

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



## JANUARY 9, 2022 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### PARISH OFFICE

**Hours: Monday–Friday 7:30 - 3:30 PM**

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**Please contact the Parish Office to:**

- 1. Join the Parish**
- 2. Schedule a Baptism**
- 3. Schedule a Mass Intention**
- 4. Any other questions or concerns**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	January 8	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Lucille Micoliczky, †Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust
Saturday	January 8	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Ed Mauer by Judy & Family
Sunday	January 9	St. John's	9:00 am	†Alma Helm by Tom & Rita Gast
Sunday	January 9	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	January 11	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Gerry McGinnes by Knights of Columbus
Wednesday	January 12	St. John's	7:00 am	†Doris Herbst by K & S Schmeling
Thursday	January 13	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Uncle Danny Meyer by Mike & Ann Scheibl
Friday	January 14	St. John's	7:00 am	†Randy Brotz by Rick Rajer
Friday	January 14	Prairie Crossing	9:30 am	†Bernice Mett
Saturday	January 15	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampmann by Family, †Mildred Haen by Anna Slimmer
Saturday	January 15	St. John's	5:30 pm	For the Living & Deceased Members of the LaRon Mischock Family
Sunday	January 16	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	January 16	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Rosemary Manniner by Bob & Linda Guse, In Thanksgiving for Helen & Warren Leider by Francoise Pietzner



### FINANCIAL: JANUARY 1/2:

Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$912.00.

**2021 Year End Contributions:** \$7,181.00.



**CHOIR:** Practice is on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Everybody is welcome to join in. No musical experience is necessary. We hope to "hear" you there!

## BAPTISM: Sacrament of Initiation:

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In the Gospel we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that he might be the Messiah. In response, John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. This, of course, was Jesus who established the Sacrament of Baptism when he commissioned his disciples before his Ascension. He instructed them, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28:19).



Using such powerful symbols as water, oil, and fire, Baptism is a Sacrament that washes away sin and its effects. It has meaning on many levels since it is a Sacrament of initiation, cleansing, strengthening, and welcoming. Baptism offers new life in which all who receive it become the adopted children of God, followers of Christ, and temples in which the Holy Spirit dwells. Baptism provides an entryway to salvation and eternal life with God.

During the Baptismal Ceremony:

- ✦ The words of Baptism, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," are spoken while the water is poured on the one to be baptized. These words reveal that God in the Trinity is both the source of life and our life's goal.
- ✦ The newly baptized is anointed with sacred oil to signify that the Holy Spirit dwells within the heart of this new Christian. It's also a sign of being anointed to a mission to live and love as Jesus lived.
- ✦ A white garment is given. It reflects that in Baptism we "put on Christ," taking our new and truest identity as a son or daughter of God.
- ✦ A baptismal candle, lit from the Easter candle, represents the one true light of Christ, a light to guide the new believer throughout his or her life.

Like other Sacraments, Baptism makes visible an invisible reality. Being present at a Baptism reminds all of us that we are to respond to Jesus with childlike wonder and faith. Because of what God has done, we can walk in the newness of life in Him forever.

Just as we celebrate the day of birth on birthdays, it's good to celebrate the anniversary of Baptisms. As a reminder put these dates on the calendar each year. Talking about the day, the people present and the Baptism itself will keep the memories alive. Look at photographs and cards from that day; light a special candle at dinner time; serve a favorite food or a special dessert; and finally, be sure to say thank you to God for the Gift of the Sacrament of Baptism!

Adapted from: "What Happens at Baptism ? An Overview of the Sacrament." [loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com), 2020.

~Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K-Grade 6, [jeanne@btsje.org](mailto:jeanne@btsje.org); 920-452-9623

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** We will begin Children's Liturgy of the Word **THIS SUNDAY, January 9** during the 9:00 am Mass. Children ages 4 and up will be invited to leave with an adult volunteer for the Liturgy of the Word. They will hear the Readings and their message in a way they can understand, and return to Church at the Offertory time. No pre-registration is required.



Thank you to those who have volunteered to be Children's Liturgy of the Word leaders. If you would be Interested in learning more about this program and/or joining our current CLOW Team and serving as a leader on an occasional basis in the future, please contact Jeanne Bitkers at [jeanne@btsje.org](mailto:jeanne@btsje.org) or the parish office. Training will be provided.



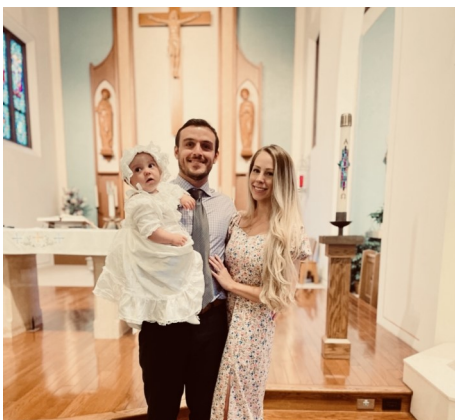
## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 12:



After weeks of special celebrations in our Church calendar, today's feast of the Baptism of our Lord, marks the end of our Christmas celebration and we return to Ordinary Time. At his Baptism, Jesus is revealed as God's "beloved son, with whom He is well pleased!" By virtue of our Baptism, we are adopted into God's royal family and become one of his precious sons and daughters. It is through our daily attempts at living out our universal call to holiness in vocations of marriage, singlehood, priesthood or religious life that WE can reveal Jesus to the world by lives of sacrifice, love, generosity, humility, forgiveness and healing, peace, joy, patience, trust and prayer. Never think that ordinary time means boring, mundane and insignificant! Rather, by "ordinary" the Church means that we are "counting" the days (Latin "ordo" means "to count, order") as we focus on how we can follow Jesus in the ordinary times of our own lives, until our Church calendar resumes it's next liturgical season, which will be Lent. St. Alphonsus Liguori, founder of the Redemptorist Order has a quote that says "time is short, eternity is long." Truly, after these recent celebrations and revelations of the "word made flesh" (John 1:14) at Christmas, we should be mindful to celebrate this amazing, extra "ordinary" relationship of the Trinity made present in all of the baptized, as we go forth into the mission territory of our lives to spread the good news that "Joy to the world, the Lord has come, let earth receive her King and heaven and nature sing!"

~ Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7 - 12, [teresab@btsje.org](mailto:teresab@btsje.org)

**BAPTIZED IN CHRIST:** As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we look back at those who were Baptized this past year. In 2021 we welcomed: Lochlan M., Jude S., Reese T., Enrique G., Paisley G., Bailey M., Cooper B, May the light of Christ continue in them and may their Catholic faith grow as they grow.



Baptism



# Dear Padre,

## Why did Jesus have to be baptized? Did he have original sin like us or was there another reason to be baptized?

**J**esus is God and did not have original sin like us. He is like us in all things except sin. The baptisms John performed did not free people from their original sin. The people who came to John to be baptized were declaring

that they were going to change their ways and reform their lives. They promised to turn away from sin and follow the commandments. The baptism of Jesus was different. When Jesus was baptized, God revealed who Jesus is and commissioned him to begin his mission on earth.

There were three significant components to Jesus' baptism. First, the skies opened above

Jesus. The prophet Isaiah prayed that God would tear open the sky and come down to earth (Isaiah 63). This was a sign to the people that God was coming down to earth. A new era was beginning. God was no longer "locked up" in the heavens.

Second, the Spirit of God, in the form of a dove, descended from the sky and hovered over Jesus and the water. This takes us back to the first moments of creation when the spirit of God hovered over the waters. The Spirit was a sign to the people that a new creation was being made.

Finally, a voice declared that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is the new Adam, who will begin the new creation. Let us call the Holy Spirit to be within our hearts and send us forth, as Jesus was sent, to proclaim a new creation founded on the love and peace of our Savior.

*Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR*  
*Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*



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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*After these thirty years of hidden life, Jesus' public life begins. And it begins precisely with his baptism in the River Jordan. But Jesus is God; why does Jesus get baptized?... Because he wants to be with the sinners. For this reason, he gets in line with them and does the same thing they do.*

ANGELUS, BAPTISM OF THE LORD, JANUARY 10, 2021

## Calendar

### Monday

JANUARY 10

Weekday

1 Sm 1:1-8

Mk 1:14-20

### Tuesday

JANUARY 11

Weekday

1 Sm 1:9-20

Mk 1:21-28

### Wednesday

JANUARY 12

Weekday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20

Mk 1:29-39

### Thursday

JANUARY 13

Weekday

1 Sm 4:1-11

Mk 1:40-45

### Friday

JANUARY 14

Weekday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a

Mk 2:1-12

### Saturday

JANUARY 15

Weekday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a

Mk 2:13-17

### Sunday

JANUARY 16

Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5

1 Cor 12:4-11

Jn 2:1-11

### Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)  
to send your question  
and to learn more  
about Dear Padre.

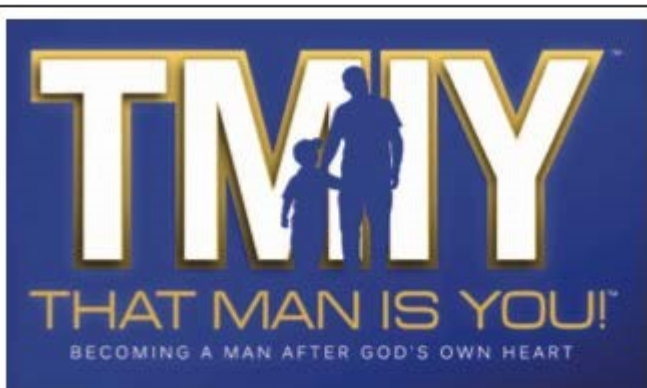
## WESTERN KENTUCKY TORNADO RELIEF APPEAL:



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Kentucky Tornado Relief Appeal. Through your generosity, we collected \$1,221.00 to send to those who were impacted by the deadly tornados.



## JESUS' BAPTISM



### CATHOLIC MEN'S PROGRAM 'THE FIGHT OF FAITH'

13 week Winter/Spring program

***begins Saturday, January 22nd***

@ Blessed Trinity CLC from 7- 8:30AM.

*All men 18 and over are invited.*

***Program Information and  
Registrations are held after all  
masses BT/SJE on January 15/16.***

The Fight of Faith equips and enables men to engage in the spiritual battle raging in our day.

***contact Mark Weber 920-980-2112***



All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2022 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship.

**When:** Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>  
Register on site: 1:00-1:30 p.m.  
Shooting competition will begin at 1:30 p.m.

**Where:** Seton Catholic School, 814 Superior Ave, in Sheboygan

**Who:** Boys and Girls Ages 9 to 14

The contest is **FREE** for all participants.

Free gifts and prize drawing to win a regulation-sized basketball

Participants will compete within their respective age groups for both boys and girls. Winners will advance to the district level.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age.

For additional information contact: Gary Reinholtz (920) 917-3676.



The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C International headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. More than 120,000 sharpshooters participate in over 3,600 local competitions.

**The Mission Society:** The Mission Society is in need of **medium blue and navy-blue yarn**. If you are willing to donate either of these, kindly put it in the Mission room in the lower level (room is located on the right after going down the stairs in the Religious Education wing) or call Lorrie Free (920-234-2424) to arrange a pickup time. Thank you. Also, everyone is welcome to join on **Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11:00 am.**

**LET'S TALK:** St. Anne Society's Wednesday morning coffee gatherings (Let's Talk!) has begun again on Wednesdays. Please join us as we get together for casual conversations, coffee, and friendship in the Church Hall at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome!







## HOLIDAY CONCERT SING-A-LONG

Sunday, January 9th at 12 Noon

Blessed Trinity Church  
319 Giddings Avenue, Sheboygan Falls



Featuring

- Music Ministry Choir
- Contemporary Choir
- Bell Choir
- Traditional Songs for ALL to Sing

**REFRESHMENTS WILL FOLLOW**



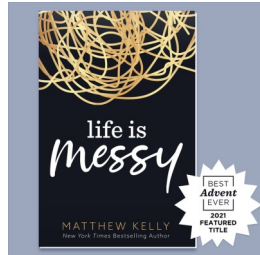
**PARISH SOCIAL:** There will be a Parish Social **THIS Sunday, January 9** immediately following the 9:00 am Mass. Please stop by for a sweet treat and coffee. The social is hosted by the Pastoral Council.



### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- The Finance Council will meet on Wednesday, January 12 at 6:00 pm.
- The Religious Education Committee will meet on Monday, January 17 at 7:00 pm in Classroom #8.
- The Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, January 18 at 6:30 pm in the lower level conference room.

**LIFE IS MESSY:** An anonymous donor has graciously donated books again this Christmas. The book, *Life is Messy* by Matthew Kelly, is part of the Dynamic Catholic Series. Books were handed out during the Christmas Masses. They are now available on the table under the bulletin board in the Gathering Space for anyone who may have been out of town or missed them at Christmas. Please take only one per family.



**2022 CALENDARS:** Will be available on the table under the bulletin board in the gathering space through this weekend. Please take as many as you need.

## Blessed Trinity Parish



### Trivia Night with Pasta Dinner



Saturday, January 29, 2022

319 Giddings Avenue, Sheboygan Falls in Church Hall

- Come early for a Pasta Dinner served in our newly-renovated Church Hall from 5:30-6:30 PM, then stay for Trivia Night starting at 7:00 PM
- Or just come for Trivia Night starting at 7:00 PM
- Cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams
- Gift basket awarded to the best team table decorations
- Soda, Beer, and Wine available at Cash Bar throughout evening
- Grab your friends, decorate your table, and test your trivia knowledge!
- There is no minimum age limit to play (for example, a group of high schoolers could form a team)
- Don't have a team? No problem, we can put you on one!

Dinner Ticket \$10/person

Trivia Player Ticket \$10/person

Tickets available beginning in January after the weekend Masses or at the Parish Office (115 Summer Street, Mon-Fri 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM) All pre-determined teams (from 2 to 8 people) should buy their tickets as a group.

# CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER NEWS

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## BISHOP BARRON'S THE MASS:



Returns and begins **January 19** from **10:00- 11:00 am** at the Catholic Life Center at Blessed Trinity Parish.

This is a six part series. Come for one or come for all. The first two chapters are:

- I. A Privileged Encounter
- II Called out of the World

Please contact Mary (ext. 314), or John (ext. 315) at the Blessed Trinity Parish office (920-467-4616 if you have any questions. Hope to see you there.

## AFTERNOON/EVENING AT THE MOVIES:

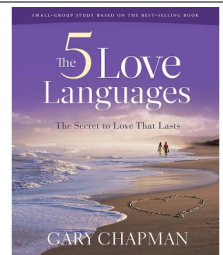
The Catholic Life Center will be showing the film, *The Note*, on **Wednesday, January 12** from **1:30 to 4:00 pm** in the Catholic Life Center Meeting Room at Blessed Trinity and **Thursday, January 13** from **6:30 to 9:00 pm** in the lower level conference room at St. John's. The movie stars Genie Francis and is about a journalist who finds a note that she thinks comes from a passenger in a fatal plane crash and her search for the note's intended receiver. Everyone is welcome.

## The Five Love Languages for Couples

(by Gary Chapman)

JOIN US Saturday, January 15 from 10:00—11:15 am in the Catholic Life Center Meeting Room at Blessed Trinity Parish

Did you know there are different ways that people feel loved? Start the New Year off right! Watch a video from Great Marriages for Sheboygan County based on the book by Gary Chapman and learn what your love language is by taking a simple survey. Couples do not need to attend to benefit, but it's helpful. This is a great way to get to know your partner better, learn how to show love according to your partner's love language and strengthen your relationships!



Please RSVP by January 12 to Mary at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) or 920-467-4516, Ext. 314.

**FORMED:** St. John Evangelist and Blessed Trinity Parishes have purchased a subscription to **Formed.org**. FORMED provides the very best Catholic content from more than 60 organizations to help parishes, families and individuals explore their faith anywhere. FORMED is filled with content for all age groups and supports thousands of movies, children's programs, eBooks, audio, parish programs and studies direct to your browser, mobile or connected device.

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2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "Sign Up as A Parishioner"
4. Find Blessed Trinity by parish name, address, or zip code
5. Enter your email - and you're in!

Any questions? Please contact the parish office at 920-452-9623 or [stjohnnev@btsje.org](mailto:stjohnnev@btsje.org).

## 2021 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

**FINAL NUMBER:** St. John Evangelist parishioners contributed \$37,690.00 to the 2021 Catholic Stewardship appeal. That exceeded our 2021 goal. Thank you to everyone who donated last year. The 2022 Catholic Stewardship Appeal will begin with a kick off on February 5/6.

## URGENT NEED USHERS!

### USHERS



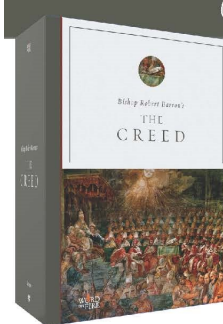
We are in need of a few more Ushers for the Saturday Mass. All training is provided. If you are interested, please contact Aaron Justinger at [amj91@att.net](mailto:amj91@att.net) or the Parish Office at 920-452-9623 or [stjohnnev@btsje.org](mailto:stjohnnev@btsje.org). Thank you to all the current ushers who have and continue to serve.



Bishop Robert Barron's newest study program

## THE CREED

Coming to St. John the Baptist - January 2022



Recent decades have witnessed a surge of the religiously unaffiliated, especially among young people. Many former believers have simply turned their backs on Christianity and no longer accept its teachings. But what are those teachings?

In *The Creed*, a new film series blending documentary conversations and dynamic talks, Bishop Robert Barron guides viewers into the depths of the Nicene Creed, a fourth-century statement of faith that has profoundly influenced Christian spirituality, theology, and liturgy in both the East and West.

Explore the meaning of "belief" and whether it contradicts reason; the creative love of God the Father; the shocking mystery of his Son's Incarnation, and the great drama of his Crucifixion and Resurrection; the life-giving power of the *Spiritus Sanctus*, or "holy breath," shared between them; and the mystical reality of the Church, which calls all of humanity out of the world of sin to receive forgiveness and participate in Christ's divinity—not only in the next world but here and now.

### DATE, TIME, LOCATION

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
115 Plymouth St, Plymouth  
*The Gathering Place*  
Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00pm  
January 18, February 1 and 15  
March 1, 15 and 29

*It is not necessary to attend all six sessions.*

### REGISTRATION & COST

Pre-registration is encouraged.

An optional \$25 book is available to enhance the depth of understanding.

Visit [www.sjbplymouth.org/thecreed](http://www.sjbplymouth.org/thecreed) for more details and pre-registration, or contact the parish office 920-892-4006.

## ST. JOHN EVANGELIST STRATEGIC PLAN:

Thank you to all parishioners who provided thoughts and input during the strategic planning listening sessions over the past year. The parish strategic plan is completed, approved, and ready for action. Members of the Strategic Planning Committee will host four (4) upcoming meetings to share the plan, answer your questions, and discuss how parishioners can get involved. Parishioner meetings will be:

- Saturday, January 15 - 4:30 pm
- Sunday, January 16 - 10:30 am
- Saturday, January 22 - 4:30 pm
- Sunday, January 23 - 10:30 am

Copies of the plan will be available in the Gathering Space beginning January 15th. The success of this plan requires the participation of all parishioners, and we look forward to answering your questions at one of these meetings. Please contact Julia Rodemeier ([julia.rodemeier@gmail.com](mailto:julia.rodemeier@gmail.com)), Tom Reilly ([treilly53044@gmail.com](mailto:treilly53044@gmail.com)), Lynn Miller ([kieso@hotmail.com](mailto:kieso@hotmail.com)), or Dave Madigan ([dogfamily66@gmail.com](mailto:dogfamily66@gmail.com)) with any questions.