

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



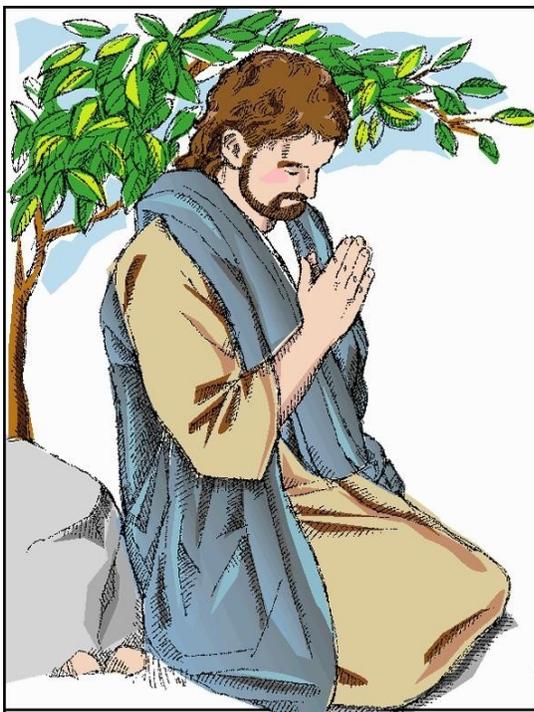
FEBRUARY 7, 2021 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	February 6	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Jamie Veldboom and Judy & Stacy Kelley by Kelley Family, †James Klopf by Family
Sunday	February 7	St. John's	9:00 am	†Kendra Versey by Joe & Eileen Frances, †Alfred Rogers by Tracy & Andrew Kissel
Sunday	February 7	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Wednesday	February 10	St. John's	7:00 am	†Edward, Alice and Ed Waldoch by Chuck & Jane Waldoch
Thursday	February 11	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Arline & Bill Ehren, †Gloria Ziesel
Friday	February 12	St. John's	7:00 am	†Dorothy Free by Mel & Lorrie Free
Saturday	February 13	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Lori Pribek by Mom & Dad, †George Hoff by Marlene Hoff
Sunday	February 14	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	February 14	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Tony Daharsh by Bereavement Committee, †Juergen Pietzner by SVdP Urban Conference

RECONCILIATION: Reconciliation at Blessed Trinity on Saturday, February 13.



Very early in the morning ... Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.
Mark 1:35

FEBRUARY HOSTS & WINE: In memory of the Walter Schmeling Family by K & S Schmeling

FINANCIALS: January 30/31 Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$3,099.00.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES:

Ash Wednesday is **Wednesday, February 17**. Mass will be at St. John's at **6:45 am** and at Blessed Trinity at **6:30 pm**. Ashes will be distributed by being sprinkled on people's heads.



Hello Everyone,

This week I want to introduce the latest Encyclical Letter (The Official Letter of a Pope to the Universal Catholic Church and to the world community) of Pope Francis titled, "Fratelli tutti" translated "on fraternity and social friendship." It is an amazing letter, by and large capturing the way that modern human beings think and behave in society. There are eight short chapters in the Encyclical. In the first chapter, the Holy Father exposes the world in which we live. The so called enlightened modern people are becoming more selfish rather than being open-minded. We are almost like the priest and Levite in the parable of the Good Samaritan. We turn away from other people's flight.

I am trying to look at the Coronavirus in and through the prism of Fratelli tutti. If you and I are open to this, the Coronavirus is teaching us lots of lessons for one. The virus does not discriminate, as though it is an equal opportunity employer. The virus has no preferential treatment. It affects the rich and poor. It does not worry about person's color, nationality, religion, and social status. Now to confront and defeat this virus, every woman and man of the world should work hand in hand and develop vaccines and strategies. Ultimately, every individual world over should cooperate with medical communities and government agencies and develop strategies to win over this global pandemic.

Pope Francis is proposing a new way of dialogue which is based on respect, trust, and human dignity. For example, in Chapter 7, he speaks of engaging in encounter. By engaging in encounter, he suggests that we face the reality of injuries of past mis-encounters and so we have to establish and walk the "paths of re-encounter." He further suggests that we need to heal the wounds, which requires seeking and offering forgiveness.

Friends, I am just introducing this Encyclical. It is a fascinating material to read and reflect. So please visit: <https://www.romereports.com/en/2020/10/04/full-text-of-the-popes-encyclical-fratelli-tutti/> .

Fr. Joe

MASS TIME SURVEY MONKEY: Blessed Trinity and St. John's Pastoral Councils have asked St. John's to change their Sunday Mass time. To aid in any changes, a Survey Monkey has been set up to get feedback. Please follow the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LTLTN53> to take a very short survey. You can also leave a comment which will be shared with Father Joe and the St. John's Pastoral Council. If you have any specific questions about this survey, please contact Fr. Joe at frjoe@btsje.org or 920-452-9623 ext 206 or 920-467-4616 ext 306. The survey will be live until Sunday, February 14. To best evaluate any changes, the more people who respond the better.



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Food
Collection

SHEBOYGAN FALLS FOOD PANTRY: Bring your nonperishable food items to the multipurpose room by **Sunday, February 7**. They are taken to the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry on Monday, February 8 at 9:30 am by Sheryl Dyksterhouse.

Getting Ready for Lent 2021: Pray, Fast, Give



This year Ash Wednesday comes early, on February 17th! Whether we feel ready or not, this day marks the beginning of the Church's observance of the Lenten season—six weeks that are set apart for the purpose of drawing closer to God and seeking him with greater intensity. Unfortunately, the Lenten season often gets reduced to the question, “What are you giving up for Lent?” This is a fine question, but it can only take us so far. The real question of the Lenten season is, “How will I repent and return to God with all my heart?”

During the days before Ash Wednesday, perhaps we should begin to plan? The Church calls each of us to Pray, to Fast and to Give to Others throughout the Lenten Season. To begin with, here are 6 Ways to consider praying during this Lenten Season:

1. **Personal, reflective prayer.** Lent is a time of spiritual renewal. One easy step that can be taken to increase daily prayer opportunities is to use the many free online resources to jump-start or reinvigorate prayer life. A few such resources are Loyola Press's popular 3-Minute Retreats and Seven Last Words of Christ. Many other Catholic prayer sites can be found online as well.
2. **Pray the Stations of the Cross.** One of the most common traditions of Lent is to pray the Stations of the Cross. This prayer is the story of the passion and death of Christ in preparation for Good Friday observance and the Easter celebration. Check the parish bulletin to see when the Stations of the Cross prayer service is being offered, or try one of the many available online resources.
3. **Meditate on Holy Scripture** Perhaps the oldest method of scriptural prayer known to Christians is “holy reading.” This method of prayer is characterized by the slow reading and consideration of a text from Scripture, with repetition and meditation on key words or phrases. This type of prayer is rooted in the belief that the Word of God speaks in the human heart.
4. **Reflect deeper on your liturgical prayer.** When you attend or watch the Mass during Lent, be conscious of and meditate on the words you pray in the liturgy. For example, the Eucharistic Prayer, after the Consecration, has very special meaning if you listen carefully.
5. **Pray with children or as a family.** Being a parent, grandparent, godparent, or teacher is a holy ministry and a sacred promise. Share your faith with children by letting them see and hear you pray, and by praying together, and don't forget about family mealtime prayers.
6. **Start a practice of daily prayer that will last after Lent.** Perhaps the best prayer advice is to use Lent as a time to instill prayer habits that will last long after Lent has ended, and don't try to do all of the above. Choose one or two of these prayer methods to concentrate on, in order to more fully experience the pilgrim journey toward Easter that is Lent 2021.

adapted from: Loyola Press. “40 ways to Celebrate Lent”, 2021 online.

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



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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. **To sign up, text JOINSJE to 84576.** This

weekend is Sign Up Sunday. Julia Rodemeier will be available Sunday, February 7, after Mass to help people sign up and answer any questions. If you have issues, please contact the parish office at 920-452-9623.

What is Flocknote? An easy way to communicate with parishioners via email or text or both. Whether it is to the whole parish or just to certain groups, Flocknote will help get the message out. All personal information is kept confidential and not shared outside the parish.

Do I have to create a new account or log in? Members don't have to log in, create an account, or download anything to get the messages.

Why use Flocknote? Unlike other communication methods, Flocknote is designed for use by churches.

Will I get a ton of emails and texts if I join? NO. Only administrators of groups may send emails or texts and certain rules will be followed. Group parish emails and texts will be sent by the parish office or Father Joe. All texts and emails sent will be stored so that all Safeguarding procedures are followed. You should not see a great increase of texts or emails from St. John's. But, the ones that you do receive will keep you informed.



2021 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: The 2021 Catholic Stewardship Appeal has begun. Please watch your mail for the donation letter. Additional envelopes are available on the table in the gathering space. In place of the homily, we will be viewing a kick-off video sent by the Archdiocese. Our goal this year is \$35,190.00 which is the same as last year. Thank you for your support of this important mission.



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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



Sunday, February 7, 2021 St. Blaise, bishop & martyr (d. 316) Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, Blaise was martyred during the persecution of Licinius in the early fourth century. According to legend, he miraculously cured a boy who was choking to death on a fish bone. Blaise has long been associated with cures for the sick, especially afflictions of the throat. May we also reach out to bless and help those who are in need of healing. (The Feast is celebrated on February 3.)

Monday
FEBRUARY 8
Weekday
Gn 1:1-19
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday
FEBRUARY 9
Weekday
Gn 1:20-2:4a
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday
FEBRUARY 10
*St. Scholastica,
Virgin*
Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday
FEBRUARY 11
Weekday
Gn 2:18-25
Mk 7:24-30

Friday
FEBRUARY 12
Weekday
Gn 3:1-8
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday
FEBRUARY 13
Weekday
Gn 3:9-24
Mk 8:1-10

Sunday
FEBRUARY 14
*Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46
1 Cor 10:31-11:1
Mk 1:40-45

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. Daily Mass Schedule at Blessed Trinity is: Thursday mornings at 9:00 am.
- 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/>