

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



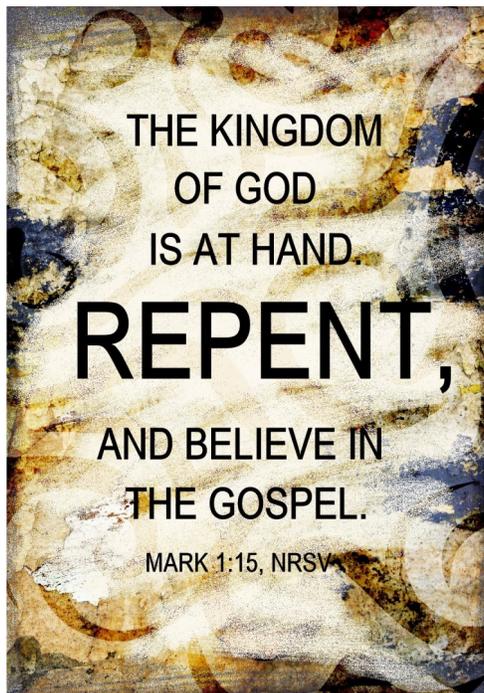
**FEBRUARY 21, 2021 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	February 20	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampmann, †Ed Sabel & Jane Ornelas by Family
Sunday	February 21	St. John's	9:00 am	†Mary Koehn by Catholic Women's Charity Club, †Dorothy Reilly by Tom & Sharon Reilly
Sunday	February 21	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Wednesday	February 24	St. John's	7:00 am	†Bernice Adamczyk by Chuck & Jane Waldoch
Thursday	February 25	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Leander Vogds by Pearl Vogds
Friday	February 26	St. John's	7:00 am	For the Living and Deceased Members of the St. Anne's Altar Society
Friday	February 26	Blessed Trinity	1:00 pm	[Stations of the Cross]
Friday	February 26	St. John's	5:15 pm	[Stations of the Cross]
Saturday	February 27	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Irene Mancl by Jim & Sandy Jordan, †Geri Widder by Family
Sunday	February 28	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	February 28	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Fr. Joe's Aunt Sara by Jim & Sandy Jordan, †Lucille Micoliczky

**RECONCILIATION:** Reconciliation at St. John's on Saturday, February 27 at 3:00 pm.



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

**FINANCIALS: February 13/14:** Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$4,996.00.

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

**MASS & ADORATION:** There will be Mass on Thursday, March 4 at 6:30 pm followed by Adoration at Blessed Trinity.



## Lent 2021: Pray, Fast, Give GIVING TO OTHERS

Giving (traditionally called “almsgiving”) is a spiritual practice that goes back thousands of years in many of the great world religions. Like fasting, giving is as much a spiritual discipline as an act of charity, especially when our giving comes at a personal sacrifice.

Here are some ways to practice GIVING this Lent:

Make a donation to the St. John Evangelist Parish Lenten Project to offset the operating costs and expenses for: The Sheboygan County Warming Center, a 501 (3) non-profit organization that is housed at St. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church in Sheboygan.

Make a giving jar. Make a list of small acts of giving to do throughout the day. After each act of kindness deposit a coin in a “giving jar”. On Good Friday, count up the coins and give them to the poor; on Easter Sunday, fill the jar with candy (one piece for each coin) and enjoy...

Perform a random act of kindness every day. Doing it secretly makes it more fun.

Share. Donate money saved from sacrifices (for example, giving up unhealthy snacks) and give it to a worthy cause.

Learn and take responsibility for a new chore. Even little children can participate in giving by learning a new chore, especially if the chore is a simple adult task that makes them feel more grown up, but this is a great idea for anyone.

In our small acts of giving, we strive to imitate Christ, who gave his life for us on the cross so that we might have eternal life. Whether it is giving alms or other acts of penance, we can use these means to help us grow closer to our Lord and prepare ourselves to celebrate Easter with renewed minds and hearts.

Adapted from: Windley-Daoust, Jennifer. “Fasting, giving, praying: 25+ ideas for what we can do for Lent”. Loyola Press, 2021.

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



Learn  
Grow

**Learning in Lent:** Our 4k-Grade 6 children and their parents are “Growing in Faith” during this Lenten Seasons using interactive materials found on the “Catholic Brain” website. You are also welcome to visit the site and to sign up to access the material. For brief (37 seconds) and simple directions see: <https://vimeo.com/398329237/0f1b600715> and sign in as a “parent.” The parish access code is **STJ34570** Questions? Contact Jeanne Bitkers or the Parish Office.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADES 7 - 11 UPDATE:

Mrs. Gutschow's 7th grade class with their Lenten workbooks. These are great for families to use each day of Lent and are geared specifically toward middle and high school students. What are your goals for Lent 2021?



# LENTEN INFORMATION

**40 HOURS OF DEVOTION:** In celebration of the 175th Anniversary of Holy Name of Jesus Parish and as a Lenten observance, Holy Name is hosting 40 Hours of Devotion. This is a 40-hour period when the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, is exposed or present to us in the monstrance on the altar. It is a time of reverence and prayer. It can be a personal renewal or retreat, bringing us closer to God and enriching our faith. The 40 hours is a commemoration of the time Christ's body lay in the tomb, between his death and resurrection. 40 Hours of Devotion will begin on Wednesday, February 24 at 4:00 pm and will continue through Friday, February 26 at 8:15 am, concluding with Benediction and followed by the Seton School Mass.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Will be offered at Blessed Trinity at 1:00 pm and St. John's at 5:15 pm each Friday during Lent. At St. John's, please enter via the canopy doors.

## "THE GIFT OF SUNDAY" LENTEN

**MISSION:** St. John the Baptist is a host site for the **Archdiocese of Milwaukee The Gift of Sunday Lenten Mission on Wednesday, March 3 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm.** The Lenten Mission at St. John the Baptist will also be available to view on our Youtube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMRKmkwZ45f2IDCAABLPsLQ>. Here is the direct link to the event live stream <https://youtu.be/Avc54NXZSfs>. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

**LITTLE BLACK BOOKS:** Little Black Books, both regular print and large print, Lenten Calendars, and Lenten Prayer Cards are all available on the card table in the gathering space beginning this weekend.

**MEN OF CHRIST:** The Men of Christ (TMIY) group of BT and SJE is sponsoring the Annual Men of Christ 2021 Conference. All Men from the Sheboygan Area parishes are invited. Masks and social distancing required. The Conference is on Saturday, March 20 beginning at 8:00 am. More information will follow in the next few weeks.

**SUP Drive-Thru**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
730 Cty. Rd. PPP  
Sheboygan Falls

**SUNDAY MARCH 7 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM**  
(or until soup runs out)

- Antoinette's - Chicken Enchilada
- Chris and Sue's - Pulled Pork Chili
- Ella's Della - Tomato Florentine
- Fall's Café - Chicken Dumpling
- Fat Cow - Alaskan Chowder
- Firehouse - Stuffed Green Pepper and Rice
- The Gathering Place Falls - Beer Brat
- The Gathering Place Falls - White Chicken Chili
- The Gathering Place Sheboygan - Dill Pickle

**\$12.00 A QUART**

All Soups include Texas Roadhouse Buns!

All proceeds will go to The Gathering Place and Memory Matters day programs for adults with memory loss.

**Lenten Observance:** The Catholic Church asks each member to preserve the penitential character and purpose of Lent. For this reason: a) Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday during Lent; b) Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, in addition to abstaining from meat, should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Therefore, on those days they should eat only one full meal. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals, but no food should be consumed at other times during those two days. The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59th birthday. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

## HUMAN CONCERNS/SOCIAL JUSTICE 2021

**LENTEN OUTREACH PROGRAM:** St. John Evangelist Human Concerns/Social Justice Committee and Blessed Trinity Human Concerns Committee will again be co-sponsoring the 2021 Lenten Outreach Program. Our focus this year is to seek donations for offsetting the operating costs and expenses for the **Warming Center** so it can remain



open for this winter season and beyond. The **Warming Center** is housed at St. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church in Sheboygan. Speakers will be talking after Communion at Masses this weekend. A flyer is attached to the bulletin and envelopes will be available on the card table in the gathering space. It costs approximately \$350.00 per night while the **Warming Center** is open. Our Lenten goal is \$14,000.00. Envelopes can be returned to the collection basket at Mass, dropped off in the envelope drop off box in the gathering space (under the bright sign) or dropped off at the rectory anytime. Updates will be posted weekly in the bulletin. Thank you for your generosity.



## flocknote

**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.** 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 in 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.

**Monday**  
FEBRUARY 22  
*The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle*  
1 Pt 5:1-4  
Mt 16:13-19

**Tuesday**  
FEBRUARY 23  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Is 55:10-11  
Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday**  
FEBRUARY 24  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Jon 3:1-10  
Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday**  
FEBRUARY 25  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25  
Mt 7:7-12

**Friday**  
FEBRUARY 26  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Ez 18:21-28  
Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday**  
FEBRUARY 27  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dt 26:16-19  
Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday**  
FEBRUARY 28  
*Second Sunday of Lent*  
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18  
Rom 8:31b-34  
Mk 9:2-10

## SAINT OF THE WEEK



**Sunday, February 21, 2021 St. Scholastica, virgin (c. 480-c. 543)** According to tradition, she was the twin sister of St. Benedict, the founder of western monasticism. What is known about her life is found in Pope St. Gregory the Great's second Dialogue, which is an account of her brother's miracles. She was buried in Benedict's own tomb where, soon after her death, he was also buried. She is the patroness of Benedictine nuns. Like her, may we strive to help women who desire to dedicate themselves to the Lord. (The Feast is celebrated on February 10.)

## **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 Zach Holzer's Youtube channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8XFpHGxmYHOKLhblusIopg>