Holy Trinity Parish (262) 626-2860, St. Michael Parish (262) 334-5270.
Registration forms can also be found on the parish website https://www.kewaskumcatholicparishes.org

**Father Strand’s Installation Mass**
at Holy Trinity Church on February 8th @ 4:00pm with Archbishop Listecki

**Help Wanted**
Part Time Custodian wanted to join the Holy Trinity Team. If you are interested in the position, please contact the HT Parish Office at 262-626-2860. Thank you.

**January Birthdays**
Sandy Goslinowski 1/23
Samaritan Health Center
531 East Washington St
West Bend, WI  53095

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**Prayer Request for Priests**

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**HTS CALENDAR OF CASH WINNERS**

| December 16 | Andrew Rinzel |
| December 17 | Scott Branta  |
| December 18 | Ted Kern      |
| December 19 | Tim Rohlinger |
| December 20 | Andrea Harmon |

**The Holy Family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world, it is the leaven of society.**

~Pope Francis

**Common Leadership Meeting**
Thursday, January 2, 2019
St. Michael Parish
Begin with prayer in Church at 6pm
Refreshment Assignment: School Advisory Board
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