

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH

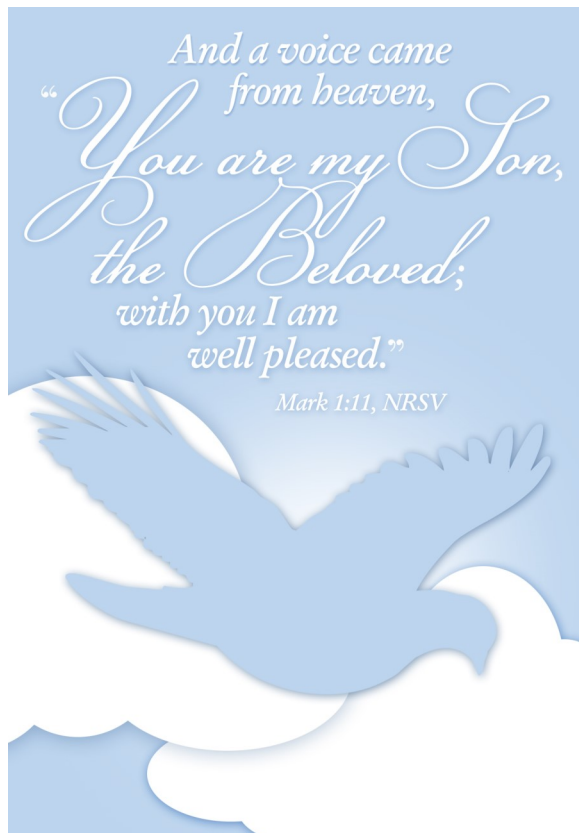


JANUARY 10, 2021 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The canopy doors will be unlocked from 7:30 am until approximately noon Tuesday through Friday for private prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	January 9	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Irene Mancl by Jim & Donna Willfahrt, †Fr. Winkler by Mary Klover & Buechler Brothers
Sunday	January 10	St. John's	9:00 am	†Joseph Ehren by St. John's Staff
Sunday	January 10	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Wednesday	January 13	St. John's	7:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Tom Desotell by the Bettag Family
Thursday	January 14	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Friday	January 15	St. John's	7:00 am	†LaVerne Mahloch
Saturday	January 16	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Jamie Veldboom and Judy & Stacy Kelley by Kelley Family, †Geri Widder by Family
Sunday	January 17	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	January 17	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Oren & Audrey Woodworth by Jim & Sandy Jordan, †Rosemary Reiter by Family



JANUARY HOSTS & WINE: In memory of Lewis & Louella Conway by the Katchkey family.

RECONCILIATION: at St. John's on Saturday, January 17 at 3:00 pm.

FINANCIALS: January 2/3 Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$5,215.00.

MISSION SOCIETY: Please join us for quilt making on Tuesdays at 8:30 am. Everyone is welcome!

SHEBOYGAN FALLS FOOD PANTRY: Bring your non perishable food items to the multipurpose room. They are in special need of paper products, bathroom tissue, paper towels, and napkins.

Finding Christ in Odd Places



Hello Everyone,

"And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger."
Luke 2:16

Of course, Christmas and even the Christmas Season are behind us. We are almost entering into a short span of Ordinary Time (in liturgy, after the celebration of Christ's Baptism, which falls this year on January 10, 2021. Ordinary Time begins on January 11, 2021, and ends on February 16, 2021. On February 17, 2021, we celebrate Ash Wednesday.)

Coming back on our reflection on finding Christ in odd places, "manger" represents lots of realities. As we know today, mangers can be a work-place. Animals are kept in these places, they are cared for, milk and milk products are produced and prepared for further transactions. In other words, mangers are places of hard work and labor. If we are diligent enough, we can experience the presence of Christ in every nook and corner of that manger.

The Coronavirus cases and death-related to that sickness are still in full gear. On the faces of people who are afraid of the virus, and those suffering from it are mirrors reflecting Christ.

Those hopefully, may be bit reluctantly waiting for the vaccination against the virus are definitely reflecting the face of the risen Christ. On the faces of our children who are frustrated and worried, we can see the face of Infant Christ radiating a warm and reassuring smile. So, these days, we need to extend and expand our search for Christ. We will be surprised to find Christ surrounding us from all corners.

Fr. Joe

As you know, January 22nd is the anniversary of the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade. The Catholic Church in the United States has observed that date each year as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn. To honor this Day of Prayer, in years past Archbishop ListECKI has presided over an Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass. This year, he thinks that instead of having one Mass for the whole Archdiocese we should have a special Mass in each of the ten deaneries.

So, at 12:00 Noon on **Friday, January 22**, we will be offering a special Respect Life Mass at St. John the Baptist in Plymouth with Bishop James Schuerman presiding as celebrant. This Mass is open to the public, with the focus on members of parishes in the deanery (Sheboygan and Fond du Lac Counties), of course. Because of the requirement to observe social distancing, we are asking anyone wishing to attend this special Mass to register, as is the SJB weekend practice. Registration for our Respect Life Mass is now open. Just call the SJB office (920-892-4006) or go to the SJB website.

Baptism: Sharing our Story and our Faith



This Sunday we celebrate feast of the Baptism of the Lord by John the Baptist. Since Jesus was born without sin he didn't really need to be baptized, and yet, Jesus welcomes his own baptism as an example for the rest of us and as a sign of his true identity. He is God's son, the living presence of God on earth.

Today the Sacrament of Baptism welcomes us into the community of Christian believers and we become children of God and followers of Christ, in whom the Holy Spirit dwells. Baptism is a sacrament of initiation, cleansing, strengthening, and welcoming. When we renew our baptismal promises, we proclaim our belief in the waters of baptism and our new and ongoing life in Christ..

When someone, a child or an adult, is baptized the Church rejoices because we have welcomed a new member and because we have once again celebrated the mystery of God's love for us and of our salvation. Families often celebrate and affirm all that happened at the altar by gathering after the ceremony to tell stories, enjoy one another's company, share a meal, and in their own ways, celebrate who they are and what they believe.

If you are able to do so some time this month, talk to the children in your life about their own baptisms (even if you've told the story before!). Talk about who was there, how their godparents were chosen and the celebration after the ritual. Children, in particular, love to hear details —What a great opportunity to remind them of the importance of their Baptism and to celebrate this very special event!

Adapted from: Our Sunday Visitor, 2020. Loyola Press, 2019.

-Jeanne Bitkers, Coordinator of Religious Education 4K - Grade 6

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST: As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we look back at the those who were Baptized this past year. In 2020 we welcomed: Jace Joseph A.; Anneliese Marie & Alison Joy D.; Jackson David M.; Ryan John T.; and Addy Grace L. May the light of Christ continue in them and may their Catholic faith grow as they grow.





MISSION Statement

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE:

In September, the Strategic Planning Committee held 14 listening sessions which invited all parishioners to provide feedback on the purpose of St John Evangelist parish. A total of 64 parishioners participated. The goal of this first listening session was to develop an updated mission statement for the parish. The main themes that emerged from the sessions included

- To evangelize
- To provide faith formation
- To serve
- To provide community

The Strategic Planning Committee's goal was to craft a statement that is inclusive of these main themes while ensuring an engaging statement that is relevant to all parishioners. The committee developed the following statement:

As a Catholic community, St. John Evangelist Parish of Kohler together praises God, grows in Christ, and carries the Holy Spirit forth in our community.

We thank everyone who participated in the listening sessions and we encourage parishioners to share your thoughts on this draft statement before it is voted on by the pastoral council in January 2021. Comments on the mission statement or requests for information on the strategic planning process can be sent to Julia Rodemeier at julia.rodemeier@gmail.com or phone 414-774-7780.

THAT MAN IS YOU: TMIY (That Man Is You) Men's Program begins its Winter/Spring Semester Jan 16/17. We meet in-person in the CLC at Blessed Trinity 7:00 - 8:30 am Saturday, January 23 thru Saturday, April 24. All men 18 and above are encouraged to join us for video, scripture, prayer, and fellowship. The program is free. Contacts are Mark Weber, Tim Woodworth, Rob Wenberg, or Terry Rotter. Please join us as we walk with St. Joseph learning how to face today's challenges. (Virtual presentations are available)



One Percent Prayer: We want to encourage you to start off this New Year by getting closer to Christ. Our offices at the Archdiocese have put together this simple initiative for you to take 1% of your day for 30 days to get to know Jesus better in personal prayer and daily scripture reading. Will you join us? You can find out more information and sign up with the link:

https://www.archmil.org/one-percent-prayer?utm_source=sendgrid&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=website

SAINT OF THE WEEK



Sunday, January 10, 2021 St. Andre Bessette, religious (1845-1937) Born in Quebec, and orphaned by age 12, he joined the Congregation of Holy Cross. For the next 40 years, Andrè was a brother at the College Notre-Dame in Montreal, where he cared for the sick and was known as the "Miracle Man of Montreal." Assisted by lay friends, he built a wooden chapel that eventually became St. Joseph's Oratory, a basilica that receives more than 2 million visitors a year. Like him, may we always be ready to serve those in need and so build up the Church. (The Feast is celebrated on January 6.)

Monday
JANUARY 11

Weekday
Heb 1:1-6
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

JANUARY 12
Weekday
Heb 2:5-12
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

JANUARY 13
Weekday
Heb 2:14-18
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

JANUARY 14
Weekday
Heb 3:7-14
Mk 1:40-45

Friday

JANUARY 15
Weekday
Heb 4:1-5, 11
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

JANUARY 16
Weekday
Heb 4:12-16
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

JANUARY 17
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Jn 1:35-42

Return to Mass Guidelines (Updated 12/06/2020):

We are currently in Phase II of the Catholic Comeback. Please see the guidelines below for weekend Masses. As we move through the phases, updates will be provided. Thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Joe or the Parish Office.

Prior to Mass/Entering Church:

- ◆ Only the canopy doors will be unlocked. Doors will be propped open so that the minimal number of people will need to touch them.
- ◆ There will be prayer sheets available from the ushers. **Please leave the prayer sheet in the pews. We will collect them Monday morning and dispose of them.**
- ◆ There will be hand sanitizer available at the entrance. Please use it when entering.
- ◆ Please see an usher who will help with seating. Attendance is limited to maintain social distancing (6 feet apart, unless part of the same household) in relation to church capacity so seating as many people within guidelines is important.

Offertory Collection:

- ◆ Ushers will be wearing masks and gloves while taking the collection.
- ◆ A basket will be placed in the gathering space to drop your envelope if you would prefer to not place it in the collection basket.
- ◆ Collection baskets with handles will be used. Baskets will not be passed down the pew.

Communion:

- ◆ Communion will be distributed by Father Joe only and one lay distributor in the back.
- ◆ Communion can be taken in the hand only. No precious blood will be distributed.
- ◆ Please keep a distance of 6 feet away when coming to the front for communion. This is approximately a pew between people.
- ◆ There will be hand sanitizer available for use prior to receiving communion.

Conclusion of Mass/Leaving church:

- ◆ Ushers will lead in an orderly dismissal of pews.
- ◆ There will be no congregating in the gathering space.

General Information:

- **In accordance with the orders from the State of Wisconsin, face masks are now required during Mass. There will be limited masks available at the entrance to church. If possible, please bring your own.**
- Daily Mass Schedule at St. John Evangelist is: Wednesday and Friday mornings at 7:00 am. Due to construction, Blessed Trinity will not have public daily Mass until further notice.
- It will be the responsibility of those who are capable and not prohibited by other circumstances (see next bullet point) to attend Sunday Mass. Those who deliberately fail to attend Sunday Mass commit a grave sin. Fear of getting sick, in and of itself, does not excuse someone from the obligation.
- If a person is ill, especially during this pandemic, they should remain at home. Likewise, if a person is at risk because of age, underlying medical conditions or a compromised immune system, one would be excused from the obligation. If a person is caring for a sick person, even if they are not sick, they would be excused from the obligation out of charity.
- It is up to each individual to weigh their own circumstances through an examination of their conscience and determine, by use of their conscience, whether or not they are excused from the Sunday obligation. Remember, a well-formed conscience is upright and truthful.
- No physical contact during the Sign of Peace is allowed.
- No holding hands during the Our Father.
- Parishioners are advised to wash their clothes following Mass.
- Masses will continue to be recorded and on our Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/btsje/>