

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



JANUARY 17, 2021 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Wednesday	January 20	St. John's	7:00 am	†Ed Waldoch by Chuck & Jane Waldoch
Thursday	January 21	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Bryan J. Reindl by Felicia Reindl
Friday	January 22	St. John's	7:00 am	For the Living and Deceased Member of the St. Anne's Altar Society
Saturday	January 23	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Audrey Wimmer by Marvin & Joan Schueffner, †Lucille Micoliczky
Sunday	January 24	St. John's	9:00 am	†Howard & Dorothy Dickelman by Hermine Grasse, †Lyle & Rose McGinnis by Georgianna & Bill McGinnis
Sunday	January 24	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners

RECONCILIATION: at St. John's on Saturday, January 23 at 3:00 pm.



He first found his own brother
Simon and said to him,

**"We have found
the Messiah."**

John 1:41, ESV

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

FINANCIALS: January 9/10 Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$6,328.00.

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

MEETINGS:

- Pastoral Council meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 6:30 pm (Zoom)
- Religious Education Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 5:30 pm (Zoom)

Let Us Pray



Hello Everyone,

"And rising early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a dissolute place and there he prayed." Mark 1:35

"But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray." Luke 5:16, Luke 11:1

The Holy Scripture speaks about Jesus praying all through His life and ministry. Before taking any major decision, he conversed with his Father in heaven, that was his habit. We all know that prayer inspires others to pray. The best example is the request of the Apostles to Jesus to teach them to pray. The context was Jesus was praying "in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, Lord, teach us to pray." Luke 11:1. And what followed was the creation or rendition of one of the greatest prayers, Our Father, who art in heaven. The spiritual masters of the Church teach that to get immersed in prayer requires an awareness and need for God in our lives. Sometimes that disposition to pray is hard to come by. In those moments, the best tool for praying is the Psalter (the 150 Psalms). The Psalms can be prayed on all occasions. When one is happy, sad, depressed, or going through both physical and emotional ups and downs, Psalms can be effective and consoling. Another great tool to immerse in prayer is, of course, the Holy Bible. Any verses in the Holy Scripture can engage us. Another source is the life of various Saints and the great examples of the lives they lived. As we know, some of the Saints were not saintly at all, but their desire to follow Christ changed them.

There are few essential characteristics to prayer. The first among them is an awareness that God is with me and I wanted to be staying in that relationship. The second is that my dependence on God for everything including my wellbeing. The list goes on. So, let us pray.

Fr. Joe

A word about Thursday Mass at Blessed Trinity Parish. The Mass is at 9 AM. Anyone who is afraid of a large crowd, anyone who is not able to come for weekend Masses, can make use of this beautiful occasion. You are most welcome. See you at Mass. 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.

A Year of St. Joseph



Recently, Pope Francis announced that 2021 would be a year to honor St. Joseph, blessed husband of Mary, the Mother of God. Scripture portrays Joseph as open to God, and as obedient, upright, and, above all, kind. St. Joseph displayed all of these qualities.

Imagine the confusion of emotions that must have flooded him when Mary confided that she was going to have a baby by the Holy Spirit! As a devout observer of the law, Joseph knew that he might have to end his betrothal, but his kindness and confidence in Mary kept him from taking such a harsh step that would have shamed her.

Joseph must have agonized over his decision and probably praying intently about it. Although he decided to divorce Mary quietly, Joseph was open to God, and in a dream a divine messenger told him to take Mary home as his wife. Joseph did exactly as he was told, and his wise decision-making can be a model for us. Joseph ignored his own feelings to do what God required. He was open to whatever God wanted, and willingly obeyed.

As Catholics we look to the inspiring example of Saint Joseph, patron saint of fathers, workers and the Universal Church, because of his obedience, humility, selflessness, courage and the love he showed to Mary and Jesus. During this year, we are urged to pray to St. Joseph and ask him to watch over us and care for us, just as he cared for the Child Jesus. Through the intercession of St. Joseph, may we continue to grow in strength, wisdom and the favor of God.

Adapted from: Windley-Daoust, Jerry. "Meet St. Joseph". Teachingcatholickids.com.

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

KNOW YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH: LITURGICAL COLORS: As we enter into Ordinary Times, are you aware that the liturgical colors have changed? During Advent, purple was seen around church and purple vestments were worn. Then, as we moved past Christmas Day, the color changed to white. Now, that we are in Ordinary Time, green vestments are worn and green is seen around the church. Here is why:

White: Symbol of purity. It is used on all Feasts of Our Lord except those relating to the Passion, all Feasts of Our Lady, and on the Feasts of Saints who are not Martyrs.

Red: Symbol of blood and fire. It is used on all Feasts of Martyrs and Apostles, Pentecost Sunday, and Feasts connected to the Passion.

Green: Symbol of hope. It is used on Sundays from Epiphany to Septuagesima and on the Sundays after Pentecost.

Purple (Violet): Symbol of penance. It is used during Advent and Lent and on the Vigils of the greater Feasts. Vestments of rose instead of violet may be worn on only two days of the liturgical year: the Third Sunday of Advent [Gaudete Sunday] and the Fourth Sunday of Lent

-Adapted from catholictraditions.org



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.

MT. MERU COFFEE PROJECT: Supporting Families – Growing Futures – Changing Lives St. John Evangelist 'Human Concerns-Social Justice Committee' has sponsored the Mt. Meru Coffee Project since December, 2013. All of the proceeds are sent to the Mt. Meru Coffee Project in Tanzania, Africa. Your purchase of coffee is helping us in SUPPORTING FAMILIES, GROWING FUTURES AND CHANGING LIVES of small coffee growers in the Mt. Meru Region of Tanzania, Africa.



Due to the Pandemic, the sale of coffee at Church has been placed on hold. **However, you can still purchase coffee by contacting Jack Egan (920-452-7632) or Sharon Reilly (920-980-9622) and arrangements will be made for picking up or delivering your coffee to you.**

- ◆ Regular (BEAN or DRIP) Coffee - 12 oz Packages \$10
- ◆ Decaf (BEAN or DRIP) Coffee – 12 oz Packages \$10
- ◆ Regular or Decaf Flavored (DRIP) Coffee – 10 oz Packages \$10 (French Vanilla, Butter Pecan, Chocolate Raspberry, Hazelnut)

Monday

JANUARY 18

Weekday

Heb 5:1-10

Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

JANUARY 19

Weekday

Heb 6:10-20

Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

JANUARY 20

Weekday

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17

Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

JANUARY 21

St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Heb 7:25–8:6

Mk 3:7-12

Friday

JANUARY 22

Day of Prayer

for the Legal

Protection of

Unborn Children

Heb 8:6-13

Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

JANUARY 23

Weekday

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14

Mk 3:20-21

Sunday

JANUARY 24

Third Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10

1 Cor 7:29-31

Mk 1:14-20

SAINT OF THE WEEK



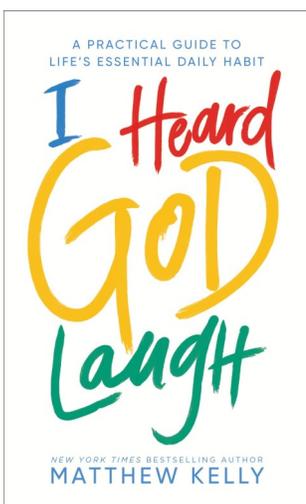
Sunday, January 17, 2021 St. Hilary, bishop & the doctor of the Church (c. 315-367)

Born in Poitiers, Gaul, Hilary was an adult convert to Christianity. As bishop of Poitiers, he defended Christianity against the Arians. On the advice of Arian bishops, the emperor exiled Hilary to the East, but his defense of orthodoxy created such problems there that they convinced the emperor to send him back. He continued to confront Arianism until his death. He was named a doctor of the Church in 1851. May we imitate his desire to proclaim the truth of Christ even when we face opposition. (The Feast is celebrated on January 13.)

SHEBOYGAN FALLS FOOD PANTRY

Bring your non perishable food items to the multipurpose room. They are taken to the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry on the first Monday of the month. **Right now, they are in special need of paper products including bathroom tissue, paper towels, and napkins.** Thank you to everyone who has helped during the past year both by donating items and taking the donations to the pantry.

Just a reminder that the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry is open every Thursday morning from 9:00 - 11:00 am for anyone who may need some assistance. They are located at 529 Giddings Avenue in Sheboygan Falls. Please bring a photo ID and a recent utility bill, along with paper grocery bags when visiting. They will not be open Christmas Eve. If you have any questions, please call 920-917-2335



A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR YOU:

Connie Katchkey has graciously donated books in memory of her mom, Kathryn Schleicher, which were distributed to all families after the Christmas Masses. The book, *I Heard God Laugh* by Matthew Kelly, is part of the Dynamic Catholic series. There are still copies left. If you know someone who may enjoy this book, please take a copy out of the basket which is located in the

gathering space. They will be available until the end of January.

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)



PARISH TRUSTEES: Currently, Toni Sarafin and Tony Yetzer serve as trustees of St. John Evangelist Parish. The trustees provide advisory assistance to the pastor, serve as ex-officio members of the Pastoral Council, serve on the Finance Council and perform other official duties. Tony Yetzer's term as trustee/secretary has ended. Tony has decided not to run again. Candidates may be presented through nomination by a parishioner with 10 signatures and submitted to the pastor by 12 Noon on Friday, January 29, 2021. Nomination forms are available on the table under the bulletin board in the gathering space or contact the parish office to have a copy emailed to you. Candidates must be Catholic and registered, practicing parish members who are at least 25 years old. They will be required to present a credit report for the pastor to review. Voting for trustee will take place on February 12/13. Absentee ballots will be available February 6/7. For more information, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Trustee Manual may be accessed at: www.archmil.org/ArchMil/Resources/ParCnl1/Manuals-for-Parishes/ParishTrusteeManual_v2.pdf

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/>