

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



JANUARY 24, 2021 - THIRD 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 23	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Audrey Wimmer by Marvin & Joan Schueffner, †Lucille Micolczyk
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
Wednesday	January 27	St. John's	7:00 am	†Sophie Kubiak by the Benishek Family
Thursday	January 28	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Leander Vogds by Pearl Vogds
Friday	January 29	St. John's	7:00 am	†Kendra Versey by Linda Rooker, †Sophie Kubiak by Tom & Sharon Reilly
Saturday	January 30	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Lois Geltemeyer by Vi Scharenbroch, †Joe Ehren by Marv & Joan Schueffner
Sunday	January 31	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	January 31	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Audrey Woodworth by St. John's Staff, †Thomas, Mary, & Jerome Buechler by Mary Klover

RECONCILIATION: NO Reconciliation at St. John's on Saturday, January 30.

"The kingdom
of God
is at hand.



Repent,
and believe
the
gospel."

Mark 1:15

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

FINANCIALS: January 16/17 Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$4,610.00.

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



WELCOME TO THE PARISH:

Please welcome Richard Schmeling to the St. John Evangelist parish family.

HUMAN CONCERNS-SOCIAL JUSTICE EMMAUS MEAL - JANUARY 16, 2021: St.



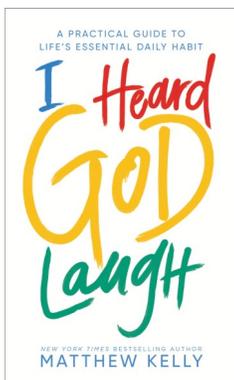
John Evangelist 'Human Concerns-Social Justice Committee' sponsored the Sheboygan Area Emmaus Meal on Saturday, January 16th at Crossroads Office Building in Sheboygan. Special thanks to those who volunteered to help out with preparing food and/or serving the meal. Any related expenses for the meal were covered by the 'Human Concerns – Social Justice Case #2' funds. Forty bag lunches were distributed to those who stopped by Crossroads Office Building and others who were restricted to their homes. SJE 'Human Concerns-Social Justice Committee' is planning on sponsoring another Emmaus meal in August.



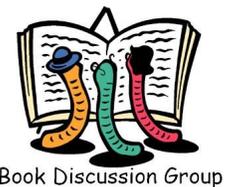
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WHAT IS FLOCKNOTE?: Communication is the key to a healthy parish. During the pandemic, it became apparent that this is more important than ever. In the coming

weeks, we will be implementing a new communication system which will use texts and emails to quickly get information out to all parishioners. More information will be explained next weekend at Mass and in the bulletin. There will be Sign up Sundays the first two weekends in February (February 7 & 14). If you would like to check it out prior, please visit <https://flocknote.com/>. Any questions? Please contact the parish office at 920-452-9623 or email at stjohnnev@btsje.org.



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.



Book Discussion Group

Have you heard God laugh? Matthew Kelly has and what it sounds like might surprise you! The Pastoral Council of Blessed Trinity Parish will be hosting small group discussions of Matthew Kelly's book "I Heard God Laugh." The sessions will begin the week of **February 21**, and run through the week of April 18. There will be no sessions during Holy Week and Easter Week. You should plan on attending one session per week during this period, with each session lasting approximately one hour. There will be "in-person" sessions held on the Blessed Trinity campus for approximately one hour prior to the Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass, and following the Sunday, 10:30 am Mass. Additionally, based on the response we receive, there will be additional "in-person" or virtual sessions via Zoom held throughout the week. Please click on the Sign-Up Genius link (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094DA4A72BA3F94-iheard>) to register and indicate your session day/time preferences, or contact the Parish Office at 920-467-4616 ext 301. For ease of scheduling, please indicate all session day/time preferences that will work in your schedule. Choose as many as possible. **In order to schedule the sessions, we must have your response by February 8.** All registrants will be notified the week of February 15 as to which session they are scheduled to be in. Each session will be limited to 10 people, so please sign-up as soon as possible.

Preparing Children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

When children in our Religious Education Program are in First and Second Grade they begin preparing to experience God's love and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and to receive Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.



This year our Second Graders will experience First Reconciliation on March 3. By that time they should know that God cares about them, and that God created them and calls them into a relationship with him. Their parents answered that call for them when they were baptized. Now, as they grow, these children begin to respond to that call for themselves.

Because of this year's health/safety restrictions and fewer in-school Religious Education classes, parents are also involved in teaching and preparing their children for this Sacrament at home. This past week these adult family members met in church, while their children attended class, to review content and materials for home instruction.



Fr. Joe spoke with the parents and then talked with their children who were in their classroom working with their teachers/ Catechists, Sharon Reilly and Pat Kramer. Parents were reminded that the love and mercy of our forgiving God are the most important things that children should come to understand and appreciate during their time of preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Please pray for these children and their families during the coming weeks and months as they make this sacramental journey, and for all families during these very challenging times.

Dear God,

**You love us so much that You sent us
the gift of Your only Son, Jesus.**

In doing this You have made all families holy and special.

Please bless and care for all our children.

- Help parents to remember their call - to grow in holiness.

- Help family members show care and concern through everyday words and actions.

- Help us all to pray well and to remember one another in prayer.

Then, with Your help, we will be living examples of Your love in our world.

Amen.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 11: We had our first Religious Education class of 2021 on Wednesday January 13 and it was a blessing to be together again. The students in grades 7-10 are continuing to work on the Decision Point book and video series by Matthew Kelly. Our 11th grade Confirmation students are working on Chosen from Ascension Press. A huge thank you to the Catechists, parents and students for being so supportive and flexible during this unique year.

-Jen Vallo, Coordinator of Religious Education Grades 7 - 11





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 February 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 has begun. We had our first in-person meeting in the CLC at Blessed Trinity this past Saturday. We meet from 7:00 - 8:30 am on Saturdays until 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)



On Monday, February 1, a Mass of Celebration of the Life of Juergen Pietzner will take place. Fr. Carlos will celebrate Mass in private with only the family attending. Francoise and family offer their thanks and gratitude for all the cards, phone calls, wishes, prayers, and memorials received. Your support has been invaluable.~Pietzner Family

Monday

JANUARY 25
Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Acts 22:3-16 or
Acts 9:1-22
Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday

JANUARY 26
Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

JANUARY 27
Weekday
Heb 10:11-18
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

JANUARY 28
St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Heb 10:19-25
Mk 4:21-25

Friday

JANUARY 29
Weekday
Heb 10:32-39
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

JANUARY 30
Weekday
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday

JANUARY 31
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt
18:15-20
1 Cor 7:32-35
Mk 1:21-28

SAINT OF THE WEEK



Sunday, January 24, 2021 St. Agnes, virgin & martyr (d.c. 305) Agnes was one of the most popular early Roman martyrs, and her feast has been celebrated on this day since the 4th Century. Although little is known about her, we do know that she was martyred at a young age (12 or 13) during a Roman persecution. Because of the connection of her name to the Latin word for lamb (agnus), she is often pictured with a lamb, which is also a reminder of her sacrifice and innocence. May we also be willing to stand up for what we believe. (The Feast is celebrated on January 21.)

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. If you have any questions, please call 920-917-2335

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)

PERCH FRY!: Holy Trinity Parish (11928 Marken Road, Kiel) will hold their 20th Annual Holy

Trinity Parish Perch Fry on Friday, February 19. Due to the pandemic, they will have walk-in and call-in carry outs only from 11:00 am until 1:30 pm then again from 3:30 until 7:00 pm. Please call 920-773-2380 to order. Grill cheese plates will also be available. There will also be raffle tickets. Please see the poster on the bulletin board for information.



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/>