

# Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes Advent Encounters

“Christmas isn’t just a temporal celebration or the memory of a beautiful (event); Christmas is more...Christmas is an encounter!” – Pope Francis

## Advent Small groups

As we read in the Bible, Jesus taught the disciples in small groups to empower them for ministry. We learn from His example and have created several Advent small group opportunities for you to grow as a disciple in a community of love. The small group allows for a brief pause to reflect on our faith, and how we love the Lord. Prayerfully consider committing to the full Advent small group experience as groups only meet three or four times.

Registration is on a first come basis. Email Kym Leibham at [leibhamk@catholicnorth.org](mailto:leibhamk@catholicnorth.org) or (920) 207-0222 or sign-up online through the Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes website.  
*All groups and events are complimentary unless noted.*

## Sunday Readings for Women

The Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). This season is a time of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas. Come learn, witness, and love free of pretense and stress with a group of caring women.

Hosted by Jean Schott-Wagner  
Tuesdays, Nov. 30, Dec 7, 14 & 21  
10 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
Zoom  
Limited to 8 women

## Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is a slow, immersive reading and praying of a Scripture passage. We will discuss an Advent Sunday reading passage and notice what arises within. Then we read it again, and again, noticing what words and phrases grab our hearts, noticing the feelings that arise. We respond to God about whatever is stirring within. After each phase, the group will engage in discuss before finally, we rest and let God respond and speak to us individually.

Hosted by Joel Sandersen  
Tuesdays, Nov. 30, Dec 7, 14 & 21  
7 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Google Meeting  
Limited to 10 participants

## The Ten Virtues of Mary

A virtue is an attitude or way of life that helps us guide our conduct, so we live God’s providence. When we live a virtuous life, we receive inner joy, strength, and peace. This small group will define each virtue, read related scripture, and discuss living the virtues in today’s world.

Hosted by Paula Inda  
Tuesdays, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, & 21  
7 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Google Meeting  
Unlimited participants

## Rejoice! Advent Meditations with the Holy Family for Couples

“Rejoice” will help us see the marriage of Mary and Joseph in a new light. This couples’ small group will ponder what may have been in their hearts and minds as they awaited the birth of Jesus—and reflect on and deepen our own relationships with others. We peek into what the prayer life of Mary and Joseph may have been like through short video accompaniments by Fr. Mark Toups, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, and Fr. Josh Johnson

Hosted by Kate and Karl Nienhuis  
Wednesdays Dec 1, 8, 15 & Tuesday 21  
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
St. Dominic Volz Lounge  
\$12.99 journal cost  
Limited to 5 couples  
Childcare available, if needed, for children ages 4 and up.

## **"An Adult Christ at Christmas"**

**by Raymond E. Brown**

In this book, Fr. Brown identifies the various layered meanings and symbolism from the Annunciation to the Birth, Presentation and Finding in the Temple. His scholarly comparison of the infancy narratives in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew may challenge and deepen our understanding and meaning of Christmas.

Hosted by Mary Klein

Thursdays, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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\$3 - \$10 book cost

Limited to 12 people

## **Sunday Readings**

We are called to be in communion with each other and be companions on our journey. Bible studies foster fellowship and ignite our passion for Christ. We will prayerfully reflect upon and discuss the Sunday readings. Our prayer is that this small group will be an added benefit to your Advent season.

Hosted by Kathy and Vern Baus

Fridays, Dec. 3, 10, 17

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Baus Home, Sheboygan Southside

Limited to 8 people

## **Abiding Together Advent Reflection for Women**

"What great favor God does to those He places in the good company of others!" - St. Teresa of Avila. Join Abiding Together podcast hosts and friends Sister Miriam, Michelle Benzinger, and Heather Khym as they lead us through an Advent contemplation. As friends, we will "find connection, rest and encouragement on our journey of living out our passion and purpose in Jesus Christ." (Abiding Together)

Hosted by Sherry Osterhaus and

Kym Leibham

Saturdays, Dec 4, 11, & 18

9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Leibham home, Sheboygan Northside

Limited to 10 people

## **Theological Reflection**

Theological Reflection is the process by which we observe, interpret, and connect our lives to God's activity in the world. By joining our faith tradition and Bible teachings to our everyday life, we may be able to start identifying God's providence.

This group will guide you through the theological reflection framework and the process of practicing weekly reflections (a.k.a. homework), online biblical research, and engaging small group discussion about those reflections. We ask that participants are open and contemplative and proficient with online research.

Hosted by Steve Heun

Tuesdays, Dec. 7, 14, & 21

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Reinl Center

Unlimited participants



## One-time opportunities

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### Advent by Candlelight for women

A Night to Celebrate Holy Friendship -  
A Mary & Elizabeth Inspired Conversation  
with Olivia O'Keefe and Natalee Mueller

About the relationship between Olivia and Natalee: It all started with pink hair and a playground stalking. Fast forward 8 years as these two friends share how the Lord continues to use their friendship to deepen their faith and grow together in holiness...one cup of coffee at a time.

Vocal performances by Allison Stauber and  
Monica Gerardi led by Frank Trcka.

Tuesday, Nov 30

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

St. Dominic PAC

Register to be a table hostess or attend as an  
individual guest

<https://forms.gle/1p4Lg8aq86eatT2s9> or

Kym Leibham at [leibhamk@catholicnorth.org](mailto:leibhamk@catholicnorth.org)

### Hanging of the Greens

This beautiful, holy, and joy-filled concert celebrates the coming of the Christ Child with scripture, music, carols, and elegant processions of the symbols of Christmas - evergreens, candles, bells, the manger, The Book of Gospels, and much more. Please come celebrate and bring a deeper meaning of Christmas, as we prepare our church and ourselves for the birth of the Infant Jesus. First time preformed in Sheboygan County.

Sunday, Dec 5

3:45 p.m. Pre-program concert

4 p.m. Concert

St. Clement Church

### Advent Inspiration Series Embracing the Holy Family - Embracing our Faith as One with Gina Loehr

Gina is an author of five books and a mother of six children. She has an engaging presentation style and will encourage you to grow in your faith through her message of encouragement.

Friday, Dec. 10

6:30 p.m. Live Advent music  
by SNCP choir members

7 p.m. Gina Loehr presentation followed by  
fellowship time and bake sale  
St. Dominic Church

Admission \$10 per person. Tickets available at one  
of the parish offices, through Faith Direct, or after  
masses.

### Embrace the Season: Lessons and Carols

You are invited to a prayerful musical celebration as we travel from Advent into Christmas season. The prophecies and wonders of our Savior's birth are told through readings and song. Come enjoy musical selections by the Holy Name of Jesus Choir and join in the singing of Christmas carols.

Sunday, Dec.19

4 p.m.

Holy Name of Jesus Church



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## Ongoing studies

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All are welcome to join the studies below anytime during the year.

### **At Home with the Word 2022 - Sunday Scriptures and Scripture Insights**

At Home with the Word® guides readers to a deeper understanding of the Sunday Scriptures, providing the readings for the liturgical year, insights from Scripture scholars, and action steps to help parishioners fully connect with the readings from Mass.

Wednesday mornings

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

St. Dominic Aquinas Room

Main contact Laura Graney [laura9326@charter.net](mailto:laura9326@charter.net)  
or (920) 452-9326

Nominal book cost

### **Explore Sunday Readings**

Come and get a sneak preview of the upcoming Sunday readings with Fr. Mark Brandl. We use videos by Catholic apologists like Dr. Brandt Petri to dive deep into our faith, and then discuss in small groups. Some of us have been meeting for six years, but we welcome any and all who want to learn and share.

Wednesday evenings

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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Main contact John Lacke

[john.lacke.1948@gmail.com](mailto:john.lacke.1948@gmail.com)

### **Catholic Book Discussion**

#### **"Spiritual but not religious: The search for meaning in a material world"**

#### **by Fr. John Bartunek**

More people than ever find themselves unfulfilled by material abundance and prosperity and find their hearts yearning for satisfaction beyond swiping right or going viral. Maybe you are spiritually restless yourself. Maybe you know others who are, and you want to connect with them better. This book is written with warmth, sincerity, and clarity and opens the door to a rediscovery of the spiritual landscape present in every human heart.

December, 2

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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Register with Teresa Bettag

[teresabetttag@gmail.com](mailto:teresabetttag@gmail.com)

Free will offering

### **The Gospel of St. Luke**

St. Luke's Gospel provides the most complete account of the advent and earthly life of Christ. As one of the three "Synoptic Gospels", St. Luke provides teachings on over twenty recordings not told in the other Gospels nor elsewhere in the New Testament.

Hosted by Wake-up your Faith

Second & fourth Sunday morning starting Dec., 12  
9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

St. Dominic Office St. Francis Room

Main contact Don and Janet Holmes

[jandon2021@outlook.com](mailto:jandon2021@outlook.com) or

Jan (920) 254-5174 or Don (920) 565-2725

### **Angels in the Bible**

Angels in the Bible examines some of the Bible's most fascinating passages about angels, exploring their ministry on God's behalf and drawing insights for our own spiritual lives. As angels are mediators of God's presence and action, studying angels is studying God. \$16 book cost.

Hosted by Little Rock Bible Study

Every other Wednesday morning

January 12 - April 6, 2022

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

St. Dominic Volz Lounge

Register with Linda Schulz

[linda\\_j\\_schulz@yahoo.com](mailto:linda_j_schulz@yahoo.com) or (920) 980-2802

#### **OR**

Every other Sunday evening

January 9 - April 10, 2022

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Zoom

Register with Edie Morrison

[morrisone@catholicnorth.org](mailto:morrisone@catholicnorth.org) or (920) 458-5390