

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



FEBRUARY 13, 2022 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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	February 12	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Ed Sabel & Jane Ornelas by Family, †George Hoff by Marlene Hoff
Saturday	February 12	St. John's	5:30 pm	For the Living & Deceased Members of the LaRon Mischock Family
Sunday	February 13	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	February 13	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Nora Salata by Tim & Cathy George, †Mary Alice Schleicher by Marcia Schleicher
Tuesday	February 15	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	Special Intention for Knights of Columbus
Wednesday	February 16	St. John's	7:00 am	†Dennis Dohms by Carolyn Kaboord
Thursday	February 17	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	Special Intention for Human Concerns Committee
Friday	February 18	St. John's	7:00 am	†Dorothy Free by Mel & Lorrie Free
Saturday	February 19	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampmann by Family, †Sylvester & Eleanora Regan By Regan Family
Saturday	February 19	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Gerald Simon by Tom & Sharon Reilly
Sunday	February 20	St. John's	9:00 am	Special Intention for Abram Krauss by McGinnis Family
Sunday	February 20	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners



"Blessed are you
WHEN PEOPLE HATE YOU ...
BECAUSE OF THE
SON OF MAN.
Rejoice in that day ...
BECAUSE
GREAT IS YOUR
REWARD IN
HEAVEN."

LUKE 6:22-23, NIV

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish at 3:00 pm on Saturday, February 19.

BRING IN YOUR OLD PALMS: We will be collecting old palms beginning this weekend until Sunday, February 20th. Place them in the basket on the table in the Gathering Space. It is important to remember that because the palms have been blessed, they are now considered to be sacramentals in the eyes of the Church and should be disposed of reverently. We will burn them for ashes for Ash Wednesday.



Saint Valentine's Day: Monday, February 14th



Tomorrow is the Feast of St. Valentine's Day a time when many remember friends and loved ones in a special way. Our knowledge of the life of Saint Valentine has been lost to history, but most people agree that he is the patron of love, of friendship, and of happy marriages.

Some stories say that this Third Century Saint presided over the marriages of many Christian couples in ceremonies that were done in secret because of religious persecutions. Others tell of the time that he was imprisoned because he would not renounce his Faith and healed the jailer's blind daughter, leaving her a note on the day of his execution that said, "From your Valentine".

What then is the takeaway for us as Christians? Regardless of the details of St. Valentine's life, he was one of many who valued Christ's love even above their own lives, and that, in and of itself, is something to commemorate and to appreciate. Besides sending special greetings, or giving candy or flowers or gifts to others on this day, here are some other ways that you might celebrate St. Valentine's Day:

- **Read Bible Passages:** As a way to prepare spend time with passages from Scripture that speak of God's love. Some suggestions to get you started:
Micah 7: 18-19
Romans 8: 38-39
2 Corinthians 13: 11-12
1 John 4-7
- **Make a Valentine card or a "Valentine List for God" giving thanks and praise to God for all God has given you.** You can share it with family members at mealtime, or at another time during the day, or simply share it with God.
- **Write letters and make valentines:** Set aside time for everyone (including moms and dads and other adults) to write a letter to another member of the family or to someone else. The letter can be simple, two-or three-lines, or more involved. You can use stickers and craft materials for decorating them. The important thing is to say "I care about you" in some way. Send the letter, or e-mail/text a photo of it, on Valentine's Day.
- **Decorate a place in your house with a quote about love from the Scriptures or from the Saints.** (Better yet, if you have older children have them find quotes and make the decorations.)
- **Make it a day for hugs! Encourage hugs all around** (but only with immediate family members. Safety first!)
- **Start the day with an Act of Love Prayer:** The Act of Love is a traditional prayer that goes like this: *"O Lord God, I love you above all things, and I love my neighbor for your sake because you are worthy of my love. For your love, I give you thanks. Amen."* If this feels too formal, make your own Act of Love. Either way, it's a reminder that love has its origins in God.

On this St. Valentine Weekend, may you and your loved ones stay safe and well, be richly blessed, and know that God loves and cares for you.

~Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K-Grade 6, jeanne@btsje.org; 920-452-9623

PLANNING FOR PARISH CHILD CARE - SUNDAY 9:00 AM MASS: Are you interested in planning and helping to reinstitute Child Care for children 0-3 during the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass here at St. John Evangelist Parish? If your answer is, "yes", please come to a Planning Meeting on Monday, February 21st at 6:00 PM in Room 8 in the Religious Education Wing. For more information or If you would like to help but are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Jeanne Bitkers Director of Religious Education 4K-Grade 6, jeanne@btsje.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 12:

Today is Super Bowl Sunday as well as the Olympics in full swing-both huge sporting events! All of these athletes train hard, discipline their bodies and make great sacrifices in order to be their very best! They strive to win a gold medal or a Super Bowl ring to go with the Vince Lombardi trophy. St. Paul in 1Cor9:24 says "do you not know that in a race all of the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will perish, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever!" Discipline comes from the word "disciple" which means "student" so never stop being a lifelong learner of our Catholic faith and run so as to win the crown of glory in heaven! Speaking of continued learning, we had a good turnout for our first St. John Evangelist Church tour last Sunday after Mass. Author Andrew Peterson says "If you want someone to know the truth, tell him the truth. If you want someone to love the truth, tell him a story!" Our deepest desire, whether we realize it or not, is to not merely know God and follow his commandments, but to truly LOVE him! You can only come to love someone that you have encountered. Our encounter with the beauty of SJE church helped all of us in attendance to make sense of truth (which is a living, risen person named Jesus) and to desire the good. Beauty helped us lift our eyes heavenward and invited us to adopt a posture of wonder at the mysterious and intentionality of all the symbols, statues and stained glass windows in our church! Of course, tomorrow is St. Valentine's Day (though in our liturgical calendar, the church celebrates the feast of two brothers, Ss. Cyril and Methodius), so more than ever this year, let's show our love to all whom we encounter with smiles, kind words and deeds and maybe even with chocolate and flowers too!! See you at Mass!

~ Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7 - 12, teresab@btsje.org



Photos: Grade 7 - 12 Students from St. John Evangelist joined the students from Blessed Trinity on February 2 to listen to young adults from the NET Ministries, a Minnesota based group.

THANK YOU!: Many thanks to all who stayed after Mass this past Sunday for our Church tour of St. John Evangelist, which showcased the history, Jewish roots of our traditions and beauty of our parish church! We had about 25 join us and the feedback was positive, so look for our "second annual" Church tour sometime next year!! Hope to see you there and in the meantime, see you at Mass!



CATECHISTS: The We are always in need of Substitute Catechists, full time Catechists and other Program Assistants. If you are willing to serve or if you would like to know more about ways to share your time and talent in our Religious Education Program please contact Jeanne Bitkers (Jeanne@btsje.org) or call the parish office at 920-452-9623.



LAY MINISTERS FOR WEEKENDS OF FEBRUARY 12/13 & 19/20

MASSES	Saturday, February 12, 5:30 pm	Sunday, February 13, 9:00 am	Saturday, February 19, 5:30 pm	Sunday, February 20, 9:00 am
Lector	Susan Vavra	Erin Meyer	Beth Zadalis	Anthony or Holly Justinger
Lay Distributors of Holy Communion		Ken Udovich		Connie Katchkey
Ushers	Mel Free Kevin Smith	Rich Tauferner Peter Bustos	Bill Rutten Ken Udovich	Peter Guske Steve O'Neil
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Nick Cinquepalmi	Nick Cinquepalmi	Julia Rodemeier

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- ♦ Pastoral Council Meeting on **Tuesday, February 15** at **6:30 pm** in the lower-level conference room.
- ♦ Sacristan Meeting on **Wednesday, February 16** at **6:30 pm** meeting in the Gathering Space.
- ♦ Religious Education Meeting on **Monday, February 21** at **7:00 pm** in Classroom #7 in the Religious Education wing.
- ♦ Social Justice/Human Concerns Committee on **Tuesday, February 22** at **4:30 pm** in Classroom #7 in the Religious Education wing.
- ♦ Spiritual Life & Worship Committee on **Wednesday, February 23** at **3:00 pm** at the Rectory office.



Save the date!

February 23, 2022
9:00 a.m.

Let's Talk!

Our Wednesday coffee get-together welcomes parishioner, Susan Vavra, Secular Franciscan Order, as guest speaker.

We hope everyone will join us - bring a friend!



Torke coffee and special refreshments will be served.

Location: Church Hall
(Lower Level)
St. Anne Society



KPAL (KOHLER POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE) BRAT FRY: Will take place on **Sunday, February 20** at a new location **Village 170** (170 Rangeline Road, Sheboygan Falls). Brats, burgers and chicken sandwiches will be available from **11:30 am** until **6:00 pm**. There will also be raffles all day at the event. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are good for \$5.00 in trade. Each ticket will be entered for a chance to win a door prize. Carry outs are available.

Blessed Trinity Parish



Trivia Night with Pasta Dinner



Saturday, March 12, 2022

319 Giddings Avenue, Sheboygan Falls in Church Hall

- Come early for a Pasta Dinner served from 5:30-6:30 PM in our newly renovated Church Hall, then stay for Trivia Night starting at 7:00 PM
- Or just come for Trivia Night starting at 7:00 PM
- Cash prizes for 1st and 2nd 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 February 5/6
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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOUP

SOCAL: The Knights of Columbus are hosting their first ever Soup Social on **Saturday, February 19** after the 4:00 pm Mass at Blessed Trinity Parish. Everyone is invited to this event. Join us for delicious soups that will be made by Blessed Trinity's Knights' and wives. Following the meal, you are invited to stay for various games to make it a true social event. Free-will offerings will be accepted. Money raised goes into our Chapter's local charity account. Thank you for your support.

HOLY TRINITY PARISH 21st ANNUAL PERCH FRY:



FISH FRY

Holy Trinity Parish (11928 Marken Road, School Hill) will be hosting their 21st annual perch fry on **Friday, February 18**. Carry outs will be available from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm then from 3:30 - 7:00 pm. Dine in is available from 3:30 - 7:00 pm. There will also be grilled cheese plates available as well as assorted homemade tortes. Please call 920-773-2380 for carry outs. A flyer is on the bulletin board with more information.

FINANCIAL: FEBRUARY 5/6:

Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering):
\$2,395.48.

BISHOP BARRON'S THE CREED: Will be shown at St. John the Baptist (115 Plymouth Street, Plymouth) This series began on Tuesday, January 18 and is every other Tuesday evening from 6:30 - 8:00 pm and continuing on 2/15/22, 3/1/22, 3/15/22, and 3/29/22. It is not necessary to attend all six sessions. Preregistration is encouraged. For more information, please visit sjbplymouth.org/thecreed or see the flyer on the table in the gathering space.

FRESH MEALS ON WHEELS "SOUP ON WHEELS":



Choose from an assortment of soups made in the kitchens of Destination Kohler, Johnsonville, Sargento, and Fresh Meals On Wheels. Each quart of soup comes with a freshly made dinner salad, rolls and homemade desserts for two. Order your soups by **February 25**. Upon checkout simply select the time on **Friday, March 11**, when you would like to pick up your order. Then, at your designated time, drive up to Fresh Meals On Wheels, display the name on your order, and someone will bring your soup to your car. Your purchase will help put nourishing food in the homes of your senior and homebound Sheboygan County neighbors. Thank you for your support – enjoy your dinner! Visit freshmealsonwheels.org to order.

Dear Padre,

It seems one news story after another has reported a priest, bishop, or other person associated with the Church abusing a child. Why should I remain in the Catholic Church?

Understandably, many Catholics have fallen into anger and despair, thinking their leaders were reprehensible hypocrites. But it's not unprecedented that some bishops, priests, and even popes have done bad things. Recall that Peter denied Jesus, and yet he became the first pope. We also recall that, except for John, all the apostles abandoned Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Scripture describes the Church as “the bride of Christ.” Paul said the Church is the bride for whom Christ sacrificed himself and “handed himself over for her” (Ephesians 5:25). Revelation describes the Church at the end of time “prepared as a bride adorned for her husband” (Revelation 21:2). Like a groom or bride loves a spouse—faults and all—Christ loves his bride, the Church.

Matrimony is a sacrament designed by Christ, placing a man and woman amid society, committed exclusively to each other. As an example, it shows the world how Christ also loves his Church—even with its imperfections. Clearly, multiple groups claiming to be the church Jesus founded cannot be that true Church. That would make Jesus a bigamist! Only our Church traces its succession of leaders back to the original apostles.

That some leaders have been unfaithful doesn't mean the Church as a whole is unfaithful. Like a bride and groom pledging fidelity to each other on their wedding day, we should remain faithful to Christ and his Church.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Missionary discipleship is a call from God for today's busy and complicated world, a constant setting out with Jesus... Only a Church which is bride, mother, and servant—one that has renounced the claim to control what is not her own work but God's—can remain with Jesus.

JOURNEY TO COLOMBIA, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 14

*Sts. Cyril, Monk, and
Methodius, Bishop*

Jas 1:1–11

Mk 8:11–13

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 15

Weekday

Jas 1:12–18

Mk 8:14–21

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 16

Weekday

Jas 1:19–27

Mk 8:22–26

Thursday

FEBRUARY 17

Weekday

Jas 2:1–9

Mk 8:27–33

Friday

FEBRUARY 18

Weekday

Jas 2:14–24, 26

Mk 8:34–9:1

Saturday

FEBRUARY 19

Weekday

Jas 3:1–10

Mk 9:2–13

Sunday

FEBRUARY 20

*Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

1 Sm 26:2, 7–9,
12–13, 22–23

1 Cor 15:45–49

Lk 6:27–38

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

Go to **DearPadre.org**
to send your question and
to learn more about
Dear Padre.